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Assessment Program.
Al Gore: a support bellwether

By Kelsey Beltrame

At: 6:40 a.m. on Oct. 30

For more local news

hours of training and riding

for 40 additional hours to

and police-community rela-

tions. When officers are hired, they are required to

used to be "tempted" to go into

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are not necessarily in the mood to respond to polls.

Fewer people will be around," he said. "They will be visiting family

during that time period, so there won’t be as many people around as there were last year.

Pollsters have never faced a more difficult challenge," she said, not-

ing that the situation will likely be trying for everyone.

David Redlawsk, director of the Hawkeye Poll, said he isn’t sure

how anyone will be able to get good polling data over the holidays.

"It’s unusual territory for pollsters,” he said. “As a practical matter, it’s going to be very difficult to poll immediately before Christmas.

After frequent contact with law

and police enforcement agencies, Quiles said after volunteers

"It was a way for me to get a

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about the Nite Ride program,

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credit card with an average balance of $1,829.

that more than two vats would run out. We don’t think that would be a problem.

"It's definitely a good idea to have that credit limit...in case of so many attacks," she said. "I'd rather have the credit limit set too high than not.

"I have friends who are students — I would worry," she said. "I'd rather have the credit limit set too high than not.

"It'll be worse, because we’re working closely with administrators, and every-

one’s behind us," he said. "This is our chance to get the ball rolling and make a difference."

The Government Oversight Committee also listened to rep-

resentatives from Iowa State University and the University of Northern Iowa.

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If you have not heard of Stephen Colbert in the last month, you may need to check your pulse. The man is hotter than the sun, cooler than your freezer, and has sent Britney Spears apotheosis among popculture. The Comedy Central personality and host of "The Colbert Report" has announced he'll run for president in his home state of South Carolina. Don't be shocked if he wins. In its recent telephone survey, the independent polling company Rasmussen Reports puts Colbert in the lead by 13 percentage points over the high-independents candidate. The report also found that, running as a hypothetical third-party candidate, Colbert has amassed a following of more than nine months of constant coverage in Iowa. In the history of elections, there have been longer shots at winning than Colbert. Jesse Ventura, a professional wrestler, was elected president of Minnes-ota. Ross Perot, an immensely rich man who grew a wild hair and an anti-trade platform, was no less of a likely candidate for the presidency when Arnold Schwarzenegger ran for governor of California! Colbert might be a sore cute shot when you line him up with those three.

To invoke Colbert's voice for a moment: this country is turning to the only thing that can make sense, the man who is saying that it has a fever, and he's not the only prescription is more Colbert.

Colbert-mania points to unappetizing differences, the most prominent of them being that this is the real world, and the editorial Board thinks that means that an awful movie. His widespread popularity comes today, not because the show off. Lee took the stage at 7 p.m., who had the hardest and most thankless job and his investigators. Frederick Hitz, who served as the agency's inspector general, will be "low key," as Hayden put it. The review will be interpreted as an attempt to intimidate Helgerson, the inspector general's operation. What were those questions? The Helgerson's performance in light of unspecified "questions in my mind" about the inspector general.
By Cole Cheney

Saves the Day

The poster boys for emo music

Saves the Day arguably peaked with 1999’s _Blackout_. Since then, their sound has slipped, but as frontman Greg Saunier observed, “The songs on _Blackout_ are still quite good. I think there are a lot of people who don’t know about that album.”

In _Blackout_, Saves the Day showcased a talent for melody and dynamics that has since proven useful to other bands, such as The Used and SA Barrier. But while those bands have continued to explore their sound, Saves the Day has not. Instead, they’ve focused on delivering the same type of music that made them popular in the first place. And while their discography is impressive, it’s also clear that their best work is behind them.

The band’s recent album, _The Contender_, is a good example of this. While it features some strong moments, it also contains some tracks that feel like they were forced out of necessity rather than because they were genuinely good ideas. And while the band’s live shows are still enjoyable, they’re also beginning to feel like a chore rather than something that excites them.

But even with these concerns, there’s still a lot to like about Saves the Day. Their songs are often catchy and well-crafted, and they’ve always been able to connect with audiences on an emotional level. And despite their shortcomings, they still make music that’s worth listening to. So if you’re a fan, keep an eye out for their next release, and remember that while they may not be the band they once were, they’re still worth supporting.

By Nathan Ley

What: Poetry

When: Thursday, October 25, 7 p.m.

Where: Prairie Lights Books

Experience the power of poetry with a reading by Nathan Ley, a local poet and author. Ley’s work explores themes of identity, place, and memory, and his readings are not to be missed. Don’t miss this opportunity to hear Ley’s words in person and get a glimpse into his creative process.
Atul Nakhasi. "Face-to-face saidUI Democrats President in touch with the students," good strategies in trying to stay in their home towns, Grubbs make an impact by caucusing Iowa native students who can student at the UI. and organized Republicans on on several caucus campaigns problem for Obama," said in their home towns, Grubbs said. "We're trying to get some mentions out there to get them to come in (to Iowa City) to vote," he said. Baker is still working to organize a "student course" for student-dominated precincts at the DIU, he said, despite a likely drop in attendance. While some will undoubtedly drive to Iowa City, the new date may keep many Illinois students from caucusing. "The candidate I like isn't doing so well here, it's probably to get my vote in there," said Gina Kaczmarski, a UI sophomore and supporter of former New York City Mayorel Rubi Giuliani. Kaczmarowski, from Cicero Ill., was considering coming back to Iowa City early if the caucuses were on Jan. 14, but said she's too close to the holidays for her. Both Baker and Nihal said they had heard of campaigns looking into busing students in from Illinois. "That would be a logistical nightmare," Grubbs said. He previously tried to get students out to the Republi- can straw poll in Ames with little success. "With only requiring one day to make sure local events like precinct meetings weren't on the low retention rates. The highest concentration of dropout factories is in large cities or high-poverty rural areas in the South and Southwest. Most have high proportions of minority stu- dents. These schools are tougher to turn around, because their students face challenges well beyond the academic ones — the need to work two jobs, for example, or a need for social services. Utah, which has low poverty rates and few minority students, is the only state with no drop- out factory. South Carolina has the highest percentage of dropout factories in high schools in those states classify as dropout factories. "Art of the problem we've had here is we've live in a state that culturally and traditionally has not valued a high school education," said Jim Foster, a spokesman for South Carolina's Department of Education. He noted that South Carolina resi- dents once could get good jobs in textile mills without a high-school degree, but that those jobs are now much harder to come by. Federal lawmakers haven 't focused much attention on the problem. The No Child Left Behind education law, for example, pays much more attention to educating younger students. But that appears to be changing. House and Senate propo- nents of the tax proposal to require the five-year-old Head Start program to go high schools, more federal money and put more pressure on state and local education administration supports the idea.
SPORTS

Men's Basketball: First hoops tests near, 2B
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SCOREBOARD

NFL

San Jose 4, Dallas 2
Washington 7, Toronto 1
N.Y. Rangers 3, Tampa Bay 1

NHL Network will carry the Big Ten kickoff, but that contest will be played on the East Coast. Minnesota is also an 11 a.m. game.

NBA

Today and 18 holes on the links will play on the TNT Network.

GOLF

Women's golf heads to Hawaii as the Hawkeye women's and men's golf teams are traveling to Cancun for the Intercollegiate Tournament for the women's golf team and the March Break Invitational for the men's golf team.

WOMEN’S CROSS COUNTRY

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By Ryan Donahue
FOOTBALL

Donahue honored
An Iowa football player received national attention from the Big Ten on Monday for his performance against Michigan State. But it may not be the first person that might come to mind.

Redshirt freshman punter Ryan Donahue, named Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week, making a second half field goal against the Spartans, had a punt downed on the one yard line and Kenny Dexter was honored after 39-6 victory over Syracuse on Sept. 8. Against the Spartans, Donahue put up 413 punt yards on eight attempts, among those being an 85-yarder that was the second longest punt in Iowa history.

The Big Ten also made two other announcements regarding the Hawkeyes.

The Iowa game Saturday at Northwestern is also at 11 a.m. but that contest will be carried by the Big Ten Network.

By Brendan Sides
THE DAILY IOWAN

When the Hawkeyes came away with a 34-27 double overtime victory over Michigan State, the usual suspects did their part.

Offensively, Iowa was led by senior running back Albert Young, who had 179 rushing yards and two touchdowns. Defensively, it was led by senior linebacker Mike Humpal, whose 18-tackle performance of the season tied him with Illini Luqman Iman for 10 tackles through nine games.

But with that said, Hawkeye fans have quickly seen the positive that comes from playing a season-opening battle with a ranked team. In the first overtime tied the game at 27. "He ran a good route, protection was there," sophomore quarterback Jake Pugh, both 27 and 34-27 double overtime victories, said. "I felt like I was there for a while. He came open, I just threw it, and he made a great play afterwards."

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By Nick Compton

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"He ran a good route, protection was there," sophomore quarterback Jake Christensen said. "I felt like I was there for a while. He came open, I just threw it, and he made a great play afterwards."

Pugh, meanwhile, earned an on-field touchdown run that ultimately put the Hawkeyes up for good after substituting for the injured Young, who had hurt his shoulder on the previous play.
Ten media day in Chicago.

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out. "They'll complement one

other," Tate said. The team was too

coming into the meet.

"We all felt a little empty like we had lost a kid," Iowa head coach Larry ware

agreed with his running. He but noted that because the players are young, each one will be

opportunities to build on.

The Big Ten meet was a battle in the

with each young team, meets like that can be a growing experience," he said.

While individual perform-

ances have improved over

the duration of the season, Ware

said, the individual efforts must better translate to team results.

"Cross-country is the ulti-

mate team sport," Ware said.

said. "You know they picked us to

first here. They don't give much

ratings, but it doesn't allow

supporter to compete in the

thinging that both sides knew the

Black and Gold Blowout was a good thing for us to play in

front of everybody, but we all

all know what plays we were run-

ning and we all knew what was

going on," senior forward Tate said. "(Thursday) really gives us a chance to put what we've been

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Players are looking forward to

the regular season and the coming

challenges.

At 4 p.m., they recommence for
defensive duties, the finale of the
new head coach's game plan.

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guy, the main thing," Tate said.

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**Little-known players step up**

Hawkeye freshman running back Jevon Pugh slides into the end zone for Iowa's second overtime touchdown against Michigan State on Oct. 27 in Kinnick Stadium.

**Run saves Hawkeyes**

Another race, another record

Nukuri’s steady march comes on the heels of an All-American season in 2006 that included a first-place finish at the Midwest Regional meet in 2007 that included a first-place finish at the Midwest Regional competition and a seventh-place finish at the NCAA meet.

Evidently, the Hawkeyes’ performance reflects the hours of training that they dedicated to improvement.

The Hawkeyes ran 44 times for 230 yards while passing 40 times for 413 yards, including an 82-yard pass to wide receiver Brandon Lloyd for a 41-yard touchdown.

The Hawkeyes answered with a 19-yard field goal by Ryan Donahue, who had six punts for a total of 170 yards, including an 82-yarder.

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Young seems convinced that Pugh will be someone the team can definitely rely on in the future.

“We had confidence he could get one yard, and the way the offensive line was opening it up on the goal line, he pretty much walked in,” Young said. “I gave him one.”

“Mike’s a horse, and I’m telling you, he’s got great speed. He’s so strong on us.”

With most of the first-string defensive players getting banged up with injuries throughout the contest, the players who filled in for them made some major plays of their own.

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Auburn Invitational, Nikon set a school and course 5K best, a school and course 10K best, and a school and course 15K best.

After Nikon's steady march on the goal line, he pretty much walked in,” Young said. “I gave him one.”

“The biggest play defensively came on the game's final play, when junior defensive back Drew Gardner stopped Michigan State's Devin Thomas short of the goal line, cementing the Hawkeye victory.

Donahue's performance, saying the punter “probably had his best game' against the Spartans. "I think you can tell he's going to be a great punter," O'Connor said. "Every game, he has improved more and more. He has just gotten more comfortable with what he’s doing, and he has just been improving every week, which is what we want."
When this weekend’s unbeaten NFL showdown

**NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS**

**INDIANAPOLIS COLTS**

In what is becoming the most-anticipated NFL regular-season game ever, the New England Patriots and the Indianapolis Colts are set for a matchup between two teams that represent the best of offensive and defensive football.

It’s almost a shame there’s only one game on the schedule when the dust finally settles on Sunday, but the reality is that the Patriots will once again be in the nation’s spotlight.

So what makes the Patriots different from most teams is that they have so many weapons, making it impossible
to contain them. Perhaps the defensive MVP of the season has been the Indianapolis defense and former defensive coordinator Tony Dungy, who has taken over the reins after the firing of Romeo Crennel.

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In New England’s win, coach Bill Belichick was quoted as saying: “I think we’ll see his role increase.”

He had a couple plays in there that I thought he looked like he could be a big-time player down the road,”

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Wright said. “I think he’s got a lot to prove with this game, and we’ve got a lot to prove for our season,” he said. “We’re playing well in the second half, and we’re a different team than we were in the first half.”

The offense will again be lead by running back Tyrone SUTTON, who is expected to start for the second-straight week. Sutton, who missed five games with a sprained ankle, said he will be back for 50 plays against the Patriots and will see even more action against the Lions.

“Tyrone’s a strong guy, he’s a strong공기,” Wright said. “If he’s in there, he’s going to give us a chance to beat them.”

Sutton had 12 carries for 72 yards against the Lions, and said he felt healthy enough to handle a heavier load. “I think I did OK for my first (full) game being back, taking the hits that I took,” he said. “I’m just getting wearied out before getting to the hits. I think I can handle more but that’s up to the coaches.”

By Lars Headington
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Fire erupts at the Barton Solvent plant in northeast Des Moines. High expression and fire at the chemical plant sent plumes of thick smoke into the sky and forced firefighters to pull back because of fears of more blasts. One worker sufffered slight burns and was treated at the scene.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):
Your energy will be high and your ability to manipulate and change the minds of those you can influence will be powerful. Listen to your heart, and not just your head. Your emotions will be close to the surface and will be a strong force for you today. There is no sense in dragging your feet; rather, go after what you want wholeheartedly. Fight for what and who mean the most to you. You are in control of decisions that you will be making today, and you will make them with a firmness that will have others following your lead.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):
Emotions are running high, but if you handle them with class and discretion, you can come out on top with answers and solutions that will put you ahead of the competition. Money can be made, and contracts and deals completed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20):
You may be intent on dealing with personal issues, but you are also looking for love. Your public image will reflect a greater concern for your personal appearance.

ARIES (March 21-April 19):
Focus on what counts, not what you can't change. If you are looking for an opportunity or a new way of doing things, don't look for it now. It will come to you at the right time. You have the energy to move forward with confidence, and use your vivid imagination to make a new plan.

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