

farm subsidies from 1999 to 2012.

I am not sure just where this is found in the Bible, but evidently those who work the system shall pig out.

— R.J. Evans, Omaha

359 years later, Vatican changes its view

In 1633, the Roman Catholic Church threatened to burn Galileo at the stake if he didn't recant his discovery that the Earth revolves around the sun. In 1992, the pope announced that the church was willing to admit Galileo was right.

If it took the Vatican 359 years to admit they were wrong about the Earth moving, how long do you suppose it will take them to change their minds about same-sex marriage?

— Phil Walsh, Des Moines

Government actions answer camera question

For years, those for and against the government's red-light and speed cameras have gone back and forth on whether the purpose of the cameras is increased safety or increased revenue. After read-

and Hamilton made a few. Outreach has distributed more than 233 million free meals to children in the United States and more than 15 other countries. These two Iowans perfectly match the spirit of volunteerism that President Bush wanted to celebrate.



A thistle to retailers that have banned sale of the latest issue of Rolling Stone magazine because it

ing the Register editorial ["It's Wrong for Government Cars to be Invisible," July 18], is there any question about this anymore?

If it were about safety and not revenue, then why are 3,200 government vehicles exempt? If it were about safety, would local police departments ignore following up on these exempt offenders and safety risk-takers?

— Mike Rowley, Clive

Quinn shows he's a role model on civility

I was impressed with the tone of Kenneth M. Quinn's Iowa View ("Ag's Huge Challenge is Growing Ever Larger," July 14).

Quinn eloquently demonstrated that he holds a different view than Register columnist Rekha Basu about the three recipients of this year's World Food Prize without attacking Basu's character.

His style of writing characterizes the spirit of civility so desperately needed when engaged in discourse about complex world issues.

Even though there are pros and cons in using biotechnology to feed the world, Quinn is a person who has earned world admiration and respect both for his knowledge and respectful character.

Thank you for being a role model for us in showing how to disagree with integrity.

— Kevin Pokorny, Des Moines

earlier appeared on the front page of the New York Times.) Whatever one's take on the cover, the important point is that the long-form investigative article inside the magazine is an exhaustive probe into how a seemingly well-adjusted kid could turn into a terrorist. In stark contrast to the celebrity fawning on the covers of so many other popular magazines, Rolling Stone's effort at serious journalism deserves to be read, not banned.

that a violent sex offender can live across the hall from a helpless, terrified elderly woman, with one overworked, minimum-wage night attendant on duty.

This is not the way we do things in Iowa. This isn't merely wrong. It's a sin.

— Michael Devine, Fort Dodge

An important lesson from fatal shooting

The police officers who shot and killed Larry Hawkins offer an important lesson for those who believe that school teachers should be armed ("Suspect Shot Three Times," July 13): The officers missed their target with four of their seven shots.

Police officers are highly and continually trained with their handguns. If some of them can miss their human target with over half their shots, what can we expect from a teacher confronted by a heavily armed intruder?

And in a school hallway or a classroom full of students, what are the bullets that miss their intended mark going to hit?

— David Leonard, Waukee

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