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## Voting-rule fights spreading

COLUMBUS, Ohio — After years of expanding when and how people can vote, state legislatures now under new Republican control are moving to trim early voting days, beef up identification requirements, and put new restrictions on how voters are notified about absentee ballots.

Democrats claim their GOP counterparts are using midterm election wins to enforce changes favorable to Republicans ahead of the 2012 presidential election. They criticize such legislation, saying it could lead to longer lines in Democratic-leaning urban areas and discourage people from voting.

Supporters say bolstering ID rules helps prevent fraud. And at a time when counties face tough budgets, they contend local elections officials don't have the money to keep early voting locations staffed and opened.

The process of changing voting rules may be nonpartisan on the surface, but it seethes with politics just below the surface.

"We've had nothing short of a rhetorical firefight for years between the folks who are worried about fraud and folks who are worried about disenfranchisement — a firefight which is pretty much neatly broken down between the two major parties," said Doug Chapin, an election expert at the University of Minnesota.

While states typically adjust voting rules ahead of presidential elections, this year provides an opportunity for new Republican governors and GOP majorities to legislate on election issues.

Put simply, Chapin said: "What's happening in 2011 is just as much about what happened in 2010."

New voting rules recently cleared state legislatures in what have traditionally been presidential battlegrounds, creating partisan rancor.

Plans to reduce the number of days to cast early ballots cleared the Republican-controlled swing states of Florida, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Legislatures in Georgia, Tennessee, and West Virginia also lopped off advanced-voting time. North Carolina has a pending proposal. And Maine has done away with a policy that allows people to register at the polls on Election Day before casting ballots.

— Associated Press

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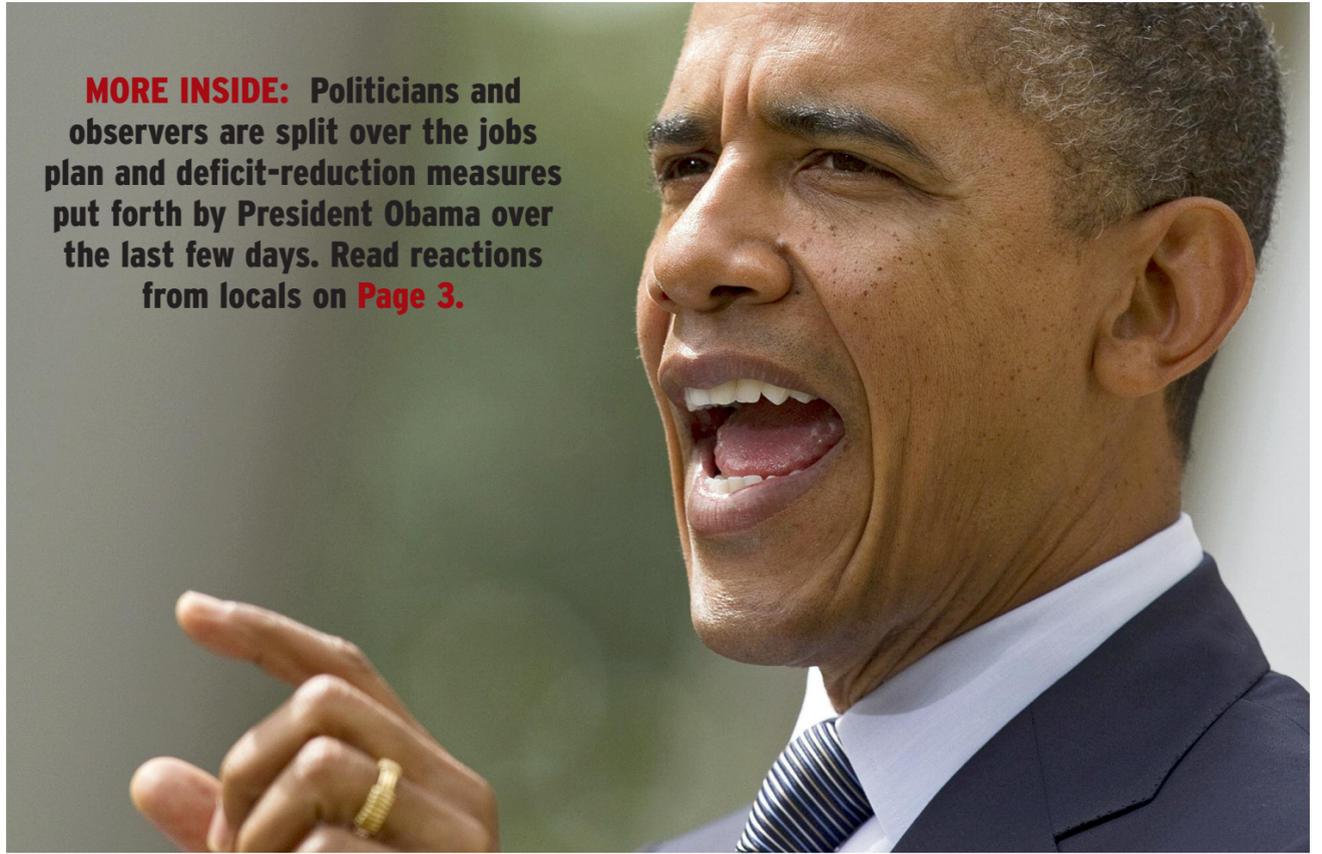
## WEATHER

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Increasingly cloudy, windy, 20% chance of rain/T-storms.

## 'THIS IS NOT CLASS WARFARE - IT'S MATH.'

**MORE INSIDE:** Politicians and observers are split over the jobs plan and deficit-reduction measures put forth by President Obama over the last few days. Read reactions from locals on **Page 3**.



President Obama gestures while speaking in the Rose Garden of the White House on Monday. (Associated Press/Evan Vucci)

By **JIM KUHNHENN**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Drawing clear battle lines for next year's elections, a combative President Obama on Monday demanded that the richest Americans pay higher taxes to help cut soaring U.S. deficits by more than \$3 trillion. He promised to veto any effort by Congressional Republicans to cut Medicare benefits for the elderly without raising taxes as well.

"This is not class warfare. It's math," Obama declared, anticipating Republican criticism, which was quick in coming.

"Class warfare isn't leadership," House Speaker John Boehner said, in Cincinnati.

Obama's speech marked a new, confrontational stance toward Republicans after months of cooperation that many Democrats

complained produced too many concessions. While the plan stands little chance of passing Congress, its populist pitch is one that the White House believes the public can support.

The president's proposal, which he challenged Congress to approve, would predominantly hit upper-income taxpayers and would also target tax loopholes and subsidies used by many larger corporations. It would spare retirees from any changes in Social Security, and it would direct most of the cuts in Medicare spending to health-care providers, not beneficiaries.

Benefit programs wouldn't be unscathed. Obama's plan would reduce spending for those, including Medicare and Medicaid, by \$580 billion. But with Republicans calling for massive cuts in entitlement programs,

Obama said he would veto any legislation that cut Medicare benefits without raising new revenue.

His plan also would count savings of \$1 trillion over 10 years from the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq and Afghanistan.

The deficit-reduction plan represents Obama's longer-term follow-up to the \$447 billion in tax cuts and new public works spending that he has proposed as a short-term measure to stimulate the economy. The new proposal also inserts the president's voice into the legislative discussions of a joint congressional "supercommittee" charged with recommending deficit reductions of up to \$1.5 trillion.

Defending his emphasis on new taxes rather than only spending reductions, Obama said: "We can't just cut our way out of this hole."

## Locals sound off on cuts



Meeting participants listen to discussion about debt reduction at the Johnson County Fairgrounds on Monday. Participants in the meeting brought up issues ranging from Social Security to Medicare to spending on foreign aid. (The Daily Iowan/Ya Chen Chen)

County official: "Johnson County is extremely dependent on federal spending."

By **CHASTITY DILLARD**

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Though budget cuts are needed, policymakers should consider the effect cuts could have on certain demographics, Johnson County senior citizens told officials Monday.

Sponsored by the Johnson County Task Force on Aging and AARP, more than 30 individuals gave input on reducing national debt to leaders.

One attendee, Robert George, said the U.S. government

should focus more on its own citizens in order to reduce the deficit and less on supporting other countries.

"I would say close the door and take care of ourselves first," he said. "There's poverty in our own country."

Mike Owen, an assistant director of the Iowa Policy Project, a nonpartisan research agency, said maintaining a concentrated effort on balanced spending is key.

What's important is "empha-

sizing a balanced approach because we have not had that balanced approach in so many years," he said.

He said the federal government funds 53 percent of its spending from borrowing — creating the deficit cycle.

"This is not a time to be exacerbating [the situation]," Owen said. "It's not sustainable. At the same time, we are seeing a [destroyed] fiscal system,

## House panel views education plan

The House Committee on Education will meet again on Wednesday to deliberate possible K-12 reform.

By **JANET LAWLER**

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State policymakers are considering boosting beginning salaries for Iowa teachers, a move proponents say would attract better teachers to the state.

The House Committee on Education met Monday members of the governor's administration to discuss a perspective K-12 education plan. Although specifics are solidified, the prospective changes include an increased salary for beginning teachers of \$40,000 per year as well as a four-tier teacher ladder.

"The increase of base pay would attract the best and brightest into the education field," said Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City, a member of House Education Committee.

Rep. Greg Forristall, R-Macedonia, the chairman of the committee, said the new plan is still in the conception stage.

"This will be a very large bill," he said. "It will provide more options for

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# Council not ready for 'haven'

The Human Rights Commission hopes to increase representation of documented and undocumented immigrants in city government.

By **ASMAA ELKEURTI**  
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Iowa City city councilors were apprehensive about making any concrete decisions regarding proposals to create a safe haven in Iowa City for undocumented immigrants.

While most councilors agreed a secure environment for illegal immigrants was important, some were concerned the proposed ordinance would conflict with federal laws, officials said at a Monday work session.

"As community leaders, we have a responsibility to lead the people in our community," said City Councilor Regenia Bailey. "But we're not going to weigh in on federal immigration law."

The ordinance, proposed by the Human Rights Com-

mission, sought to increase safety for undocumented immigrants in Iowa City. The nine proposals included increased communication among officials and immigrants, more representation in city government, and increased education on policies.

Over the summer, the commission worked with immigrant communities in Iowa City, conducting surveys to highlight concerns among minority groups.

According to these surveys, undocumented immigrants and their families lived in a state of chronic fear of detainment and deportation by local government officials. In light of this, many individuals are reluctant to approach city officials with any grievances, said Dianne Day, the chairwoman of the commission.

"In our hearts and our minds, we've heard of the injustices," said commission member Diane Finnerly. She said it is important these concerns are heard at a municipal level, and the panel members are willing to work with city officials to create a solution.

Mayor Matt Hayek said he is willing to work toward increased communication with local immigrant populations.

"It makes perfect sense to me why somebody would be reluctant to express a grievance," he said. "I think we can do more as a community to overcome those and build those bridges ... if it's better outreach and soliciting and recruiting liaisons."

Other councilors said there is a need for more communication.

"There's misunderstand-

ing and misperception on both sides," said Councilor Ross Wilburn.

The council has had past discussions regarding the legality of establishing Iowa City as a "Sanctuary City." The discussions have since been placed on hold due to fears of overstepping federal policies.

Councilors were also concerned about equal consideration of other federal laws.

"I worry that taking stands on certain national issues opens us up for criticism for not taking stand on other national issues," Hayek said.

The discussion was left without any decisive conclusions, and councilors agreed further discussion on the matter was needed.

"We'll take this internally to see what the Governor's Office and the city office think about this," Hayek said.

## METRO BRIEF

### Man charged with assault on officer

Iowa City police arrested a local man after he allegedly moved towards officers after being told to stand still.

Kurtis Smith Jr., 26, 234 Cayman St., was charged Sept. 18 with assault on peace officers

and others, a serious misdemeanor.

According to a complaint, Smith was arrested on the evening of Sept. 17 after repeatedly disobeying an order from a Johnson County sheriff's deputy to stay put.

The complaint said Smith was involved in a rollover traffic collision that took place near 234

Cayman St., during which he sustained an injury to his left shoulder that was bleeding profusely and splattering blood on the ground.

The complaint said a sheriff's deputy asked Smith to stand still, and Smith moved toward the deputy. According to the report, the deputy took several steps

backward and repeated the order to Smith.

Smith then allegedly continued to move toward the deputy, leading with his bloody shoulder. Smith was then taken into custody by Iowa City police officers.

Assault on a peace officer is punishable by up to one year in prison and a fine of \$1,875.

— by Matt Starns

## BLOTTER

**Sharif Abbas Elkari**, 21, 2449 Shady Glen Court, was charged Sept. 17 with possession of an open alcohol container in a vehicle.

**Patrese Adams Harvey**, 22, 2502 Bartelt Road Apt. 2A, was charged Sunday with fifth-degree theft.

**Maria Alexander Estlund**, 20, 823 E. Burlington St., was charged Sept. 16 with PAULA and supplying alcohol to minors.

**Momen Ali**, 21, Rochester, Minn., was charged Sept. 17 with possession of an open alcohol container in a vehicle.

**Arin Amsler**, 22, Chicago, was charged Sept. 17 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Troy Anthony**, 45, Adel, was charged Sept. 17 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Melissa Armanees**, 26, Olathe, Kan., was charged Sept. 17 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Lukas Ashbrook**, 21, Otho, Iowa, was charged Sept. 17 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Tyler Bailey**, 22, West Branch, was charged Sept. 17 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Zachary Bailey**, 32, Marion, was charged Sept. 17 with public intoxication.

**Amy Ballantini**, 24, Des Moines, was charged Sept. 17 with public intoxication.

**Forrest Beck**, 18, N328 Currier, was charged Sept. 17 with public intoxication.

**Jared Becker**, 19, 124 E. Bloomington Apt. 2, was charged Sept. 17 with PAULA and supplying alcohol to minors.

**Kimberly Beimers**, 25, Sioux Center, Iowa, was charged Sept. 17 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Kyle Birnley**, 19, Council Bluffs, was charged Sept. 16 with public intoxication, possession of a fictitious driver's license, and disorderly conduct.

**Samuel Blount**, 32, Des Moines, was charged Sept. 17 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**James Braendel**, 24, Kenner, Iowa, was charged Sunday with public intoxication and interference with official acts.

**Lauren Brickman**, 24, 916 Oakcrest St. Apt. B, was charged Sunday with fifth-degree theft.

**Mark Bruce**, 23, 6 S. Johnson St. Apt. 3, was charged Sept. 16 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Bryan Buck**, 18, 247 Reinow, was charged Sept. 16 with public intoxication.

**Tara Bultman**, 23, Hawarden, Iowa, was charged Sept. 17 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Benjamin Bunn**, 32, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sept. 17 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Cody Burger**, 21, 610 S. Lucas St., was charged Sept. 17 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Collin Callahan**, 20, 313 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 2025, was charged Sept. 15 with public intoxication, unlawful use of a driver's license, PAULA, supplying alcohol to minors, and interference with official acts.

**Charles Carter**, 18, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with disorderly conduct.

**Stanley Clemens**, 30, Bettendorf, was charged Sept. 17 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Seth Cowie**, 25, 725 Emerald St. Apt. D12, was charged Sept. 17 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Michael Davalle**, 20, 36 N. Lucas St., was charged Sept. 17 with PAULA.

**Samantha Danzinger**, 18, S330 Currier, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Patrick Dolan**, 34, Manchester, Iowa, was charged Sept. 17 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Michael Dornbrush**, 18, 4032 Burge, was charged Sunday with possession of marijuana.

**Zachary Elsbecker**, 20, 430 S. Lucas St., was charged Sept. 17 with PAULA and supplying alcohol to minors.

**Joshua Erickson**, 20, Sioux City, was charged Sept. 17 with public intoxication.

**Eryn Esparza**, 22, Colona, Ill., was charged Sept. 17 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Adam French**, 22, Byron, Ill., was charged Sept. 17 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Paul Fricano**, 19, 130 N. Linn St. Apt. 2430, was charged Sept. 16 with PAULA and supplying alcohol to minors.

**John Georgen**, 36, Dundee, was charged Sept. 17 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Lee Givhan**, 49, P.O. Box 1395, was charged Sept. 16 with driving with a revoked license.

**Jake Gordon**, 24, Bettendorf, was charged Sept. 17 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Alexandra Gorkow**, 20, 823 E. Burlington St., was charged Sept. 15 with presence in a bar after hours.

**Zachary Grant**, 22, 610 S. Lucas St., was charged Sept. 17 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Matthew Greenwood**, 26, Las Vegas, was charged Sept. 17 with disorderly conduct.

**Kristin Guay**, 20, 366 S. Clinton St. Apt. 2631, was charged Sept. 17 with PAULA and supplying alcohol to minors.

**Vincent Hahn**, 24, 818 E. Market St. Apt. C, was charged Sept. 17 with public urination.

**Angel Harris**, 39, 58 Regal Lane, was charged Sept. 16 with fifth-degree theft.

**Eric Harris**, 19, Kalona, was charged Monday with fifth-degree theft.

**Carl Harry**, 26, Hawarden, Iowa, was charged Sept. 17 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Jeffrey Hartgrave**, 29, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sept. 17 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Christopher Hartley**, 19, 630 Bowery St., was charged Sept. 16 with public intoxication.

**Samantha Heckert**, 18, S340 Currier, was charged Sept. 16 with PAULA and supplying alcohol to minors.

**Kristine Hernandez**, 22, Silvis, Ill., was charged Sept. 17 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Nikolas Hiits**, 18, S108 Hillcrest, was charged Sept. 17 with PAULA and supplying alcohol to minors.

**Dustin Howell**, 24, Wayland, Iowa, was charged Sept. 17 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Ashton Israel**, 25, Minneapolis, was charged Sept. 17 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Christopher Jaeger**, 23, 751 Benton St. Apt. 10, was charged Sept. 17 with public intoxication.

**Christopher Johnson**, 26, 340 E. Burlington St. Apt. 15, was charged Sept. 16 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Teress Johnson**, 41, 58 Regal Lane, was charged Sept. 16 with fifth-degree theft.

**Thomas Jones**, 20, 318 Ridgeland Ave. Apt. 6, was charged Sept. 17 with public intoxication and unlawful use of a driver's license.

**Jacqueline Jordan**, 20, S322 Hillcrest, was charged Sept. 16 with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Amy Juffer**, 29, Worthing, S.D., was charged Sept. 17 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Kelsey Klaver**, 24, Ankeny, was charged Sept. 17 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Jessica Klieman**, 19, 18 E. Court St. Apt. 512, was charged Sept. 15 with PAULA and supplying alcohol to minors.

**Lucas Konrardy**, 21, Maquoketa, Iowa, was charged Sept. 17 with public intoxication.

**Ryan Kotars**, 23, St. Charles, Ill., was charged Sept. 17 with possession of an open alcohol container

in public.

**Jacob Kraut**, 22, 2801 Highway 6 E. Lot 22, was charged Sept. 12 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Kirsten Kremer**, 18, 740 Reinow, was charged Sept. 17 with public intoxication.

**Erik Krol**, 21, Chicago, was charged Sept. 17 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Kelsey Kuligowski**, 18, 309B Mayflower, was charged Sept. 17 with public intoxication.

**Alexander Kurth**, 18, Bettendorf, was charged Sept. 17 with PAULA and supplying alcohol to minors.

**Kevin Lammer**, 21, Cedar Falls, was charged Sept. 17 with fifth-degree theft.

**James Lange**, 27, West Des Moines, was charged Sept. 17 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Nicholas Lawrence**, 20, 633 S. Dodge Apt. 1, was charged Sept. 16 with PAULA.

**Shakeata Lee**, 33, 53 Regal Lane, was charged Sept. 16 with fifth-degree theft.

**Mark Lindquist**, 24, 906 E. Burlington St. Apt. 1, was charged Sept. 17 with public intoxication.

**Elaine Luthens**, 19, 823 E. Burlington St., was charged Sept. 16 with public intoxication and unlawful use of a driver's license.

**John Mast**, 25, Chicago, was charged Sept. 17 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Natalie Maxson**, 29, 2906 Heinz Road, was charged Sept. 17 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Skylor Maxson**, 29, 2906 Heinz Road, was charged Sept. 17 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Steven McBride**, 31, 1944 Grantwood St., was charged Sept. 17 with second-offense OWI.

**Kelly McClure**, 20, 111E. Bloomington St., was charged Sept. 17 with PAULA and supplying alcohol to minors.

**Kristin McCoy**, 20, Naperville, Ill., was charged Sept. 17 with PAULA and supplying alcohol to minors.

**Megan McLerran**, 20, 225 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 2427, was charged Sept. 15 with presence in a bar after hours.

**Reed McManigal**, 27, 1931 Calvin Ave., was charged Sept. 17 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Jason McNamer**, 21, Cedar Falls, was charged Sept. 16 with possession of a controlled substance.

**Norma Medina-Reyes**, 28, 2422 Lakeside Drive Apt. 2, was charged Sept. 16 with driving with a suspended or canceled license.

**William Meighan**, 18, N243 Hillcrest, was charged Sept. 17 with PAULA.

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# Response mixed to Obama's economic plans

President Obama put forth a new jobs plan last week and a deficit-reduction plan this week. Both proposals have drawn plenty of praise from supporters and plenty of criticism from opponents, including Iowans and 2012 challengers.



'This is election year and we recognize that Republicans won't support [the American Jobs Act], but the bill is literally everything they have been supporting for the past three years. We don't see why anyone would not support it.'

— Nate Fiala, University of Iowa Democrats president



'It's an excellent place to start. A bold move to get people working and also identifies training opportunities for all ages. It is truly my hope that the house Republicans take politics out of it and help move this bill forward.'

— Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville



'It's not about getting the win, it's about American people winning ... We need to understand how to work together and put politics aside.'

— Debbie Wasserman-Schultz, Democratic National Committee chairwoman



'President Obama's plan is a bait and switch that offers more than \$1 trillion in higher taxes for a promise of temporary tax relief. The president penalizes investment when it is needed most, discourages charitable giving, and doubles down on a failed government stimulus strategy.'

— Rick Perry, Republican Iowa caucuses candidate



'If Warren Buffett believes he doesn't pay enough taxes, then he should write a check today to the Treasury, but he and the president shouldn't enact warfare on the millions of small businesses, on charities, and on middle class America with increased tax burdens. The president is compromising the future of our children with his plan to continue spending and increase taxes, and he is ruining the American economy.'

— Michele Bachmann, Republican Iowa caucuses candidate



'President Obama's plan to raise taxes will have a crushing impact on economic growth. Higher taxes mean fewer jobs — it's that simple. This is yet another indication that President Obama has no clue how to bring our economy back. I encourage President Obama to look at my detailed economic plan to create long-term growth and prosperity for our nation. The only way to get our economy moving again is to elect a president who understands how to create jobs and rein in spending — that is why I am running.'

— Mitt Romney, Republican Iowa caucuses candidate

## DEBT

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income inequality rising and poverty growth."

Johnson County Supervisor Rod Sullivan said potential cuts could affect the area.

"Johnson County is extremely dependent on federal spending," he said. "Federal spending is an immense source to the economy."

There are lots of retiree and Medicaid dollars flowing into the University of

### Debt Reduction Summit

County citizens discussed alternatives to current talks in deficit spending.

- Social Security
- Medicare/Medicaid
- Revenue enrichment
- Tax cuts

Source: Johnson County Debt Reduction Summit

Iowa Hospitals and Clinics alongside other federal dollars being used in the area, he noted.

According to data from the U.S. Census Bureau, in 2008, the county had \$1,059,651 in federal sup-

port from a variety of sources.

"I'm concerned when people start talking about big austerity measures, that this can have a disproportionate effect on Johnson County," Sullivan said.

Joe Hand, the communications director for Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, said the congressman remains devoted to keeping the debt burden from being placed on the backs of the middle class.

"There definitely needs to be cuts to balance the budget, but there also needs to be ways to raise

revenue so all pay their fair share," he said.

Following the summit, attendees voted on what incentives they thought the government should cut or reduce spending.

Their input will aid policymakers as they vote on cuts.

"They're going to know that people are disgusted with the way that the political system is being run now," George said following the meeting. "That this is more than being a Democrat or Republican. It is a problem that we have to share and straighten out."

## SALARIES

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schooling, including more charter schools, Internet training, and individualized learning."

The committee has been meeting with the Governor's Office, which may release the idea in writing as early as Oct. 3. Forristall said best estimates would have a draft of the bill by the end of November.

"The key goal is not to allow students to get so far behind they can't recover," Forristall said.

Legislators have discussed changes including more testing to better track student progress.

"We've been discussing what reforms should be made to make Iowa schools more competitive

### Four-tier teaching ladder

The conceptual K-12 education reform may include funding for a four-tier teaching ladder based on merit, already included in Iowa Code.

- First: Apprentice, fewer than five years of experience
- Second: Career, more than five years of experience
- Third: Mentor, mentors lower-tier teachers
- Fourth: Master, coaches lower-tier teachers

Source: Rep. Greg Forristall, R-Macedonia

and marketable on the international level," Mascher said.

John Bacon, the principal of City High, said now is an important and exciting time for education in Iowa. Iowa schools are able to compete on the international level, he

said, and he would put any student up against anyone in the world.

"However, we should continually be striving to improve and do things better as an ongoing process," Bacon said.

The conceptual plan includes a four-tier ladder of teaching beginning first with apprentice teachers with fewer than five years of experience, then career teachers who make up most of the workforce. Next would be mentor teachers, who would spend much of their time mentoring lower-tier teachers. Finally, there would be master-level teachers who would spend half of their time coaching teachers and may be adjunct faculty at universities.

"[The teaching tier] is in place in Iowa Code; it was just never funded," Mascher said. "It's an incentive to go into education and keep them there."

Forristall said advancing teaching levels would rely completely on comparative merit based on competence, not based on how long the teacher has worked.

State leaders also reviewed the possibility of establishing more charter schools and an online learning presence.

"There is no sense in a student wasting time in a rigid classroom when they demonstrated the competence to succeed at a faster rate online," Forristall said.

Although he said it was too early to assign any estimates of financing or possible challenges down the road, he has high hopes for the legislation.

"It has the chance of being the most revolutionary makeovers of any state in the education field," he said.

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## The Promised Land of Milk and Honey

Could it have been? Could the dream still come true?

In 1947, the British, who had the Mandate over Palestine, decided that they had enough of the decades of fighting and slaughter between Arabs and Jews. They washed their hands of the Mandate and turned it over to the United Nations.

### What are the facts?

**A solution not accepted.** Wishing to end the bloodshed and to create a stable and, hopefully, permanent solution to the decades of conflict, the U.N. decreed a partition of the country west of the Jordan River into an Arab and a Jewish state. In deference to Arab Muslim insistence that it was their

"third holiest city," the city of Jerusalem, the focus of all Jewish aspirations for two millennia, was to be "internationalized." For the Jews this was bitterly disappointing. Still, in order to create their dreamed-of state, to normalize the lives of the Jewish inhabitants, and to make possible the ingathering of the Holocaust survivors, they accepted the partition plan. They declared their state, *Eretz Yisrael* — the Land of Israel — and became a nation. Forever to his credit, US President Harry Truman recognized the nascent state of Israel within minutes of its declaration of independence.

The Arabs rejected the partition proposal out of hand. Instead, six Arab armies invaded the country from all sides. They vowed to wage a war of extermination. The Jewish population of only 650,000 people was lightly armed and almost hopelessly outnumbered. But in an almost Biblical miracle, the ragtag Jewish forces defeated the combined Arab might. They suffered horrendous casualties — about 1 per cent of the population. It was as if the United States were to lose 3 million people in a conflict. The Arabs also suffered greatly. Goaded mostly by their leaders to make room for the invading armies, about 650,000 fled the fighting. They were not accepted by their Arab brethren. They were interned and live to this day in so-called refugee camps, slum cities, in which they lead miserable and totally unproductive lives, dependent on the dole of the world. They are consumed with hatred against the Jews who, they believe, have deprived them of their patrimony.

**Prosperity despite unending attacks.** But Israel

Can that dream still come true? Of course it can! Israel has accepted virtually all of the "conditions" for reconciliation on which the Palestinians have insisted, with the sole exception of the demand for the "right of return." That "right" would swamp Israel with hundreds of thousands of Arabs. And it would with one stroke be the end of Israel as the Jewish state. Even for the thorny question of Jerusalem a compromise could be found. But, having been misled by the thuggish Arafat for decades, Arab Palestine needs a wise leader in order to finally make peace with Israel. In view of Israel's experience in Lebanon and Gaza and because it would be fatally vulnerable if an armed enemy occupied the Judean heights, the state of Palestine would have to be totally demilitarized and controlled (probably by US military) for compliance. It would be a difficult condition to swallow, but it would have to be the price to gain their own country. But the dream could then finally be fulfilled and peace and prosperity could be extended over all of the Promised Land. Milk and Honey could indeed flow.

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## Editorial

## Politicians must act on alternative-energy consensus

On both a statewide and national scale, there seem to be only a few issues that both Republicans and Democrats can agree on wholeheartedly. Given the perpetual opposition on many issues, alternative energy should be pushed through both the state Legislature and Congress.

The expansion of alternative energy is the most widely favored government proposal. If implemented correctly, the initiatives can create jobs, decrease dependency on foreign oil, and preserve our natural environment for the many generations succeeding our own.

Gov. Terry Branstad, serving as the Midwestern Governors Association's vice chairman co-hosted Transmission Collaboration: Midwestern Current and Future Successes on Sept. 15 and 16. The meeting focused on collaboration and the success of using wind as an alternative form of energy. Branstad seems to have been pushing the agenda of wind energy particularly hard this year.

Given the current political and economic conditions, job creation is of the utmost priority nationwide. Recently, Branstad and legislative Republicans pushed through a move to close several workforce-development offices with the goals of replacing them with 24-hour accessible computers and kiosks. Though he did it in good faith, reasoning that cutting costs would benefit the economy, many disagreed with the layoffs and closures.

This makes Branstad's stance on wind energy that much more attractive. A large majority of Democrats, Republicans, and the rest of the U.S. population generally approve both the end and the means of wind energy.

According to a recent Gallup poll an alternative-energy bill, with 83 percent support, was the most highly favored out of eight hypothetical proposals, including overhauling the federal tax code (76 percent), speeding up U.S. troop withdrawal (72 percent), and passing stronger gun-control laws (49 percent).

Ninety-three percent of Democrats, 82 percent of independents, and 75 percent of Republicans supported an alternative-energy bill providing incentives for using alternative-energy sources.

Branstad is clearly part of the 75 percent of Republicans who back alternative energy.

Branstad's support of wind energy can be traced to 1983, in his first term as governor. At the start of that year, Branstad signed the first renewable-energy standard in the nation. Since then, 24 states have adopted similar standards. That Iowa started this initiative is one of the state's biggest prides. Over the past few

years, several events and processions have been held to honor Branstad's role in this process. According to the American Wind Energy Association, it was in part because of his advocacy and support that generated the industry that enables 20 percent of Iowa's electricity to be generated from wind — a national goal former President George W. Bush predicted would not to be reached until 2030. Iowa's neighboring state, Nebraska, similar in both geographical and political contexts, obtained less than 1 percent of its energy consumption to wind generation in 2007 (the most recent data).

This year, Branstad's efforts to use renewable energy have continued. In June, he signed a bill to expand Iowa's wind-energy tax credits.

Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville, said that Iowa Democrats and Republicans agree on a lot more than just wind energy, but they often disagree on ways in which to achieve what they both desire.

"There has been a record of improvement and a lot of results [in wind energy production]," he said. "Another thing that we want to work toward is solar energy. James White, in fact, a former Hawkeye star, is a huge advocate on behalf solar energy. While we have some disagreements about figures within the realm of wind energy, I think Republicans and Democrats both have goals of becoming greener, building more geothermal homes, and making sure that lower- and moderate-income families have the ability to make the transition to greener lifestyles."

Currently, 59 of Iowa's 99 counties have wind-energy harvesting plants and businesses, which employ more than 5,000 Iowans. With the expansion of the wind-energy industry will come the creation of thousands of more jobs and a higher percentage of electricity provided from wind, helping to solve the issue of unemployment and making Iowa a more environmentally safe and aware state. Branstad said wind energy is a key component in achieving his job-creation goals for the next five years. For every wind turbine installed, the average landowner can earn up to \$120,000 a year for up to 20 years. These turbines can also revitalize rural areas and use land that is otherwise unused.

Perhaps, in the future, wind energy can serve as a platform for even more new, innovative, greener ways to live in Iowa and even more cohesion between these two parties.

Your turn. Should alternative energy be prioritized even more? Weigh in at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

## The ice-cube theory

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Which brings us to Texas Gov. Rick Perry. Though it always gets a bit weird when you're brought to Rick Perry. How's the hair today, Ricky? Are you any relation to Ricky Nelson?

Which is no dumber than so many of the questions asked of a man who, whatever you might think of him, is a quite serious candidate for the Republican nomination for president. And, unless something quite weird occurs, the jogger-turned-coyote killer should be a major force in the Iowa caucuses.

(How much weirder can things get? you ask. And probably you're right. But to steal, sort of, a line from *No Country for Old Men* [which itself is a line taken from W.B. Yeats], this weird will do until the real weird gets here.)

And when you're brought to Rick Perry, should you be so fortunate, his security handlers don't want to hear any questions about U.S. policy vis-à-vis Iceland. His security folks are sick and tired about questions concerning the good governor's stance on Iceland (those thermal seams belong to us, through an ancient, almost-never-used treaty with the Inuit, not that we can prove the Inuit were ever actually on Iceland), and they have the Texas death penalty to back it up. (Y'all want to try to get that overturned? Boy?)

And that brings up, I have to admit, this weird little bit: Why are cocktails and sodas not chilled in Texas anywhere outside of trendy Austin spots?

Because in the Texas outside of trendy Austin, in the Texas Perry calls the "real Texas" (and we'll take his word for it, because of, you know, the hair — can anyone truly tell the difference between the Perry hair and the Romney hair? — and why are we so interested in hair, anyway?), some years ago, some Texan misplaced the recipe for making ice cubes.

They're still searching for it.

Finding that recipe, you have to understand, would go a whole long way to dis-

proving that evolution, global-climate change, and the Earth revolving around the Sun have ever taken place.

Not to mention disproving that the Texas Rangers lost the 2010 World Series.

So many things to disprove, so little campaign time.

Ricky, are you any relation to Ricky Nelson?

The good governor said something curious recently — perhaps even weird. Talking about President Obama and his record on the economy, Perry said Obama "has proven for once and for all that government spending will not create one job."

Republicans eat that stuff up as though it was a free lunch.

But, As John Cassidy writes in *The New Yorker*, "The record demonstrates no such thing."

And the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office reports Obama's stimulus package created close to 3 million jobs. Which, excuse me for being an arithmetic fanatic, sounds a whole lot more than not creating one job.

As Cassidy writes, the federal government recently revised its statistics on the recession, and from the end of 2007 through second quarter of 2009, it was much deeper than officials and economists had previously thought — GDP dropped 5 percent, the largest decline since World War II.

Further, Cassidy points out, there was something of a recovery in the summer of 2009, when the stimulus money arrived, and then the recovery slowed at the end of 2010, when the stimulus money ran dry.

If the government cuts spending now, as Perry and many, many conservatives argue, it could trigger another economic downturn, perhaps another recession, as many, many economists and observers have argued. That occurred in the U.S. in 1937, Japan in 1997, and in Britain at present, where conservatives took over the government and began cutting spending drastically.

The British economy is in the dumps.

So, if you want to remain jobless, or if you want your neighbors to remain jobless, or if you don't particularly care if you can get a job when you graduate from college, vote for Perry.

If Perry's in the White House, maybe the real weird will get here. ■

## Letter

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## Great Pregame piece

Just wanted to commend Seth Roberts for a well-written piece in the *Pregame* section Sept. 16.

I'm a Cyclone fan (undergrad at ISU), and it's good to see writers promoting rational thought like this. Sports doesn't need to be all yelling and no content.

Well done.

Harrison March  
ISU student

## Guest opinion

## Supporting a Palestinian state to fail?

While the Palestinian National Authority has been steadily widening political support for the upcoming U.N. vote, the international community has diverted attention from a central issue: the economic and social sustainability of the future state.

Anyone viewing the bonanza of a West Bank economy growing at a yearly rate of 9 percent cannot be anything but surprised. However, a recent World Bank report warns that the remarkable growth reflected in the real-estate boom in Ramallah today should be considered a matter of concern come September.

It so happens that the economy has been fueled for years by external funding aimed to counter the high levels of public spending done by the Islamist group Hamas in Gaza and the West Bank Fatah Party.

It is noteworthy that through the Palestinian Reform and Development Plan was approved three years ago, the Palestinian Authority was allowed access to grants of \$7.7 billion, but Mahmoud Abbas's inefficiency in developing the infrastructure for economic independence has led this support to become an impediment to the future sovereignty of the Palestinian people.

## Economic asymmetries

Since 1948, the Jewish state has faced and overcome existential challenges characterized by huge regional disparities. As enunciated by Golda Meir, Israel's secret weapon in their fight against the Arabs was to have no alternative.

In contrast, Israel today has an historic opportunity

to take an active role in the creation of a Palestinian state by helping to improve its institutions and reducing economic asymmetries. The failure of neoliberal theories shows that market mechanisms are insufficient for this task and that correcting asymmetries to ensure a nonbelligerent status quo with the inhabitants of the West Bank and Gaza will depend largely on the role to be adopted by the Hebrew state.

According to the CIA, the per capita income in the West Bank and Gaza in terms of purchasing power parity, which is used to compare the economic variables of different countries in terms of cost of living, was \$3,351 in 2010 — almost nine times lower than the per capita income in Israel, which stood at \$29,805.

Although the Central

Bureau of Statistics of the Palestinian Authority reports that unemployment in its territories has been declining since 2008, official sources in the United States assert that at the end of 2010 the unemployment rate was 37.4 percent in Gaza and 16.5 percent in the West Bank. These levels of unemployment are considered extremely high, accounting together for 254,310 unemployed workers. While Israel, for the same time period, had an estimated 192,740 unemployed workers, the unemployment rate of the Jewish state was estimated at only 5.8 percent and can be explained largely by frictional unemployment, which reflects workers transitioning from one job to another.

The scourge of unemployment is, of course, high-

ly correlated with poverty, and data provided by the CIA are consistent with estimates of the U.N. Development Programme, indicating that over 70 percent of the population of the Gaza Strip and 46 percent of the population of the West Bank is under the poverty line, so that the estimated total of poor in both territories is nearly 2.5 million people. Israel claims a 23.6 percent poverty rate, but the basis of calculation — \$7.30 per person per day, as compared with the standard set by the World Bank of \$1.25 per person per day — prevents a quantifiable comparison with its Palestinian counterpart.

## State Building vs. State Declaration

The declaration of independence of a Palestinian

state is likely to respect territorial criteria based on 1967 borders, but the economic and social-development plans in favor of coexistence, are still uncertain.

The relative inability of the Abbas government to confront these urgent challenges, and the impossibility of envisioning the scene with a new moderate Palestinian partner, requires reformulating the approach to the upcoming Arab state.

Palestinians and Israelis must stop the current game of Chicken and see themselves as indispensable parts of a common solution that would honor the words of Prophet Isaiah, "I will make peace your governor and righteousness your ruler."

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# Adios, 'Don't Ask'



**U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Victor Fehrenbach stands along the shore of Lake Michigan in Chicago on Sept. 15. Fehrenbach, an F-15E fighter pilot, announced he was gay on national TV in 2009 after the Air Force started discharge proceedings against him. The end to the U.S.'s long-standing ban on openly gay troops serving in the military will end this week. Fehrenbach's discharge proceedings were interrupted by the repeal, and he was never kicked out. The U.S. joins 29 other nations, including Israel, Canada, Germany, and Sweden, that allow gay individuals to serve openly in their militaries. (Associated Press/M. Spencer Green)**

By **ROBERT BURNS**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The military says it is ready for the lifting today of a ban on gays serving openly, while supporters of repeal applaud the historic change as a victory for equal rights.

Pentagon press secretary George Little said Monday that the military is adequately prepared for the end of the current policy, commonly known as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," under which gays can serve as long as they don't openly acknowledge their sexual orientation and commanders are not allowed to ask.

"No one should be left with the impression that we are unprepared," Little said. "We are prepared for repeal."

Last week, the Pentagon said 97 percent of the military has undergone training in the new law. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, Joint Chiefs Chairman Adm. Mike Mullen, and President Obama have all certified that allowing openly gay service members will not undermine the effectiveness of the military or its recruiting.

Repeal will take effect at 12:01 a.m. EDT today. For weeks, the military services have been accepting applications from openly gay recruits, while waiting for repeal to take effect before processing the applications.

As soon as the ban is lifted, the Defense Department will publish revised regulations to reflect the new law that will allow gays to serve openly. The revisions, such as eliminating references to banned homosexual service, are in line with policy guidance that was issued by top Pentagon officials in January, after Obama signed the legislation that did away with the Don't Ask policy.

The lifting of the 18-year-old ban also will mean a halt to all pending investigations, discharges, and other administrative proceedings that were begun under the Clinton-era law.

Existing standards of personal conduct, such as those pertaining to public displays of affection, will continue regardless of sexual orientation.

There also will be no immediate changes to eligibility standards for military benefits. All service members already are entitled to certain benefits and entitlements, such as designating a partner as one's life insurance beneficiary or as designated caregiver in the Wounded Warrior program.

Gay marriage is one of the thornier issues. An initial move by the Navy earlier this year to train chaplains about same-sex civil unions in states where they are legal was shelved after more than five dozen lawmakers objected. The Pentagon is reviewing the issue.

Service members who were discharged under the Don't Ask law will be allowed to re-enlist, but their applications will not be given priority over those of any others with prior military experience who are seeking to re-enlist.

Some in Congress remain opposed to repeal, arguing that it may undermine order and discipline.

A leading advocate, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, said Monday

the repeal is overdue.

"Our nation will finally close the door on a fundamental unfairness for gays and lesbians, and indeed affirm equality for all Americans," said the California Democrat.

Little said Panetta would discuss the matter at a Pentagon news conference on Tuesday. The Pentagon otherwise was taking a low-key approach to the historic day.

Gay-rights groups, however, were preparing a series of celebrations.

Servicemembers Legal Defense Network said repeal supporters would hold "Repeal Day" celebrations across the country Tuesday.

"Through these events taking place in every state across the country, we will pay tribute to their service and sacrifice as we look forward to this new era of military service — an era that honors the contributions of all qualified Americans who have served and wish to serve," said Aubrey Sarvis, an Army veteran and executive director of the advocacy group.

# Obama backs postal plan

By **RANDOLPH E. SCHMID**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Obama said Monday the U.S. Postal Service should be allowed to reduce mail delivery to five-days-a-week to help cut its massive losses.

The Postal Service lost \$8.5 billion last year and is facing even more red ink this year as the Internet siphons off large amounts of first-class mail and the weak economy reduces advertising mail.

While the post office has cut more than 100,000 workers in the last few years, it needs to cut more, close offices, and find other ways to reduce costs to keep operating.

In his economic-growth and debt-reduction plan unveiled Monday, Obama endorsed the idea of dropping one day of mail delivery — it is expected to be Saturday — and urged other changes in postal operations

He agreed that nearly \$7

billion the post office has overpaid into the federal retirement system should be refunded to the agency, urged that its payments for advance funding of retiree medical benefits be restructured, and said the post office should be allowed to sell non-postal products and raise postage rates.

Currently the post office cannot raise rates more than the amount of inflation.

Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe said the president "has offered helpful recommendations to stabilize the Postal Service's financial crisis."

Sen. Tom Carper, D-Del., who has proposed a bill including many of the same suggestions, welcomed the president's statement.

"I have been saying for some time now that Congress and the administration need to come together on a plan that can save the Postal Service and protect the more than 7 million

jobs that rely on it," he said in a statement.

Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., who has his own postal-reform bill in the House, responded that "the president's proposal is not what taxpayers or the Postal Service needs."

He asserted that Obama's plan "will certainly cost taxpayers money." At present, the post office does not receive tax funds for its operations.

Meanwhile, 75 members of Congress led by Reps. Gerry Connolly, D-Va., and Don Young, R-Alaska, called on the independent Postal Regulatory Commission to block the post office's plans to close as many as 3,700 local offices across the country.

The proposed closures, most in rural locations that do little business, are under review.

The letter called for establishment of a new business model for the post office without closing offices and cutting its work force.

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## Blue to open comedy series

Josh Blue was the winner of Season 4 of 'Last Comic Standing.'

By MADISON BENNETT  
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The First Avenue Club has been one of Iowa City's musical concert venues for the past 17 years.

And this fall, the club will bring in well-known comedians such as Josh Blue to add to its entertainment repertoire.

"We've been here since 1994, and we've done a lot of national rock and country acts," said Ned Mendenhall, the owner of the club. "This year, we're getting into comedy series."

Blue, the Season 4 winner of NBC's "Last Comic Standing," is the first performer in a slew of upcoming comedy shows. He will perform at 7 p.m. on Thursday at the First Avenue Club, 1550 S. First Ave. Admission is \$18.

"I think that's really exciting that they chose me to kick it off," Blue said. "I just love making people laugh. Hopefully, I won't screw it up."

Blue was diagnosed with cerebral palsy, and his self-deprecating humor gave him an edge over the competition on "Last Comic Standing."

"Obviously, I have a disability, so everything I talk about comes from the perspective of a disabled person," he said.

But his comedy routine doesn't just focus on his disability. Much of his bits have to do with being a husband, a father, and day-to-day random activities, Blue said.

"My comedy is ever evolving," the 32-year-old said. "I usually don't even know what I'm going to say."

In addition to reality television, Blue has appeared on "Mind of Mencia," "Comedy Central Presents," "Regis and Kelly Live," and was the first comedian to perform a standup act on "Ellen DeGeneres."

For Blue, his reality television following has remained strong and he is



Season 4 winner of NBC's "Last Comic Standing" Josh Blue will perform at the First Avenue Club on Thursday. (Publicity Photo)

### Josh Blue

- When: 7 p.m. Thursday
- Where: First Avenue Club, 1550 S 1st Ave.
- Admission: \$18

continuing to grow his fanbase.

"The audience that came with 'Last Comic Standing' branching out and doing shows across the country," he said.

Tom Garland, one of the opening comedy acts for Blue, said he looks forward to performing with a comedian whose work he knows and likes.

"Blue is going to be a blowout act to get comedy started for [the First Avenue Club]," Garland said.

There's a novelty to the club's series because presenting comedy shows on a large scale is something no other Iowa City venue attempts.

"Nobody in this area is doing this," Mendenhall said. "So it's something we've been interested in for a while."

The First Avenue Club has not nailed down the exact schedule for the upcoming year, but the people there are excited about the possibilities of the com-

edy circuit, Mendenhall said. The club has a goal of putting on a comedy act every month.

"Looking back like two years ago, other than what the [UI] brought in, there wasn't really comedy in Iowa City," said Garland, a Cedar Rapids native. "So, for being a local guy who does comedy, it's great."

The next show in the series, which will take place on Nov. 1, will feature Alonzo Bodden, who was runner-up on Season 2 of "Last Comic Standing."

Blue was chosen as the first act because everything just fell into place, Mendenhall said.

He said he anticipates 250 to 300 people will attend the all-ages event. All seating is general admission and will be an "up-close and intimate setting."

This show won't be Blue's first visit to Iowa. The Minnesota native said he's a Midwest guy at heart despite living in Denver.

"I've been to Iowa a bunch," he said and laughed. "[My family] did a lot of road trips, and anytime I wanted to see some corn or pigs, we'd go to Iowa."

## The key of terror

UI International Writing Program Director Christopher Merrill will read at Prairie Lights on Sept. 20.

By MADISON BENNETT  
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Christopher Merrill is fascinated with war and the way it has changed society over the past decade.

And after traveling to numerous countries, the UI International Writing Program director compiled his experiences and wrote his latest book.

"It's written in the key of terror," the 55-year-old said. "I'm trying to understand something about how we respond to terror, how we respond to fear."

Merrill, who is also president of the Iowa City City of Literature Board, will read excerpts from his newest book, *The Tree of Doves: Ceremony, Expedition, and War*, at 7 p.m. Sept. 20 at Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St. Admission is free.

The latest addition to his literary works is his fifth nonfiction book, which focuses on expedition and war.

Although he is no stranger to reading his work at Prairie Lights, he said, he is excited to have

another audience for *The Tree of Doves*.

His publisher at Milkweed Publishing, Daniel Slager, agrees.

"Writing and reading are solitary activities, and yet books are full of ideas, and people like to exchange ideas," Slager said. "Events such as the one at Prairie Lights offer an opportunity not only to celebrate the publication of a book but for the writer to engage with the audience."

The book comprises three long essays dwelling on tradition, transformation, and travel. The book journeys from Malaysia to Beijing and touches upon the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"I am simply in awe of the quality of the writing, which is smart, vivid, and puts the reader immediately into the far-flung locales Chris is writing about," said Ethan Rutherford, the book's editor. "He makes the reader a traveling companion, which is a wonderful thing."

What makes *The Tree of Doves* different from his other nonfiction pieces, Merrill said, is that he

works this time with a broader canvas. Through the three essays, he looks into the ways society has dramatically changed over roughly a century.

"What makes this book so special is its scope," Slager said. "It feels, appropriately, as if you are traveling the world itself, gaining a wider perspective on not just history, literature, and current events but on the larger questions in life: where are we headed, what is to be done?"

In addition to his nonfiction work, Merrill has published four collections of poetry, and his work has been translated into 25 different languages. He received the Peter I.B. Lavan Younger Poets Award from the Academy of American Poets for his collection *Watch Fire* in 1995.

Merrill has not yet chosen from which passages he will read but said he is optimistic about the crowd's reaction to *The Tree of Doves*.

"I hope I caught something about what it has meant to be alive during the past 10 years," he said.

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# Trial opens for teen murder suspect in IC

Jury selection will continue today.

By ERIC MOORE  
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A 6th District judge will deliberate several evidence and witness-related issues following the first day of jury selection in Charles William Curtis Thompson's first-degree murder trial.

Thompson, 19, was charged in the October 2009 shooting death of John Versypt, a landlord of several Broadway buildings. Police arrested a second suspect in the case, Justin Marshall, in August. Marshall was charged with first-degree murder; he will be tried in January.

Prior to jury selection, the state, represented by Assistant County Attorney Meredith Rich-Chappel, filed a motion to add two additional pieces of evidence — a ski mask and blood-splattered jeans — which was resisted by Thompson's attorney.

Defense attorney Tyler Johnston argued that testing for gun residue on the ski mask and blood-splatter analysis on the jeans was insufficient.

"There is absolutely no evidence connecting this ski mask to the defendant charged in this case," Johnston said. "The only substance on this ski mask is our client's DNA ... that only connects it to our client, that does not connect it to our crime."

Johnston said the state could have tested the jeans

more extensively at a private research center, and the ski mask was only being considered for evidence because of "prejudicial value."

Rich-Chappel said that argument is "something that can be explained or questioned about in cross-examination."

"The state believes that the ski mask goes to those elements of premeditation and planning," the prosecutor said.

Also discussed was the defense's notice to add an additional witness, Carl Johnson Jr., who reportedly had conversations with Marshall — the second man charged in the murder — during their stay in the Muscatine County Jail in 2010.

After receiving an email from Iowa City private investigator Mike Smithey detailing his interview with Johnson last week, Johnston said Johnson appeared to believe Thompson is innocent.

The defense argued the state placed Johnson in jail with Marshall to "fish" information from him.

"The state calls jailhouse snitches all the time to convict people," Johnston said. "What the state is saying here is that 'we went fishing, and we don't like what we caught.'"

But Rich-Chappel said the prosecution did not send Johnson into Muscatine jail to dig for information.

"Most of our inmates are held in the Johnson County Jail," Rich-Chappel said. "[An email received by the defense on Tuesday regard-



Officials remove the body of John Versypt from a Broadway apartment building Oct. 8, 2009. Charles William Curtis Thompson is now on trial in the slaying of Versypt. Another suspect, Justin Marshall, is scheduled to be tried in January. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

ing Johnson] was the first time that I had heard of Carl Johnson."

Several interviews between Marshall and law officials were presented as exhibits by the state. Rich-Chappel said these interviews feature Marshall implicating both himself and Thompson in regard to the slaying of Versypt.

Judge Sean McPartland will issue a ruling on the issues prior to the trial after reviewing the documents submitted.

Jury selection began around 1:30 p.m. Monday. McPartland said he wanted questions to center on whether potential jurists had heard of the case from media, word of mouth, or other sources.

Additional questioning of all jurors will continue at 9 a.m. today at the Johnson County Courthouse.

# Legislative race could threaten gay marriage

By LYNN CAMPBELL  
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DES MOINES — The battle for control of the Iowa Senate got under way Monday, with Republican Mary Rathje announcing her candidacy for a vacant Senate seat and a gay-rights group emphasizing the importance of the Nov. 8 special election.

"This is it. We are facing a special election, and marriage equality hangs in the balance," Troy Price, executive director of One Iowa, the state's largest gay-rights advocacy group, told supporters in an email. "If we lose the seat, we face a very real chance that a marriage ban will pass a vote in the Senate. In Iowa, marriage has never been threatened like this before."

Swati Dandekar, D-Marion, resigned Sept. 16 from the Iowa Senate to take a \$137,000-a-year job with the three-member Iowa Utilities Board, which regulates Iowa's utilities. The move threatens Democrats' majority in the Iowa Senate, now reduced to 25-24. A special election will be held Nov. 8.

The turn of events is key, because Democrats' slim majority in the Iowa Senate prevented passage this year of Republican priorities ranging from a public vote on same-sex marriage to sweeping property-tax

reform to a bill that Democrats criticized as bringing an end to collective bargaining.

Dandekar became emotional Monday in an interview with IowaPolitics.com, as she explained that this past week hasn't been easy. She said it hurts to hear people suggest that her move was intended to strike back at Iowa Senate Majority Leader Mike Gronstal, D-Council Bluffs, for not taking up a nuclear-power-plant bill she advocated for this past session.

"Sen. Gronstal has been one of the best leaders I have worked for. He has been the best leader and best mentor I have had in politics," said Dandekar, Iowa's first India-born state legislator who served in the Iowa House since 2002 and the Iowa Senate since 2008.

Dandekar said it all happened so quickly, in the span of four days. She said she and her husband, Arvind, on the evening of Sept. 15 took the four-and-a-half-hour, 263-mile drive from her house in Marion to Gronstal's in Council Bluffs to tell him about her decision and "look in his eyes."

Gronstal told IowaPolitics.com that while his conversation with Dandekar on Thursday is private, "I'm saddened that she's leaving. I don't agree with her decision, but it wasn't my decision to make."

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- The Bucket List 2: The Honey-Do Addendum
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## RELIGION & TERRORISM



**Muqtedar Khan, an associate professor of political science and international relations at the University of Delaware, speaks during an Intellectual Dialogue Society event on Monday in the IMU. The lecture covered terrorism and religion after 9/11 as well as the attacks in Norway. (The Daily Iowan/Ricky Bahner)**

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OBJECTS OF ART

## horoscopes Tuesday, Sept. 20

- by Eugenia Last

**ARIES** March 21-April 19 Think before you act. Avoid being impulsive, emotional, and willful. Get involved in activities that require physical force. It will give you time to think and keep you out of trouble. Make love, not war. Be passionate, not aggressive.

**TAURUS** April 20-May 20 You will feel impulsive, but acting too fast will be to your detriment. Take a moment, go over your options, and learn from past experience. You can win by using your head and considering all consequences before you make your move.

**GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Tend to personal business, legal matters, and any health issues. You can get great satisfaction dealing with institutions that have not been easy to deal with in the past. Clear up inefficiencies so you can start fresh.

**CANCER** June 21-July 22 Be reasonable when dealing with domestic issues to avoid opposition. Resolve existing problems; don't magnify them. Strive for equality. An older friend or relative will offer you sound advice. Don't withhold information.

**LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 You'll react quickly in any dealing you have with peers or groups. Your ability to take charge will impress a person beneficial to you. Someone may have a change of heart. Consider it a blessing, not a disappointment. Open your eyes to other options.

**VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You'll be walking a fine line when dealing with peers. Word your questions carefully, and avoid meddling in others' concerns. A joint venture will become a costly affair. Experience can prevent a mistake. Network to obtain valuable information.

**LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Check out unusual philosophies, religions, or lifestyles. A change in approach will give you a fresh outlook and help you decipher which past experiences can help you and which should be left behind. Love is on the rise.

**SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Evaluate your assets and liabilities. It's time to deal with the future. Get rid of what you don't need, and reclaim your life. Taking action is the only way to solve problems and ease stress. Focus on home finances and new beginnings.

**SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Charm may initially work to get what you want, but eventually, you will have to put your money where your mouth is and produce. Don't promise what you cannot deliver when honesty and the willingness to change will suffice.

**CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Expect opposition. People will not see things your way and will put restrictions or demands on you if you want something. Focus on your home, family, and personal life. Stabilize your financial situation by making the right choice.

**AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Good things come to those who wait. Greater stability will ensure that you have what's required to make the necessary changes. You have the power to set the stage for victory and the support system to help you reach your goals.

**PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Talk is cheap, but it can make a difference. It's up to you to decide what you will put up with. Take control, or someone else will dictate what lies ahead. Focus on home, family, and relationships now to avoid a bigger problem later.

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- **Bicyclists of Iowa City Tuesday Morning Ride**, 9 a.m., Scott Park
- **Tech Help Tuesdays**, 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Toddler Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Bioinformatics Seminar**, Rob Mitra, University of Washington, 11 a.m., 2117 Medical Education & Research Facility
- **CIMBA Informational Session**, 11 a.m., C106 Pappajohn Business Building
- **Staff Language and Culture Services English Conversation Group**, 12:30 p.m., UIHC Pomerantz Pavilion Melrose Conference Room 7
- **Final Thesis Defense**, "Part A, Bifunctional Cyclootynes in Copper-Free Click Chemistry for Applications in Radionuclide Chemistry Part B: 4-Alkylpyridine Derivatives in Intramolecular Dearomatization and Heterocycle Synthesis," Sharavathi Guddehalli, 1 p.m., W323 Chemistry Building
- **Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program**, 1 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Operator Theory Seminar**, "Extensions of Ito's Lemma," Palle Jorgensen, 1:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen Hall
- **Gray Knights Chess Club**, 2 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Microbiology Seminar**, "Discovery of *Ebolavirus* receptors," Wendy Maury 3 p.m., Bowen Auditorium 3
- **College of Pharmacy Division of Medicinal and Natural**

- **Products Chemistry Seminar**, "From Citrus Industry to Fine Chemistry: Biotechnological Applications of Diglycosidases," Laura Mazzaferro, 3:45 p.m., S538 College of Pharmacy
- **Seminar, Iowa's Center for Agricultural Safety and Health**, 4 p.m., 123/125 Institute for Rural and Environmental Health
- **Communication Studies-Department Seminar**, "Time and Transnational TV," Tim Havens, 4 p.m., 101 Becker
- **Writing University Lecture**, Visiting Ida Beam Professor Ilya Kaminsky, translation, international literature, and their place in the American literary landscape, 4:30 p.m., Shambaugh House
- **Indian Playwright and Director Gowri Ramnarayan on her play Water Lilies**, 5 p.m., Theatre Building Theatre B
- **English Conversation Group**, 5:30 p.m., UIHC Atrium Room A
- **Buck**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **"Live from Prairie Lights"**, Christopher Merrill, nonfiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Art & Art History Lecture**, Donovan Widmer, University of North Dakota-Grand Forks, 7 p.m., 1435 Studio Arts
- **LGBT in Uganda: Fighting for Equality**, 7:30 p.m., 107 English-Philosophy Building
- **The Strange Case of Angelica**, 9:15 p.m., Bijou

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- 4:30 p.m. Tricia Park performs with guests, Sept. 5, 2010
- 6 College of Public Health Lecture, "Be Personally Prepared for Emergencies: What Can You Do?," Bret Voorhees, Iowa Homeland Security, July 15, 2009
- 6:30 Kirk Ferentz News Conference, Iowa football coach meets with the media, presented unedited by UITV and Hawkeye Video
- 7 Women at Iowa, interview with Professor Linda Kerber
- 8 Bowen Business Lecture, "Icelandic Financial Crisis," Lilja Mosesdottir, economist, UI alum, and member of Iceland's Parliament, Aug. 30, 2010
- 9:30 Daily Iowan Television News
- 9:45 Ueye, features on student life and activities
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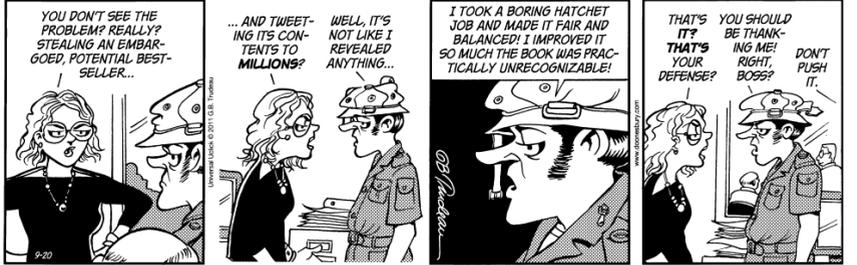
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- 44 Anita of "La Dolce Vita"
- 45 Appearance
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- 49 Troi on "Star Trek: T.N.G."
- 50 "Gunsmoke" star James
- 53 Minuscule
- 54 Minds, as a fire
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POINT/COUNTERPOINT

# Should Big Ten become 'super conference'?

Yes

Just when it looked like conference expansion may have been put on hold for a few years, the topic has again taken center stage in college athletics.

Texas A&M, the Big 12, and the SEC continue their national soap opera. Pittsburgh and Syracuse are set to join the ACC after officially announcing the move on Sunday. And the Pac-12 is working on adding Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Texas, and Texas Tech to its ranks.

Can Big Ten Commissioner Jim Delany afford to stand pat, or should he go back on the offensive, as he did in 2010 by adding Nebraska?

The answer is simple: Adapt, or fall behind. The Big Ten could survive with the 12 teams it currently has. But for a conference with so much pride and tradition, mere survival is not enough. It needs to thrive.

So which schools does Delany look to in order to advance the conference?

Delany has gone for nothing less than the home run in previous expansions (Penn State and Nebraska). There are two such "big fish" in the water: Texas and Notre Dame.

Texas is the biggest cash cow in all of college sports. In fiscal 2009, the Texas Athletics Department

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brought in well over \$138 million, a number that was top in the nation.

Notre Dame is a natural fit in every way — program tradition, geography, etc. — but it has been reluctant to give up its status as an independent. If the vaunted "super conferences" take shape, however, the Fighting Irish will have little choice if they want to maintain their current prominence.

By adding these two schools, the Big Ten would own nine of the top 20 revenue-generating athletics departments in the country. No other conference could match the Big Ten in terms of star power or the almighty dollar.

But if Delany wants to maintain that elite status, he needs to act quickly. Texas is looking for a new home right now. The conference has few real options and can't afford to let one of them slip away.

Expansion is happening with or without the Big Ten. Delany can either lead the charge, or he can wait and lose out on Texas.

He would have to be either stupid or insane to let that happen. His history says that he's neither.

— by **Tork Mason**

No

The Big Ten is in perhaps the best position of any league in this round of Conference Armageddon, and that's exactly why it should stay put and not expand past its math-damning 12 members.

That isn't to say that it couldn't happen anyway, of course. With leagues such as the Big 12 and Big East seemingly ready to implode, the Big Ten is in a position to poach whichever team it wants — without any fear of losing members.

The members of the conference also know they have a safe, long-term, viable home and won't have to threaten to sue members that try to leave (I'm looking at you, Iowa State and Baylor).

However, Big Ten Commissioner Jim Delany has said the league is not actively looking to expand, and the conference should not be. The conference is in a perfect position with 12 members, and adding schools just for the sake of keeping up with the ACC — and possibly the Pac-whatever — would be a bad idea.

Hypothetically adding Rutgers and Missouri just to get to 14 teams would not add anything to the Big Ten. The stroke of genius that was the Big Ten Network has made the conference a crazy amount of money, and adding mid-level schools would not add to that pile of cash.

Conferences such as the ACC have expanded in fear that they could be left behind when the fad of conference realignment is done. That fear doesn't apply to the Big Ten. When the dust settles, there is no scenario in which the Big Ten is left behind, no matter how many teams are in the league.

The Big Ten should not — and will not — settle for any school that is not a home run. The name brand and national relevance of Nebraska made that selection a round-tripper, and there are very few other schools that both fit that bill and satisfy the Big Ten's academic standards.

If the conference finds that perfect school that is willing to join, then fine. But until then, the Big Ten is fine with its current Legends and Leaders.

— by **Ryan Murphy**

# Cards win, gain on Braves

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PHILADELPHIA — Kyle Lohse outpitched Roy Halladay, and the St. Louis Cardinals held off the Philadelphia Phillies, 4-3, on Monday night to gain ground on Atlanta in the NL wild-card chase.

Lance Berkman homered and had an RBI single for the surging Cardinals, who moved within 2½ games of the wild card-leading Braves. Atlanta lost, 6-5, at Florida on Omar Infante's two-run homer off closer Craig Kimbrel with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning.

St. Louis, which took three of four in the series, has won 10 of 12 overall.

Despite the loss, the NL East champion Phillies clinched home-field advantage throughout the postseason when Milwaukee lost to the Chicago Cubs, 5-2.

Lohse (14-8) tossed 7½ strong innings, allowing an unearned run and seven hits while striking out five and walking one. The Cardinals have nine games remaining and return to St. Louis for a six-game homestand that begins Tuesday against the Mets.

Atlanta has eight games left, including the final three against the Phillies in Atlanta.

The Phillies scored a pair of runs in the ninth off reliever Jason Motte. Carlos Ruiz doubled with one out and scored on Jimmy Rollins' triple. Rollins scored on Shane Victorino's groundout.

Arthur Rhodes relieved Motte and gave up a two-out single to Chase Utley. Octavio Dotel followed and retired Hunter Pence to earn his second save

with the Cardinals this season. He also had one for Toronto this year.

The Phillies lost their second straight since clinching their fifth-consecutive NL East title on Sept. 17. Philadelphia played most of its regulars, with only Ryan Howard getting the day off after receiving an anti-inflammatory injection in his left ankle. Howard is expected to miss a couple of days.

The Phillies (98-54) remained four victories shy of setting a franchise record for wins in a season.

Halladay (18-6) had won seven-straight September decisions and was 9-0 with a 1.97 ERA in his last 10 September starts dating to 2009. But he failed in his bid for his 19th victory and 40th over the last two seasons, which would've marked the first time a Philadelphia pitcher accomplished that since Steve Carlton won 42 games combined in 1979-80.

Halladay tossed eight innings and allowed four runs on six hits with six strikeouts and a season-high four walks (two intentional).

Berkman's solo homer to right and Nick Punto's RBI groundout in the first helped the Cardinals take a 2-0 lead. It was Berkman's 31st homer, but first since Aug. 26.

The Phillies got a run back in the second on Ruiz's single to right.

St. Louis regained a two-run lead in the third when Lohse, after hitting his second double of the season to lead off the inning, scored on Berkman's two-out single to center.

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# Frosh opens some eyes

Freshman Matt Hagan has made a big impact in a short time as a member of the Iowa tennis team.

By RYAN MURPHY  
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At the Iowa tennis team's first tournament of the fall season, the Hawkeyes received one of their top performances from one of their youngest members.

In the first event of his college career, freshman Matt Hagan showed why he could be one of the Black and Gold's top talents in the next four years.

The Omaha native won his first four matches, two individually and two with doubles partner Chase Tomlins. Hagan, who advanced to the Flight B Doubles finals with Tomlins, finished 5-2 at the

Purdue Invitational on Sept. 16-18.

Hagan said it was a thrill to play in his very first event as a Hawk-eye.

"It's really exciting to start off as a freshman and play right away," he said. "It's exciting to play at that high Division-I level."

Hagan, who chose the Hawkeyes over such Big Ten schools as Nebraska and Illinois, was a four-star recruit, according to the Tennis Recruiting Network. He earned several accolades during his high-school career, and he recorded an undefeated senior season and state championships in both singles and doubles at Creighton Prep High.

Hagan said he chose Iowa because of the atmosphere surrounding the team and the university.

"It was a great college

town, the facilities were great, and the coaches were great," he said. "And so far, everything has been awesome."

Iowa head coach Steve Houghton said Hagan's skills were evident before the freshman ever played a match in the Black and Gold.

"We knew even before he got here that he was a quite capable player, and he certainly has the skills to be a great Division-I player," the coach said.

Houghton, who is in the midst of his 31st season as the program's head coach, expects Hagan to continue his success and boost the team's standing.

"Matt's got all kinds of talent," Houghton said. "He's certainly someone who can make contributions this year."

Once on campus, Hagan showed his prowess as a tennis player. The 6-6 freshman towers over most players on the court, and he uses that power to his advantage — especially with his dominant forehand.

Senior Will Vasos said Hagan's abilities have

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made an impression on the team in the first few weeks of the season.

"He's a really hard worker, and he has a lot of talent," Vasos said. "He really blasts his forehand, and hopefully, he just keeps growing as a player."

Vasos hopes Hagan will be able to be a big contributor for the Hawkeyes once the spring season rolls around.

Hagan said he just wants to do what he can to help the Hawkeyes.

"I just want to show up for my team and represent Iowa well," he said.



Hagan tennis player

## FOOTBALL

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Against Pittsburgh, defense kept Iowa in the game, and many of the top contributors were first-year starters.

Sophomore linebackers Christian Kirksey and Anthony Hitchens combined for 15 tackles. Sophomore safety Tanner Miller forced a fumble and recorded a tackle for loss in his first career start.

Bernstine said he sees the victory as a serious confidence-booster.

"We have young guys, and everybody's starting to feel comfortable," he said. "I'm sure this win will help them. I feel like we'll really start to gel as a defense."

Though slow to start, the offense wasn't without big plays from underclass-



Hawkeye linebacker James Morris tackles Pittsburgh's Ray Graham on Sept. 17 in Kinnick Stadium. (The Daily Iowan/Rob Johnson)

men, either. James Vandenberg found redshirt freshman Kevonte Martin-Manley for the second and third touchdown catches of his career on successive drives, with the second

ball serving as the game-winner.

"I think we all knew we had a young team, and there are going to be mistakes. We have to keep growing," Vandenberg said.

"This was a great situation today for everybody. We were backed into a corner today, and we never quit swinging ... This was just a huge learning step for a lot of guys."

## GOLF

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their mental limits particularly on opening days of tournaments, when they play two rounds back-to-back. Such was the case at Iowa's first tournament about a week ago, when they played 36 holes on Sept. 11 at the Gopher Invitational.

"It's extremely grueling mentally," redshirt freshman Ian Vandersee said about playing back-to-

back rounds. "You're out there for upwards of 10 hours without taking a break, and it's just a grueling process that you have to be able to handle."

To deal with the mental challenge, one thing Hankins tells his players to do is focus while they are taking their shots, and then take their mind off the game while they're walking in between. Singing a song to themselves or taking in the course surroundings are a few of the ways Hankins suggests to his players stay relaxed.

"You can't stay focused

for four-straight hours," the fifth-year coach said. "You have to come in and out of focus."

Aside from the formal session, Hankins said every day is an opportunity for his golfers to work on the mental part of their games, noting that "75 percent of what we do is mental."

Senior Chris Brant said he's noticed significant strides in his mental approach since he joined the team as a freshman.

During his days in junior golf, he said he

would just go out and "wing it."

But now, with an improved mental edge, he has lowered his stroke average since the fall of his freshman season by about four shots per round.

"Whether you want to call it the 'zone' or whatever you want to call it, I'm looking for that every time I go out and tee it up," he said. "I'm looking for that place where I know I play my best mentally. It's a place of freedom, a place of confidence and relaxation."

## SANCHEZ

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ing against the players in practice and challenging their abilities.

"He's been kind of injured this year, but he's a very good soccer player," senior defender Morgan Showalter said. "He really challenges us to work on our one-versus-one moves with him, and he brings a different dynamic that a girl doesn't bring to the field."

Sanchez said he has also seen the benefit from his practicing with the team,

and that his participation has helped create more complete players and perhaps translated to the team's success on the field.

"I try to get them to play faster and play smart," Sanchez said. "Having a guy on the field isn't the same, because guys are a lot faster and stronger. It gives [the team] an opportunity to attack against a guy."

Showalter said Sanchez's biggest contributions have been his speed and power, especially in his shot. His skill on the attack has helped mold the new-look defense and develop senior goalkeeper Emily Moran.

"He has an amazing

shot," Showalter said. "For him to be able to bend the ball like he does really tests our keepers; they have to be ready for any type of shot that may come in a game."

Besides his position with the Iowa soccer team, Sanchez also serves as an assistant coach for the boys' swimming team at City High and head coach for the girls' team.

His experience with being a student-athlete and the time management it requires has its positives on the team, he said.

If a player wants to come to practice early and work on some things, Sanchez is

## Baseball gains 2 new aides

The Iowa baseball team will have two new aides in the spring, head coach Jack Dahm announced on Monday.

Former Hawkeye catcher and first baseman Dusty Napoleon will serve as an undergraduate assistant coach working with Iowa's catchers and hitters. Longtime Iowa high-school coach Brian Miller was named director of baseball operations, according to a release.

Napoleon returns to Iowa City after he left the team for the MLB draft in 2007. After just one season with the Hawkeyes — in which he started 48 games, led the team with 34 RBIs, and smacked a pair of home runs — he was selected in the 19th round by the Oakland Athletics.

The 6-2, 208-pound left-handed batter worked his way through the Athletics' organization until hitting the team's

Triple A affiliate, the Sacramento River Cats, in 2010. He finished his career with 153 hits in four seasons through all four levels of Oakland's farm system, and took home an award from MLB.com for having the best name in the minor leagues (beating out San Diego prospect Beamer Weams) in 2009.

Miller has worked as a baseball coach since 1992, including stints at several Iowa high schools and at Kirkwood Community College. He achieved the most success at the helm of Mid-Prairie High (Wellman, Iowa), taking the Golden Hawks to their first-ever conference title in 2000 and first-ever appearance state semifinals in 2001. Mid-Prairie advanced to the state semis again in 2004, 2006, and 2007 and won the state title in 2004. He was named district coach of the year six times in his tenure at the school, over a span lasting from 2000-10.

— by Seth Roberts

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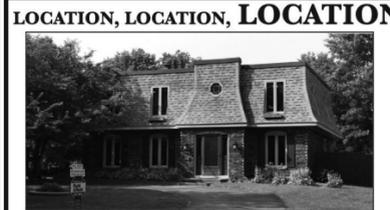


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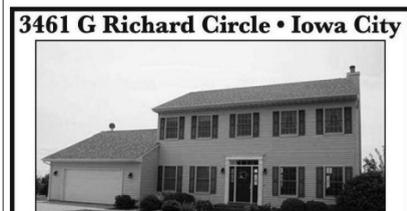
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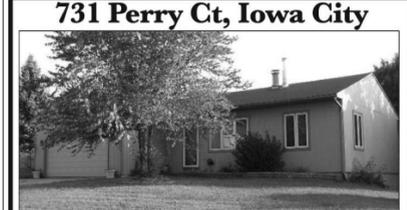


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## Young Hawks get a boost



Iowa wide receiver Kevonte Martin-Manley pulls in a touchdown pass from James Vandenberg against Pittsburgh on Sept. 17 in Kinnick Stadium. Martin-Manley scored two touchdowns in the fourth quarter as Iowa came from behind to beat the Panthers, 31-27. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

Iowa's historic comeback victory against Pittsburgh may prove to be therapeutic for the Hawkeyes as they move forward.

By JORDAN GARRETSON

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Through just three games, the Iowa football team has numerous areas of concern.

The running game has been unreliable, averaging 127.3 yards a game — the second-worst mark in the Big Ten. The defense has often struggled to get off the field, allowing opponents to convert a league-worst 50 percent of their third downs.

Roster depth is being tested, specifically at running back and linebacker after a season-ending injury to Mika'il

McCall and a nagging injury to Tyler Nielsen. The team's two-deeps are still littered with players yet to be tested in Big Ten play, which begins in under three weeks.

But for all of the Hawkeyes' shortcomings, they found a way to win in historic comeback fashion against Pittsburgh after falling into a 24-3 hole.

That comeback and subsequent 31-27 win may prove therapeutic for Iowa.

"My sister could have been at the game and said, 'Boy, this team has a lot of work to do

right now.' And we do," Ferentz said. "Despite our deficiencies right now, to push through and still win the game, have the guys feel good about themselves afterwards, that's something a growing team really needs. You need that."

Players said the postgame locker room scene was one of raw emotion. Jordan Bernstine called it "crazy." Micah Hyde said it was "definitely one of the greatest memories I've ever had."

The jubilation from completing the largest comeback

in school history was only magnified because of the gut-punch suffered a week earlier, a triple-overtime loss to archrival Iowa State.

"Last week, we couldn't finish the game like we wanted to," senior receiver Marvin McNutt said. "This week, to come back like we did, it was just an emotional experience. It was awesome."

The defense's inability to get stops in key situations against Iowa State — it allowed the Cyclones to score touchdowns on five of their final six drives — was costly.

SEE FOOTBALL, 10

## Iowa soccer aide wears many hats

Soccer assistant volunteer coach Ivan Sanchez has worked with the team in many capacities.

By BEN WOLFSON

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Ivan Sanchez has been involved with soccer most of his life. His father played professionally in Mexico and introduced his son to the game when Ivan was around 2 or 3.

Growing up, Sanchez split his time between swimming and soccer. But after suffering extensive injuries while playing the latter — five fractures and two surgeries on his wrist — he decided to focus on swimming.

"Soccer has always been something I love; it's one of my passions," he said. "Swimming became rehab to go back and play soccer again. Coaches said I had the skill [to swim], and I was good at it, so I pursued swimming instead of soccer."



**Sanchez**  
volunteer coach

As a student-athlete at Southern Illinois, Sanchez was an elite swimmer. He was a four-year letter-winner, and the Missouri Valley champion in the 200 and 500 freestyle in 2002 and 2004. He was also an Olympic Trial qualifier for Mexico in 2000, 2004, and 2008.

His move to Iowa City happened somewhat by chance.

Sanchez's wife, Brianna Sanchez, started studying for her Ph.D. at the university in Second Language Acquisition, and Sanchez decided to call soccer head coach Ron Rainey.

"Ivan got in touch with us, and he said he was going to be here in town and had an interest," Rainey said. "It kind of just went from there, and he's done a great job. A lot of what he does is out on the field and with another set of eyes, he gives us some good thoughts."

Now in his third year with the team, Sanchez has helped the squad by compet-

SEE SANCHEZ, 10

## Vandenberg receives many honors

After directing the largest comeback in Iowa football history against Pittsburgh on Sept. 17, quarterback James Vandenberg has earned numerous honors, including Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week.

In addition to the conference honor, the junior was named one of eight Manning Award Stars of the Week and was also nominated for Intersport's Quarterback Performance of the Year award. Finally, he was named an honorable-mention recipient of the Davey O'Brien Quarterback of the Week.

Vandenberg accounted for all four of Iowa's touchdowns in the final 17 minutes of the team's 31-27 victory, including passing scores on three-straight drives to help the Hawkeyes climb out of a 21-point deficit.

The Keokuk, Iowa, native was 31-of-48 for 399 yards and three touchdowns, all of which were new career-best marks. He completed 17 of his final 20 passes, and his 399 yards are tied for the seven-most ever in a single game by an Iowa quarterback.

The Big Ten honor is the first of

Vandenberg's career, and he is the first Iowa player to be named Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week since Ricky Stanzi after the game against Michigan on Oct. 16, 2010.

Vandenberg was one of eight different quarterbacks named as Manning Award Stars of the Week. Fans can visit the Allstate Sugar Bowl Facebook page to vote for this week's winner, who will be announced as the Manning Award Player of the Week. Voting ends at 9 a.m. (CDT) Thursday.

The Intersport Quarterback Performance of the Year award includes a four-month competition in which fans can determine which performances during the 2011 season stood out the most. Fans can vote on the All-Star Football Challenge Facebook page and each week's top vote-getter will proceed to the finals Jan. 19-25.

The O'Brien weekly award is voted on by fans and given out during the first eight weeks of the season. The recipient of the official Davey O'Brien Award, given to the best quarterback in the country, will be announced in December.

— by Jordan Garretson

## Linebacker Davis leaves football team

Iowa linebacker Bruce Davis has left the football team, head coach Kirk Ferentz announced in a release on Monday afternoon.

Davis remains on track to graduate from the Iowa in December. The Cleveland native cited personal reasons for why he left the Hawkeyes, according to the release.

He declined further comment on



**Davis**  
ex-Hawkeye

Monday evening.

Davis recorded four tackles in Iowa's first three games this season. The redshirt senior missed most of the 2010 season after he suffered an undisclosed injury in the Hawkeyes' loss to Arizona on Sept. 18.

On Iowa's most recent depth chart, released Monday morning, Davis was listed as the squad's second-team middle linebacker.

"Bruce was a part of three very special football seasons," Ferentz said in the release. "The coaching staff and I appreciate Bruce's contributions over the past four-and-a-half years and wish him success in finishing his degree in December and beyond."

— by Matt Cozzi

## Iowa golfers go mental



Iowa senior Barrett Kelpin lines up a putt on the ninth hole of Finkbine on April 17. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

The Iowa men's golf team focuses on the mental aspect of the game on a weekly basis.

By BEN SCHUFF

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No one can defend a golfer. There isn't an opponent on the golf course waiting to block a shot or deflect a pass.

It's just the golfer, the ball, and the course.

The simplicity of the game places an emphasis on staying mentally sharp throughout an 18-hole round.

For this reason, Iowa men's head golf coach Mark Hankins holds a formal session once a week designed to improve the mental aspect of each player's golf game.

These sessions consist of exercises, coaching lectures, looking over

handouts, or reading articles that offer insight to the mental side of golf.

"Golf is probably one of the hardest mental sports there is because it's just you versus yourself, and you against the golf course," Hankins said. "Basically, what you have is about four-and-a-half hours of walking and time to think. If you get the right things in your mind, that can be good. If you allow the

wrong things to come in your mind, that can be bad."

The exercise portion of the sessions focuses on several skills, including relaxation and deep-breathing techniques, visualization, a pre-shot routine, or a pre-round routine. All of these, Hankins said he hopes, will help his players stay calm and not try too hard.

Players can be pushed to

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