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A straw poll is an informal, nonbinding vote. Since its creation in 1979, the Ames Straw Poll has become one of the earliest and most-scrutinized tests of a candidate’s sway with the public. According to the straw poll’s website, more than 10,000 Iowans and hundreds of media personnel are expected to attend.

The event has an informal atmosphere, with candidates able to buy space for tents where they can serve food, host live music and make speeches.

The straw poll also functions as a fundraiser for the Iowa Republican Party, and has been criticized because candidates with more money have been known to pay to bus in supporters.

The event and the candidates’ speeches at it are free to attend. To participate in the vote, however, attendees must be 18 years old before November 2012 and a legal resident of the state Iowa. Upon arrival, each voter must present both valid ID and a ticket to be issued a ballot. Tickets are $30, and are available through the straw poll’s website.

Each voter’s thumb is dipped in a type of ink that clings to the skin for about a week, to prevent him or her from being allowed to vote multiple times. There will also be a write-in option on the ballot.


The 2011 Iowa Straw Poll

When:
Saturday, August 13, beginning at 10 a.m.
Between noon and 3:30 p.m., each of the candidates in attendance will give 15-minute speeches.
Voting ends at 4 p.m.
Where:
Hilton Coliseum parking lot

Herman Cain
R-Ga.
Former chairman and CEO of Godfather's Pizza
- Worked for the Department of the Navy as a computer systems analyst for the Coca-Cola Company
- Is an advocate of large spending cuts and lower taxes
- Said he has an “extraordinary obligation to do what he could to make this a safe and prosperous nation” for his children

According to a July 27 Gallup poll, 5 percent of Republicans indicated support for him in the field of announced candidates.

A July 28 Pew Research Center poll showed 8 percent of Republican voters would like to see Cain win the party’s nomination.

Michele Bachmann
R-Minn.
Congresswoman
- First Republican woman to be elected to the U.S. House by Minnesotans
- Touts her “tea party values” and her belief in “constitutional conservatism” and limited government
- Describes herself as a “defender of the unborn” and “staunchly stands for religious liberties”
- Tax reform is one of the primary focuses of her campaign.

In a July 28 Pew Research Center poll, 11 percent of Republican voters said they would like to see Bachmann win the party’s nomination. According to a July 27 Gallup poll, Bachmann has gained the most support since June among announced Republican candidates, jumping from 7 to 18 percent.

Rick Santorum
R-Penn.
Former U.S. Senator
- Known for being both fiscally and socially conservative
- Holds a strong anti-gay stance
- Known for his involvement with the Welfare Reform Act of 1996, which changed welfare to require that recipients be employed to continue receiving benefits
- Holds “faith and families,” fiscal conservatism and national security as his top priorities

Gallup polls indicate Santorum faces a “recognition problem,” in addition to slightly below-average positive intensity scores.
Mitt Romney
R-Mass.
Former governor and businessman
- Tenure as governor was marked by a moderate turnaround of the state’s struggling budget
- Achieved healthcare reform that provided near-universal coverage to citizens of Massachusetts
- Winner of the 2007 Ames Straw Poll

Romney will not be attending this year’s Straw Poll, but has still finished second to Michelle Bachmann in recent Iowa opinion polls.

Newt Gingrich
R-Ga.
Former Speaker of the House
- Prioritizes the economy, national security, energy, healthcare and "religious liberty"
- Has had some roadblocks in his candidacy, including the resignations of several of his top staffers in June
- Was credited with the aiding the success of the Republican Party in this year’s elections
- Was named Man of the Year in 1995 by Time Magazine
- The founder of American Solutions for Winning the Future, designed to tackle major problems in a non-partisan way

Gallup polls show that Gingrich has never had a very positive public image. Gingrich is not expected to appear in person at the Straw Poll, but has been included on the ballot since he is officially running for president.

Thaddeus McCotter
R-Mich.
Congressman
- Started his own law practice prior to his legislative experience, and is still a member of the State Bar of Michigan
- Website describes him as a "tax-cutting, common sense, fiscal conservative" who supports "winning the War for Freedom"
- Aims to reduce taxes and limit the size and scope of government
- Is a bipartisan band, The Second Amendments, which he formed with other representatives

Although McCotter has received minimal media attention, according to the Iowa Republican, he was the second-highest bidder for his space at the Straw Poll, purchasing his lot for $18,000.

Tim Pawlenty
R-Minn.
Former Governor
- Balanced the Minnesota state budget, partially by passing healthcare reforms
- Campaigning on a strongly conservative platform
- Was heavily involved in John McCain’s 2008 campaign
- Identifies the economy, healthcare, national security and education as top priorities

Gallup polls show Pawlenty has a slightly below-average positive intensity score among people who know him, and name recognition continues to be a challenge for him and other lesser-known candidates.

Jon Huntsman
R-Utah
Former governor
- Appointed by President Obama as U.S. ambassador to China in 2009
- Considered the most moderate candidate on the straw poll ballot
- Has been heavily involved in U.S.-Asian relations in trade and diplomacy since the 1990s
- Reached an approval rating of 90 percent during his time as Governor
- Is not campaigning in Iowa due to his opposition to ethanol subsidies

Huntsman will not be present at the straw poll, but was added to the ballot by the Iowa Republican Party.

Ron Paul
R-TX
Congressman
- Consistently ranked as one of the most conservative members of Congress
- Libertarian-leaning
- Hopes to end the federal “War on Drugs”
- Aims to heavily reduce foreign military operations
- Wants to abolish the federal income tax, the Internal Revenue Service and the Federal Reserve

A May poll by CNN Opinion showed Paul fared the best of all potential GOP candidates in a hypothetical general election against Barack Obama.
Editorial

Continuing Mideast strife can’t be ignored

With all the hoopla around the debt ceiling here in the good ol’ U.S. of A., many folks have put the Arab Spring uprisings far out of their minds.

Nevertheless, the uprisings are still happening, and the fledgling governments still face violence and difficulties they have been since the January kickoff of the fights for freedom.

In Egypt, the liberal and leftist groups that lead the revolution are losing support. Now that the sparks have died down, and arguments about who takes power next are at the forefront, many folks are becoming disillusioned by the rhetoric they’re being presented with.

Despite the civil war in Libya, Moammar Gadhafi remains at large. There’s still no end in sight for that conflict.

In Tunisia, there are rumors of a second revolution on the horizon in order to deal with the stubborn remnants of Zine El Abidine Ben Ali’s supporters. Their hopes for democracy hinge upon so many factors a domino setup would be more stable.

Top this off with Algeria, Bahrain, Yemen and many others still looking toward the outcome of Egypt to assist in their own efforts for regime change, and you can see that the web of world politics remains in an intriguing state of unrest.

So now that the debt thing is in a holding pattern, let your eyes wander back out across the world and see how much hardship and hope is still influencing your life, whether you like it or not.

Free speech

Censoring car add-ons is nuts

By Gabriel Stoffa

W hen it comes to free speech, I am all for expressing whatever idiotic notion you might find yourself supporting; in fact I am generally amused by it.

Be it your t-shirt with a sexual innuendo, some ill-informed political stance misspelled and written sloppily on a placard, or even a lewd word directed against the idea of “the establishment” crushing your beliefs, I will rally to the cause of free speech even as I pray to the heavens above that I could prevent some folks from expressing their particularly twisted messages.

The latest infringement on the delicate sensibilities of residents to have some states’ panties in a bunch are those superfluous “truck nuts.” I remember seeing those things when I was in high school and wondering what the point was, and then remembering I grew up in a rather redneck setting and shrugging it off. Often, I would hop in the truck with the very people whose trucks had nuts, and we would drive off to party in a field.

Recently, though, in South Carolina of all places, police chief Franco Fuda decided a pair of red hanging truck nuts adorning the trailer hitch of one Virginia Tice was a violation of the state’s obscene bumper sticker law.

“A sticker, decal, emblem, or device is indecent ... in a patently offensive way, as determined by contemporary community standards, sexual acts, excretory functions, or parts of the human body,” according to the South Carolina code of laws.

Just in case you haven’t exercised due diligence in understanding how the First Amendment works, I’ll let you in on a flaw to South Carolina’s law: In the Supreme Court case of Texas v. Johnson, it was laid out that the government may not prohibit the expression of an idea simply because society finds the idea itself offensive or disagreeable — thank you Dirk Dean’s Constitutional law courses.

With that in mind, Fuda’s $445 ticket written to Tice is going to be tossed out.

It’ll be treated the same way that many other “violations” of a similar kind are by any judge worth his salt; too bad some morons in this country are bigots who like to have judges who understand the concept of correctly interpreting the law ousted.

But if this is all going to be dealt with so simply, why is this getting coverage more than a joke or two in “The Daily Show”? Well, it is because laws like this are still in place across this fair country, and they are not eliminated nearly enough. Somehow, crazy laws that violate constitutional freedoms are still being passed, or are still sitting on the books with nary a challenger in sight.

How, you might ask, are these problems still cropping up? Simply put, it is because many folks — and sadly, many politicians — have little idea of what is actually written in the Constitution, let alone how the Supreme Court has ruled on cases concerning the article or amendment of pertinent.

It is bad enough that our educational system is so in the shitter that many students cannot even tell you a quarter of the contents of the Constitution, but the cherry on top is that some of those folks elected to office — and even seriously running for president — who are supposed to be familiar with the Constitution don’t know what it actually says; they just wing it, provoking some marvelous public mockery across the Web.

If you are glad some random creeper cannot slap your behind at work for a “job well done” without your permission, thank the Constitution. If you appreciate the fact that you cannot be forced into a separate bathroom because of your skin color, thank the Constitution.

And if you want to keep some overly zealous law enforcement agents from barging into your den to root through your personal effects, you had better thank the Constitution.

What I’m getting at is that you need to be informed about what can or cannot be done to or by you, as set forth and ruled upon by our Supreme Court so that you don’t fall prey to the acts of the misguided holding positions of authority.

So I will leer, jeer and throw up my middle finger and say “fuck you” here and in other forums to the notion of people in positions of power being so ignorant. Because according to the way the First Amendment has been interpreted (and correctly, I might add), I am expressing myself in compliance with the law.
Guest column

College GOP scuffle lays defects bare

Last week, a friend of mine forwarded me an interesting email from Logan Pala, the president of the Iowa State College Republicans. In this email, Pala was informing members of the College Republicans of the treatment he had received from the Republican Party of Iowa. The following account is drawn purely from that email. It describes how the College Republicans had offered their time to volunteer at the straw poll and were told that they would be given tickets for the debate.

After a string of phone calls from various representatives of the Republican Party of Iowa, it turned out that the state party would not be giving the College Republicans any tickets.

Mr. Pala’s email also describes threats to tell candidates about his “unprofessionalism” made by members of the party.

While my past experience with Mr. Pala has been rocky due to our disagreement about the way ISU Ambassadors should conduct itself at the annual Regents Day at the Capitol, I do think that this email detailing Logan’s experience with the Republican Party of Iowa should serve as a wake-up call for us.

During the six months leading up to the November elections, I volunteered my time at the Ames Victory office under the direction of Dane Nealson.

While I personally regret helping to put many of the Republicans we did into office, I cannot say that the Ames office was not run superbly. Dane was a highly enthusiastic and motivational leader, his volunteers were exceptional, and his numbers clearly showed as much. The College Republicans put in a huge amount of time there, and continued to remain active throughout the spring.

However, according to Mr. Pala’s email, their efforts didn’t matter to the state GOP, and their bottom line is that they need to make money (how very Republican of them).

Last January, after voicing my support for the Iowa Supreme Court judges who were recalled, I was fired from my clerking position with Rep. Renee Schulte at the order of Iowa House Speaker Kraig Paulsen. It rather surprised me that the House Republicans could get so unnerved by a Facebook post criticizing Bob Vander Plaats and my applauding the Varnum decision, but I am just one person with no particularly deep connection to the party. It amazes me that the state party would do such a thing to alienate what few supporters of our age it has.

The power trip that the Republican Party of Iowa has gone on is scandalous. In the last seven months, I have borne two attacks concerning Rep. Schulte’s dismissal of me and my views about Regents Day. In the same span of time, The governor has gone on unprecedented firing and cutting sprees and the legislature has persistently tried to infringe on the rights of individuals, all the while bickering like children over the most minute issues.

In the meantime, the state’s budget is in pieces and a state senator is telling ISU students to go home. Now a state senator is telling ISU students to go home. Now the Republican Party of Iowa is threatening its very own minions. At what point should this party be held accountable? I hope this will happen in the 2012 elections, but in the meantime we at Iowa State need to step up and show that we are paying attention.

The future leaders of Iowa are being cultivated at Iowa State while the present leaders continually show us blatant disrespect. This is painful to watch, but it’s even more painful to see the apathy that students are showing. We need to make it known when these things happen to our fellow voters. Rather than letting these things deter us, we need to use them as motivation to make our government better.

By the way, College Republicans, when someone asks to be taken off of your mailing list, you might want to listen to them.

Jeremy Freeman, member of the ISU College Republicans, responds to a question about the Second Amendment at the Caucus Cup Debate with the ISU College Democrats. File photo: Iowa State Daily
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Music videos

‘That Girl’ wraps shoot

By Vincent Geerts
Ames247 Writer

Ladysoal’s music video, “Sunshine,” has earned more than 3,000 views on YouTube and airtime on public access stations in Texas, Alabama and Pennsylvania. But Ladysoal frontwoman Sharika Soal believes this is only a start. Her goal is to reach 20,000 YouTube views of the band’s next video, which finished filming on Sunday.

The new video is set to the song “That Girl,” which Soal said is about a sexual encounter between two women. She hopes that the video will be a comfort to the entire LGBT community, and its give members the courage to stand out.

“I think they can get lost in the crowd,” Soal said. “It’s really for anyone who’s ever struggled with their identity.”

More than 20 of Soal’s friends served as extras in the video. They dressed in flamboyantly colored drag and appeared in a dance sequence with the singer.

All filming took place at Project 20/20, which video director Douglas Choi transformed into a custom set. He was thankful for the business’ cooperation, and said the space was exactly what he had been looking for.

“All of the walls are black, which makes it perfect for us,” Choi said. “We have a lot of control over light, which would bounce all over the place in a white room.”

He was impressed with Ladysoal’s friends, too.

“When I worked on the East Coast filming, maybe three or four people would show up when you expect twenty,” Choi said. “Everybody loves Sharika, and they all showed up on the spot, ready to go.”

Soal expressed high hopes for her new video. She wants it to draw attention to the Iowa music community as well as supporting the LGBT community.

“There’s so many talented people in Iowa that haven’t been heard of,” she said. “Let’s bust some doors open and raise a flag Iowa is here!”

Though Ladysoal doesn’t yet have the fame it seeks, Soal is not discouraged. She thanked everyone who helped to make the video a reality, including Project 20/20, Studio X and the many friends who influenced her vision for the new video.

“C创造性地, we’re millions of people already,” she said.

Soal predicted the new video would take about a month to edit. After it’s been completed, she plans to release it on her YouTube channel as soon as possible.

The band Ladysoal attracted notice when video of its song “Sunshine” got airtime on public-access stations in Texas, Alabama and Pennsylvania. Photo: Victoria Harjadi

Live music

DMers set for major gig

By Vincent Geerts
Ames247 Writer

Des Moines-based band Cirrus Minor earned a reputation in Ames after playing sold-out shows at DG’s Taphouse. When the band was invited back to the venue for its first headline, members decided to do more than just play a show. This Friday, Cirrus Minor will distribute the first copies of its debut full-length album, “Animad verto Demens,” to everyone paying admission for their show at DG’s Taphouse.

Friday night isn’t fans’ only chance to get the album for free. Cirrus Minor will perform another release show for fans of all ages the following day at The 504 Club in Des Moines; anyone who pays admission may also receive a copy of the album.

Bassist and founding member Aaron Lea hopes that distributing the album will help spread the band’s name.

“We’ve been working really hard to try and get our name all around,” Lea said. “This way, people have something physical to remember us by.”

Cirrus Minor has played shows with big ticket acts all over the musical spectrum. Blues Traveler, Primus, Girl Talk and Wockoofoot have all shared bills with the local act, but the band’s style doesn’t match any of them. Lea said the band plays music from all kinds of genres for practical reasons.

“We try to make our shows as much of a party as we can,” Lea said. “If you’re partying all night, you don’t want to listen to only one kind of music all night.”

Lea said the band also enjoys the challenge of playing such a diverse set of material. “Animad verto Demens” reflects the band’s live performance style, and the genre on the record varies from track to track.

“We’re really happy with the way the album came out,” Lea said. “We put a lot of time into it and we think it really shows what we’re capable of.”

Though the band has changed drummers since the recording of the album, Lea is certain it will not hold the band back.

The lineup has been unchanged for almost a year now, and five new songs have been written. Lea said the band members will be recording the new songs to an EP in the fall, and gearing up to play festivals next summer.

By Julia Ferrell
Ames247 Writer

Release Shows

When:
Friday, Aug. 5 at 9p.m. (21+ only)
Saturday, Aug. 6 from 4-9 p.m. (all ages)

What:
Cirrus Minor’s release shows.

Where:
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INSTRUCTIONS: Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every number 1 to 9. For strategies on solving Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

Today's solution:

Daily Horoscope: by Nancy Black and Stephanie Clements

Virgo: Learn to Balance

Today's Birthday (03/01/11). The year ahead promises renewal. Keep what works, and let go of what doesn’t. Be cautious with your expenses. You can renew without spending much. Balance planning for the future with staying present in the moment.

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

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 7 -- There's a time to be nurturing with your friends, and a time to be alone and focus on yourself. You can have both. Trust your instincts.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Express the love you have for your community. It's a good time to plan a neighborhood garden exchange or block party. Embrace change: It brings you luck.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Love is triumphant again. It’s time for an expedition to a faraway land, or to your artistic side. Paint, draw, play with colors, even if unsure. Explore.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Be thankful for what you’ve got. The end of one idea can represent the birth of another. Clear your thoughts with some quiet time. It all works out.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Accepting other people’s differences allows for amazing partnership. There’s always something to learn. Pay attention to your surroundings to chart the terrain.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Love is the game and the prize. Work also holds both the game and the prize. Learn to balance both today. Friends are impressed by this and admire you.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Check in with a favorite friend or sibling. Try a new art or practice today: abstract painting, veggie roasting, karate kicking -- the possibilities are endless.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Follow mom’s advice to win. Home is where the heart is, especially today. Pay attention to the ghosts of the past, then make your own decision.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Demand the facts and get them, to figure out what’s next. Work on that novel, poem or letter that you’ve been waiting to write. You’ve got the words.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Money comes easily. Nevertheless, get even more efficient. A penny saved is better than two earned. It’s easier and faster. Don’t forget to rest.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 9 -- You’re irresistible. Kindness gives you an inner glow. You can do anything you want. What do you want for other people? What do you want for yourself?

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 7 -- The day can be more challenging than you wanted it to be. Stick to it. You’re rewarded with sweet satisfaction and experience points.

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Members of the Iowa State Marching Band greet the student section during halftime of the Iowa State-Nebraska game on Nov. 6, 2010, at Jack Trice Stadium. File photo: Tim Reuler/Iowa State Daily

Band marches toward date of fall auditions

By Basil Rain
Ames247 Writer

Keep your ears open; the Cyclone Marching Band is coming to a football field near you.

Starting on August 16, the ISU Cyclone Football “Varsity” Marching band will begin practicing for the upcoming football season.

Currently, the audition process is still underway for ISU’s numerous bands. Drum line starts auditioning on August 13, while concert and jazz band auditions start around Aug. 22.

To audition, students are only required to bring their own music. “We want to hear something slow and lyrical and something fast and technical,” said Michael Golem, chair of the music department. “The more advanced the music, the more advanced the player.”

Golem said students’ schedules are also key factors in determining which band is right for them.

If a student cannot fit the marching band into their schedule, he or she could still be able to participate in one of the other bands.

In the time before practice starts, Golem said instructors work to put together a collection of songs to perform for the season. “A lot goes into picking out music. You need to know who your audience is and how long you have to practice a piece,” Golem said. “A lot of pieces are ones we’ve played in the past.”

The marching band will perform Sept. 3 during ISU’s home opener against the University of Northern Iowa.