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The Maxwell award is given to the nation’s best football player at the end of each season. The award is given in honor of Robert “Tiny” Maxwell.

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Jonathan Burns, 39, of 3305 Harrison Road - Ames, IA, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated at Stange Road and 13th Street at 12:26 a.m.

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An individual reported the theft of a ring at the Sukup Basketball Complex at 8:45 a.m.

SNAPSHOT

FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS

At dusk Sunday, July 3, fireworks were launched from lot G7 at Iowa State, where they were visible from surrounding stadium lots. The Young Professionals of Ames, in partnership with the Ames Convention & Visitors Bureau, the City of Ames, Ames Chamber of Commerce, and Iowa State University, hosted the event.

Fourth of July holiday events Monday included the Ames Mayor and City Council’s Community Pancake Breakfast and the Fourth of July parade, which traveled down Main Street.

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Terrorism is not about Islam

By Michael.Heckle
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The fear of Islamic terrorism has been embedded into the thoughts of Americans, and not without good reason. The recent attack in Orlando has shown that the threat of extremism is real, even here in the United States.

However, the conversation seems to always point itself at Islam as a religion. While it is natural to fear an ideology that has been twisted enough to lead to countless deaths, the recent attacks on Baghdad and Saudi Arabia bring into light the true nature of terrorist groups like ISIS.

By attacking Medina, as well as other cities with high Muslim populations, during the conclusion of Ramadan, ISIS showed the world that its campaign of terror and hate has little to do with Islam itself.

As America continues to heal from the attack in Orlando, it is easy to forget (or simply refuse to mention) that Muslims are just as, or even more, susceptible to the threat of terrorism as non-Muslims.

As the death toll from ISIS’s most deadly attack in Baghdad rises to 200 killed and 149 injured, those who have unjustifiably lumped all Muslims into the category of “terrorist” are forced to face the fact that ISIS has attacked Islam itself.

During the month of Ramadan, a holy month dedicated to fasting and spiritual reflection, ISIS carried out a campaign of bloodshed and terror that targeted both Muslims and non-Muslims.

The terrorist group is responsible for, or at least suspected in, attacks on Jordan, Turkey, Lebanon, Yemen, Bangladesh, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Orlando, killing well over 300 people.

While we have every right to criticize an ideology for its violent tenets (to say that Islam and its holy book are entirely pacifistic is not only disingenuous but untrue,) that criticism should not be a basis for discrimination against those who peacefully follow a religion.

Furthermore, the idea that Islam itself leads to extremism more than any other ideology has no real foundation. As more and more Muslims are killed as a result of terrorist groups like ISIS, the claim that this extremism represents all Muslims becomes more and more ridiculous.

Islam is not the problem. Extremism is.

It’s clear that terrorist groups like ISIS have little to do with Islam, or at least the Islam that is practiced by the vast majority of the world’s Muslim population. As anti-Islamic attitudes consume the conversation about terrorism, we neglect some of its most vulnerable victims.

There is no “us” and “them” between the western world and Islamic nations. We are all susceptible to the threat of Islamic extremism. The more and more we separate ourselves from the Islamic victims of terrorism through fear-mongering and misinformation, the harder it is to stand united against the real enemy.
Ames Bike Night leaves many curious

By Alex. Connor
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Nearly 2,000 bikers from the Ames area gathered June 24 for what was expected to be a night of food, fun, beer and motorcycles.

In which it was. However, on the patches on the vests of many of the bikers sported the Confederate battle flag. And on the roof of the trailer for Cool Biker Stuff, the main vendor of the night, the symbol of the South flew.

For some, the flag was nothing more than a symbol of a fight their ancestors fought. For others, the flag represented a separatist ideology of white supremacy and slavery.

And the next morning, after a photo gallery highlighting writer Gavin Aronsen’s interpretation of the night, published by the Iowa Informer, an independent, alternative media source, made its way to the limelight, a wave of disagreement ensued.

This then led to an editorial written by Aronsen about the response to his article, and disagreement from many Ames residents once again followed.

Aronsen had posted his article to Ames People, a private Facebook group. Some in the group thought that Aronsen and those who agreed with him were being too “politically correct.” Some felt that Aronsen was in the wrong and that their rights to heritage trumped opposing views.

Those who agreed with Aronsen and saw the flag as a racist representation asked others to look beyond their own personal history.

Then, the Vice President of the Ames Main Street Cultural District Paul Livingston issued an apology at the City Council meeting Tuesday night.

Livingston described that the vendor Cool Biker Stuff displayed “offensive paraphernalia.”

“We’re developing a policy going forward that will prohibit vendors on displaying anything that would be overtly political, certainly overtly racist,” Livingston said. “I wanted to extend our apologies and assure you it has our full attention.”

Gloria Betcher, ward one representative, said that she wants the Human Relations Commission to play an active role in the process moving forward.

“A continued conversation, rather than just a one of, ‘we had this event, it went wrong, let’s talk about it for a week.’ This could be something that could be a part of a focus for the HRC,” Betcher said.

Betcher then addressed what grew into a heightening fear in the community regarding the policy the District will be creating -- how can they, while still maintaining First Amendment rights?

“We can’t limit what happens on our public streets as long as it’s within constitutional guidelines,” Betcher said.

Assistant City Manager Brian Phillips told the Tribune that City Council requested the city’s legal counsel to be involved to ensure any policy change is legally sound.

The commission will deal with a unique situation with the policy and how the time, place and manner of speech can and cannot be regulated, Phillips said to the Tribune.

The commission will meet 6 p.m. Thursday, July 7 in Room 233 at City Hall according to city officials.

David Hudson, First Amendment Ombudsman for the Newseum Institute, offered his perspective on possible outcomes.

In an email Daily, Hudson said, that if “A private entity can prohibit the display of certain symbols --- a more difficult question is whether an event held on city streets with city funds is sufficiently imbued with state action in order to trigger the First Amendment.

“I would assume a decent argument could be made -- city approval, city streets, city funds, etc.”

It’d get trickier if the City passed a regulation or ordinance prohibiting the display of the Confederate flag on city streets, Hudson said.

“Then that certainly would raise [a] serious First Amendment flag.”

Jana Dunn, store owner of Cool Biker Stuff, and Jenny Alfonso, co-worker, were the ones who set up shop at Ames Bike Night. They often travel events around the area.

Dunn said her initial reaction was just shock.

“We don’t fly it all in prejudice. It’s a battle flag [and] part of history. It’s not a symbol of hatred or racism at all, it’s a heritage,” Dunn said.

However, Kathleen Hilliard, associate professor of history, disagreed.

“You can’t separate that heritage from what the South was based on. The vice president of the confederacy, Alexander Stephens, said in a speech that slavery was the cornerstone of the confederacy, he said that, outright,” Hilliard said.

Dunn accredited a lot of the miscommunication to the misunderstanding of the biker culture and what it means to be a rebel biker.

“It [Aronsen’s post] made us look like a bunch of racist pigs,” Dunn said.

Alfonso was also shocked at the reaction from Ames.

“We try and have a lot of variety of stuff, we have funny patches, and some very serious military ones,” Alfonso said.

Dunn also pointed out that while they did have the Confederate flag on their roof, they also had other flags, such as an Iowa Hawkeye flag, the United States flag and military flags, among many others.

“Our First Amendment right is the freedom of
Olympics brings new life, eyes to gymnastics

By Rich.Stevens
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The ISU gymnastics team marched down the hall into the practice facilities in Beyer Hall. What followed next was a sight to behold.

During the summer, there aren’t formal practices. Between short sprints, a rope climb, and various stretching activities, the Cyclone gymnasts find ways to condition themselves and get stronger for their upcoming season.

After about 45 minutes, they break from their continuous cycle of exercise and work on their own individual needs.

They run this practice themselves, while head coach Jay Ronayne looks on.

Ronayne said that during the school year, his athletes will train around 20 hours per week to perfect their skills.

To put that into perspective, Olympic-level gymnasts are training anywhere from 40 to 60 hours.

Ronayne said he first noticed gymnastics in the 1976 Olympics, held in Montreal.

“I was really into track,” said Ronayne. “The ’76 olympics, with Bruce Jenner, made me want to become a decathlete. But, I was also exposed to gymnastics.”

As a child obsessed on sports, he consumed as much of the Olympics as he could, and that included watching in awe at the performances of the men’s and women’s gymnastics teams from across the globe.

The Olympics had him hooked.

“Two years later, I had a chance to participate in gymnastics because my mom’s friend ran a gymnastics club,” Ronayne said. “It was the Olympics that pulled me in.”

Something the Olympics bring to the table for gymnasts, other than national attention, is a new host of entrants into the sport.

With more exposure than any time during any given stretch of four years, a lot of kids see these high-flying athletes perform on the international stage, and want to give it a shot. They see something that looks fun, challenging or interesting.

However, the older demographic has a different take on the games. They might find something that they might like to go see live.

Gymnastics is one of the most watched events on television during the Olympics.

Every four years, the gymnasts get a little extra sense of pride in what they do. The general population realizes that there’s a group of people who are doing these impossible stunts all the time.

“For a sport that’s not as mainstream as basketball, baseball, or football, that’s usually how it happens,” Ronayne said. “It’s a very special time, every four years. It gets people interested. It happened to me, and it probably happened to every one of those young ladies that are working over there right now.”

Ronayne also said that he hopes the Olympics boosts the attendance numbers at meets this coming season.

“It’s very important to coaches and athletes alike to see their sport get attention, and there’s no better way to do that than to attend a meet. Packed stands bring out the best in an athlete.

Every four years, the U.S. is reminded, once again, how special it is to watch these athletes perform.

For the Cyclones, it’s just another day.

Melvin Ejim on Canada’s Olympic Qualifying Tournament roster

By Ben.Visser
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Canada is moving to the forefront of the basketball world.

Former NBA point guard Steve Nash was the player that put Canadian basketball on the map. Now players like Andrew Wiggins and Tristan Thompson have carried that torch in the NBA.

But Canada has a host of other players in other professional leagues, and college, that are growing Canadian basketball even more. Players like former ISU men’s basketball forward Melvin Ejim.

“We put people on notice that we are going to have a really good program coming up,” Ejim said in a phone interview with the Daily. “It’s been an unbelievable experience to be a part of that, and be at the forefront of that. Hopefully we can continue grow and improve and head in the direction.”

Last year Canada hosted the Pan-American Games. Canada and Ejim received their first ever medal in the PanAm games, earning a silver medal.

Canada Basketball announced its Olympic Qualifying Tournament Roster on Sunday, and Ejim’s name was on it.

“I’m extremely excited,” he said. “Having been a part of the PanAm games last year, playing in the Olympic Qualifiers in Mexico. I’m extremely excited to have another opportunity to try and qualify for Rio, and get another chance to represent my country.”

Ejim attempts to guard an Oklahoma player. Ejim played for the Cyclones from 2010-2014 before being playing internationally for two seasons in Italy. Qualifiers in Mexico. I’m extremely excited to have another opportunity to try and qualify for Rio, and get another chance to represent my country.”

Eleven countries are trying to qualify for three spots in the 2016 Rio Olympics. The 18 teams were separated into three tournaments. The winner of each tournament goes to the Olympics.

Canada has Senegal, Turkey, France, New Zealand and Philippines in their tournament.

Ejim has been playing the last two years in Italy. He believes that international experience will help him.

“You play against so many different players from all over the world when you play overseas,” Ejim said. “I think you learn the style of play, the concepts that they use and I think that brings a lot to the table.

“I think [international experience] going to be vital. We have a lot of guys with international experience and our coaches have tons of international experience. It’s only going to help us get prepared for what we have a head of us.”

Ejim recorded seven points, two rebounds and two points in Canada’s 77-69 win over Turkey on Tuesday.

Winning their tournament won’t be easy. France has six NBA players on their roster including, All-Star Tony Parker.

“We are facing some of the top teams at the qualifier and have prepared by completing a rigorous preparation schedule in Europe,” Nash, the general manager said in a statement. “We have a tremendous opportunity to achieve an Olympic berth and our players and staff will be doing everything possible to achieve our goal of qualifying for Rio.”
One-on-One with Steve Martin

When he’s not traveling the world lecturing on glass and batteries, he’s with his students – or quilting.

By Jenna.Hrdlicka
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Steve Martin, a professor of materials science and engineering, is performing groundbreaking research in glass and has traveled the world to talk about it. He recently sat down with the Daily to discuss his career and experiences in the field.

What is your research focused on?

I’m what you call the glass guy. I do all kinds of glass research and work on solving glass problems. For example, I develop and study new types of glasses to make it impossible, though we’re not there yet, for your screen on your phone to crack. At the same time, I’m an engineer. I want it to never break, but it has to be light, be thin, be easily manufactured, and if it could cost nothing, that would be great.

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How did you initially get involved in this field?

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I got to read all of the new chemistry journals that came through each month, and in one I discovered an Australian professor of chemistry at Purdue University who was using glass to develop a new type of high-energy density battery. Batteries that last more than a minute, that are easily manufactured, and if it could cost nothing, that would be great.

I was interested in batteries, and I had grown up right across the river from a window glass plant that my grandfather worked at, so I would talk to him often. When my son was five years old he said to me, “Dad, are you ever going to invent the everlasting battery?”

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Why else do you travel?

I fly to all kinds of places for a variety of reasons. I fly for conferences, collaboration and even consulting. When I get back from my trip to Germany I will be traveling to Settle to visit a law firm because I am consulting with them on a glass manufacturing problem.

I also fly to check on the students that I send abroad for research. Not only do I send my students internationally to do research, but other universities send their kids here to Iowa State to research as well. During my trip to The University of Münster in Germany, I will be visiting an ISU student who is studying there and also a student from Germany who studied here.

What do you like to do for fun outside of work?

Believe it or not, I am a quilter. I make all of my nieces and nephews baby quilts when they are born and then T-shirt quilts when they graduate.

I also referee for both adult and high school soccer games around the area, I do lots of woodworking and I love to read. Right now I’m reading the Century Trilogy. I also love sappy love stories; I am a big Nicholas Sparks fan. I typically read about three different types of books at one time. Usually it’s a sappy love story, or something like that, a historical fiction book and something in respect to technical or self-help.

What is your biggest accomplishment?

Getting my wife to marry me. I couldn’t believe it; I thought, there’s no way! But I married my high school sweetheart. Number two is having my wonderful three children.

Just being a professor is one of my biggest accomplishments. The research is great; I’m walking my dream right now being able to work on the stuff that I’m most experienced in, but I do it because I get research funds that I can support students with. The students are why I’m here.

What’s the most rewarding part of teaching for you?

I think it’s when the students get it. I get to teach seniors, so in my class we combine all of the knowledge and elements of this field that they’ve learned previously.

When they start understanding the connections, they can start synthesizing things and really working through problems. I get to see that learning process and when they really get it it’s just like, “Yes, yes, yes! I win!” I think it’s cool.

The other thing I love to do is get the kids jobs because it really empowers them and changes their lives in a really cool way.

What are you working on currently?

We just got a big $3 million proposal for one of our current projects, Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy. This project is dealing with developing new types of sodium batteries to help store wind energy here in Iowa.

And just yesterday I submitted a proposal that was my dream come true. It was a request from the Department of Energy because they think this really will work.

I have been working in this area for 40 years, and throughout that time people have never really believed that these new materials would work.

People always said to me, “No Dr. Martin, you can’t use glass in a battery because it’s weak and has problems that you’ll never overcome.”

But we’re working on it, and people are finally realizing the potential of using glasses for batteries.
speech. We’re not here saying we support the Nazis or the KKK, we are not that at all,” Alfonso said.

“This flag does not represent that to us at all,” Dunn said.

Hilliard said that the flag that people saw at Bike Night was one that became really popular after the civil war.

“It became a symbol for some of what the South was,” Hilliard said.

She said it as what historians discribed as an ideology that white southerners developed after the war called the “lost cause.”

“But it was worth fighting for. The flag became for many people a symbol of that,” Hilliard said.

Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion Reginald Stewart commented on the issue, saying that flags have a very nationalist orientation, and that there is no gray area.

“That line is clean. You either believe it is about culture, or supremacy. [There is] no inbetween,” Stewart said.

Stewart said that most often when discussing the flag, it becomes a circular issue, in which no one wants to yield their opinion.

“You’re not going to sway the pro-Confederate flag side to the con-side. You’re not going to get people to budge,” Stewart said.

“I’m [just] asking people to read the legacy of the Confederate flag and what it symbolizes and what it is meant to symbolize. And then ask, is that reflective of the culture today?”

“I’m a firm believer that you don’t get to pick the interpretation.

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