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Regional champs advance to Nationals

By Ethan Lyle
Staff Writer

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Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) men's basketball coach B.J. McGinn (right) and team members celebrate the Bears winning the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region XI championship March 7 at the DMACC gymnasium. DMACC defeated Kirkwood Community College (KCC) for its second consecutive Region XI championship and advances to the NJCAA Division II Men's Basketball Championship March 17-21 in Danville, Ill. The Bears will be appearing in the national tournament for the second consecutive season.

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DMACC-Sophomore Jon Fuqua of Maywood, Ill., recorded his second consecutive double-double to lead the Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) men's basketball team to an 86-69 win over Kirkwood Community College (KCC) March 7 in the championship game of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region XI Men's Basketball Tournament.

The Bears, ranked second in NJCAA Division II, successfully

defended their 2014 Region XI championship and advanced to the NJCAA Division II Men's Basketball Championship March 17-21 at Danville, Ill., for the second consecutive season.

Fuqua scored 23 points and pulled down 11 rebounds as DMACC defeated the eighth-ranked Eagles for the third time this season and this was the widest of the three. The Bears came away with an 88-87 overtime victory Jan. 28 in Cedar Rapids and earned a 66-60 victory Feb. 28 at

the DMACC gymnasium.

All five DMACC starters scored in double figures in the game. Freshman Paris Collins of San Antonio, Texas, tallied 15 points, sophomore Jamar Hurdle of Milwaukee, Wis., had 14 and sophomores Aarias Austin of Gurnee, Ill., and Trey Sampson of Cedar Rapids has 12 points apiece.

DMACC made 16 of 29 field goal attempts in opening up a 41-35 halftime advantage. The Bears were just 9-of-22 from the field in

the second half, but maintained control of the game by going 25-of-32 at the free throw line in the half. For the game, DMACC was 25-of-51 from the field and 28-of-36 at the line. The Bears drained eight of 19 three-point attempts, including four by Sampson.

Fuqua's 11 rebounds helped DMACC to a 34-26 advantage on the boards. Fuqua and Austin dished out three assists apiece and Collins led DMACC in steals with four. DMACC will take a 26-5 record into the Championship.

NASA selects five DMACC Boone/Ames students

By Amanda Betz
Staff Writer

Five DMACC Boone/Ames students have been chosen to attend a three-day collaboration/work/competition/project-based event in Houston, Texas at the NASA Space Center.

Guy Morgan, Myra James, Theodore Mathews III, Mike Techentin, and Daniel Bouk were

chosen as part of 161 students of almost 500 applicants nationwide to participate in this year's events.

The NASA National Community College Scholars Program is an interactive online learning opportunity highlighted by a three-day experience at NASA. The program encourages students to finish their degrees in science,

technology, engineering, or mathematics fields (STEM). "The program was challenging, but fun," said Myra James. "The online program is really straight forward."

It is fairly easy to apply to the program. The application is straightforward and is like many online scholarship applications. The student enters their personal information, and writes a 300

word short essay about why they are interested in being part of the program and how the program will assist their future career goals.

There are four sections to the program, and each section has its own quiz. To move forward, the student must score a 9/10 or higher on the section quiz.

BEAR BRIEFS (Boone Campus and Boone Community)

Income tax help on campus

Free income tax help will continue through April 10 each Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the DMACC Boone Campus. DMACC has been offering this service since 2008. DMACC accounting students who have been certified by the Internal Revenue Service will help prepare federal and Iowa individual income tax returns for qualified residents. Each year accounting students process and file approximately 150 federal and state income tax returns.

This service, called the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, offers free tax assistance to those with low-to-moderate incomes (less than \$53,000 in annual personal income). VITA is particularly interested in identifying those taxpayers who are eligible for earned income tax credits (EITC), which is a refundable tax credit to those who are low wage earners.

All tax returns will be prepared on-site at the DMACC Boone Campus by trained and certified DMACC student volunteers using software provided by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Each return will be reviewed by the site coordinator and, after approval and signature of the taxpayer, will be filed electronically with the IRS and the Iowa Department of Revenue. There is no cost to eligible taxpayers for this service.

Persons interested in receiving this service should bring their W-2 forms, interest statements from banks (1099 forms), copies of last year's (2013) federal and Iowa tax returns, Forms 1095-A, B or C (Affordable Health Care Statements) and social security cards for all family members. Any other pertinent information regarding personal income and expenses for tax year 2014 should be included.

Individuals may call 515-433-5029 to schedule an appointment. Parking is available on the north side of the building, and people may enter through the northeast doorway. There will be no income tax help offered on March 20. Service is by appointment only.

Help stock campus pantry

As the semester begins, please consider helping restock the campus food pantry.

Current needs include:

- Canned chicken
- Spaghetti sauce
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- Peanut butter
- Jam/Jelly
- Dried beans
- Oatmeal/Hot cereal mix/

Boxed cereal

- Bread/Muffin mix
- Oils (vegetable, olive, etc.)
- Toilet paper
- Bath soap and shampoo

Please drop off donations to Erin Neumann (Room 124) or Jane Martino's office (Room 122). All donations are greatly appreciated. The food pantry is available to any student who might need assistance. If a student has a more significant need for food/resources than a visit to our campus food pantry can assist with, please contact Erin Neumann, eaneumann@dmacc.edu.

Netherlands contest

As part of DMACC's celebration of the Netherlands during the 2014-2015 academic year, there is a contest in which each of three persons will win two tickets to the Netherlands Gourmet Dinner on Thursday, April 23, 2015.

Each month a trivia question about the Netherlands will be posted in the Netherlands Year site. The question will be visible for that month only and answers may be submitted only during that month. Participants will have until midnight on the last day of the month to submit their answer to that month's question. All answers must be submitted using the same e-mail address.

Answers to the trivia questions must be found only in this location: <http://www.eupedia.com/netherlands>. Answers that differ from the information in that site will not be considered.

Contest participants will submit answers via the process in the Netherlands Year site: Netherlands Year Gourmet Dinner Contest Answer Submissions.

Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa is the International Honor Society for two-year colleges. PTK will host several informational meetings on the Boone campus. Students are invited to attend to find out more about joining PTK. For more information, contact Nancy Woods, nawoods@dmacc.edu, 515-433-5061. Or Stacy Amling, slamling@dmacc.edu, 515-433-5089.

Honors seeks applicants

The DMACC Honors Program is seeking highly motivated students to apply for honors. There are openings for current DMACC students who want to challenge themselves and graduate from the Honors Program.

If you have completed one college-level English and one college-level math class or are currently enrolled, will have completed a minimum of nine (9) college credits and fewer than fifty (50) credits at the end of summer with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher, you are eligible to become a DMACC Honors Student.

To read more about Honors and submit an application, go to dmacc.edu/honors and get started on your way to a rewarding, challenging educational opportunity.

Writing Center open

Writing Center consultants are available to help with any writing assignment, during any part of the writing process. With their experience in different types of writing (technical to creative writing) and a broad range of life experience (journalism, firefighting, novel writing, Hawaiian culture, literature, and veterans affairs), you're sure to find someone that "gets you." Stop by any time during our hours. No appointments are necessary for this free service. For more information, contact Krystal Hering, WC coordinator, klhering@dmacc.edu. Or visit <http://go.dmacc.edu/boone/writingcenter/>.

Hours: Boone Campus, Room 170, Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.; Hunziker Center (Look for signs for our location.), Monday-Thursday 4:30-6 p.m.

DMACC offers Spring Europe trip

EF College Study Tour is offering a 20-day trip to London, Normandy, Paris, Berlin, Warsaw, Krakow, Prague, and Munich in May 2015.

This trip is an extraordinary chance to see so many of the sites and museums of the Second World War and the Holocaust with a very interesting group of travelers.

Any adult DMACC student, other college student, or community member can sign up, and please consider traveling with a friend or family member. DMACC History Professor and WWII Author Dr. Lisa Ossian will lead and coordinate this unique tour.

The travelers leave Des Moines on Sun., May 10th and return on Fri., May 29th or Sat., May 30th, (depending on return flight schedules) 2015. Payment arrangements are made with EF College Study Tours and these may be monthly or periodic installments.

This is an all inclusive tour: roundtrip international airfare, hotels, half the meals, tour buses, night ferry excursion, train fares, tour guides, museum entrance fees, and travel insurance.

For more information, contact Lisa Ossian at (515) 964-6568.

Childcare and Transportation help

A program called Iowa New Choices offers assistance with childcare and transportation for qualifying single parents and displaced homemakers (separated, divorced, widowed or spouse disabled.) For information, contact, Erin Neumann, Room 124, eaneumann@dmacc.edu. Or call 515-433-5037.

Free money for school

Have you done farm work in the last two years? If so, contact Carrie at Proteus Inc. 515-271-5306 ext. 129

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Transfer Program

Have you heard about the University-College Transfer Program at DMACC? If not, check out the following website at <https://go.dmacc.edu/uct/Pages/welcome.aspx>. The goal is to guide you through your two-year degree and to prepare you for the four-year college of your choice.

Foundation Scholarships available

DMACC students who are enrolled in 6 credit hours or more and have a 2.00 grade point average are eligible for DMACC Foundation Scholarships.

The following DMACC Foundation Scholarship applications are now available on the DMACC Website:

Summer/2015: Application Deadline is 3/13/15 @ 4 p.m.

Fall/2015: Application Deadline is 4/24/15 @ 4 p.m.

*If you would like to apply for a Summer and a Fall scholarship, please only complete one application and make sure to mark both the "Summer" and the "Fall" boxes to indicate which semester you are applying for.

These scholarships may be applied toward charges for tuition, fees, and/or book charges at DMACC for the semester for which the award is given.

To learn about the specific award criteria and to apply online, visit: <https://go.dmacc.edu/foundation/Pages/district-wide-scholarship.aspx>.

If you have any questions, please contact Sue Rardin, Financial Aid Specialist-Scholarships at 515-965-7179 or via email at sgrardin@dmacc.edu.

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In the Spotlight

Meet JoAnne Temple

Editor's note: This section will feature a student, staff member, or instructor from the Boone DMACC campus. Do you have a suggestion for someone we should feature? Send your ideas to bannernews@dmacc.edu

By Megan Olson
Staff Writer

A friendly face in the DMACC business office has a new reason to smile this summer: retirement.

JoAnne Temple, a longtime staffer "behind the window" in financial aid, will be leaving her post this June.

Temple is retiring after 16 years of working at the financial aid office. Previous to her 16 years, she worked part-time in DMACC's registration and admissions department.

"I love working with the students here at DMACC; they keep me young," says Temple with a chuckle. She also enjoys her fellow staff members, "It's a great bunch of people, from the provost and down."

Here at DMACC, Temple's duties are to help with financial aid, take students' payments, pay the DMACC college's bills, work

with pay roll/work study, and many other important tasks.

Temple is from Moravia, a small town in southern Iowa. She graduated from Moravia High School.

"I participated in about every activity a girl could be in." She was a part of the basketball team, softball team, track team, was in band, and did school plays. After graduating from Moravia High School, she went on to Indian Hills Community College where she graduated with a degree in chemistry.

Temple not only works in the financial aid office, she also is a member of the DMACC band. She plays the trumpet. The band plays at every DMACC basketball home game.

Temple's hobbies include: biking, watching birds, and supporting her grandchildren in the activities they are involved in. "Anything outside I love," states Temple.

JoAnne is married to Roger Temple. They have 3 children together who have blessed them with 6 grandchildren.

Temple enjoys DMACC and everyone in it. "DMACC is a great place."



JoAnne Temple

Photo by Megan Olson/Banner News

NASA: from page 1

There are also weekly online lecture videos from important figures that are required. As students progress through sections, they need to create a mission proposal and all of the pieces that go with it like an advertising campaign, a mission summary, and team composition report.

Daniel Bouk said, "I am really excited to be going down to Houston, Texas to the onsite experience. I will get to see a space station that sends things into space and all kinds of technology."

The program also helps build skills that are useful for future careers. James said that program helped her improve and build her "team building, communication skills, and leadership". For Bouk, the program helped him refine his writing skills, be more profession-

al, and most importantly, "to learn the importance of researching and asking for help." These skills will help him later in his career. Bouk intends to transfer to Iowa State University in the fall to pursue his bachelors, and eventually his master's degree, in mechanical engineering.

The program can look and sound intimidating, but this year's scholars have some advice for anyone who may be interested in applying and completing the program next year. "I think anyone remotely interested should apply," said James. "One thing I wish I knew was that the instructional assistants grade most harshly on grammar, so remember to spell check."

Bouk's advice to anyone is, "to work hard, take notes, and do not procrastinate, it will show in your work."

Iowa Court of Appeals travels to DMACC

By Megan Olson
Staff Writer

On February 24th the Iowa Court of Appeals came to the DMACC Boone Campus to hear oral arguments. The event was held in the theatre at 2:30 p.m. and was open to the public.

"It was a good experience. I'm glad I got the opportunity to see something like this," says Brian Berg, a current DMACC student who attended the event.

The Court of Appeals came to DMACC as part of an effort to travel around the state to educate the public on what the court system does. Typically the Court hears cases and does its work at the Judicial Building in Des Moines. It was not as convenient for the public to see the appeals, however, which is why the decision was made to travel to other locations on occasion.

Journalism Professor Julie Roosa, who has a law degree, says, "I thought it was a great opportunity to see what happens in the court system first hand."

Roosa had not seen an argument before the Iowa Court of Appeals until this event. She was a law clerk in Webster County before she practiced law for two years in Fort Dodge.

In the Iowa Court of Appeals, there are nine judges all together. Four appeared at the hearing. Chief judge David Danilson appeared during the murder appeal, but he excused himself during the OWI appeal because of a conflict of interest. Mary Taper switched out for Chief Danilson. The other 2 judges at the appeal were Amanda Potterfield and Thomas Bower.

The first appeal was over a death near Wells Fargo in Des Moines. The second was over an OWI in Story County. Both sides had 10 minutes to present their case, with 5 extra minutes for rebuttal. About 90 people came to watch the appeals. Afterwards the judges took questions about the court system from the audience.

FAQ:measles

What are the symptoms of measles?

First symptoms: high fever (may spike to more than 104°F), cough, runny nose, red watery eyes.

•Three to five days later: rash

oFlat red rash (sometimes raised bumps on top of flat red lesions)

oRash begins on face (at hairline) and spreads to neck, trunk, arms, legs, and feet

oFever may spike to >104°F when rash appears

After a few days the fever subsides and rash fades

What are the MMR vaccination requirements for Iowa colleges and universities?

Iowa law does not address measles vaccination requirements for Iowa college and university students or staff; however, many colleges and universities have policies requiring vaccinations for entry. It is recommended that college and university students who do not have evidence of immunity against measles receive two doses of MMR vaccine, separated by at least 28 days. It is also recommended that adults who do not have evidence of immunity against measles should receive at least one dose of MMR vaccine.

What types of MMR vaccine exemptions are allowed for Iowa colleges and universities?

Since Iowa law does not address measles vaccination requirements for Iowa college and university students or staff, each institution determines which types of exemptions they will allow.

What are the requirements for non-immune persons (including college and university students and staff) determined to have been exposed to a person with confirmed measles?

In most cases, non-immune persons exposed to a person with a confirmed case of measles will be required, under a public health order, to stay in their home (or in a facility where they will not expose others, such as a dorm room with a private bathroom with food delivered to them) from five days after the first possible exposure until 21 days after the last possible exposure to the person with confirmed measles.

Should Iowa colleges and universities maintain records of students' and staff members' MMR vaccination history?

Since Iowa law does not address measles vaccination requirements for Iowa college and university students or staff, each institution determines whether vaccination records will be maintained. IDPH does recommend that Iowa colleges and universities maintain vaccination records for students and staff.

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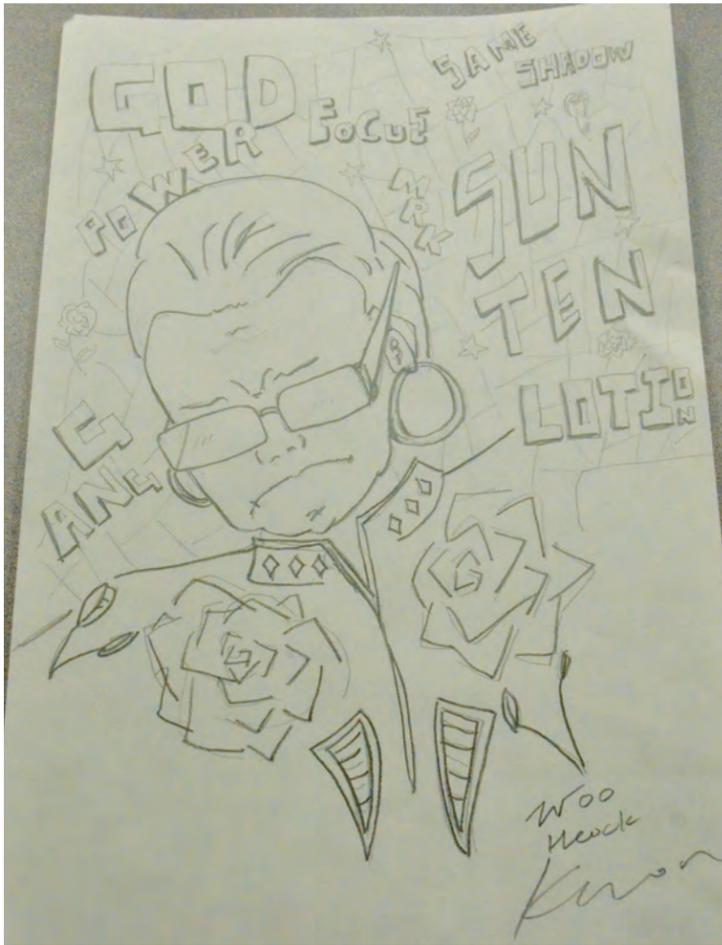
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Artist: Casi Johnson

Drawing upon their experience

Two students from Dr. Miller's ART 133 Drawing class drew Speaker Anna Mae Weems as she spoke in the theater at the Boone DMACC campus on Monday, March 9. Weems is a civil rights activist and was the first African American woman to be employed as the director of the Iowa Workforce Center, state of Iowa.

Women's season closes

The Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) women's basketball team saw its season come to a close with a 68-67 loss to Iowa Central Community College (ICCC) March 3 at the DMACC gymnasium.

The loss came in the quarterfinals of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region XI Women's Basketball Tournament. The Bears, who closed the season at 19-13, had defeated the Tritons twice during the regular season and had a 39-26 advantage at halftime.

Freshman London Vais of Adair led three DMACC players in double figures with 16 points. Freshman Cassie Geopfert of Sioux City had a double-double with 15 points and 11 rebounds and freshman Kiana Peterson of Madrid scored 12 points.

DMACC outshot ICCU, connecting on 21 of 57 field goal attempts, including 7-of-15 from three-point range. The Tritons were 20 of 57 from the field and made six of 25 three-point attempts. They made 22 of 25 free throw attempts while DMACC was 18-of-22 from the line.

DMACC Sports Calendar

March 14: Softball vs. Butler, Bixby, OK
 March 14: Softball vs. Labette, Bixby, OK
 March 14: Softball vs. North Central Texas, Bixby, OK
 March 14: Baseball vs. No. Oklahoma-Enid, Enid, OK
 March 16: Men's Golf vs. Ottawa University Eagle Bend - Lawrence, KS

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NCAA MEN'S TOURNAMENT MOCK SELECTION

Grind it out — hands-on taste of how a bracket is born

By Teddy Greenstein, Chicago Tribune

INDIANAPOLIS — At NCAA headquarters, the basketball enthusiasts view Selection Sunday as Christmas morning. This mock selection exercise would be akin to Thanksgiving. "So let's eat," says Dave Worlock, the NCAA point man for this event. And so it begins.

Twenty media types gathered for about 13 hours over two days in Indianapolis recently to earn degrees in bracketology. Using results of games that ended the week of Feb. 15 and informed of projected conference tournament results (way to go, Colgate!), we selected the participants, created a seed list of 1-68 and slot every team to create a bracket. The real 10-person committee, made up of the likes of Michigan State athletic director Mark Hollis, will spend five days creating the real bracket, which will be revealed March 15 (aka Selection Sunday). They will follow a painstaking four-step process:

STEP 1: REPORT CARD

Bleacher Report's Kerry Miller and I represent Stanford athletic director Bernard Muir, who will report on the MEAC, Southland and West Coast conferences.

All are likely "AQ" leagues — meaning that only the Automatic Qualifier (conference tournament champ) will get to dance. But we mention that Stephen F. Austin from the Southland and BYU and St. Mary's from the WCC are worthy of at-large consideration.

The most intriguing leagues? The Atlantic-10, with a four-way tie at the top, and the Big Ten, with a six-pack (Indiana, Ohio State, Michigan State, Iowa, Illinois, Purdue) of intrigue beyond sure things Wisconsin and Maryland.

"The Big Ten," reports a mock committee member, "has a chance to be as messy as any league."

STEP 2: THE NITTY-GRITTY

We've whittled down the 333 eligible Division I teams, and now it's time to construct a field. We vote via mouse click for our top eight among 45 teams "under consideration," and a remarkable thing happens.

All 10 voters have the same top eight: Arizona, Duke, Gonzaga, Kansas, Kentucky, Villanova, Virginia and Wisconsin. "We have history, folks," Worlock says.

Determining the other at-larges will prove way more difficult. And tedious.

We use "team pages" to analyze the resumes, and the home, road and neutral-court factor is prominent. So is a team's record against foes in the RPI 1-50, 51-100, 101-150, 151-200 and 200-plus. What doesn't matter — conference record or conference RPI.

Kansas, despite four losses, actually has a higher RPI than undefeated Kentucky. Why? Because the Jayhawks have not played a single opponent with a bad (200-plus) RPI.

"I've never seen anything like it," Worlock says.

Homing in on the Big Ten, Maryland (5-4 vs. RPI top 50) and Indiana (eight wins over RPI top 100 before Sunday's victory over Minnesota) get early nods. Ohio State is solidly in despite having feasted on nine RPI 150-plus teams.

Iowa gets in thanks largely to a road victory over North Carolina and two-game sweep of Ohio State. (Remember, this was decided before Sunday's loss to Northwestern.) The Hawkeyes got drubbed at Wisconsin on Jan. 20 and someone asks if that should be considered a bad loss.

"It was," says Mike Tirico, who should know. He called it for ESPN.

Illinois and Michigan State will be considered for the final 3-5 spots. Purdue will not be, thanks to one mock committee member's description of "pitiful home losses" to North Florida and Gardner-Webb, both outside the RPI top 150.

But fear not, Purdue fans: The Boilermakers have every chance to play their way into the real thing, thanks to upcoming games against Indiana, Ohio State, Michigan State and Illinois.

The final five in our field are Dayton, Illinois ("no bad losses"), Michigan State, UCLA, Oregon and "my" Stanford Cardinal. When Stanford was on a ballot, Miller and I were not permitted to participate.

The last to make it is Oregon, and the Ducks will only go if SMU (in either way) beats mediocre UConn in the final of the American conference tournament. In 2008, the committee prepared six brackets based on the results of Selection Sunday conference title games.

The first two out: BYU and St. John's.

STEP 3: SCRUBBING

We've seeded the teams based on our 1-68 seed list, and now we're going to revisit nearly every one. Should Wisconsin be No. 4 — the last No. 1 seed — ahead of Gonzaga, the top No. 2 seed?

This debate feels real, with committee members pointing out that Gonzaga's lone loss came on the road, by three points, to a top-10 RPI team in Arizona. Plus the Bulldogs have been blowing away their WCC foes by double digits.

"Wouldn't Wisconsin do the same if they were in that league?" one committee member asks.

One committee member, though, insists that Gonzaga has better players (aka "the eye test") and wonders if the Zags should get credit for attempting to schedule hard (Memphis and UCLA were expected to be better).

Worlock says the scheduling intent "can come into play" and, as for the eye test, "this is why every one of us watches hundreds of games."

We also wonder: Does a team get credit for "hanging with" a tough opponent? And what's more significant — a good win or a bad loss? (The answers to both: It's up to each committee member.)

The Badgers ultimately win out because of their 5-1 record against the RPI top 50 (impressive that Wisconsin played and beat Oklahoma, Georgetown, Boise State and Green Bay in the nonconference) and the ugly 67-62 loss at Rutgers is mollified because of injuries — Frank Kaminsky was out with a concussion and point guard Traveon Jackson left with a foot injury after 26 minutes.

We keep scrubbing until we reach 19 and 20 on our seed list. Northern Iowa jumps Providence for the higher spot, with faux committee member Brian Hamilton of SI.com pointing out that the analytic KenPom.com rates the Panthers' offense and defense among the nation's 30 most efficient.

"Plus," as someone points out, "they killed Iowa."

STEP 4: BRACKET BUSTER

The NCAA software is so cool. Run a cursor over Kentucky, No. 1 on our seed list, and we learn the mileage distances to the four regional sites: Los Angeles (2,167), Houston (1,002), Cleveland (332) and Syracuse (662).

The best teams play closest to campus for the benefit of players and fans, but time zone is also a consideration. This also comes into play for sub-regional sites. (Arizona is actually closer to Omaha, Neb., than Portland, Ore., but of course the Wildcats would rather stay west.)

The overall consideration here is fairness. The committee wants the regions to be balanced (based on adding up the corresponding number next to each team on the seed list) and not force a highly seeded team like Gonzaga to have to travel to Charlotte, N.C., from Spokane, Wash.

The process debunks the conspiracy theories, such as: The NCAA committee loves Duke, so it gets an easier draw. The principles and emphasis on geography reveal how little leeway there is in bracketing 68 teams, and sometimes the process requires teams to go up or down one seed to complete the bracket.

We do have one opportunity to create a juicy matchup: Valparaiso is among the No. 13 seeds that can be chosen to face No. 4 Baylor. That would create a coaching clash of brothers — Bryce Drew versus Scott Drew.

We're told that the real committee would never seek to do such a thing, but some of us are media types who realize there's an entertainment component to all this.

Worlock shakes his head but complies. "It's your bracket," he says. It is, indeed. Now bring in the pros.



From the Editor



Amanda Betz,
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Midterms are almost over, and spring break is less than a week away. I think that is more than enough reason to celebrate! Not to mention that the weather has gotten much more tolerable lately.

This issue we have two guest columnists from an honors class. There will be several more later in the semester.

Also, a big congratulations to the five Boone/Ames DMACC who have been selected to partake in the NASA Community College Scholars Program. Out of almost 500 applicants, 161 students were chosen, and five of those students are from our school. What a great accomplishment!

Megan also covers the upcoming DMACC Celebration of Literary Arts on April 6th. Many nationally reknown writers and speakers will be in attendance.

Also coming in April is the DMACC In My Boots 5k, and I hope you will all attend. It's for a great cause, and this year we will be having a shadow run with the troops overseas. Professor Sean Taylor who is currently deployed in the Middle East is working hard on his end to set up the run, and it's our duty to make our end more successful than ever. All proceeds are donated to Wounded Warriors and local veterans charities.

I hope you all have a great spring break!

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Researching pets leads to happier owners and animals

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This column was written by a DMACC Honors student for a capstone class.



by Kassidy Brede
Guest Columnist

It's true, that puppy in the window may be cute and adorable and right up your price range. However it's also true that the puppy needs to be brushed twice a week and walked at least an hour a day, and let's not men-

tion all the messes on the floor you are bound to clean up during training and even after that.

Most people, including myself occasionally, tend to buy a pet without doing any research beforehand. We do not stop to think that the beta fish in our bedrooms needs to have at least five gallons of water to swim in, contrary to the half-gallon tanks we see advertised for them. Or the Bengal cat we bought for five hundred dollars can jump at least six feet in the air without a running start. Or even the husky puppy you adopted that has two coats of fur, rather than one, that sheds more than another breed.

If people stopped to look into the pros and cons of a certain kind of pet before heading to the pet store, the shelters may have more empty kennels. In fact, more than half of the residents in the Animal Rescue League in Ankeny are from

houses, rather than being strays. The people who bring these pets in can be classified under three categories: those that do not have enough time or money, those that are moving and can't take the pets with them, and the small amount of those that are allergic to the animal. In fact most, if not all, of the dogs housed in the shelter are from owners that could no longer care for them.

A lot of people get a pet because their children desperately want one. They might give a kitten or puppy as a Christmas or birthday gift, or even a rabbit as an Easter gift. This little animal may be cute now, but what happens when you have to take it to the vet when it eats one of the heads off of a doll and you can't pay the bill? What happens when your pet needs to take an obedience course because he keeps trying to take the food out of your hand or jumping up on you

whenever you get out of the car? There are a lot of hidden costs in pet ownership that people don't consider. Personally, I have spent over two hundred dollars on my two beta fish just on tanks, filters, and heaters. Not to mention the fact that I have to clean their five and ten gallon tanks every one to two weeks, and more often if it is a smaller tank.

A pet takes a lot of time and dedication. People need to consider all of the "what ifs" that could happen when having to take care of another tiny life. I believe that a happy pet comes from an owner that knows what they're doing and what they're in for and a happy pet makes a happy home even happier.

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Volunteering: more than meets the eye

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by Khrystyne Elsberry
Guest Columnist

A volunteer, according to Google, is a person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or undertake a task. I agree with this definition, but I think it is missing one thing--passion. Volunteering is more than just helping others. That is why, through many years that I have been volunteering, I find it one of the best things I have ever done for myself.

Yes, volunteering is about helping others too, but I find it more beneficial for oneself. Without my past experiences as a volunteer, I would not be able to say that I have worked for anything emotionally. Volunteering is one of the best ways to get one's name out there and be a leader in your community.

I have volunteered at a number of places over the years, including the Ericson Public Library, The Boone Humane Society, and the GRIP Mentoring Program at Franklin Elementary all here in Boone, Iowa. Boone does seem like a pretty small town compared to Des Moines, but there are tons of places looking for volunteer workers!

The best thing about volunteer work is that there are many beneficial outcomes from it. Many scholarships ask for any previous volunteer work. Being able to include volunteer work on a scholarship application makes one stand out from the rest of the crowd.

Joanna Saisan, M.S.W., Melinda Smith, M.A., and Gina

Kemp, M.A. published an article on Helpguide.org about the surprising benefits of volunteering in December of 2014. The article describes how volunteering helps you make new friends and contacts, increases self-confidence, combats depression, helps you stay physically healthy, can teach valuable job skills, and goal development.

Without volunteering, I wouldn't have been able to develop good communication skills and self-confidence. More importantly, I have been able to accept scholarships because of the outstanding volunteer service I have completed.

Volunteering is more than just helping others, it also helps you find out who you are. If you are interested in volunteering, realize that it does NOT have to be every day. I dedicate one hour of my week to mentoring a third grader at Franklin Elementary.

Before one goes out to volunteer, some things need to be considered. Would you prefer to work with people or animals? If with people, what age

ranges would you prefer? Do you want to volunteer in a group or alone? How much time can you commit? What skills do you want to develop while volunteering?

Places that one could find volunteering opportunities online include www.volunteer-match.org or www.redcross.org. Other volunteer opportunities include volunteering at animal shelters, schools, nursing homes, libraries, city parks, etc.

Volunteering is a great way to get your name out in the community to help others, but also yourself in health, self-confidence, and time management. Volunteering should be a part of everyone's life because of all these positive factors. I hope you'll find a way to get more involved in your community!

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One less excuse to ignore climate change

TNS

Opponents of strong and necessary action on climate change like to say that it doesn't matter what we do because China is spewing greenhouse gases like there's no tomorrow.

They'll have to flail around for another excuse now that the United States and China have reached a landmark agreement that will pressure other major carbon-emitting countries to join the effort as well.

After too many years of too little action since the Kyoto accords in 1997, the timing of the historic pact announced Wednesday is critical to break the stalemate.

The U.S. and China are by far the world's largest carbon polluters, accounting for more than one-third of the global total. They

have been at odds on the issue, and their inaction gave cover to India and other developing nations to stay on the sidelines. This deal will boost momentum going into a meeting next month in Peru, the last major negotiating session before a conference in December 2015 in Paris to enact a new international agreement to reduce carbon emissions.

The entire world must take bold steps starting now – when there's still a chance to slow global warming before it becomes too difficult and expensive. Otherwise, we should prepare for more frequent extreme weather, faster sea level rise and humanitarian disaster.

The new targets are ambitious. Chinese President Xi Jinping agreed that his country would, for the first time, set a

date when its carbon emissions would peak, after which it would reduce its use of coal and other fossil fuels. That date is around 2030 but could be sooner as China seeks to increase its use of cleaner energy sources.

In return, the White House said the U.S. would cut its net greenhouse gas emissions 26 percent to 28 percent below 2005 levels by 2025. While not as fast a reduction as some environmental groups want, the new goal would double the current pace. If President Barack Obama is able to follow through on this commitment, that would be a worthy legacy.

Unfortunately, you can bet obstructionists and skeptics will try to stand in the way, even though the evidence isn't on their side. For instance, Senate Repub-

lican leader Mitch McConnell quickly claimed that the plan will be a job killer. In fact, clean energy is one of the fastest-growing sectors of the economy, in California and elsewhere. And in the longer term, global warming is a threat to economic growth, by making food, water and energy all more expensive.

There will have to be some sacrifice by consumers, businesses and industry. But as California is showing with its climate change law and cap-and-trade system, it can be done without wrecking the economy.

"Bold, necessary action from the U.S. & China on climate change," Gov. Jerry Brown tweeted Wednesday. "California will continue to lead the way."

\$10,000 award for Iowa business

Applications are being accepted for the Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) Foundation \$10,000 Entrepreneurship Competition. The competition is open to current DMACC students or DMACC alumni who are operating a business in Iowa. For complete eligibility rules or to apply, click here.

This is the second year of the DMACC Foundation \$10,000 Entrepreneurship Competition. Grain bin rescue auger inventor John Ziebell, of JPZ Productions in Hubbard, was the 2014 winner.

As a firefighter, Ziebell received grain bin rescue training that included a rescue tube and handing the victim a coffee can, his invention provides a safer, more efficient way to rescue those trapped inside a grain bin. Ziebell used the \$10,000 to purchase equipment that allows him to speed up production and build a higher quality grain bin rescue auger.

"It was an amazing opportunity to get chosen to win the money," said Ziebell.

"Graduating from DMACC, living and owning a business in Iowa is great."

The winner of the DMACC Foundation \$10,000 Entrepreneurship Competition will be announced at the DMACC Small Business Awards dinner September 17. Applications must be received by May 1, 2015.

The award is possible by a gift to the DMACC Foundation by an anonymous donor.

This week's top selling books

(TNS)

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. The Girl on the Train. Paula Hawkins. Riverhead (\$26.95)
2. Prodigal Son. Danielle Steel. Delacorte (\$28)
3. All the Light We Cannot See. Anthony Doerr. Scribner (\$27)
4. Mightier than the Sword. Jeffrey Archer. St. Martin's (\$27.99)
5. The Nightingale. Kristin Hannah. St. Martin's (\$27.99)

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up. Marie Kondo. Ten Speed (\$16.99)
2. The 20/20 Diet. Phil McGraw. Bird Street (\$26)
3. Future Crimes. Marc Goodman. Doubleday (\$27.95)
4. Being Mortal. Atul Gawande. Metropolitan (\$26)
5. Killing Patton. O'Reilly/Dugard. Henry Hold (\$30)
6. Girl in a Band. Kim Gordon. Morrow/Dey Street (\$27.99)
7. Effortless Healing. Joseph Mercola. Harmony (\$26)
8. Bold. Diamandis/Kotler. Simon & Schuster (\$28)
9. The Food Babe Way. Vani Hari. Little, Brown (\$27)
10. Yes Please. Amy Poehler. Morrow/Dey Street (\$28.99)

Game review: 'The Order 1886'



by Kevin Barfield
Staff Writer

Last year, the E3 Gaming Expo developer Ready at Dawn promised a game that would push the PlayStation 4's graphic capabilities to the max. To say they kept their promise would be an understatement.

From the beautiful streets of London to the realistic faces of the game's many characters, it's almost impossible to tell whether you're playing a videogame or watching a movie. The seamless transition from the in-game cinematics to the gameplay is spectacular.

The game truly shines in its story, mixing mythical tales of King Arthur's Knights of the Round Table, werewolves, and even vampires with real-world 1886 icons such as Thomas Edison.

A tale of an order created to combat a mythical threat in the



underground of London, creates a story similar to Naughty Dogs' hit title *The Last of Us* while giving us an action-packed adventure you would expect from a

shooter.

The game is wrapped into about 10 hours of story with no additional multiplayer, which has become a standard for shorter titles.

The length of the story and the lack of additional post-game content are really the main drawbacks.

While the story kept me glued to the screen, the ending left me with several questions, which hints at a sequel.

The verdict: 9.1/10

This game is definitely a must-play, however, it is not a must-own or worth the \$60 price tag, so rent it if you can.

Video-game preview: 'Bioshock Infinite: Burial at Sea' teaser trailer

(TNS) Developer Irrational Games has been working hard to pay homage to its original undersea action title "Bioshock" with the "Burial At Sea" story downloadable content, or DLC, for its most recent game "Bioshock Infinite." The DLC is split into two episodes, the first of which is available now and the second of which has just gotten a chilling new teaser trailer that contains

plenty of nostalgia for long-time "Bioshock" fans.

As was previously confirmed by Irrational, while Episode 1 of "Burial At Sea" has players controlling Infinite's standard protagonist Booker DeWitt, Episode 2 puts players in control of the series' other main lead Elizabeth, who is portrayed as more of a femme fatale in "Burial At Sea." The trailer offers a brief

glimpse of what players are in for as it is played from Elizabeth's viewpoint. Waking up in a waterlogged prison that has sunk far below even the deep underwater trenches that hold the city of Rapture, Elizabeth is confronted by both visions of her past as well as a few new (yet very much recognizable) friends as she struggles to find a way out. Episode 2 of "Burial At Sea"

hasn't yet received a solid release date, but the unveiling of this new trailer means we hopefully won't have to wait too much longer. Like Episode 1, the second episode, which concludes the "Burial At Sea" storyline, will be free for those who bought "Bioshock Infinite's" season pass.

You can check out the trailer at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hUQsbEO0bGw>

Support grows to simplify college-aid form

(TNS)

For many students, the road to college begins before they ever set foot on a campus, with filling out a form a long one.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid, FAFSA, determines how much financial aid (grants, loans, work study) a student can receive. Many states and colleges also use it to determine how much state aid, like HOPE scholarships, and institutional aid to award. The FAFSA is also imperative for parents and students to determine how much of their own money they will have to provide and which colleges they can afford.

With all that at stake, Washington lawmakers and President Barack Obama want to revamp and simplify the form, making the task less arduous for parents and students, and hopefully spurring more of them to complete it. But some states and colleges warn that removing too many questions will make it harder to determine which students really need financial help.

Currently, the FAFSA has 108 questions. The form can be filled out online but can still be tough to complete, particularly for first-generation college students and parents, with complicated and repetitive questions. According to a study by NerdScholar, the higher education arm of the financial literacy site NerdWallet, about \$2.9 billion — including \$82.3 million in Georgia — in federal grant dollars went unused in 2013 because 47 percent of high school graduates didn't fill out the FAFSA.

Earlier this year, Obama proposed cutting 30 questions from the form. A congressional contingent led by Republican



(Michael Sears/Milwaukee Journal Sentinel/TNS)

Jim Zaffiro, left, and his daughter Emily Zaffiro, 17, a student at Pius Catholic High School, work on filling out a FAFSA form, which determines how much and what types of financial aid students are eligible for in college.

Sen. Lamar Alexander of Tennessee wants to cut it all the way down to two questions: What is your family size? What was your household income two years ago?

Georgia's Senators Johnny Isakson and David Perdue signed on to Alexander's FAST Act.

About 40 to 50 percent of the roughly 300 seniors at Clarkston High School in Decatur, Ga., complete a FAFSA form. "We don't make all seniors file, but those going to college, those undecided about their college choice, those interested in HOPE (awards) are encouraged to file," Clarkston's head counselor, Gayle McNair, said.

For her students and their parents, it's not so much the gathering of information that is difficult, it's the questions, McNair said. "Sometimes the (questions) seem repetitive and they have to make sure they answer the ques-

tions appropriately."

The Internal Revenue Service and the U.S. Department of Education share data to ensure the accuracy of information on FAFSA forms. About one-third of FAFSA forms are selected for verification each year by colleges and universities, as required by the federal education department. Lying on the financial aid form is punishable by up to five years in jail and fines up to \$20,000.

Glenda Shivers and her daughter Shakirah, 17, turned out on a frigid night last month at a FAFSA help session at Banerker High School in College Park, Ga., held by the Georgia Student Finance Commission. With her third child hitting college age, Shivers has had so much experience with the FAFSA that she spent much of her time helping other students complete their

forms.

"There are many students that don't have the parents and resources to help them with this form. They are the first in their families to go to college and they've never done this before," she said, so any efforts to streamline the form are welcome.

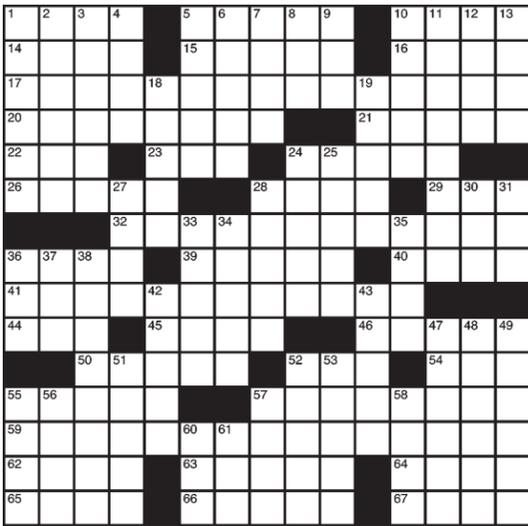
Like Shivers, the Georgia Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators supports simplifying the form.

"It's the main process for applying for financial aid and needs to be easily understood," said Susan Smith, the association's president and financial aid administrator at the University of North Georgia. But the simplification needs to be done carefully. Too much cutting will make it hard to differentiate between students who are truly in need and those who look needy on paper, Smith said.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 See the 67-Across clue
 - 5 Suitor's purchase
 - 10 Geological age
 - 14 Major follower?
 - 15 Like the accent on "passé"
 - 16 Proofer's catch
 - 17 Sandwich option
 - 20 Good-humored banter
 - 21 Superstore division
 - 22 Mandela's org.
 - 23 Wrath
 - 24 Very, in music
 - 26 Rats, gnats and brats
 - 28 Loads
 - 29 E. Berlin's land
 - 32 13-mile race
 - 36 Prefix with European
 - 39 Words on Alice's cake
 - 40 Chichén ... pyramid site
 - 41 Equine sprinter
 - 44 Home of the NFL's Rams
 - 45 High spot
 - 46 Indian region known for its tea
 - 50 Goldman's son-in-law and partner
 - 52 Share of the profits
 - 54 Poke one's nose (into)
 - 55 What we have here
 - 57 Borax-transporting driver
 - 59 It prohibits cruel and unusual punishment
 - 62 Coastal bird of prey
 - 63 Met event
 - 64 More: Abbr.
 - 65 Sign that stands out
 - 66 Old West trackers
 - 67 It can follow the starts of 17-, 32-, 41- and 59-Across
- DOWN**
- 1 Bundle up again
 - 2 Natural gas component



By Thomas Takaro

- 3 Unemotional types
- 4 Spill the beans
- 5 Less experienced, as a recruit
- 6 Natural earth shade
- 7 Chop
- 8 DFW posting
- 9 Arrange dishes and utensils on
- 10 Skylit lobbies
- 11 Ophthalmologist's concern
- 12 Australian gem
- 13 Botanical junction
- 18 Woman in a "Paint Your Wagon" song
- 19 Enzo's "Enough!"
- 24 San Antonio mission
- 25 More achy
- 27 Hammer-toting god
- 28 The Beatles' "I ___ Walrus"
- 30 Donut box qty.
- 31 Genetic letters
- 33 One who won't let go
- 34 Produces produce

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved



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- 35 Associations
- 36 Educ. testing data
- 37 Bolt partner
- 38 Repeat symbol, in scores
- 42 "Be silent," in music
- 43 Filled to the limit
- 47 Maker of brief briefs
- 48 Political philosopher Hannah
- 49 South Carolina's ___ Beach
- 51 Sickly looking
- 52 Offstage aides
- 53 Forearm bones
- 55 Babysitter, often
- 56 Charter, as a bus
- 57 Fr. wives
- 58 Eliot Ness, e.g.
- 60 Bounce
- 61 GI's address

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location
March 11, 2015	Grandma Mojo's Moonshine Revival	ISU M-Shop Doors open @ 10pm \$1 Admission
March 12-13	St Vincent	ISU Carver 101 -Free Admission 7pm & 10pm
March 16-21	SPRING BREAK!	No classes
March 25, 2015	Grandma Mojo's Moonshine Revival	ISU M-Shop Doors open @ 10pm \$1 Admission
March 31, 2015	Last day to drop full-semester classes	All day
April 18, 2015	In My Boots 5k	Registration currently open online @ http://getmeregistered.com/InMyBoots5k

Your horoscope this week

(TNS) **Aries (March 21-April 19)** Sudden changes disrupt the situation. Confront your own confusion. Breathe deeply, and keep moving. Make an escape, if necessary. Adapt to shifting sands. Balance frantic energy or chaos with peaceful solitude. Savor your quiet time.

maybe less than expected. Don't spend on romance just yet. Enjoy the game, without expensive risks. Wait to see what develops.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Navigate unexpected changes at home. Family matters need

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You're strong and getting stronger today and tomorrow. A breakdown at home requires your attention. Don't take anything for granted. Clean up messes, especially in communication. Focus on practical priorities and leave the rest for later.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Handle finances and administrative responsibilities today and tomorrow. Unexpected changes require immediate attention. Friends have resources and good ideas. Calm a nervous perfectionist. Avoid arguments (especially over money). Talk about solutions. Do the paperwork.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) A surprising opportunity arises with a partnership. Work out negotiations later. Focus on short-term objectives. Take care with sharp edges. Conditions seem unstable, and breakage is possible. Let others solve their own problems. Don't make expensive promises.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) A business trip may require your attention. Can you meet virtually? A change of scenery can be nice. Be gracious to a jerk and ignore asinine comments. Get into your work. Don't talk about money yet.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Balance fun with responsibility today. You can have it all. There's money coming in, but

attention. Be tactful with your partner. Postpone a big decision. Focus on immediate priorities, and ignore snarky remarks. You can get what you need. It all comes down to love.

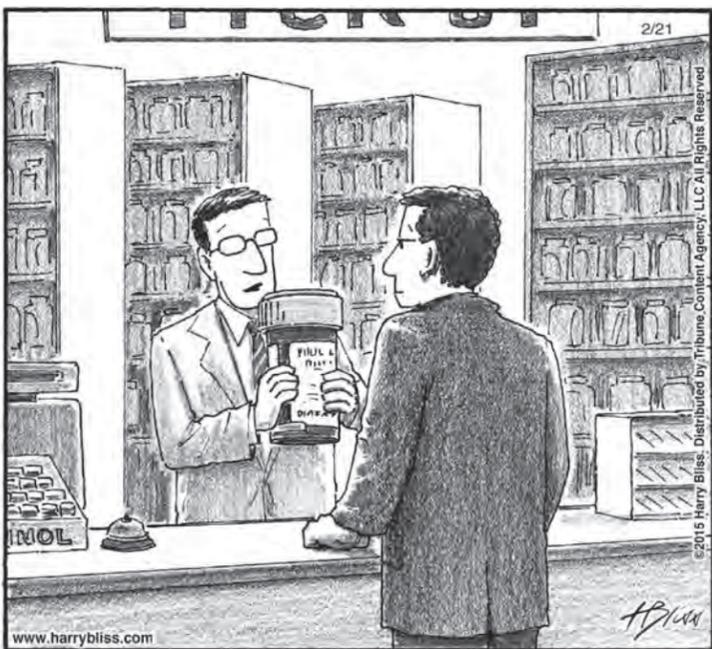
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Stick to practical basics, especially when dealing with unexpected news. Phone home. Keep in communication. Manage any immediate breakdowns. Research solutions and take notes. Connect with your network for ideas and support. Relax somewhere peaceful later.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Unexpected circumstances throw a monkey wrench in the works. Think quickly, and stifle automatic reaction. An accident would really slow you down. Don't show unfinished work yet. Check for errors. Advance more rapidly by going slow.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Peaceful solitude suits your mood. Focus on health and well-being. Exercise and eat well. Review plans and measures. Avoid misunderstandings that could snowball. Postpone travel or meetings. Quiet productivity satisfies. Be compassionate, especially with yourself.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your team gets inspirational over the next two days. Don't assume you have plenty. Act to avoid an unpleasant financial surprise. Plan it out. Mend the holes in your pockets. Slow and easy does it. Work together.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) The customer is always right, even if they're a jerk. Postpone a financial discussion that could get heated. Avoid impetuosity. Travel another day. Let your partner do the talking. Consider what's best for your career.



"This should get you through the winter."

Movie picks

Rating	Movie Title	Stars
PG	Jupiter Ascending	★★★☆☆
R	American Sniper	★★★★★
PG	McFarland, USA	★★★★★
R	Fifty Shades of Grey	★★★★★
PG	Selma	★★★★★
R	Focus	★★★★★

music downloads

Week ending March 3, 2015

Rank	Album	Artist
1	Wilder Mind	Mumford & Sons
2	Uptown Funk	Mark Ronson
3	Love Me Like You Do	Ellie Goulding
4	Thinking Out Loud	Ed Sheeran
5	FourFiveSeconds	Rihanna, Kanye West, Paul McCartney
6	Sugar	Maroon 5

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