



Sen. Cole Button, sophomore in finance, speaks with Sen. Akol Dok, senior in political science, during the Student Government vice presidential debate Thursday. Button is paired with Zackary Reece, junior in political science, in the running for Student Government president and vice president.

Lani Tons/Iowa State Daily

Conflict arises for StuGov

VP candidates questioned on voting records

By Zach.Clemens
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Some fireworks went off during the Student Government vice presidential debate when an audience member asked a question about the voting record of one of the candidates as it pertains to diversity.

Ashton Archer, graduate stu-

dent in mechanical engineering and member of GPSS, asked vice presidential candidate Cody West, sophomore in biology, why he had voted against a bill that would have put on the ballot an opportunity to appoint a member of International Student Council to the Senate.

Archer used strong language from the start. Before finishing her statement, the moderator, vice commissioner of the election commission Robbie Stokka, told her she was being too combative and could not ask her question.

Undeterred, Archer kept speaking louder and was again told she could not ask her question

and had to leave.

"I thought it was very rude for the [vice] election commissioner to not let me ask my question," Archer said. "My question was not an attack. It was about a matter of public record, which was West's voting record."

Archer also said she was invited by both Staudt and West in a lengthy post and discussion on the Staudt-West Facebook page, which has since been deleted, to ask about this issue publicly.

She said Staudt and West did not have any concrete plans on

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Fighting for Flint



Monté Morris helps donate water to hometown

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While in Ames, Iowa, amid one of the better ISU basketball seasons in recent history, junior point guard Monté Morris could only watch.

In 2014, his hometown of Flint, Mich., began using treated water from the Flint River in an attempt to save money. Soon after, they realized that the river water was corrosive. The city, however, failed to properly treat the water, and lead from the city's pipes started to infiltrate the drinking water.

Once the elevated lead levels were discovered in residents' drinking water, the city was forced into a state of emergency. Hundreds of thousands of Flint residents are now dependent on outside help to get clean water.

Yet Morris is over 600 miles away from his hometown, and felt powerless to help.

"It's been affecting a lot of people, man, to the point where some people have to shower with bottles of water," Morris said. "You can't really drink it. You have to boil it down just to get the chemicals out of it if they have to use it."

Over the past several weeks, Morris has been attempting to draw attention to the issue. He's spoken out about the crisis several times, and even posted an Instagram video asking for donations to help out.

It was that video and several other articles that caught



Ryan Young/Iowa State Daily

Monté Morris stands outside of Hilton Coliseum in front of 11 Hy-Vee trucks filled with drinking water destined for Flint, Mich., on Thursday. Morris helped get clean water for his hometown.

the eye of Hy-Vee C.E.O. Randy Edeker.

After seeing the news, Edeker decided it was time to act. In honor of Morris, Hy-Vee, a grocery chain based in West Des Moines, sent 11 semitrailers filled with drinking water to Flint on Thursday.

"It brought tears to my eyes when I heard that they were doing it, just because of the struggle back home and how hard it is," Morris said. "I'm just happy that Hy-Vee is doing this for my city."

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City attempting to remove lead from water source

By Katlyn.Campbell
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Running out of hot water for showers is bad, but poisoned drinking water is worse.

Flint, Mich., home to nearly 100,000 people has been known for its high crime rates, and was even ranked among the "Most Dangerous Cities in the United States." Now it's also known for its water.

In April 2014, Flint decided to switch its water source from treated Lake Huron water from the Detroit Water

and Sewerage Department to the Flint River. Flint hadn't switched its water supplier in 50 years, and officials were looking for a way to save nearly \$5 million in less than two years.

When Darnell Earley, emergency manager of Flint, signed off on the proposal, the deal was set.

Not long after the initial switch, members of Flint noticed that their tap water looked and smelled different. At first they didn't know, but soon realized their water was contaminated with lead.

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AccessPlus overload frustrates students

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A recent glitch inside the AccessPlus housing system has left many students at Iowa State confused and worried about their future housing accommodations.

On Monday, the first day that four-person apartments could be claimed under Iowa State housing, AccessPlus was temporarily overloaded, leaving some residents unable to sign up for housing.

"Right now, we don't know why or how the shutdown happened," said Brittany Rasmussen, hall director for lower Friley. "We had a high amount of people on the site but we don't know what

caused it. Our IT department is working on that at this moment,"

If students have questions they should contact the residence department for help, Rasmussen said. The unexpected closure of AccessPlus is worrisome for students who have yet to confirm a housing option.

"So now we are on a waiting list, and we want university housing for sure so it's kind of scary for us and our parents because we're thinking what if we don't get housing, then are we gonna have to do something off campus?," said Zakia Brown, sophomore in psychology.

Brown currently lives off campus at Maricopa in University West, where she believes there was not enough adequate com-

munication between the school and the student who are not living in dorms.

"They definitely did not do a good job of telling us things," Brown said. "I lived in a dorm my freshman year, so I constantly saw posters telling us the dates for moving out, recontacting, etc. I know I got a few emails early on, but they weren't close to the deadline and there weren't any specific dates."

Site sluggishness and the eventual overload of AccessPlus resulted from a high number of student logging in at one time, most of whom were not looking to find an apartment.

"What we think happened is

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During the first day students had the opportunity to claim four-person apartments, AccessPlus became overloaded with students trying to sign up for housing.



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Weather



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Weather provided by ISU American Meteorological Society.

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.

Feb. 15

a.m.). Report initiated.

Officers checked the welfare of an individual experiencing emotional difficulties. The person was transported to a medical facility for treatment at 24 Frederiksen Court (reported at 8:20 p.m.). Report initiated.

An officer initiated a drug related investigation at Armory Building (reported at 9:11 a.m.). Report initiated.

An officer initiated an assault related investigation at Frederiksen Court (reported at 10:44 p.m.). Report initiated.

An individual reported suspicious activity at Memorial Union (reported at 9:27 p.m.). Report initiated.

Feb. 16

Dejanea Vionne Shannon, 21, of 2913 Ontario St - Ames, IA, was cited for driving under suspension and operating non-registered vehicle at Ontario St and Ontario Cir (reported at 4:04 a.m.).

Feb. 17

Joshua David Hammond, 29, of 2619 Ferndale Ave Unit 6, Ames, IA, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated at Stange Rd and Pammel Dr (reported at 2:04 a.m.). Report initiated.

An individual reported being harassed at Armory Building (reported at 4:32 p.m.). Report initiated.

An officer initiated a drug related investigation at Armory Building (reported at 9:11

Calendar

All events courtesy of the ISU events calendar.

Feb. 19

week for you to come pick up.

Public hearing: Regents' agenda 12 - 1 p.m., Gold Room, Memorial Union

At this public hearing, individuals have an opportunity to provide early input on agenda items for the state Board of Regents' Feb. 24-25 meeting at Iowa State University.

Social Justice Summit 6 - 9 p.m., Multicultural Center at the Memorial Union

Designed for undergraduate students aimed at providing them with the opportunity to increase their awareness surrounding issues of inclusion and to develop action plans that will assist them in being agents of change on campus. Learn more about yourself, engage in discussion with other students on a variety of issues, and create strategies for implementing social change.

Farewell reception: Andy Weisskopf 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., Room 206 Durham Center

Andy Weisskopf, information security officer for IT Services, is leaving Iowa State.

Gymnastics 6:30 p.m., Hilton Coliseum

Iowa State vs. Air Force, Minnesota

Tennis 3 p.m., Forker courts

Iowa State vs. Northern Iowa. In the case of inclement weather, competition will be moved to the Ames Racquet and Fitness, 320 S. 17th Street, Ames.

Varieties Finals 7 p.m., Great Hall at the Memorial Union


Finals, is the last round of Varieties competition. Varieties has been showcasing the talent of Iowa State students for more than 80 years. Performances consist of 16-20 minute "mini-musicals" that are performed with original lyrics and choreography.

Friday Night PYOP: Alice's Tea Party 5-8 p.m., Workspace at the Memorial Union

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The Iowa Board of Regents will meet with the public from noon to 1 p.m. Friday in the Gold Room of the Memorial Union to discuss February's agenda and to hear any critiques of the current plans. The next Board of Regents meeting will take place Feb. 24 and 25 at Iowa State.

Public can comment on regents' agenda

By Eric.Wirth @iowastatedaily.com

People who wish to comment on the Iowa Board of Regents' February agenda will have a chance to do so Friday.

From noon to 1 p.m. in the Gold Room of the Memorial Union, the people who want to express their feelings and concerns

about the Board of Regents' agenda items will have their chance.

One of the larger agenda items is the sale of revenue bonds for the University of Northern Iowa.

"Resolution for Sale and Award of \$24,010,000 (Estimated) Dormitory Revenue Bonds, Series U.N.I. 2016," the agenda item reads.

While \$24 million is a

large sum, September 2015 saw the sale of \$30 million in bonds for the new Buchanan II residence hall at Iowa State, the second of two issuances each worth \$30 million.

The Iowa Board of Regents meeting will take place Feb. 24 and 25 at Iowa State in the Alumni Center and in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union, respectively.

Iowa State to host extreme bull riding

By Alex.Hanson @iowastatedaily.com

The Extreme Bull Riding Tour 2016 will come to Ames this weekend for an event at Iowa State.

The event will take place at 7 p.m. Saturday

at the Jeff and Deb Hansen Agriculture Student Learning Center.

The center is located at 2516 Mortensen Rd.

The Extreme Bull Riding Tour takes place annually at the Hansen Agriculture Student Learning Center on the ISU cam-

pus and brings an extreme event for the whole family to enjoy, according to event organizers.

Advanced tickets for the event can be purchased at Ames Convention and Visitors Bureau, Theisen's, Wrangler and Double SS Bull Co.

Social Justice Summit to give students chance to talk diversity

By Eric.Wirth @iowastatedaily.com

A Social Justice Summit for undergraduate students will take place on campus this weekend in order to provide an opportunity for ISU students to discuss various issues surrounding diversity and learn how to be catalysts

for change.

The Social Justice Summit will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the Multicultural Center of the Memorial Union.

The summit, which is in its 16th year, is free and open to all students on campus.

The summit is "an event designed for under-

graduate students aimed at providing them with the opportunity to increase their awareness surrounding issues of inclusion and to develop action plans that will assist them in being agents of change on campus," according to the Student Activities Center website.

Students can register on the website.

Digital Content

MULTIMEDIA

Video: Fresh water sent to Flint

Hy-Vee sent 11 semis full of fresh water to Flint, Mich., to help relieve the city. Find a video online of Monté Morris, native of Flint, helping to send off the trucks.

SPORTS

Tennis match against UNI

The tennis team will play against rival Northern Iowa this weekend. Find out how they are preparing for the match through the story online.

GAMES

Quiz: this week in review

Test your knowledge of this week's current events around campus, the state and the world through the quiz online and on the app.

AMES 247

Varieties coverage

Look on the Iowa State Daily website for coverage of the Varieties Finals this weekend.

MULTIMEDIA

Podcast: ISD Takedown

Find out what's going on in the world of Cyclone wrestlingthrough our wrestling podcast, ISD Takedown . Find the podcast online under the multimedia tab.

Corrections

In Thursday's edition of the Iowa State Daily, the Daily said Alex Cory wrote about Student Government. The correct reporter was Zach Clemens.

In Tuesday's City Council story, the Daily spelled Councilmember Gloria Betcher's name incorrectly.

The Daily regrets the errors.

The Iowa State Daily welcomes comments and suggestions or complaints. To submit a correction, please contact our editor at 515-294-5688 or via email at editor@iowastatedaily.com.



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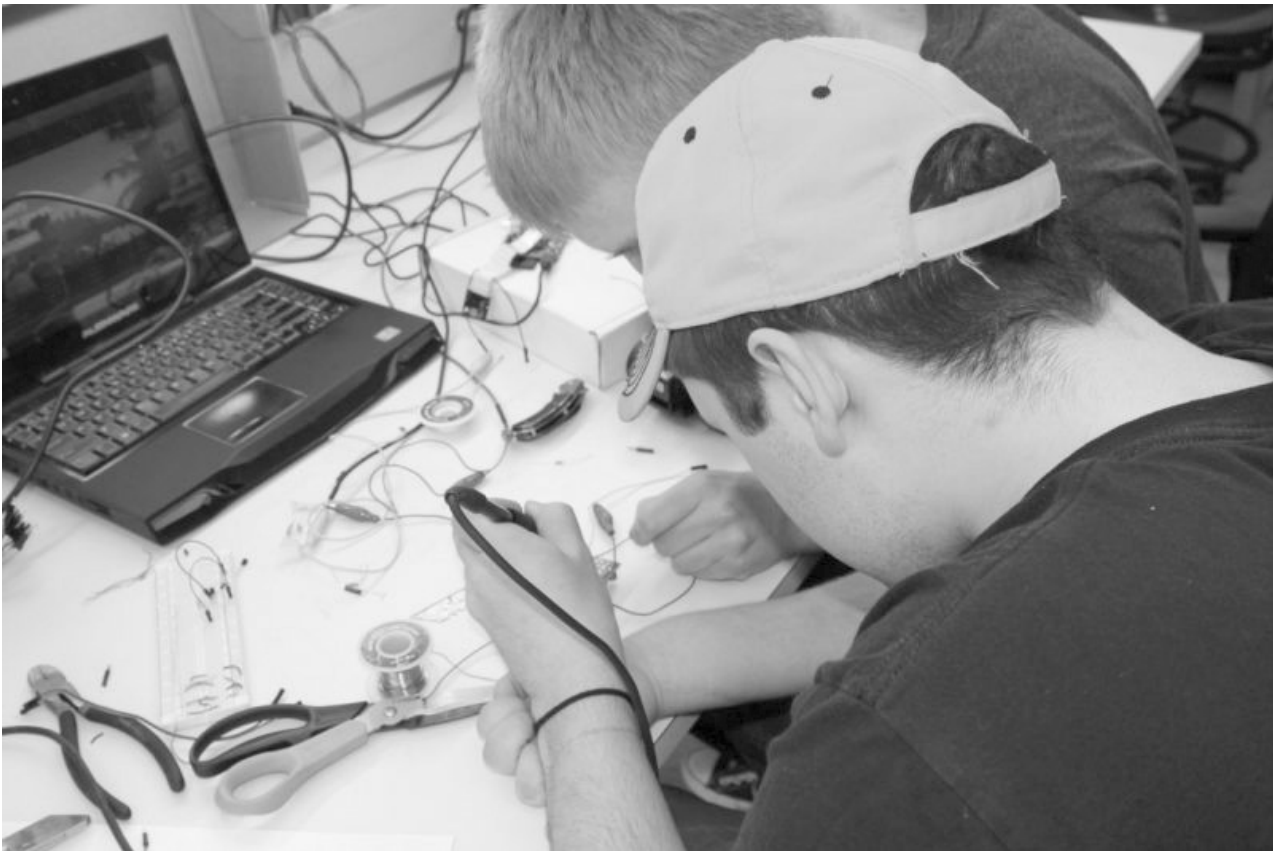
HackISU connects students, employers

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Mattresses sprawled out across the floor of the CPMI Event Center this weekend will offer hackers sleep, but it's only optional. HackISU is a 36-hour hackathon running all weekend that brings innovators from Iowa State — and other state universities — together for a team-oriented, software-building competition. Students work day and night during the event on a project of their choice in groups of up to four people.

“A hackathon is an innovation competition mostly geared toward electrical computer engineering students, but all students can attend and participate,” said Garret Meier, senior in software engineering and director of HackISU.

Meier said students can — and most do — concoct their ideas before the competition, and the possible ideas aren't limited to just hacking. Students participating in past HackISU competitions have created innovations including a robot, a program that could find a betta fish in a bowl and a program that gathered Twitter data and determined



Alex Lende, senior in software engineering, and Alex Shaw, senior in agriculture systems technology, work on their project during a previous Hackathon event Iowa State. HackISU provides engineering students the chance to get experience in a software building competition.

if it was positive or negative. “It originally came about from the computer science and software engineering club,” said Alec Poczatek, graduate in electric and computer engineering, co-founder and past president of HackISU. “The event is really important because it provides an opportunity for students to learn things outside of class.” Poczatek said HackISU is the only event like this within 300 miles of Ames. Students at Iowa State would need to drive about

five hours to get to the next nearest event. “We’ve had companies approach us asking us if we want to turn [HackISU] into a huge event,” Poczatek said.

“Our goal is not to make the event bigger. Our goal is to help the students.” Building better résumés and giving students more hands-on experience outside the classroom is what Poczatek said he and the other members of HackISU’s committee are trying to provide with this event.

In addition to competition and experience, Meier said HackISU is an opportunity for students to network with companies that sponsor the event and open doors to potential consideration for employment. Sponsors of HackISU include Vermeer, Optum, Maverick Software Consulting and more.

Jacob Stimes, senior in software engineering and first-time participant in HackISU, said he looks forward to networking and having the opportunity to apply his knowledge to his team’s project.

“I think it’s a really good experience to work under time pressure,” Stimes said. “It’s more than just learning technology and working on apps.”

Starting with check-in at 5:30 p.m., HackISU will run Friday through Sunday at the CPMI Event Center and is free for all students.

Niang’s record; Madden reflects

By Alex.Hanson
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Miss the news this week? Read our recap of the biggest stories below, then test your knowledge with our online news quiz.

Apple fights against order from government

Technology giant Apple came out swinging after a court order stated it should help the government open the locked iPhone of the San Bernardino terror suspects.

Investigators have received the appropriate clearance to search the suspects’ phone, but the device is locked by the four-digit passcode, which the government wants Apple to bypass.



Senior Georges Niang runs down the court against Texas on Saturday. Niang’s 24 points in the game put him third on the ISU all-time scoring list, surpassing former coach Fred Hoiberg.

dent, although not saying his name directly, clearly went after Trump for his fiery rhetoric and bombastic campaign style.

Trump was in the news Thursday as the pope questioned his Christian faith based on his proposal to build a wall along the Mexican border.

Trump fired back, saying a religious leader should not question his faith and adding that the Pope has only seen one side of the story.

On the Democratic side, caucusing will begin Saturday. The race is much closer than New Hampshire’s primary last week, where Bernie Sanders defeated Hillary Clinton by 20 percent.

The RCP average of polls shows Clinton with a slight lead at 48.7 percent compared to 46.3 percent for Sanders.

City Council wants input on Lincoln Way

Ames Council members brainstormed ways to improve an area known as the Lincoln Way Corridor and asked for input from residents during a special council hearing Tuesday.

The Lincoln Way Corridor spans an area of nearly 7 miles through Ames along the east-west running Lincoln Way.

The city has hired an outside group to study the area before any changes are made.

“This is the point where students can have input,” said Ward 1 representative Gloria Betcher. “They are citizens of Ames.”

During the study phase, students and other members of the Ames community can go to the project website at <http://www.hlplanning.com/portals/ames/> and submit input on



President Steven Leath announces the retirement of Warren Madden, senior vice president for business and finance during the ISU men’s basketball game against West Virginia on Feb. 2.

the project by completing a survey or labeling a customized map of the Lincoln Way Corridor with areas of concern or community assets.

Niang passes Hoiberg record as Cyclones fall to Baylor

Even as the Cyclones fell to Baylor in overtime Tuesday in Texas, Georges Niang was able to pass his former coach’s record on Iowa State’s all-time scoring list.

Niang scored 24 points, which puts him into the third spot on the scoring list with more than 2,000 points during his time at Iowa State, surpassing Hoiberg’s old record.

Even with the milestone, Iowa State was outscored 19-10 in overtime, and fell to Baylor 100-91.

Warren Madden reflects on 50 years at Iowa State

It will probably be bittersweet when he calls it quits later this year, but Warren Madden is reflecting on his 50 years, many as vice president, at Iowa State.

Madden sat down with the Daily for an interview after the announcement from President Steven Leath that he would retire. Madden talked about his time as a student and administrator, as well as his achievements and plans for retirement.

“All of my career, my office has been in that building. At some point you have to decide it’s time to make a change, and 50 years is one of those milestone points,” he said. “It’s been a great place to work, Ames is a great community to live in and it’s a great place to have raised a family.”

Read more on Warren’s time at Iowa State at iowastatedaily.com.

Muslims face false portrayal

Stereotyping results in negative image

By Jessica.Enwesi
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Tasabeeh Musa, sophomore in liberal arts, is like many 20-year-old women. Her dreams and goals are unique only to her, but she does hope to one day graduate college, start the career of her choosing, get married and maybe have children.

However, Musa is a student who has many identities.

One of her identities makes her a part of a growing community of people in Ames because she is Muslim.

“Being Muslim, to me, is more than following the religion as a set of rules. It’s more of a guide. [It] gives me a path to a better life,” Musa said.

She said she believes her religion has turned into a target with the growing size of anti-Muslim rhetoric making its way through televisions every day.

“My own mom has been yelled at in public by complete strangers because she was wearing her hijab,” Musa said. “She shouldn’t have to be scared and stop wearing her hijab and being a Muslim because it makes people uncomfortable.”

“Because of how the media portrays [her religion], she’s scared [of how] the negative influence is really being taken in by the [viewers].”

A study was published Feb. 3 by the ISU researchers who looked at the relationship between Muslim stereotypes and the negative portrayal in the media.

The study found that people who watched negative images of Muslims such as the 2007 terrorist attack on Fort Dix were likely “to be more supportive of military action in Muslim countries.” However, the study also found that participants who watched these negative issues also supported legal “restrictions” on Muslim-Americans as well.

For James Broucek, assistant professor of philosophy and religious studies, this isn’t a surprise.

“There are people that are predisposed to not like somebody or to treat them with suspicion or to make them feel uncomfortable or unwelcomed,” Broucek said. “And [these same people] may not be sensitive to these [studies] and they are pretty convinced that they know what people are like, whether they’ve met them or not. And they might not change their ways at all no matter how much you show them.”

Broucek said some of the reasons anti-Muslim rhetoric is increasing is because people are not being shown positive images.

“I think that because the Muslim-American population is so small it’s a tough hurdle for people to overcome these negative ideas of what Muslims are,” Broucek said. “They have good counter evidence available, but it’s just not as powerful as actually knowing someone.”

Broucek said society can work to improve the way it sees Muslims and the religion of Islam around the world and in America. He believes the key to getting rid of these stereotypes is actually getting to know the people and the culture.

“I think that as the Muslim community grows in the United States, more mosques are built and more people [will begin to] recognize that nothing has happened to their community or has affected it negatively,” Broucek said.

Broucek also determined that the more Muslim friends people have, the more society will begin to see the dissolution of these stereotypes.

“I can imagine a future that we have more Muslim communities and people see them as normal and no one is threatened,” he said. “Then we can see things become less heated.”

For Musa, she doesn’t see this trend of anti-Muslim perceptions ending anytime soon.

“I definitely think we can get rid of these stereotypes, but it is going to take awhile,” Musa said. “From what I have experienced and the things that I’ve seen and the way the media portrays us, I just don’t see it ending anytime soon. And honestly, if it’s not Muslims right now, it’s going to be another group that’s going to be the outlier in America.”

Sudoku *by the Mephram Group*

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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

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19 Ken, neighbor
20 Handle
21 Karaoke need
22 Together, in music
23 Make a mournful cry louder?
27 Bulldog, perhaps
28 German article
29 Lollapalooza gear
33 They may be in columns
36 More ironic
39 Follow, oater-style?
42 Short exile?
43 Tops
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6 "Holy cow!"
7 Skycam carrier
8 The Beatles' ___ Be"
9 Cain's oldest son
10 Deface
11 Saved for the future
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13 Hobby shop purchase
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22 Accolades
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25 Utah's ___ Mountains
26 Norse mythology source
29 Put away
30 "Where the Wild Things Are" boy
- 31 Winning the lottery, usually
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34 E'en if
35 Medicinal shrub
37 Annex, maybe
38 Instant replay watcher
40 Jersey add-on
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47 Gesture-driven hit
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49 Bright-eyed
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52 Isn't busy
53 It originates from the left ventricle
54 Trap at a chalet
55 Spanish poet Federico García ___
59 Queries
61 ___ chart
62 Cricket club
63 911 response letters

Horoscopes *by Linda Black*

Today's Birthday (2/19/16)
Areas that receive your golden energy flower this year. Focus it to priorities like the burst of creativity that engulfs you through August, propelling career to new heights. Weed out distractions. Increase organizational structures to support balancing work and family. Build team partnership. Summer and autumn get especially romantic. Choose love and happiness.

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

- Aries - 6**
(March 21-April 19)
Develop a routine to make boring, repetitive work more fun. Don't travel just yet. If you must, allow plenty of extra time. Express appreciation for your partner, and grow your shared resources.
- Libra - 8**
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Exceed expectations with a stroke of genius. Artistic coolness and useful functionality could clash. Work from home and increase productivity. Friends help with discipline. Keep asking questions.
- Taurus - 7**
(April 20-May 20)
Take a bow after a solid performance. Meet with important partners. Accept a nice benefit. Share love, not money. Pay back a debt. Get the best deal you can when shopping. Listen carefully.
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(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Ask for a vacation day or get work done early, so you can go play. Talk about money another day. Postpone a shopping trip. Take the time to get it right. Relax.
- Gemini - 8**
(May 21-June 20)
A bonding moment transforms your relationship. Believe in a partner who believes in success. It's all about great service. Repay a favor. Provide comfort food. Get outside, and play.
- Sagittarius - 7**
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Apply your personal magic to dispel old fears. The truth has been revealed. Add an artistic touch. Watch what you say. Set long-range goals, and invest in them. Make sure you're getting the best quality.
- Cancer - 6**
(June 21-July 22)
Increase efficiency at work. Use your experience and skills to go the extra mile. Postpone travel. Get lost in a creative project, adding beauty, art and communication. Expand the fun level.
- Capricorn - 7**
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Something doesn't compute. Investigate, for an amazing discovery. Improve working conditions. Stick to rules and regulations. Finish up old business, to make room for new. ingredient for success.
- Leo - 5**
(July 23-Aug. 22)
Invest in real estate or your home. Discipline is required. Keep your opinions to yourself, unless asked. A fascinating conversation opens new doors, but there's plenty still hidden.
- Aquarius - 7**
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Provide facts and great service. Bargain for a sweet deal. Don't dip too far into savings. Re-assess your assets. Consider new options. Negotiate with an authority for a rise in status. Offer increased value.
- Virgo - 6**
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Don't try a new trick yet. Take time to think. Stand up for your idea. Dig out some exotic facts. You impress an elder. Listen carefully to their view. Reconnect with an old friend.
- Pisces - 7**
(Feb. 19-March 20)
Completion leads to opportunity. Sign or send a document or application. Get an elder's advice. Route some of your winnings to domestic improvements. Improve your living conditions.

NORML ISU case appealed

Administrators disapprove of federal judge's ruling on NORML

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ISU administrators are appealing a federal judge's ruling that claims the university violated the free speech rights of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws chapter (NORML) at Iowa State.

The case began four years ago.

Attorneys for President Steven Leath, Senior Vice President for Business and

Finance Warren Madden, Director of Trademark Licensing Leesha Zimmerman and then-Senior Vice President for Student Affairs Tom Hill, who were defendants in the case, notified the court Wednesday of their intention to appeal to the 8th U.S. Court Circuit of Appeals, according to the Des Moines Register.

The judge for the case, U.S. District Judge James Gritzner, issued his ruling Jan. 22.

The ruling permanently hindered the uni-

versity from enforcing the trademark policies against NORML, or any other student organization, in a discriminatory matter.

"ISU's trademarks represent the identity and reputation of the university," John McCarroll, executive director of university relations, said in a statement. It is our view that the U.S. Constitution and a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision gives us discretion in permitting trademark use."

McCarroll continued in the statement, expand-

ing on the university's decision to appeal.

"We are appealing because we regard this as an important issue of law," McCarroll said.

Paul Gerlich, senior in software engineering and a plaintiff in the case, said he believes they are right on all accounts and will counter the appeal.

Gerlich was "not really surprised" by the administrators because the university has been fighting them tooth and nail for years, he said.

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Through attempts to correct the problem in October 2015, Flint switched its water supplier back to the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. However, the damage had already been done, and the old pipes were continuing to leach lead.

President Barack Obama issued a state of emergency in mid-January 2016 for the city of Flint after the issue came into the national spotlight.



Courtesy of Wikimedia Commons
Flint, Mich., is facing a water crisis because of a failure to properly test the water in the Flint River before using it, causing lead to enter into the pipes.

One of the more severely affected populations exposed to the issue in Flint was the city's children.

A doctor at Hurley Medical Center in Flint reported results from one of her studies in September 2015 that showed elevated levels of lead in infants and children in the area. There has also been a spike in cases of Legionella bacteria, which has caused 10 fatalities among 87 cases as of mid-January 2016.

"Lead within water is not a common and it doesn't usually present itself in terms of lead levels within children," said Stu Schmitz, toxicologist at the Iowa Department of Public Health.

Schmitz did however cite lead issues in older homes that have lead piping within the service line that enters the home.

The most common way for children to be exposed to lead is through lead-based paint, Schmitz said.

"The paint that's in the home that might be chipping on window sills or other parts of the home can become part of the dust within the home," he said.

Schmitz also said lead paint on the outside of houses can become a problem because as it chips from the foundation it gets in the way of the drip line and in turn seeps into the soil.

Schmitz said adverse health impacts are not always readily seen in chil-

dren. The only real way to know if a child has elevated lead levels is to have their blood tested.

However, common symptoms for lead poisoning among children include irritability and delayed reaction times.

"Elevated levels of lead can cause some cognitive problems, learning disabilities and it has an impact on the central nervous system within the brain that can cause some problems that can lower IQ," Schmitz said.

Adults may experience irritability and confusion. Since children are con-

stantly growing, the impact lead has on them is far greater than that of an adult.

"A level of 10 micrograms per deciliter we consider to be elevated; greater than 70 micrograms per deciliter [is fatal]," Kristie Franz, associate professor of geological and atmospheric sciences, said she can't fathom what it would be like to have a child suffering from lead poisoning.

"I can't imagine as a parent how horrific it would be to realize that your child

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that a number of students were informed that they could log in and update their room assignments even though some already had assigned housing," said Carol McDonald, director of IT services and university info systems.

"In other words, moving around within their current assignment. With any application where many stu-

dents are trying to get on at the same time, the system can become overloaded."

With the number of students attending Iowa State growing at a rapid rate, as well as the number of incoming students, some students see upperclassmen as a priority for housing.

"All upperclassmen need to have guaranteed housing before freshmen," said Keesha Gaines,

sophomore in kinesiology and health occupational therapy who was also shut out of the access plus system. "They need to stop allowing so many people to come in when there's clearly not enough room."

The ISU IT department said it is aware of the issues students have been experiencing and hopes changes can be made in the future to help alleviate these problems.

"We strive to make sure to accommodate the residence hall processes," McDonald said. "We had an experience that nobody wants but could certainly happen across the board. Looking forward we are looking to upgrade all the online systems including residence."

"We would love it to be flexible and be able to handle all of the campuses processes."

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Marijuana has long been viewed as having no medical use and as having a high potential for addiction, but columnist Heckle argues that new research has shown there are medical benefits of the drug, which along with the changing public perception, should translate to legalization.

The road to legalization

Marijuana’s medical benefits debunk longtime myths

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Editor’s note: This column is part four in a series that will highlight the history of cannabis in the U.S.

The uses of marijuana on both a medical and industrial level exemplify the unscientific and impractical nature of cannabis prohibition. Classified as a Schedule I drug, federal law considers cannabis to have no medical use and to have a high potential for addiction. Yet, this classification seems to have no basis in reality. While marijuana remains illegal in the eyes of the federal government, 23 states have legalized marijuana for medical use, along with the District of Columbia and Guam.

The medical aspects of marijuana have been used by humans for centuries, even being considered a reputable medicine in the United States until the 20th century. The majority of criticism toward cannabis as medicine comes from the lack of research that many claim plague the field. However, this lack of research stems in its entirety from the illegality of marijuana. In fact, the only research that could have been done in the last 80 years would have been to find any harmful aspects because of the federal classification of cannabis.

This pseudoscientific outlook has contributed to the skepticism about medical cannabis. However, since the dawn of legalization at a state level, the federal government has eased enforcement on the drug in legal states.

Unlike the United States, research on medical marijuana has been a booming field in one unlikely country:

Israel. Since the 1960s, the chemical aspects of marijuana have been studied by scientists including Dr. Raphael Mechoulam, who is considered to be the father of medical marijuana. While the research in the United States has been stifled by draconian legislation, Israel holds a much more scientific attitude about the plant.

By discovering chemical compounds such as THC, and the endocannabinoid system in the brain, Mechoulam revolutionized our understandings about marijuana. Furthermore, the country has had great success in using marijuana to treat PTSD. Although general use is still illegal in Israel, the country has led the world in implementing medical marijuana, even going so far as to approve its use in 1992.

While Israel leads the way, the United States has begun to follow suit. In 2009, President Obama said he would not interfere with state medical marijuana laws. This has not only given rise to more research on marijuana but also changes attitudes toward the legitimacy of marijuana as medicine. Yet, even with this new attitude on cannabis, only 6 percent of studies on the plant in the United States contribute to medical research.

While more research must be done in this particular field, numerous studies have been published on the effectiveness of marijuana in treating a variety of ailments. From glaucoma to eating disorders, cannabis has proven to be an effective treatment for both symptom relief and overall treatment.

However, the most astounding use of cannabis seems to be its relief of neuropathic pain — chronic pain caused by damaging of nerve fibers. The majority of treatments used to curb neuropathic pain revolve around opioid based drugs such as morphine, oxycodone and dilaudid. However, these drugs have not only proven to be ineffective at treating this sort of pain but also have a plethora of dangers on their own. In the United States, 44

people will die today of a prescription pain killer overdose. On the other hand, there are no recorded cases of death from a marijuana overdose.

Much of the criticism toward the use of marijuana as a medical treatment comes from the negative effects of smoking in general, often comparing cannabis to the dreaded tobacco plant. However, this argument holds little legitimacy. Smoking cannabis is nowhere near the only way to consume the substance. In fact, the use of marijuana pills, oils, vapors and edibles have been used as effective alternatives to smoking.

Furthermore, the comparison of marijuana to tobacco seems to be null and void, considering that marijuana has proven effective in reversing the carcinogenic effects of tobacco and even increasing lung capacity.

The labeling of marijuana as a highly addictive substance seems to be exaggerated or, at worst, completely untrue. Marijuana itself has no physically additive properties, following below even caffeine in some recent studies. Although discontinuing frequent marijuana use can lead to mild withdrawal symptoms, they are in no way as extreme as legal substances such as alcohol — which has been attributed to fatal withdrawal symptoms.

The classification of marijuana as a Schedule I drug along with the resistance of legal research over the past century only exemplify the lies and misinformation that has been essential in maintaining the illegality of cannabis. As new research continues to unfold and public perception toward cannabis changes, the only logical route is legalization.

As marijuana becomes legal in both medical and recreational markets in the United States, the positive effects of legal marijuana are proving that the archaic, draconian policies held by the federal government are both ineffective and deviated from reality.

Flat taxes won’t solve economic issues

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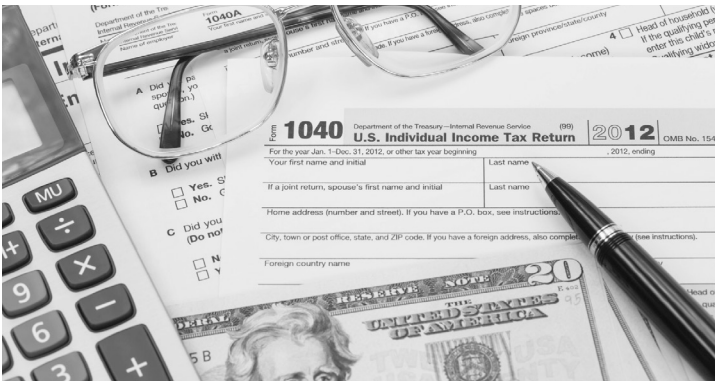
As the 2016 presidential election draws nearer, GOP candidates have begun making their case for tax reform by calling for a flat tax rate system — better known as the Hall-Rabushka flat tax introduced in 1981 by economists Robert Hall and Alvin Rabushka. From Ben Carson’s idea to invoke a biblical tithes tax system and Ted Cruz’s call for a “fairer” tax system, many conservatives across the Republican spectrum seem to find flat tax rates all the rage this election season. However, the idea of establishing a flat tax rate is not revolutionary; it has been seen many times throughout history as a failed system of taxation.

Let’s start by unraveling the concept of a flat tax rate system. The premise of a flat tax system revolves around establishing a set percentage of taxable income and removing virtually all forms of deductions from the existing tax code with the hopes that consumers will spend more. The idea is said to maintain government income while giving the middle class a much needed tax break, rendering some important tax incentives — the use of green energy throughout your home and small business incentives for the average American — useless.

Carson’s and Cruz’s plan revolve around a flat of 14.9 percent rate among all earners with virtually no deductibles, which is the candidates’ misguided attempt to create economic growth in a slow growing economy by giving more Americans a tax break. Carson’s and Cruz’s idea almost sounds too perfect for the middle-class American needing to get by; however, it fails to address the impact of income inequality and pain small businesses incur. Thus is the reason why the idea is considered to be a failure among modern monetary policy.

The question conservative voters should ask in 2016 is, could a flat tax rate of 14.9 percent with virtually no deductions generate more income and wealth into our economy? Sure, in the short run, but I would urge them to look into where the wealth would disproportionately go and the long-term effects of reducing much needed government revenue.

Small businesses lose
For starters, Americans know small business is the cornerstone of our economic ecosystem. Carson’s plan to eliminate business interest deduction would run more on bank debt rather than equity. Having a small business pay income tax on the money used to pay bank interest could present difficulties for business during a downturn, which poses a greater risk for them of being



Columnist Flowers believes the key to a strong economy is not a flat tax rate, and we instead need to reduce income inequality and empower our middle class.

bought out by larger businesses that can access equity markets.

The poor and middle class lose

The plan takes from the poor and middle class to give to the rich. The Tax Foundation’s analysis reports that “On a static basis, Dr. Carson’s tax plan would increase after-tax incomes by 4.5 percent, on average. Due to the elimination of nearly all credits, all itemized deductions, and the exclusion of employer-provided health insurance, taxpayers in the bottom nine deciles would see a decrease in after-tax adjusted gross income (AGI) of between 1 and 14.8 percent. Taxpayers in the top decile would see much lower marginal tax rates, which would offset the much broader tax base. Their after-tax incomes would increase by 16.2 percent. Taxpayers in the

top 1 percent would see their after-tax AGI increased by 33.4 percent.”

Everyone wins, but the rich see a significant growth in net income that would shift more wealth away from a suffering middle class.

The reality
The truth is that we have had a progressive tax rate in the United States for a century now. While there may be some economists who argue for plans such as Carson’s and Cruz’s, the amount of unforeseen consequences with radical tax change make the policy unfeasible. American voters know that in order to make the economy thrive again, we need to reduce income inequality, empower our middle class and revitalize small businesses. A flat tax rate system just does not provide such results.

EDITORIAL

Apple in the right to refuse FBI order

A more than 200-year-old act could force Apple to create technology that would break the security of its products by building a backdoor into a device.

But Apple is saying no, as the company should.

A federal court on Tuesday issued the order for Apple to assist the FBI by creating the technology to help unlock the iPhone used by one of the attackers who killed 14 people in San Bernardino, Calif., in December, Syed Farook, to determine whether he and his wife, Tashfeen Malik, directly planned the shooting with the Islamic State.

Basically, the government wants Apple to disable the feature that clears an iPhone’s data if the wrong passcode is typed 10 times, allowing government officials to try as many times as they needed to unlock the phone without worrying about erasing the desired information. The act permitting the government to do this, the All Writs Act of 1789, allows federal courts to “issue writs, or court orders, that require third parties to assist in the execution of another court order, like a search warrant,” according to The Verge.

Apple on Wednesday released a statement to its customers saying it’s worried this is the situation that could set the precedence for future requests from the government and that it’s going to fight back.

“In today’s digital world, the ‘key’ to an encrypted system is a piece of information that unlocks the data, and it is only as secure as the protections around it. Once the information is known, or a way to bypass the code is revealed, the encryption can be defeated by anyone with that knowledge,” Tim Cook, Apple’s chief executive, wrote in the statement.

This is a pretty terrifying notion. It’s not that Apple doesn’t believe the FBI has good intentions or that Apple doesn’t want to help the FBI catch the bad guys.

It’s that Apple doesn’t want to open Pandora’s Box into a world where the government can tap into any technology to get whatever it wants.

This pushes forward the conversation: should there be more law regulating the government’s authority in our technological lifelines?

This issue first came to light when Edward Snowden shared with the country the extent to which phone and tech companies were allowing the federal government to spy on data that was transmitted through their networks.

“The @FBI is creating a world where citizens rely on #Apple to defend their rights, rather than the other way around,” Snowden, who is in Russia avoiding persecution from the U.S. government, tweeted.

Since Snowden’s whistleblower, Twitter, Facebook and Apple said they would not create backdoors to private data.

It is understandable the FBI would propose such a request. It is seeking valuable information in an attempt to further its efforts in the fight against ISIS.

But Apple has the right to defend its stance in fulfilling its duty in protecting customers’ privacy.

The Electronic Frontier Foundation in 2014 in response to the All Writs Act argued that “the government cannot use an authority like the All Writs Act to force a company to backdoor its product. Compelling a company to re-engineer a product designed to provide robust encryption is the definition of unreasonably burdensome because it undermines the basic purpose of the product.”

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Cyclones host players-only meeting

Team attempts to get back on track against TCU

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The ISU men’s basketball team had a players-only meeting Thursday afternoon following a stretch in which the Cyclones won just two of their last six games.

While players didn’t get into the specifics of the meeting, ISU point guard Monté Morris characterized the meeting as “all positive” and said “this one probably hit home the most.”

Morris said the team has probably had three players-only meetings this year and this one was called by Naz Mitrou-Long, the senior who has turned into a player-coach this season because of an injury that has kept him off the court.

“At this point, Naz is like an extension of coach,” said senior Georges Niang. Iowa State currently sits in the sixth spot in the Big 12 standings at 7-6 in conference play with five games left in the regular season.

Recent losses to Texas Tech and Baylor in over-



Junior guard Monté Morris shoots the ball against West Virginia University on Feb. 2. Morris and other players had a players-only meeting Thursday.

time were likely the cause for the meeting.

The meeting was emotional, said senior Jameel McKay, who struggled against Baylor and was held scoreless.

It’s been a tumultuous season for McKay, who was

suspended for two games by ISU coach Steve Prohm and has returned to the lineup for the past two games.

The team has also been up and down, starting 1-3 in the Big 12 before beating both Oklahoma

and Kansas during a four-game winning stretch before falling in four of the last six contests.

“That’s the frustrating part because you know you’re right there from being 21-5 and maybe first place, second place,”

Prohm said. “We’re really a game behind from where we were last year this time.”

Five of Iowa State’s six conference losses have come to top-25 teams and each game has come down to possessions in the final minute.

In some of those games, Iowa State has been unable to execute down the stretch, and in others, the shots just wouldn’t fall for the team.

“The league is terrific, the best it’s ever been in 20 years,” Prohm said. “Everybody just focuses on the negative and the things we’re not doing, and we’ve done a lot of really good things. Everybody in the country wishes there was two or three games they could get back and finish better.”

The team meeting comes before a matchup against TCU (11-15, 2-11 Big 12), providing a chance to move past the recent losses and get back on the winning track.

The Horned Frogs are in the basement of the Big 12 standings, and Iowa State also has games against Oklahoma State and Kansas State coming up.

With three of its final five opponents being in the bottom half of the conference, Iowa State will have a chance to rattle off wins and end the regular season on a high note.

“I really just want to go out there and just play,” Morris said. “I think at this point we did a lot of talking. Now it just comes down to getting the job done.”

ISU freshman’s execution key against Baylor

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Freshman Meredith Burkhall had a big game against Texas Tech on Wednesday, but she just executed a game plan — one that may be a key to beating Baylor on Saturday in Waco, Texas.

Burkhall scored 19 points and snagged seven rebounds in the 77-48 victory. She led the Cyclones in points, but she was just doing what the team had been working on in practice.

The game plan was to get Burkhall to run the court more, to create outside shots and open lanes inside the paint.

“When [post players] run the court, that opens up people, whether that’s them transition-wise, and also the opposing team is focused on them because they’re closer to the hoop,” said redshirt sophomore Jadda Buckley. “And that opens up 3-point shots for other people. It opens up the lane for me to drive. It’s a win-win situation either way.”

This concept is fairly new to Burkhall, who is still transitioning from high school play to the speed of



Meredith Burkhall rebounds the basketball against Texas Tech on Wednesday night. The Cyclones won 77-48. Since this victory, the Cyclones have been practicing new techniques to improve their offensive game. The team is traveling to Waco, Texas over the weekend to take on Baylor.

the Big 12. ISU coach Bill Fennelly said he remem-

bers watching Burkhall in high school, bringing the

ball up the court at times. “I think most inside

players, when they’re young, are taught that you’re bigger and slower — just amble down there and get on the block and do your thing,” Fennelly said. “I think what we’ve tried to do is tell our players ... just because you’re ahead of the ball doesn’t mean you’re running hard.

“She’s gotten better at it. I think she understands the concept a little more.”

Fennelly said Burkhall is constantly improving. He wants her to work ahead of the defense instead of just “hand fighting” with other post players at the time the ball gets into the post. He said learning the concept takes time, but she has made a lot of progress.

“She’s really developing,” Fennelly said. “She’s a very skilled kid. She’s got a nice, little touch with her right and her left hand. I think the biggest thing is when you play against bigger, stronger kids, your tendency is to go away from the contact and try and free yourself, which makes it worse.

“She actually likes to face up more than she does with her back to the basket, so we’re trying to get her to do a little of both. The more she plays, the more she gets it. Her skill set is pretty

good. Now, we’ve got to get her bigger, stronger.”

Burkhall will have to be on her A-game and execute this new run-the-court philosophy to match up with Baylor’s post players. Last time against Iowa State, Khadijah Cave, one of Baylor’s post players, dominated with 18 points and 13 rebounds.

Burkhall said the up-and-down approach will be a key against Baylor on Saturday. Buckley also said it was evident that Burkhall ran the court well against Texas Tech, which was a big part of Iowa State’s success.

“We’re going to have to put offense and defense together to beat a good team like Baylor,” Burkhall said. “We can’t have any mishaps on defense. We have to know what we’re doing — no positions off. We’re going to have to do things on both ends of the floor to beat Baylor on Saturday.”

The Cyclones will take on Baylor at 2 p.m. Saturday in Waco, Texas.

“We’re going to come out with high energy,” Burkhall said. “With everything we did last night, we’re going to try to carry it over to Saturday with more defensive tendencies to guard Baylor’s bigs inside.”

Two friends, coaches face off

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It was a summer back in 1983 that started a friendship unlike any other for ISU wrestling coach Kevin Jackson.

Jackson spent a summer with J Robinson, Minnesota’s wrestling coach, at his intensive wrestling camp in Minneapolis. After three months in the camp, Jackson looked to Robinson as a mentor and friend for future years.

As Jackson transformed from a wrestler to a coach, he looked to Robinson for help and support. Robinson gave him insight and feedback to start his coaching career as the head coach of the USA wrestling team.

Jackson will see his mentor as an opponent when No. 15 Iowa State

travels to No. 18 Minnesota on Friday for the last regular season dual for each team. This dual will be a part of the National Wrestling Coaches Association Division I National Championship Dual Series.

“I have a lot of respect for J [Robinson] and his program in Minnesota,” Jackson said. “The time he’s spent in Minnesota is something we can learn from because he’s done so much for the sport of wrestling.”

Besides two premier coaches, this dual will have two premier programs throughout the last century. Iowa State has eight NCAA National Championships and 17 conference tournament championships with the most recent in 2009.

Minnesota has similar success with three NCAA National Championships

MATCH INFO

Who: No. 15 Iowa State vs. No. 18 Minnesota

What: NWCA Division I National Championship Dual Series for wrestling

When: 7:30 p.m. Friday

Where: Williams Arena in Minneapolis

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and 12 conference tournament championships, with the most recent in 2007. Robinson has led the Golden Gophers to all three NCAA national titles and is a three-time National Coach of the Year.

“I always look forward to seeing Kevin [Jackson] whether it be for a dual or just a casual hangout,” Robinson said. “I know this dual will have an intense environment and that’s what our fans and myself are looking forward to on

Friday.”

The last time Jackson’s ISU team was ranked higher than Robinson’s Minnesota team was during Jackson’s first year as an ISU coach. It was during the 2009-10 season, and No. 2 Iowa State defeated No. 6 Minnesota, 19-16.

Ever since that season, Robinson has the upper hand in the Jackson-Robinson duals with the last three dual wins. The latest win came in the 2013-14 season when No. 1 Min-



ISU wrestling coach Kevin Jackson will face off against his friend, Minnesota wrestling coach J Robinson, on Friday in Minneapolis.

nesota defeated unranked Iowa State 27-12 in Ames.

“It’s always fun wrestling these types of programs,” said ISU wrestler Tanner Weatherman. “Coach J Rob has done a lot of good things in Minnesota and it’ll be fun wrestling a top-ranked team with that type of tradition.”

Even though Jackson and Robinson are and will continue to be great friends, when it comes to wrestling each other, they know they have a job to

do. During the heat of the battle, there’s intensity because only one of them is crowned a winner.

After the dual, the two of them understand their friendship is still there.

“After a dual or maybe even a couple weeks after the dual, there might be anger and distance between each other,” Robinson said. “But when the battle is over, I know that Kevin [Jackson] and I can go grab a beer and continue a great friendship.”

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In honor of Morris, who wears No. 11 on the basketball court, Hy-Vee sent 11 total trucks — six trailers filled with water gallons and five filled with bottled water. The trucks left from Hilton Coliseum Thursday morning, and are scheduled to arrive at a designated water delivery location in Flint on Friday.

And while they don't do much business in that part of the country, Hy-Vee still jumped at the chance to help out.

"We don't have any stores in Michigan, but caring and helping our communities is a big part of who we are and our culture," said Hy-Vee spokesperson Tara Deering-Hensen. "When we saw Monté's desire to want to do more, it really built an awareness with us. We understood



ISU Athletic Director Jamie Pollard and point guard Monté Morris talk outside of Hilton Coliseum on Thursday before 11 Hy-Vee trucks filled with drinking water departed for Flint, Mich.

that the Flint water crisis isn't just affecting those in Michigan. It has far reach-

ing impacts. "Regardless of whether it's in Iowa or it's another

community, if we have the resources to assist and help, then we will try to do so."

Morris' family still lives in Flint, including his mother, who he talks to on the phone every night.

While the conversations are usually about basketball, he said they talk about what is going on back home, too.

"My mom tries to be so tough," Morris said. "She wants me to stay focused on basketball, so she really don't tell me if she was really struggling or not. But I know it's rough back home. The water is coming out orange-ish. You can't really put words behind that."

While he said it's hard to see his friends and family struggle like this, that's not the toughest part to watch. For Morris, it's the kids he's most concerned about.

"My pain is for, of course, my family and friends, but really the young ones growing up," Morris said. "They've been play-

ing outside and they come back in and having to drink the sink water. And if they can't, they're wondering why they can't do it. It just hurts me to see kids go through that."

With the NCAA Tournament right around the corner, and the Big 12 Tournament even closer, most of Morris' time is taken up by basketball. And while his hometown is still struggling to find a solution to the water crisis, Morris said he's just happy he could contribute to the solution.

"This right here is big time," Morris said. "I wish I could drive with the trucks up there and hand them out to the people down there in Flint that really needs the water. It's a real time right now, and I think doing this just shows I'm all in for my city, Flint, Michigan, and this is what I can do right now just to help."

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had just been exposed to a really hazardous substance," she said.

As this water quality issue continues to persist in Flint, it's important to understand where the problem started.

A simple water test could have uncovered the problem before it became a problem for Flint.

"[If the water is] above an action level that the EPA has, then it becomes an issue that they need to investigate further," Schmitz said.

Flint River also contains a high level of chlorides.

A study by researchers from Virginia Tech showed the Flint River being 19 times more corrosive than Lake Huron because of the higher chloride concentration.

"[They're most likely there from] industrial contaminants that are probably not being released in large concentrations into the waterway but could be left over in sediments or they could be leaching through the groundwater," Franz said.

The Flint River has dealt with being highly polluted from industrial activity for decades.

"If you think of what's feeding the Flint River, it's really that whole watershed that the river sits in," Franz said. "In order to understand why the quality of the Flint River is as bad as it is you need to look out in the landscape and figure out what are the sources of the contaminant reaching the river."

Franz suggests that the contaminants in the sediments may be in the stream bed.

"Some of it might still be washing in from the land; it could be in the groundwater system."

As many others have, Franz acknowledges that there should be some type of cleanup somewhere within these systems to try and improve the quality of the water.

However, as an immediate fix, Franz has a couple different suggestions.

The first is to incorporate water filters into households.

However, some negatives with the scenario include the short life span of filters and the possibility

that the water may be too contaminated with heavy metals that the filter can't clean it, thus leaking the metals back into the water.

Another problem is that multiple filters have to be used in order to supply each bathroom or kitchen with clean water, which becomes costly.

Reverse osmosis is also a viable option, forcing water through small membranes that will remove nearly every contaminant in the water to the point where minerals are nonexistent.

The overall solution to Flint's leaching pipes problem is to replace all of the water lines. Although an expensive solution, the decaying of Flint's old pipes needs to be corrected.

Traditionally, almost all water delivery systems used to use lead pipes because of their malleability, Franz said.

Since the Flint has been using the same pipe systems since at least the 1960s, the pipes were bound to cause issues at some point. It wasn't until people learned about the effects of lead in the human body when cities began to replace lead pipe systems. Because of the expense, Flint didn't convert to a different system of pipes.

"It comes down to whether it's worth spending the money to clean up the river, or whether it should be done on the delivery side," Franz said.

However, a fix now isn't enough in her eyes. The problems are not just in the pipes, but in the people and government.

"That's just unbelievable in this day and age that somebody wouldn't have done a proper assessment and laid it all out and said, 'If you're going to make this switch, this is what you absolutely have to do,'" Franz said in regard to the controversy. "It should have just never happened."

Franz is also participating in a study called "Water and Climate Change (WACC): Building a Community Consensus for a Sustainable Future for Iowa and the World." Through this study, the team of researchers expects to provide options for communities across the world to improve their water management practices to be more sus-

tainable.

They're trying to find solutions for lack of water, too much water or water of degraded quality. The solutions they come up with primarily start with community-level efforts that integrate sound science with local needs and values.

"We're building a model of a watershed where you have people making decisions and then you have a natural system," Franz said. "The way the two interact determines how the natural system behaves and then the effect of the natural system will be on the people living there."

One thing Franz acknowledges as a key component of the study is the need to engage people who actually live in the community in the development of their model.

"The reason we're engaging stakeholders is so that we can make the research more meaningful," she said.

When relating this study to Flint, Franz said it's important to involve the community members in the process of restoring the water, whether they get involved in the science aspect or simply help make proactive decisions on how to fix the problem.

One problem Franz sees with the way things are being handled in Flint is the lack of involvement between the city managers and community members.

"People who live [in Flint] were basically taken out of the process entirely," she said. "They had an emergency manager that was not elected, they had no role in deciding whether to keep using the Lake Huron or the Detroit water or whether to go to their local source."

Franz cites this act of exclusion by the emergency manager to be the reason for the lack of distrust toward the government by the people of Flint. Engaging people early on in these types of water issues will ultimately give people a better sense of the problems at hand and help them make better decisions.

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder delivered a budget presentation to the state legislature Feb. 10 that addressed long-term plans he proposes will help the people of Flint.

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how to tackle diversity issues on campus.

Archer was eventually allowed to ask her questions, and West responded the reason he voted against the bill was that his constituency, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and the CALS Council, was unanimous in their decision in not wanting the bill to pass.

"I represent CALS," West said.

Sen. Cole Staudt, junior in political science and West's running mate, also had an explanation why he did not vote for the bill either.

"My conversations with international students at Iowa State [showed me] that they did not want to be treated differently [being the only seat on Senate that would be appointed]," Staudt said, "They want to be able to run for these seats and be able to have their voices heard instead of being appointed."

He said their platform has a plan for a diversity and inclusion task force that would work with Reginald Stewart, vice president for diversity and inclusion.

"There is no one solution to diversity. It will al-

ways be developing and we will always have to work on things," Staudt said.

Diversity was a topic throughout the debate.

Akol Dok, senior in political science, agreed that there were issues with diversity on campus.

"I do believe that there is a diversity problem," he said. "You can't tackle diversity by forcing people to be together, you just have to encourage it. Many minority groups don't feel they are represented."

Sen. Cole Button, sophomore in finance, said if elected they would create a position on the cabinet for a member of the International Student Council, and also questioned West's vote on the bill for an ISC senator. It should be noted that Button did not attend the Senate meeting that voted on that bill, but he said he was in favor of it and his running mate, Sen. Zackary Reece was a co-author on the bill.

West agreed there are diversity issues on campus and also said "there is not a single person in the [Senate] that won't help a student in need. If we want to build a diverse body it will take time but it is definitely possible."

All three candidates

agreed the relationship between Student Government and the student body needs to be strengthened.

West said Student Government needs to physically engage students more each week.

Button said it would be a good idea to have senator office hours again. If elected, he would create a cabinet position for the International Student Council.

Dok said the most important thing is comfort.

"A lot of students have issues [they want addressed], and we should be able to show them that we are representing them," Dok said.

All three candidates spoke on their experience with Student Government, different councils they have served on and outreach attempts with students. Dok mentioned to both candidates that the outreach and developing relationships needed to begin before the campaigns started, to which West and Button both claimed had begun.

Diversity will continue to be an issue throughout this election season. The Presidential debate will take place Feb. 26 and voting March 1 and 2.

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