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• Long-time Hawkeye defensive coordinator **Norm Parker** announced this weekend he would retire following the team's 2011 Insight Bowl appearance. **Page 14A**

**Three charged in assault**

Three Davenport men were charged Dec. 10 in conjunction with a downtown beating that reportedly left one man in the hospital with life-threatening injuries.

According to a complaint by Iowa City police, Michael Henkel, 18, and Francisco Vasquez, 21, were charged after officers responded to 112 E. Washington St. after receiving a report of an assault.

Tyler Powers, 19 — also of Davenport — was charged 11 minutes earlier in the same block of Washington Street with willful injury causing serious injury, according to police arrest logs.

The complaint said officers, who were given the description of the alleged aggressors, encountered Vasquez and Henkel near the Sheraton Hotel. Witnesses stated that Vasquez and Henkel stomped on the victim while he was on the ground, according to the complaint.

The complaint also said Vasquez admitted to pushing the victim. Both Vasquez and Henkel allegedly beat the victim so violently that he required medical attention for life-threatening injuries, the complaint said. Both allegedly had blood on their persons and allegedly showed injuries consistent with being in a scuffle.

All three men were charged with willful injury causing serious injury, a Class-C felony.

— by Matt Starns

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## Cop shopping program aids kids

Child victims of traumatic events went on a Dec. 10 shopping spree with local law-enforcement officials.

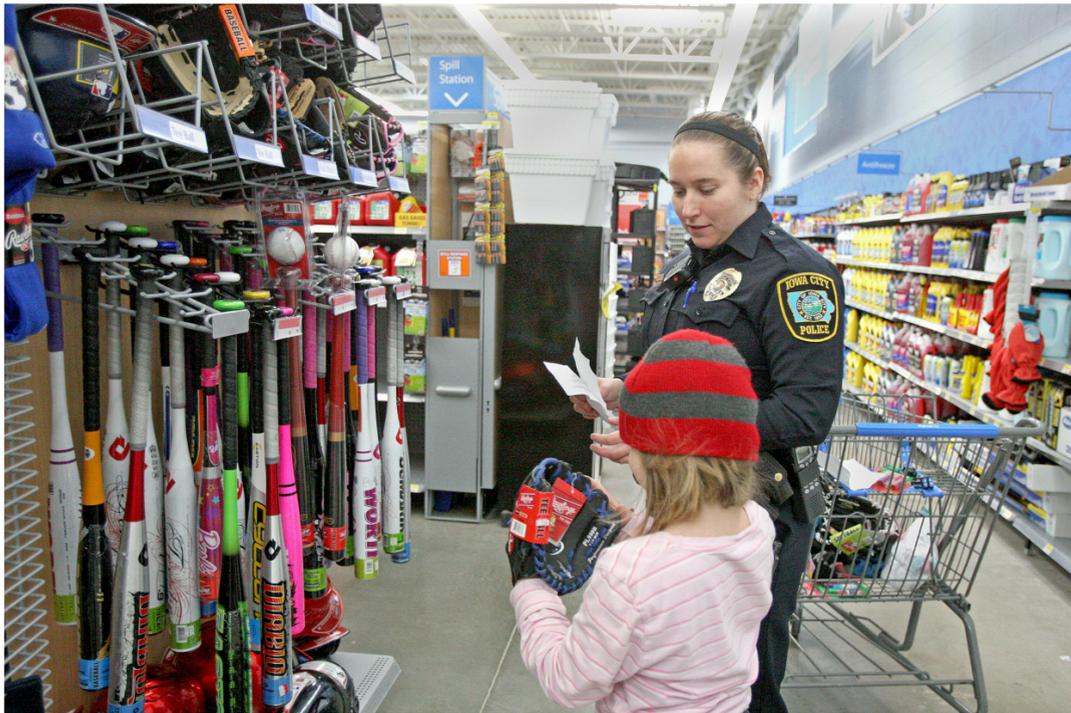
By **MELISSA DAWKINS**  
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The aisles of the Iowa City Wal-Mart rang with high-pitched shouts and laughter this past weekend.

But the children picking out items for shopping carts have not had a year full of smiles.

This year, local children who have recently suffered a traumatic event or are in foster care were selected to participate in the Iowa City Police Association's annual "Shop with a Cop."

The event, which began in 1996, pairs local children with Iowa City police officers for a few hours of shopping for needed items, as well as gifts.



Iowa City police Officer Sarah Kelly shops with a child this past weekend. The Shop with a Cop program has been put on by the Iowa City Police Department since 1996. (The Daily Iowan/Anthony Bauer)

"In past years, we'd solicit the schools to send us lists of kids," said Jorey Bailey, a crime-prevention officer for the Iowa City police. "And this year,

we've really gone on personal experience by the officers with families; families that officers know have children that may want to come shop, and

that may be in need of the experience."

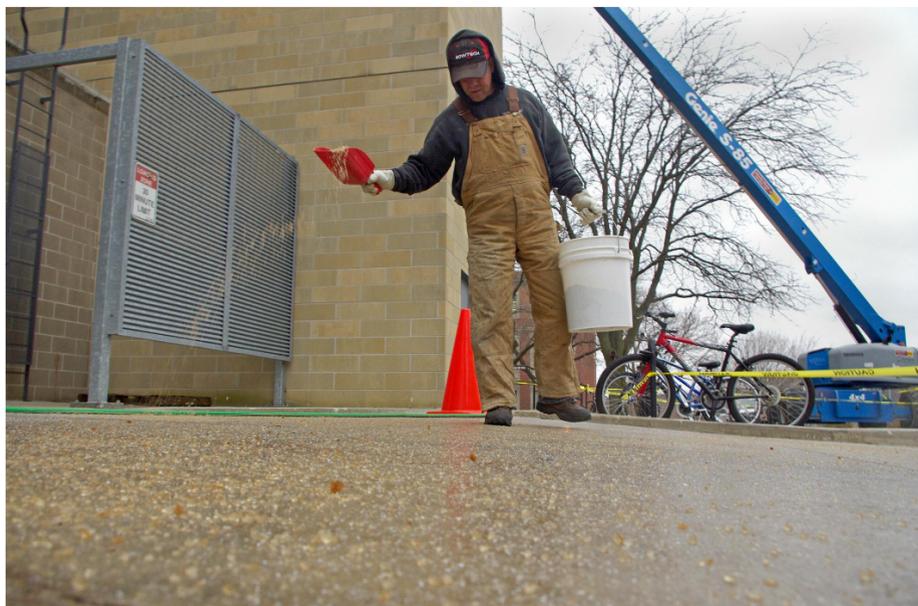
This year, there were 11 officers and 20 children

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Go online to see store employees and police officers talk about this year's Shop with a Cop event.

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## UI 'beets' the ice



UI groundskeeper Scott Shrader sprinkles sugar-beet juice on the sidewalk near the Blank Honors Center on Nov. 30, 2010. Shrader said this was the first practical use of the product by the UI. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

By **JORDYN REILAND**  
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University of Iowa facility officials say using ProMelt — an environmentally friendly sea-salt/beet-juice mixture — has proven to be cost- and environmentally effective.

After giving the mixture a

test run last year, Scott Gritsch, the manager of landscape services for UI Facilities Management, said the university will continue to use the product unless problems arise. "It is good with colder temperatures, and it doesn't affect the plant material or turf,"

Gritsch said.

Landscape workers had corroding issues with the calcium-chloride mixture the university previously used for deicing.

"We are trying to use less calcium chloride," Gritsch said.

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**2012 ELECTION WATCH**

## Gingrich remarks decried

The U.S. provided nearly \$3 trillion in foreign assistance to Israel in fiscal 2011.

By **SAM LANE**  
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DES MOINES — One foreign-policy expert said Iowa caucus candidate Newt Gingrich's statement that Palestinians are "an invented people" is "inflammatory."

The remark — which Gingrich made last week during an interview with the Jewish Channel — came under fire at this past weekend's GOP presidential debate in Des Moines.

"Is what I said factually correct? Yes. Is it historically true? Yes," Gingrich said,

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## Spotlight Iowa City

## Piercing intelligence

The local piercer began his apprenticeship at age 16.

By JORDAN MONTGOMERY

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Steve Easley, the owner of Release Body Modification, gave himself his first piercing when he was 13.

"[It] was not professional by any means," Easley said.

He had no professional tools to get the stud into the skin between his chin and bottom lip.

"The way I went about doing it was absolutely ridiculous," the 28-year-old said. "I took a guitar pick and put it between my bottom lip and my gum. Then I took an X-Acto knife and spun it into my lip until the hole was big enough to fit the stud.

Now the hole is about the size of nickel. It is filled with a large stone that separates his chin and bottom lip.

As a 7-year-old, he knew he wanted to work in a tattoo shop. He could only enter the shops with an adult at that age, so he used to make his uncle's girlfriend pretend she was his mother so he could watch the artists work.

"I used to draw a lot in elementary and middle school," said Easley, who now has countless tattoos sneaking out from the sleeves and neck of his black sweater. "But I lost interest in doing tattoos because they are so permanent; the smallest error, and it completely falls apart. Around middle school, I became interested in piercings."

## METRO

## Woman faces drug charge

An Iowa City woman was charged Sept. 15 after she was allegedly found in possession of drugs while baby-sitting.

According to a complaint by Iowa City police, officers were called to 4802 Dolphin Lake Point Enclave for a report of a subject using heroin in the presence of children.

The complaint said Kimberly Robinson, 45, was found alone at the residence. She allegedly admitted to officers that she was there to baby-sit, but she had taken the children to the neighbor's residence.

The complaint said officers conducted a consent search of the residence and located a bag in the upstairs bathroom that contained numerous needles, spoons with residue, and other drug paraphernalia. Robinson allegedly denied ownership until an officer located Robinson's work ID in the bag, according to the complaint.

Robinson then allegedly



Steve Easley prepares to suspend a man during the grand opening for Nix Rue Tattoo in North Liberty in April. (Contributed Photo/Scott Warren)

## Steve Easley

- **Age:** 28
- **Hometown:** Clinton
- **Favorite Movie:** *The Big Lebowski*
- **Favorite Band:** Arcade Fire
- **Category:** Answer

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He began piercing as an apprentice at the age of 16, two years too young to get the piercings he was giving to customers.

His work schedule did not reflect his age. He went to school from 9:30 a.m. to noon, directly followed by apprenticeship until 8 p.m. He then slept for a few hours until his job at a dog-food factory from 11:30 p.m. to 6 a.m., followed by a few more hours of sleep until school again.

Easley began working for

the shop he apprenticed at in Clinton and eventually made his way to Iowa City to do piercings at Nemesis Tattoo Studios.

"[Easley] has come a long way since I first met him," said friend and colleague Kyle Bingham. "He was piercing up in the front corner of [Nemesis]. He took the money he made from working, saved it, and bought a bunch of jewelry. Doing that allowed him to open [Release]."

Today, Easley has an apprentice of his own, 19-year-old Morgan Deheer of Des Moines. Deheer, who is four months into a two-year apprenticeship, said she hopes she will be able to continue working with Easley once her apprenticeship is complete.

"I started coming here because Steve is a really good piercer," she said. "He does a lot of cool stuff that I'm interested in, like suspensions and pulls."

People who practice suspension — piercing large hooks into a person's skin and then lifting them off the ground by the hooks — are uncommon in Iowa City, but Easley recently started a suspension group. The group boasts about a dozen people already, and Easley said he hopes it will grow.

Suspension is a practice that Easley said he's come to enjoy in the past six years since he first experienced it.

"Everybody has her or his own reason [for suspension]," Easley said. "Entertainment, religious practices, rights of passage, to prove to themselves that they can. The way that I see it, if you can have your body lifted off the ground from hooks in your flesh, then what can't you accomplish?"

admitted ownership of the items but allegedly said the residue was from crushed up pills she got from old ladies, the complaint said.

The complaint also said the items seized were sent to a lab where they were shown to contain residue from heroin and methamphetamine.

Robinson is charged with second-offense possession of a controlled substance, an aggravated misdemeanor.

— by Matt Starns

## UI student faces drug charges

UI police charged a Mayflower resident Dec. 1 with a controlled-substance violation and keeping a drug house after he allegedly sold Adderall to a female subject.

Timothy Rooney, 20, was charged after officers executed a search warrant at his residence, 834D Mayflower. During the search, officers allegedly located a prescription for Adderall belonging to Rooney and multiple Adderall capsules throughout the room, according to a complaint by UI police.

A female subject who was present was also allegedly found in possession of two Adderall capsules, which she reportedly said she purchased from Rooney for \$5.

Officers allegedly located marijuana and marijuana paraphernalia during the search. The complaint said follow-up interviews and investigation determined that Rooney allegedly stored and used marijuana in his residence on a weekly basis.

Rooney was charged with a Class-C felony controlled-substance violation for possession of Adderall with intent to deliver. He is also charged with keeping a drug house.

— by Matt Starns

## Prisoner charged with assault

An inmate at the Johnson County Jail was charged Dec. 9 after he allegedly assaulted a sheriff's deputy while being moved from visitation back to his cell block.

According to a complaint by the Johnson County Sheriff's Office, Charon Williams, 28, was being transported back to his cell block from visitation by a sheriff's deputy and was arguing with the deputy because his visit was ended early. Williams allegedly refused to enter the cell block when commanded and then was ordered to a holding cell several times, according to the complaint. He allegedly refused to listen.

The deputy grabbed Williams' arm, the complaint said, and Williams allegedly jerked away. The deputy was then pushed into the door of the cell block, and a fight started, the complaint said.

Williams allegedly punched the deputy in the face, knocking his glasses off. The deputy sustained several scratches to his face, neck, and arms from the incident, the complaint said.

Williams is charged with assault against a peace officer causing an injury and interference with official acts.

— by Matt Starns

## BLOTTER

**Shireen Amehdi**, 19, 728 E. Washington St., was charged Dec. 9 with presence in a bar after hours.

**Kaleen Balun**, 20, 600 S. Capitol St. Apt. 305, was charged Dec. 9 with presence in a bar after hours.

**Kevin Cronin**, 19, 144 Slater, was charged Dec. 9 with presence in a bar after hours and PAULA.

**Thomas Drake**, 28, address unknown, was charged June 23 with second-degree theft.

**Terry Green**, 34, address unknown, was charged Oct. 23 with assault causing serious injury.

**Mickey Halverson**, 21, 366 S. Clinton St. Apt. 2627, was charged Nov. 1 with assault causing injury, willful injury, and disorderly conduct.

**Bernadette Haman**, 29, 1001 Cross Park Ave. Apt. B, was charged Dec. 9 with driving with

a suspended or canceled license. **Abel Hernandez**, 19, 440 S. Johnson St. Apt. 7, was charged Oct. 6 with possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, possession of prescription drugs, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**John Horn**, 25, 287 Hawkeye Court, was charged Dec. 11 with OWI.

**Tammy Jackson**, 21, 730 E. Burlington St., was charged Dec. 9 with driving with a suspended or canceled license.

**Jacqueline Jordan**, 20, S322 Hillcrest, was charged Aug. 1 with fifth-degree theft.

**Thomas King**, 19, 440 S. Johnson St. Apt. 7, was charged Oct. 6 with possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of prescription drugs.

**Matthew Lavin**, 19, 112 E. College

St., was charged Dec. 8 with possession of marijuana.

**Daniel Leibfried**, 21, 2444 Walden Road, was charged Nov. 8 with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Anthony Leo**, 23, 532 Foster Road, was charged Dec. 8 with OWI and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Casey Levigne**, 19, 4529 Burge, was charged Dec. 9 with presence in a bar after hours.

**Alexander Limke**, 19, West Des Moines, was charged Dec. 9 with presence in a bar after hours.

**Holly Orr**, 37, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 4011, was charged Dec. 9 with keeping a disorderly house.

**Tyler Powers**, 19, Davenport, was charged Dec. 10 with willful injury causing serious injury.

**Joshua Ramsey**, 21, 905 E. Burlington St., was charged Dec. 10 with public intoxication.

**Thomas Rice**, 19, 112 1/2 E. College St., was charged Dec. 8 with pos-

session of cocaine.

**Paige Sumner**, 20, Cedar Rapids, was charged Dec. 10 with OWI. **Stephanie Swiatlo**, 20, 600 S. Capitol St. Apt. 206, was charged Dec. 9 with presence in a bar after hours.

**Andrew Torossian**, 19, 146 Slater, was charged Dec. 9 with presence in a bar after hours and PAULA.

**Margaret Winnike**, 22, Cedar Rapids, was charged Dec. 9 with driving with a suspended or canceled license.

**Paul Wittau**, 21, 366 S. Clinton St. Apt. 2627, was charged Nov. 13 with disorderly conduct.

**Eric Woodraska**, 19, Oelwein, Iowa, was charged Dec. 9 with presence in a bar after hours, unlawful use of an authentic driver's license, second-offense public intoxication, and obstructing an officer.

**Jesus Zavala**, 52, West Liberty, was charged Dec. 9 with fifth-degree theft.

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**SHOP**

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working together to find the items the children needed, Bailey said.

Iowa City police Sgt. Denise Brotherton said children typically come to Shop with a Cop with a list of basic necessities.

"We make sure that these kids get those basics that they need but also get the toys they want," she said. "... You almost have to push the kids to get toys. Usually, they'll come with lists for the basic things. They just don't know what to do."

This year, the children appeared to warm up to the officers quickly, zipping from aisle to aisle and excitedly showing officers — who volunteer their time

for the event — their findings.

Kurt Penfold, the Iowa City Wal-Mart store manager, said he looks forward to the event every year.

"We're always excited about more business in the store, but especially excited to see the kids; see how excited they get when they have this opportunity," he said.

Bailey said Shop with a Cop is not just a positive

opportunity for the children but also for the officers.

"Oftentimes, we deal with families when they're at their worst," Bailey said. "And we look forward to every opportunity we can to get out and interact with community members, specifically kids, on other levels. So this gives us that opportunity."

To finance the shopping trip, Brotherton said, the

Police Association conducted fundraisers in which community members made enough contributions to successfully run the program this year.

Penfold noted the children are able to give in addition to receiving.

"They're going around the store shopping, not just for one person, but all their siblings and parents," he said. "So it's a great oppor-

tunity to have that feeling of giving."

Brotherton said the event helps build trust throughout the community as a whole.

"There may be distrust amongst the family and the police," she said. "This shows us in a different light and helps us build relationships. It shows that we're not always the bad guys and that we're here for support, too."

**BEET JUICE**

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"Using [ProMelt] helps reduction of damage along the side of the sidewalks and concrete."

The mixture would get tracked in by students, Gritsch said and replacing tile and extra lawn care is not in the university's budget.

Though the UI still uses the calcium-chloride mixture in small portions, the ultimate goal is to stop

using the salt mixture completely. Gritsch said the UI will continue using both the salt mixture and the beet juice for the next five years to make sure it does not cause any additional harm.

Last winter, the UI used roughly 14 pallets — roughly 40 bags in each — of ProMelt, Gritsch said.

"We order as we go through the winter; we can only have a few pallets on hand," Gritsch said, noting that the university also uses a rock-salt and sand mixture on streets and other sidewalks.

Bob Lackman, general manager of Beisser Lumber, a company that sells ProMelt, said the university has been one of the best proponents of the product.

Lackman said the UI purchased 96 of its bags from the company at the cost of \$8.51 per bag last winter, totaling \$816.96. This winter, the cost per bag rose almost 75 cents to \$9.25.

ProMelt has been available for retail for about three years, though major airports have been using it for five, Lackman said.

The amount of ProMelt used on university property

depends on the amount of snowfall and ice, Gritsch said.

"It's probably used every snow event at different scales," he said. "It wasn't used as much [Friday]... it wasn't too bad."

The city of Iowa City also uses a similar de-icing product called GeoMelt. The city has used the product for two years, and city officials said they have found it effective as well.

John Sobaski, Iowa City's assistant superintendent for streets and traffic engineering, said so

far this winter, GeoMelt has helped deice the roads.

"It's very good at enhancing salt and reducing salt use up to 30 percent," he said.

The city has a 3,000-ton contract for the winter and receives half in October and half in January. The treatment costs the city \$10 a ton to mix four and a half gallons of the mixture. Last year, Iowa City received almost 35 inches of snow and ice and used 3,500 tons of GeoMelt.

The city plans to use GeoMelt to cut back on the

**ProMelt**  
**Despite the price increase, the UI will use ProMelt to deice campus sidewalks and entrances.**  
 • 2010: \$8.51/ bag  
 • 2010: 96 bags purchased  
 • 2011: \$9.25/ bag  
source: Bob Lackman, general manager of Beisser Lumber

use of sand because the sediment is a form of pollution, and officials are also experimenting with a salt-brine liquid on a few hills with a 300-gallon pickup truck.

**DEBATE**

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defending himself during the debate at Drake University. "Are we in a situation where, every day, rockets are fired into Israel while the United States, the current administration, tries to pressure the Israelis into a peace process?"

Judith Kipper, the director of Middle East Pro-

grams for the Institute of World Affairs, decried the statement.

"I think that particular statement was extremely unfortunate," she said. "Though [candidates] are fighting to win a race domestically, they have to be careful and sensitive about what is going to inflame the conflict. That statement was definitely inflammatory."

During the debate, both Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, and former Massachusetts

Gov. Mitt Romney attacked Gingrich's statements.

Romney called the comments a mistake and said such statements make matters more difficult for Israel.

"We stand with the Israeli people, stand with our friends, and make it very clear: We're going to tell the truth, but we're not going to throw incendiary words into a place that is a boiling pot when our friends, the Israelis, would probably say, 'What in the

world are you doing?'" Romney said

Gingrich responded by saying he's not making life more difficult for Israel, nor is he trying to speak for the country.

Paul, who has frequently called for limiting U.S. involvement in foreign conflicts, said Gingrich's statement is historically correct, but is an example of the reason the country gets "involved in so many messes."

"This idea that we can be

the policemen of the world and settle all these disputes, I mean, soon we'll have to quit because we're flat-out broke," Paul said. "But we cannot continue to get into these issues like this and getting ourselves into more trouble."

The United States appropriated nearly \$3 trillion in funding for Israel for fiscal 2011, according to the Congressional Budget Justification on foreign assistance. That figure has risen each of the last four years,

and Congress has requested nearly \$3.1 trillion for fiscal 2012.

Kipper said there's "nothing new" in the financial request and said America and Israel have been close allies for 60 years.

"The United States has always supported Israel's existence," she said. "It's a very profound commitment. It doesn't mean that Americans support every policy Israel follows. And every relationship has strains."

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2:30 – 2:40 Call the Meeting to Order/Roll Call  
 2:40 – 3:10 Compensation and Classification/Performance Management Update  
 3:10 – 3:30 Staff Council Elections 2012 Overview  
 3:30 – 3:40 Vice President Buckley Comments/Updates  
 3:40 – 3:50 Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes  
 3:50 – 4:00 Announcements  
 4:00 Adjourn

**Next Meeting**  
**January 11, 2012, 2:30 – 4:30 P.M.**  
**S401 PBB**

*Meet Your Councilor*

**Gary Sanborn**

**Q. What is your title and where do you work?**  
 A. Audio Engineer, Hancher

**Q. What is the most memorable event you attended on campus this past year?**  
 A. Merce Cunningham Dance Company in the IMU Main Lounge in February. It was called "The Legacy Tour." After the tour is completed at the end of this year, the company will disband, due to the death of Merce in 2009. It was the last time to see his dance company perform.

**Q. What is your favorite spot on the UI campus?**  
 A. One of my favorite spots is along the East side of the Iowa River at the HA footbridge. There is a wildflower garden and what may be a small arboretum. Not too many nature spots like this on our campus.

**Q. Staff Council is focusing on Sustainability this year. Any tips or practices you'd like to share?**  
 A. Ride your bike and walk to work! Also, get into recycling – not many people know this yet, but it is now single stream – easy!

*Message from the UISC President*

The UI Staff Council has had a fantastic year in 2011! Many new projects have been undertaken and either completed or are nearing completion, all of which will benefit the representation of staff by Staff Council. Councilors have also been very generous with their time throughout the year. They have given many hours to projects on campus that supported the UI community as well as visitors to the area. The role of a staff councilor is ultimately about service, specifically to other staff at the University and generally to the UI community. Councilors have fulfilled that role very well in 2011.

It is with that spirit of service and good will towards others that we make our way into the holiday season for 2011. Hopefully you will have at least a few moments in this season to lend support to others in the community who may be less fortunate or alone and in need of some assistance. Support for others may take on the complexion of your time, your talents or a monetary or material gift. Whatever is possible has the greatest of potential to make a difference in the life of another person who is in need of a kind act. The holiday season is certainly not the only time of year to consider service in your community. It is, however, a time of year where your generosity could hold special significance for those in need among us.

On behalf of Staff Council, have a very happy and safe holiday season!

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## Editorial

## Caucus for Ron Paul on Jan. 3

The *Daily Iowan* Editorial Board endorses Texas Rep. Ron Paul for the Iowa Republican presidential caucuses.

The reasons for endorsing Paul over the other Republican contenders are numerous and warranted. The differences between their beliefs on governing primarily motivate our decision.

Paul is a candidate who appeals to voters across the political spectrum. He has also been exceptionally consistent in his time in Congress. He doesn't play political games — even with his opponents — and remains truthful to his word. This alone is a redeeming quality in a candidate in today's political sphere.

Despite the mainstream media writing him off as being unable to win Iowa, he is now polling in second place and may even be the most popular candidate in Iowa, given the margin of error.

He holds many of the same political stances as former New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson but is marketable to a wider base. He believes in a Constitutionally limited federal government that would give much of its implied power back to the states. His Plan to Restore America would rationally cut \$1 trillion from the federal budget.

He would end the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, finally bringing our troops home and freeing money in the budget to focus on problems at home.

His bold tax-reform plan would promote job creation while reducing the burden on the middle class. Eventually, when the time is right, he would lead an effort to abolish the 16th Amendment to the Constitution and eliminate the federal income tax and replace it with various "user fees" as a form of raising revenue.

He would repeal Obamacare and replace it with the noncontroversial parts of the plan, giving individuals more control over their health-care.

Though his illegal immigration stance is harsh by most accounts, he does have some laudable plans to mitigate the perceived epidemic. For example, he would dissuade people from entering the country illegally by making it easier to become a citizen legally.

He would also make the southern border safer by advocating an end to the federal War on Drugs. He would stop the Drug Enforcement Administration from actively pursuing drug producers, distributors, and purchasers, and instead return that decision to the states.

The candidates who have a chance of winning the state often take stances that are not dissimilar to that of President Obama.

As governor of Massachusetts, Romney implemented many of the same policies that Obama has supported. Not only would he disenfranchise many of the GOP's core conservative and libertarian constituency, he also wouldn't bring many new ideas to the table.

Gingrich's abundant experience as former speaker of the House will in fact ail rather than aid him in a general election. Obama won't need to elucidate any of

Gingrich's faults, because the media will likely do that for him. Between his objectionable marital history, his recently adopted moniker as a Washington insider, and his accumulated wealth over time, Gingrich will be torn apart by the Democrats.

Former Utah Gov. John Huntsman, Jr. has ran an all-around weak campaign. His lack of appearances in Iowa and New Hampshire won't get him the support he needs to win. His having been a part of Obama's administration and praising his leadership will come back to haunt him. The conservative base of the GOP would easily abandon him.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry would not be a strong nominee for the party. Amid his frequent gaffes, dodgy policy views, and his unacceptable stance on gay marriage, Perry has not proven that he could lead this country effectively.

Paul's stance on gay marriage is admirable, especially when compared with the rest of the field. He believes the federal government should have no role in the marriage process. He also voted to overturn Don't Ask, Don't Tell.

Bachmann is in a similar rut. Besides the ingrained GOP talking points of a repeal of "Obamacare," cutting taxes, and reducing regulations, she has not offered notable specifics on how she would accomplish her goals. She has often made egregious misstatements in the debates and during media appearances that clearly devastate her credibility.

Former Sen. Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania takes Bachmann's blunders to a whole new level. Not only is he a staunch religious conservative who would impose a quasi-theocracy on the entire country, he would also readily engage our troops into a war with Iran over its nuclear program.

Paul, on the other hand, strongly supports the withdrawal of all troops from the Persian Gulf area and southern Asia.

This leaves Johnson and Paul. Unfortunately for Johnson, he cannot secure the nomination with the way he has been conducting his campaign. His libertarian style of governing would be something that could cause a fresh debate with the antithetical policies of Obama, and he would quickly fix the debt problem in Washington. But his "un-presidential" polish and odd campaign-style have proven ineffective, and he polls in the low single-digits.

With these facts in mind, an endorsement for Paul is the only logical conclusion.

These differences from the rest of the GOP field would be a positive for the presidential process. We need leaders that stand strongly and firmly with their convictions and avoid the seemingly endless partisanship in Washington, and Paul would bring that kind of leadership to the White House.

Your turn. Whom do you plan to caucus for?  
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## Letters

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## Donate breast milk when able

If someone is eligible to donate blood to a blood bank, I believe he or she is morally obligated to do so. The same goes for breast-milk donations.

If someone is capable of saving another person's life, especially one of a newborn child, how could anyone pass up that opportunity? Before reading the story in *The Daily Iowan*, I was unaware of this kind of a donation, as I'm sure many other people were as well. I found the article in Monday's paper about the breast-milk bank to be incredibly informative and heartwarming. Although most University of Iowa students are not going to be able to actually donate breast milk themselves, it is important for us to know that this is a topic that needs more attention. If the process of donating is as simple as donating blood, then breast-feeding mothers should without a doubt donate to the bank. Especially since the mother will also benefit from the process of donation, how could such an opportunity be turned down?

The Heidger twin boys have been saved by this donation, a moving story that should inspire eligible donors to save the future lives of newborn babies to come.

Madeline Cornelo  
UI freshman

## More wind turbines needed

We are still living in an era in which fossil fuels rule our source of energy. For obvious reasons it needs to start changing now, and advocating private wind turbines is a great step in the right direction.

I believe the people of this country see that there is a problem with our dependency on fossil fuels and that they are becoming a big problem, but all big movements start off small. I'm banking that the people of Johnson County will embrace the idea of using wind turbines as a clean source of energy. The fuel is practically free.

Yes, the structure itself is expensive, but in time we know technology gets cheaper and more efficient. Another plus is, once you buy it, you build it, and that's it. No emissions — it saves

the owner money, and it will pay itself off eventually. Some say that they are ugly, but I say that beauty is in the eye of the beholder. I think they are great and are a symbol for change and clean energy.

If there aren't very many private owners of turbines in the future, then what will stop the city of Iowa City, a city that is famous for setting examples in many other things, from switching over to a green energy source and building a wind farm?

I love my city, and I'm very happy to see that it is starting somewhere. We may not live to see the entire nation using renewable energy, but I would want to see the start — wouldn't you?

Kye Grenko  
UI student

## Plan B should be available to those under 17

Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius unfortunately overruled the Food and Drug Administration's approval of the over-the-counter Plan B One-Step emergency con-

traceptive for females under the age of 17. No health secretary had ever publicly overruled the FDA before this case on Wednesday.

After all the concerns of teen pregnancy, one would think the vast majority would be for this form of birth control. Scientist and politicians have been at odds for years whether to make Plan B available over the counter. After all, who do we trust with our health: scientists or politicians? The studies and experts all agreed that young women would benefit from having easy access to the pill and did not need the intervention of a health-care provider. Also, there are many drugs available over the counter that are far more dangerous than contraceptives, such as acetaminophen, which is available to everyone.

Instead of safely preventing unwanted births, an opportunity was lost to possibly lower the unintended pregnancy rate for the age group. Overruling the recommendation of the FDA scientists suggests that the decision had been driven by politics and not science.

Sara Nelson  
UI student

## Adderall-or-nothing



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You went about your semester the same way as the rest of your friends did, more or less. You started out strong, scribing meticulous notes detailed with graphs, footnotes, and coffee stains. You read before you came to class. You even emailed the teacher once.

Of course, you don't keep that pace up for the whole year — more like a week and a half or up to a month if you don't have friends.

You're too busy. You have people to do, things to see, intoxicants to abuse. By the time finals come around, you're way behind on your reading, your notebooks are littered with doodles of zombie-ducks and you ... might know where your book is? Jason's car, you're pretty sure.

No matter. Everybody does this. That's what finals week is for, to learn four months' worth of material 12 hours before your test.

Now, it's finals week, and you're really starting to stress out. You aren't learning the material fast enough. You visit that one person's Facebook page at least three times as often as you turn a page in your book. You find that you're learning more about Tim Tebow's throwing mechanics than you are about organic chemistry. What's the matter? All your friends are studying fine.

That's because your friends are on performance-enhancing drugs, probably Adderall. And if you care more about your GPA than you do about your "academic integrity," your health, or the slim chance of getting caught, you probably will be, too.

So you try it. Zoom! Zoom zoom! You have no interest in Facebook, all you want to do is learn, learn this right now, because if you don't get chapter three done by 3:17 a.m., it will mess up your whole schedule, and you won't even have time for a snack, but then again snacks are a waste of time. Time. Time? Six hours before your test —

that's basically eternity. You have time to blow through this textbook, go home, clean your room, call your mom, and read at least half of that Edgar Allan Poe anthology that's been sitting on your roommate's shelf. (Not that I would know. You see, I have academic integrity.)

What if you could live every day of your life like this? Well, unless you have a prescription, it's pretty darn illegal. The Food and Drug Administration classifies it as a schedule II drug — just like opium and cocaine.

So it has to be bad for you if it's illegal, right? That's why drugs are usually illegal, you reason.

You do some research and find out ... not a whole lot. Don't feel bad — Canada tried to find out, too, and it couldn't find anything, either. After 20 deaths and 12 strokes were reported among patients, they tried to find out whether Adderall increases the risk of cardiac death, but it couldn't. So, it put the drug back on the market, where this is a vehemently strong demand for increased cognitive ability. Yeah, you can relate to that.

Some scientists advocate for the widespread availability and distribution of Adderall and other brain-enhancing drugs. Mentally capable adults should be able to make their own decisions about taking the drugs. If they want them, they should be able to take them, and those that don't shouldn't be able to stop those that do.

What a ground-breaking concept. There are thousands of studies out there. If you're interested, you can look them up and make your own decisions. Talk to a doctor. If you're unable to be prescribed, maybe the drugs aren't right for you. It might be better not to develop that kind of dependency, anyway.

But then again, what do I know about you? Nothing. You know your values, you know your goals, and you have the Internet.

Whatever you think about the subject, you should probably get off Facebook and hit the books right about now. ■

# Moped parking to change



Mopeds line the sidewalk next to the Old Capitol Town Center on April 13. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

Currently, Iowa City has 142 moped/scooter spaces.

By **MELISSA DAWKINS**  
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Iowa City scooter and moped motorists will be slapped with fines if they try to park in bicycle racks in 2012.

A new city ordinance, set to go into effect Jan. 3, will outlaw moped and scooter parking in Iowa City bicycle racks. City officials said that because of the cold winter months, it is unlikely they will issue tickets immediately.

"We'll have an extended period where we'll issue warnings," said Chris O'Brien, the Iowa City director of transportation services. "... It'll be a prohibited parking area at that point."

Roughly 142 moped/scooter stalls are available on city property for parking in anticipation of the coming ordinance, O'Brien said. The parking spaces were designated in late fall 2011.

"Because of the large number of mopeds and scooters downtown, we had some safety concerns," he said. "Most of the bike racks are located in high-traffic areas."

City officials are still waiting for signs to be completed for the spaces, O'Brien said.

"The parking spaces will be in convenient locations," he

said. "I anticipate it will be a relatively smooth transition."

To inform motorists of the new ordinance, O'Brien said, maps depicting the new permit parking locations will be made available at Parking Services, 335 Iowa Ave.

He said officers will issue \$15 citations for bike-rack parking, after a grace period of issuing warnings, which is expected to last into the spring.

However, the new ordinance may cost people.

O'Brien said an unlimited number of \$45 city permits will be available to park in the designated lots.

This permit will not cover UI parking requirements.

"We issue permits," said Dave Ricketts, UI director of Parking and Transportation. "In order for people to park motorcycles or mopeds in a university motorcycle lot, they must buy permits for \$8 a month." However, he said, "in a cashed facility, you can park there and pay upon exiting."

The University of Iowa forbids motorcycle and moped drivers from parking in bicycle racks on campus property.

"There was some confusion because the city did not have the same rules," Ricketts said.

He said he thinks the new

ordinance will cut down on some motorist confusion.

Ricketts noted that most students who drive mopeds and scooters on campus purchase a nine-month parking permit for \$72.

Bryan Ilg, the founder of MopedU, said he does not believe the new ordinance will affect moped rentals.

"The city parking is really nice right now," he said. "... We do still provide university parking passes."

And Ilg said MopedU will also work with the city to inform its customers about the new ordinance.

Currently, the UI also issues \$15 parking violations for parking in bicycle racks.

"Every fall, there are new people who don't know," Ricketts said. "So there's a little education about it in the fall. Once you get past the first few weeks of school, we don't see it very often."

Though city and university policies are now closely aligned, Ricketts said the UI did not have direct input on the decision to enact the new ordinance. But he said he understands the reasons behind the regulation.

"It's like parking your car on the grass," he said. "It just doesn't belong there."

## BEYOND THE POTTERY BARN



Allison Heady works on a project in the Studio Arts building on Sunday. Heady is an undergraduate pursuing a B.F.A. in printmaking. Art Building West will open for classes in the spring semester for the first time since the 2008 flood. A shuttle will run between Art Building West and the Studio Arts building. (The Daily Iowan/Christy Aumer)

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## Santorum blasts abortion

Planned Parenthood receives \$7.9 million in federal funding through Title X.

By ALLIE WRIGHT  
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Former Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., said in Coralville Sunday he wants to end federal funding for organizations that perform abortions.

During a stop at Tabernacle Baptist Church, he described abortions knowns medically as intact dilation & extraction as “horrific” and compared the procedure to an execution.

“[The abortion] is an inhumanity that should not occur in this country,” the Iowa caucus candidate said. “[Tax dollars] should not be used for things that are morally objectionable.”

According to last year’s Planned Parenthood annual report, the federal government supplies \$7.9 million to the program under Title X. Two percent — roughly

\$158,000 — of those funds go directly to abortion services in cases of rape, incest, or if the mother’s life is in danger.

As a senator, Santorum also wrote legislation outlawing intact dilation & extraction and led the passing of the Born Alive Infant Protection Act and the Unborn Victims of Violence Act.

Though some may not necessarily agree with Santorum’s proposal to make abortion illegal, University of Iowa economist Patrick Barron said many don’t believe the services should be supported by tax dollars.

“It’s a duty of the government to protect life, liberty, and property,” he said. “Any taxation the government does beyond that in order to spend money for lifestyle issues, such as Planned Parenthood, means people have money taken and spent in ways we wouldn’t normally do.”

According to a July 2011 Gallup poll, more than half of Republicans were in support of banning federal funds for abortion providers.

Barron said legislation

to eliminate federal abortion funding could earn support in Congress.

“It might pass,” he said. “I think that there’s a good chance that the nation probably would [support cuts]. Anecdotally, most people feel that abortion should not be made illegal, but they also say we should not support abortion with tax dollars.”

Others said slashes to organizations similar to Planned Parenthood could be detrimental to the economy.

Christina Carberry, the president of the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance at the University of Iowa, argued such organizations should receive more funding in order to boost job creation.

“I think it’s unfortunate that the Republican candidates choose to focus on choosing a right that women have been given as opposed to talking about other major issues in our country like the economy,” Carberry said. “... we need more funding for Planned Parenthood so it can create jobs for people.”

## Climate confab avoids ‘wreck’

BY ARTHUR MAX AND  
KARL RITTER  
Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — The hard-fought deal at a global climate conference in South Africa keeps talks alive but doesn’t address the core problem: The world’s biggest carbon polluters aren’t willing to cut emissions of greenhouse gases enough to stave off dangerous levels of global warming.

With many scientists saying time is running out, a bigger part of the solution may have to come from the rise of climate-friendly technologies being developed outside the U.N. process.

“We avoided a train wreck, and we got some useful incremental decisions,” said Alden Meyer of the Washington-based Union of Concerned Scientists. “The bad news is that we did very little here to affect the emissions curve, which is accelerating, and the impacts of climate change, which are climbing day by day.”

Scientists say that if levels of greenhouse gases continue to rise, eventually the world’s climate will reach a tipping point, with irreversible melting of some ice sheets and a several-foot rise in sea levels.

They cannot pinpoint exactly when that would happen, but the two-

decade-long climate negotiations have been focused on preventing global temperatures from rising more than 2 degrees Fahrenheit (1.2 degrees Celsius) above current levels by the end of this century.

A report released before the Durban talks by the U.N. Environment Programme said greenhouse-gas emissions need to peak before 2020 for the world to have a shot of reaching that target. It said that’s doable only if nations raise their emissions pledges.

In Durban, they did not. Sunday’s deal extends by five years the Kyoto Protocol, the 1997 agreement that has binding emissions targets for some industrial countries but not the world’s biggest carbon polluters, China and the United States.

The Durban agreement also envisions a new accord with binding targets for all countries to take effect in 2020. And it

sets up the bodies that will collect, govern and distribute tens of billions of dollars to poor countries suffering the effects of climate change.

“But the core question of whether more than 190 nations can cooperate in order to peak and bring down emissions to the necessary level by 2020 remains open — it is a high-risk strategy for the planet and its people,” Environment Programme chief Achim Steiner said.

Climate talks have been bogged down by rifts between rich and poor, between fully industrialized nations and emerging economies, about how to share the burden of reducing greenhouse emissions.

Held back by a skeptical Congress, the United States doesn’t want to commit to any binding deal unless it also imposes strict emissions targets on China and India.

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- **brandish** (to shake or wave menacingly): trademarky.
- **subvention** (subsidy from a government or foundation): large gathering of hoagie, grinder, and hero lovers.
- **potboiler** (inferior work produced chiefly for profit): someone who doesn't know how to correctly use marijuana.
- **bumbershoot** (umbrella): well, um, you see, when a two people really like each other, and they trust each other, and they have maybe a few drinks one night, and one of them asks the other if they'd like to "try something new tonight ..."
- **jackleg** (lacking skill or training): what a homely guy calls his penis.
- **spear-carrier** (a bit actor in a play): a Caucasian?
- **haruspex** (a diviner in ancient Rome basing his predictions on inspection of the entrails of sacrificial animals): I dunno, but I dare you to say it three times into a mirror.
- **haywire** (emotionally or mentally out of control): a nonconductive filament.
- **axiomatic** (taken for granted): possible model name for my new line of sturdy lumberjack automatons.
- **adumbrate** (to foreshadow vaguely): anything above \$20 for a private dance.
- **compurgator** (one who under oath vouches for the character of the accused): the unholy fusion of a supercomputer and an alligator — akin to the cyberdile.

- Andrew R. Juhl thanks Merriam-Webster and his own bad vocabulary for helping with today's Ledge.

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by Scott Adams

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

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- **Parent and Toddler Fitness Program**, 9:30 a.m., Scanlon Gym, 2701 Bradford
- **The Journey to April**, 10 a.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center Blood Drive**, 10:30 a.m., Mercy Iowa City, 500 E. Market
- **Toddler Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Emergency General Surgery Conference**, noon, 0091 UIHC Colleton Pavilion
- **Family Medicine Noon Conference**, 12:15 p.m., 01125 UIHC Pomerantz Family Pavilion
- **Psychiatry Research Seminar**, "Preventing Relapse in Schizophrenia: Oral Compared to Injectable Anti-Psychotics," Del Miller, 12:30 p.m., 1502 General Hospital
- **Hand & Foot**, 1 p.m., Iowa City/Johnson County Senior Center
- **Voices of Experience Concert Series**, 2:30 p.m., Iowa City/Johnson County Senior Center
- **Surgical Oncology Teaching Conference**, 5 p.m., 4638 John W. Colloton Pavilion
- **Affirmationists Toastmasters**, 5:30 p.m., W401 Pappajohn Business Building
- **River City Toastmasters**, 5:30 p.m., Gus', 2421 Coral Court, Coralville
- **Zumba**, 6 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Society, 10 S. Gilbert
- **Zumba classes**, 6 p.m., Coralville Recreation Center, 1506 Eighth St.
- **Fair to Midland**, with Dead Letter Circus and Aficionado, 6:30 p.m., Blue Moose, 211 Iowa Avenue
- **Poetry Out Loud: Iowa City Senior Center**, 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Campus Activities Board Massage Chairs**, 9 p.m.-midnight, IMU Hubbard Commons Union
- **One-Night Stand**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

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Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

- Noon** UI Explorers Lecture Series, "Sustaining Biodiversity in Coral Reefs," Nancy Budd, Geoscience, Nov. 18, 2010
- 1 p.m.** Latino Youth Leadership Development Summit, "What Does it Mean to be American?" Will Perez, Oct. 15, 2010
- 2** Martin Luther King Human Rights Week Opening Celebration, Odell McGhee Keynote, Langston Hughes Company of Players, UI gospel choir Voices of Soul, the Quire, UI Breakers, Youth United Drill Team, Jan. 17
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- 6** Henry B. Tippie Midwest One Community Lecture Series, "Business Lessons," Henry B. Tippie, March 7
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- 9:30** Daily Iowan Television News
- 9:45** Hawkeye News Conferences, head coach news conferences for the week
- 10:30** Daily Iowan Television News
- 10:45** Iowa Percussion Concert, The Percussion Music of Robert Moran, Director Daniel Moore Dec. 4, 2010

## horoscopes Monday, Dec. 12, 2011

- by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Being spontaneous can work both ways. If you combine your actions with pressure or demands, you will be pushed back. But if you are clever, witty, and progressive, you will capture attention, favors, and the help you require to move forward.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Put greater trust in the ones you love. Conversations will lead to decisions regarding your future. Bold action may be required on your part, but don't go overboard. An unusual partnership may require some posturing before it works well.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Playful, enlightening banter will get you further than arguing. Use your intelligence and imagination, and you will come up with suggestions that will be accepted by the majority. Don't let an emotional connection with someone slow you down.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 Take what's going on in your personal life to heart. Do whatever you can to sympathize with someone you respect and love. Don't let uncertainty regarding responsibilities lead to complaints. Do what's expected of you, and move along.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Think before you act. Anything short of the right move will be taken the wrong way and will work against you. Focus on personal change and what you can do to make your life and what you do more interesting. Uncertainty is prevalent.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You may want to help an outsider, but in the end, it will cause a rift with someone counting on you at home. Gauge your time carefully, and make sure you distribute personal, family, and work time evenly. Love is highlighted.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Stick to what you do best. Entertain, but don't go over budget. Use your imagination, and you will surpass expectations. Don't submit to emotional blackmail. Gather information, and make a decision. A reversal can be expected.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 A change of heart will favor you. Someone's uncertainty will enable you to make a strategic move. A chance to modify how you do business will bring new opportunities. Socialize with people who share business interests.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Anger will not resolve anything. Do what's required physically to get the best results. Take care of your personal concerns, and make alterations to the way you look or do things that will enable you to stand out.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Put your heart on the line, and reveal your true feelings. Once you have made clear what you want, you will be able to move forward without feeling repressed or guilty. Honesty is the best route to happiness.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Don't give up on something you want. Bide your time, work hard at what's required of you, and eventually, you will be rewarded. An encounter with someone you feel strongly about can positively alter your personal life.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 You'll be caught in the middle. No matter what you choose to do, there will be a price to pay. Make sure whatever you decide is worth the consequences. Love is in the stars, and romance should be allowed to flourish.

## ON THE STREET

### Where do you like to study on campus and why?



"Third floor of the library. The third floor past all the books, there's a little area along the wall. You go in there, and no one's there. You can do whatever you want, no ones around. It's wonderful."

**Jake McInnis**  
UI sophomore



"If the weather's nice, definitely on the Pentacrest ... But probably the fifth floor of the library. It's really quite in there, and I get a lot of work done."

**Sara Cunningham**  
UI freshman



"Probably the Main Library or the medical library. It's a lot more secluded."

**Thomas Koch**  
UI freshman



"The law building, because there's a bunch of smart people who are good-looking, and it's very quite and nice."

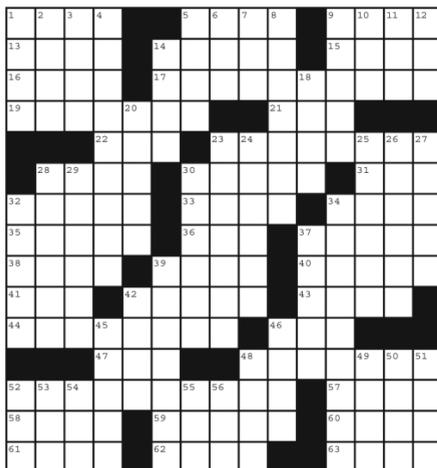
**Jassi Singh**  
UI freshman

## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 1107

- Across**
- Healthful retreats
  - Suitcases
  - Minor quarrel
  - Result of four balls, in baseball
  - Ear-related
  - Nothin'
  - "A Death in the Family" author
  - 1964 Beatles hit
  - Part of school that includes push-ups and situps
  - Hive dweller
  - Alternative rock genre
  - Showman associated with the quote "There's a sucker born every minute"
  - Religious observance
  - Illustrator Edward
  - WSW's opposite
  - Determined to do
  - Ski lift
  - Somewhat
  - Family groups
  - Gangster's gun
  - "Et tu, \_\_\_?"
  - Is bedridden, say
  - Sumptuous
  - More fit
  - Hawaiian souvenir
  - Any of the Seven Dwarfs, by profession
  - Constricting snakes
  - Chinese restaurant chain
  - \_\_\_ the ramparts ..."
  - Superannuated
  - Acidity or alkalinity
  - Rating of "Avatar"

- Down**
- Exchange
  - Call on an intercom, as a doctor
  - Baldwin who has hosted "S.N.L." more times than anyone else
  - Some Halloween costumes
  - Kiss
  - "Exodus" hero
  - Rodeo female
  - Drool
  - Expression that includes a lip curl
  - Salary
  - Brouhaha
  - Sigma's follower
  - Lhasa \_\_\_ (dog)
  - Calif's meat
  - Prayer enders
  - U.S. mail holders
  - Merchant
  - Part of a galaxy
  - Brings together
  - Something that's fed along a street
  - What the Red Cross provides
  - Like this clue
  - West African land
  - Dull
  - Cry of panic
  - Things to hang hats on
  - MasterCard competitor
  - Pilot's approximation, for short
  - Hawaiian dish
  - Gangster's gun
  - Article seen in many places
  - Election day: Abbr.
  - 56 Pilot's approximation, for short



Puzzle by David Steinberg

- 30 Like tennis rackets and harps
- 32 Where dandruff accumulates
- 34 Place where trees are studied
- 37 Tower of \_\_\_
- 39 Retired hockey great Eric
- 42 West African land
- 45 Dull
- 46 Cry of panic
- 48 Things to hang hats on
- 49 MasterCard competitor
- 50 Place of bliss
- 51 Bard's instrument
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# Study space tight on UI campus

The UI Main Library only seats 1,800.

By **JENNY EARL**  
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For Stephen Bishop, his bedroom is the quietest place to prepare for his four finals this week.

The University of Iowa junior said past attempts to study in space on campus have proven unsuccessful because of the noise around him.

"I think [study places] get packed at times — they get a little rowdy," he said.

UI officials admit study spaces are tight on campus, but upcoming projects will provide more areas for students to study as soon as the spring.

"We've definitely had some challenges with the flooding and that kind of stuff, but we try really hard to accommodate student needs," said Kristi Bontrager, the coordinator of public relations for the UI Libraries. "We understand students need a quiet place to study and group study spaces — we're getting there."

Following the 2008 flood, the Main Library gave up space to house the Art and Music Libraries, she said.

Additional space has been lost with the library's preparation for reconstruction beginning in summer 2012.

Art Building West will reopen before the spring semester, and the Art Library will move back.

Currently, the Main Library only has enough seats for 8 percent of the undergraduate student population, but students should expect to find more study space available for the next set of finals, she said.

The Learning Commons will be built where the library staff offices are located, and the staff will move to the fifth floor, opening up a whole half of a level to students previously unavailable.

"It doesn't do much for us now, but next semester that will open up quite a bit of space on the floor in the west side of the building," Bontrager said.

With the library's lack of space, she said, the IMU is the best alternative.

The IMU study features 344 chairs, 131 comfy chairs, and 86 study tables. In addition, the Main Lounge is now open until Wednesday with added tables and chairs located around the perimeter and center of the room.

Dean of Students David Grady said it's a good idea to get the word out to students so they know of safe places to study.

Beginning this week, the IMU will open more meet-

## 24-Hour Access

From Sunday to Friday, the following buildings will be open 24 hours:

- Pappajohn Business Building Library
- IMU
- Main Library

Source: University of Iowa Student Government

ing rooms on the second floor after 9 or 10 p.m. Meeting rooms on the third floor will also be made available, and the University Box Office is open 24 hours now for laptop checkout.

UI junior Austin Wakat said the university should offer a lot more space, especially during finals. Wakat suggests the school open up more classrooms in other buildings on campus rather than packing the library and IMU full.

"We know we need more seating — that's another part of why we're renovating the library — because we have more students," said Bontrager.



Students study for their finals in the Main Library on Sunday. (The Daily Iowan/ Elvira Bakalbasic)

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# RA has special touch

Chris Kyhl is a two-year resident assistant in a UI education program.

By DORA GROTE  
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Chris Kyhl's years at the University of Iowa weren't spent solely on bettering himself.

Instead, he spent the majority of his time enhancing other students' college experiences through his active involvement in an education program — an outlet for his passion for teaching.

"Kyhl is making a difference in the lives of people around him," said Nancy Langguth, a UI clinical associate professor of education. "What I admire is that he can answer any question you might ask him, but you are never monopolized. He never takes over in any way and always gives people time to gather thoughts."

The 22-year-old UI student will graduate at the end of this week with a B.A. in mathematics and a certificate in education.

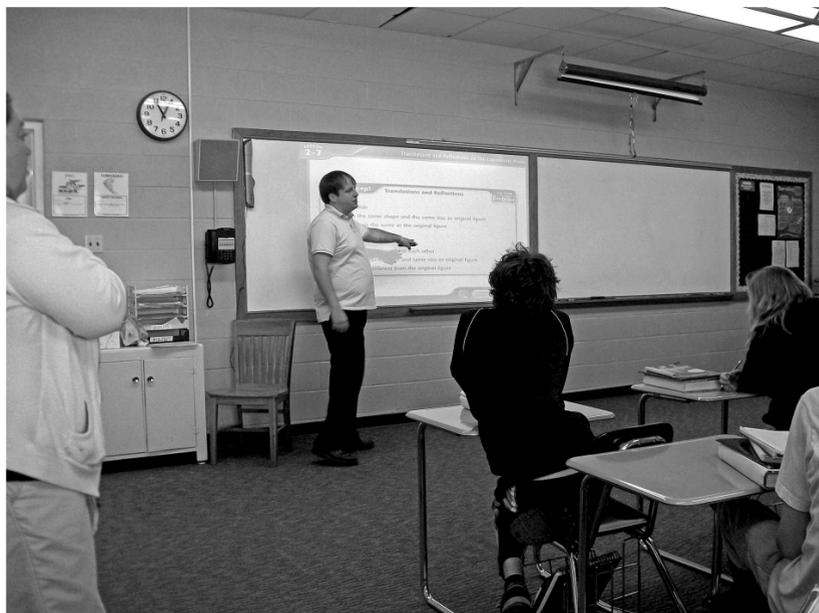
Kyhl's biggest dedication as a student was serving as a resident assistant for the UI College of Education's Realizing Educational and Career Hopes program for the past two years. He helped assimilate students with cognitive and learning disabilities to college life.

He said his experiences with the program helped him develop skills that he will transfer into the classroom as a teacher.

"I've learned that I can't treat all my residents the same, and I can't teach all my students the same," he said. "Every individual needs a different way of approaching things and different things to make her or him tick. It's really taught me patience is something you can learn and is not necessarily just a virtue."

Amy Vander Busard, the program's coordinator for student life, said Kyhl always makes a special connection with the students.

"One of my favorite sto-



UI senior Chris Kyhl will graduate this week with a B.A. in math and a certificate in education. (Contributed photo)

## Chris Kyhl

- **Age:** 22
- **Hometown:** New Hartford
- **Favorite color:** blue
- **Favorite movie:** *Good Will Hunting*
- **Favorite UI experience:** 2008 Penn State game
- **Favorite campus study spot:** Lindquist Center
- **Favorite restaurant downtown:** Airliner, 22 S. Clinton

ries of Chris as an RA was when a returning student showed up, and [Kyhl] welcomed back the student by name," Busard said. "The mom was in tears that he knew her student by name."

Kyhl's ability to connect with students and recognize their individual ability levels is "quite novel," Langguth said.

"Whenever I would see the REACH students shepherded, Chris was often in the middle," Langguth said. "He brought a gracious and kind presence. I was so interested and curious to tap into that."

Langguth taught Kyhl's secondary education classes and said he was always thorough with his work and will "hit the ground running" in the education field.

"He has been so skilled in fostering relationships with children with special needs," Langguth said. "I think Chris will bring an awareness of ability levels and the means to differenti-

ate his instructions so all of his [students] experience success."

While at the UI, Kyhl also played active roles in the Marching Band and Cru. He served as a tutor for students through TRiO — a program for first-generation college students.

Kyhl said speaking with his hometown math teacher sparked his interest in education.

"I always knew I wanted to do something with math, but really found that I was passionate about helping and influencing kids, which led into teaching," Kyhl said.

He spent his two practicums at Regina Junior High School and West High School, and he is

currently student-teaching at Jamesville High in Cedar Falls.

He is in the process of applying for teaching positions in the Cedar Falls area for after graduation.

His ultimate career goal is to obtain a master's degree and teach high-school math while being a varsity football and basketball coach, he said.

Busard said the traits Kyhl has developed at the UI will aid him in his future.

"He is very determined and dedicated and passionate for making a difference for the lives in the people he has worked with," Busard said. "Those qualities aren't learned in the textbook, they're learned through experiences."

## Some say drone downing echoes U-2 incident

By DOUGLAS BIRCH  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The loss to Iran of the CIA's surveillance drone bristling with advanced spy technology is more than a propaganda coup and intelligence windfall for the Tehran government. The plane's capture has peeled back another layer of secrecy from expanding U.S. operations against Iran's nuclear and military programs.

Just as the Soviet Union's downing of the American U-2 spy plane revealed a hidden aspect of the Cold War, Iran's recovery of the drone has shed light on the espionage that is part of U.S.-Iran hostilities.

Iran has charged the U.S. or its allies with waging a campaign of cyberwarfare and sabotage and of assassinating some Iranian scientists. The U.S. has accused the Iranian government of helping kill U.S. troops in Afghanistan and plotting to murder the Saudi ambassador in Washington.

"It's beginning to look like there's a thinly veiled, increasingly violent, global cloak-and-dagger game afoot," Thomas Donnelly, a former government official and military expert with the American Enterprise Institute, said at a Washington conference.

The covert operations in play are "much bigger than people appreciate," said Stephen Hadley, former national security adviser under President George W. Bush. "But the

U.S. needs to use everything it can."

Hadley said that if Iran continues to defy U.N. resolutions and doesn't curb its nuclear ambitions, the quiet conflict "will only get nastier."

Some historians and foreign-policy experts compared the drone incident with the Soviet Union's 1960 downing of the U-2 spy plane and pilot Francis Gary Powers. While those two countries sparred publicly on many issues, the world only occasionally glimpsed each side's secret operations.

"When I first heard about the drone, my first thought was thank goodness there wasn't a pilot in it," said Francis Gary Powers Jr., the son of the U-2 pilot and founder of the Cold War Museum.

The U-2 downing shocked U.S. military planners, who thought the advanced aircraft flew too high to be hit by a Soviet missile. Likewise, Iran says it used advanced electronic warfare measures to detect, hack, and bring down an RQ-170 Sentinel drone.

Iran aired TV footage Dec. 8 of what current and former U.S. officials confirm is the missing Sentinel. The robotic aircraft suffered what appeared to be only minimal damage.

Iran protested Dec. 9 to the United Nations about what it described as "provocative and covert operations" by the U.S. The Tehran government called the flight by the drone a "blatant and unprovoked air violation" that was "tantamount to an act of hostility."

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### The Deadly Threat of a Nuclear-Armed Iran

What can the world, what can the USA, what can Israel do about it?

Iran's president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, has declared publicly — not once, but repeatedly — that Israel must be "wiped off the map." That effort, the destruction of Israel, seems to be the main goal of Iranian policy. When Iranian missiles are paraded through the streets of Tehran, the destination "to Jerusalem" is clearly stenciled on them.

#### What are the facts?

A death wish for Israel. Ahmadinejad and the ayatollah who is the "supreme leader" have publicly mused that one or two nuclear bombs would obliterate Israel, but that, though it would cause devastating damage and millions of casualties, Iran would survive Israel's retaliatory attack. Iran is a huge country, with about 60 million inhabitants, so they are probably correct. And who can doubt that those religious fanatics would not hesitate to allow the destruction of much of their country and to sacrifice a third or even one-half of their

population in order to eliminate the hated Jewish state. When our country was entangled with the Soviet Union in the bitter 40-year long "cold war," with both sides having sufficient nuclear weapons to destroy the opponent's country and its people, things were kept in place by MAD — Mutually Assured Destruction. However "evil" the leaders of the Soviet Union (the "Evil Empire") may have been, there was one great consolation and assurance: They were not crazy. But the Iranians and other Muslims are crazies, as we understand the concept. Because they take instructions directly from Allah, who tells them to kill the Jews and other infidels, whatever the cost.

Israel has no problem with Iran. They share no borders and have no territorial dispute. In fact, they face common Arab enemies and should be natural allies, as they indeed were under the Shah. Iran's death wish for Israel is based entirely on religious fanaticism. In contrast even to the intractable North Koreans, the determination of the Iranians is immutable. It cannot be changed by persuasion, by diplomacy, by sanctions or by threats.

Once Iran is in possession of nuclear weapons, it will not only be a deadly danger to Israel, but to all of the Middle East and to virtually all of Europe. The flow of oil from the Middle East, the lifeblood of the industrialized world, would be totally under its control and so would be the economies of all nations of the world, very much including the United States.

**What is to be done?** In 1981, then prime minister of Israel Menachem Begin, being aware of Iraq's nuclear ambitions and looming realization of those ambitions, decided that its nuclear reactor at Osiraq had to be destroyed. The IAF (Israeli Air Force) accomplished

An attack on the Iranian nuclear installations would fall under the heading of "anticipatory self-defense," recognized and sanctioned by international law and by common sense. Nobody really knows for sure how far Iran is from reaching its goal — six months. six years? The experts disagree. But if Iran is not stopped now, it may well be too late not very long from now.

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# Big Ten wins for hoopsters?

## More than four

Fear not, Hawkeye fans: The men's basketball team has only a 5-5 record to start the season, but there are reasons to be positive.

Maybe I've been sipping on too much of White Magic's Kool-Aid, but this team has the ability to accomplish something the football team couldn't — it will win at least five games in conference play.

Devyn Marble has continued to evolve in his second season as a Hawkeye. Marble has established himself as Iowa's best player this season, as was seen when the silky-smooth scorer from Southfield, Mich., erupted for 21 points and 5 assists against the Cyclones.

Fans have to be encouraged by Marble's attitude. Down big at Iowa State, the sophomore helped lead Iowa back into the game.

Looking at the Big Ten schedule, the Hawkeyes get Ohio State, Michigan, Nebraska, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Purdue, Penn State, Indiana, and Northwestern at home.

Let's look at games that Iowa should win.

The first is Nebraska. Who knew the Cornhuskers even had a basketball team?

Second, Iowa can split the season series with Minnesota and Wisconsin by beating both of them in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Minnesota is hurting with forward Trevor Mbakwe out for the season, and Iowa tends to play Wisconsin well; the Hawkeyes took the Badgers to overtime in Carver-Hawkeye last year and would have won if not for some Jordan Taylor magic.

Penn State is garbage, and Purdue isn't as good as it has been in the past.

The Hawkeyes are capable of pulling off an upset over Michigan, Indiana, or Ohio State, as evidenced by their Senior Day victory last year over then-No. 6 Purdue.

Iowa is 5-5 despite

having last year's best players — forward Mel-sahn Basabe and point guard Bryce Cartwright — be almost invisible.

Those two players are bound to pick it up soon (I hope), and freshman sniper Josh Oglesby gives McCaffery's team a nice group of weapons.

Stay patient, Iowa hoops fans. This team is better than it has been playing recently.

— by Ben Wolfson

## Less than four

Despite another year of experience under head coach Fran McCaffery's system, the Iowa men's basketball team won't be able to eclipse last year's total of four Big Ten wins. The main reason

best men's basketball conference in the country. In CBS Sports' Jerry Palm's most recent projection, nine Big Ten teams will qualify for the NCAA Tournament. The sheer depth of the league will make it very difficult to get five conference wins, which would be more than the football team's four.

Of the Hawkeyes' five wins, only Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne is ranked in the nation's top 250 by RealTimeRPI. The Mastadons sit at No. 160.

McCaffery's squad — ranked 191st in the country by RealTimeRPI — has lost every time it has been tested and by at

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the past two years has been at Indiana, and judging from the Hoosiers' victory over Kentucky on Dec. 10, that team is unlikely to let the Hawkeyes win in Assembly Hall for the third year in a row.

Iowa's best chances for a road win this season may come on Feb. 16 against Penn State or on Feb. 29 at Nebraska.

The Hawkeyes play both the Nittany Lions and Cornhuskers twice, but at least one of those teams will take a game from the Hawkeyes — if not both. Even if Iowa upsets a team at home, like last year's victories over Purdue and Michigan State, it would still leave the team short of five conference wins.

Four conference wins may be enough to keep the Hawkeyes out of last place in the conference, but it would not be enough to top the football team's four-win total.

— by Ryan Murphy



## Vikings' rally falls short

DETROIT — Joe Webb faked a pass before moving slightly to his left, trying to cap an improbable comeback with yet another scramble.

Detroit's DeAndre Levy was close enough to reach out and grab Webb. Just before Levy's hand tugged the quarterback's facemask, the ball popped free, and Minnesota's rally came to a sudden end.

"I can't remember it really. I had so many things running through my head, I was just trying to make a play," Webb said. "I can't take that play back. The only thing I can do is learn from it."

The Vikings would have loved one more snap at the end of their wild 34-28 loss to the Lions on Sunday — and they seemed to have a case when replays showed Levy pulling on Webb's facemask on the final play. But no penalty was called, and Webb's terrific fourth quarter went for naught.

Trailing 31-14 in the third, Webb replaced starting quarterback Christian Ponder. He ran for a 65-yard touchdown and threw a 2-yard scoring pass to Toby Gerhart to pull the Vikings (2-11) back within 6. Then Minnesota drove all the way to the Detroit 1 with 9 seconds left.

"It's a play of immediacy. He has a choice — either throw the stop-fade or throw the fade," coach Leslie Frazier said. "If not, throw it out of bounds and still have a chance."

Webb wasn't able to do any of that because of Levy's pressure. After the ball popped free, linebacker Stephen Tulloch batted it toward midfield. Webb raced back to try to pick it up, but he wasn't able to hold on, and Detroit's Cliff Avril eventually recovered all the way back in Minnesota territory.

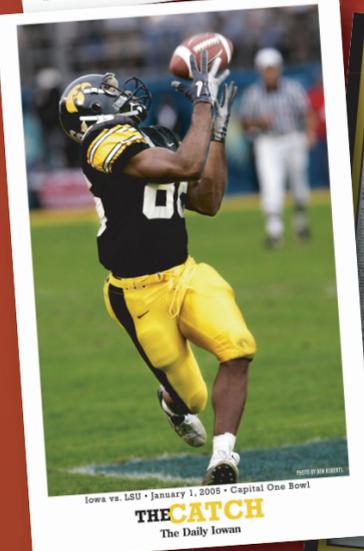
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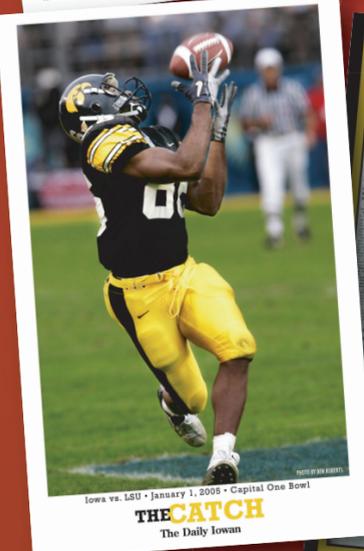
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**PARKER**

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served as a strong role model and mentor for all of our players and our entire staff.”

The Hawkeyes struggled at times defensively this year, finishing in the bottom half of the Big Ten in each of the four major defensive categories. But that didn't stop six members of Iowa's defense from being named All-Big Ten in

November. Nor did it deter the American Football Coaches Association from honoring Parker with its Assistant Coach of the Year award late last month.

A series of health issues prevented Parker from coaching from the field his last two years with the Hawkeyes. His right foot was amputated in September 2010 because of diabetes complications. He had previously been admitted to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics because of back pain and had had two toes removed.

But he worked his way back so that he was able to

coach from the press box during Iowa's 27-24 win over Missouri in the 2010 Insight Bowl. He was fitted with a prosthetic and learned to drive a golf cart by using a stick to press the pedals.

And he never lost his sense of humor, O'Keefe said; speaking before the team's spring game in April, the offensive coordinator remembered a conversation he had with Parker about the weather.

“He said, ‘Yeah, it was so damned cold my [artificial] leg fell off,’ ” O'Keefe said. “And I'm like, ‘What?’ ... He didn't even blink. He

thought it was funny.”

Parker didn't appear comfortable talking to the press about his various health problems — he said he felt embarrassed by the attention at the team's media day in August.

The native of Hazel Park, Mich., lettered in football four times at Eastern Michigan, which was also the school that gave him his first college coaching job — he tutored the Eagles' offensive line in 1968. He spent time at Wake Forest (1969-71), Minnesota (1972-76), Illinois (1977-79), and East Carolina (1980-82) before

settling in at Michigan State. He helped the Spartans go to seven bowl games in his 12 years in East Lansing, Mich.

He coached at Vanderbilt from 1995-97 before coming to Iowa City with Ferentz and O'Keefe.

“My wife, Linda, and all the members of our family, were very pleased to be members of the Hawkeye family,” Parker said. “We truly enjoyed our time here. After 48 years of doing something I love, it is time to enjoy some time with the grandkids.”

**BASKETBALL**

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tape] and probably work on a lot of things over finals week.”

Along with fixing the Xs and Os with which the Hawkeyes seem to be struggling, head coach Fran McCaffery said the finals week break from games comes at a good time because a number of his players are “banged up.”

“You squeeze all these games in before finals — everywhere I've ever been, every team does the same thing. You got to get them all in [before finals],” he said. “Then you take a week off. They need time to rest. Eric May is banged up, [Devon] Archie is banged up, [Gabe] Olaseni is banged up, [Devyn] Marble is banged up. We got guys banged up. But we're no different than anybody else. If you start playing every other day and you don't take practices off, they need time to rest their bodies.”



**Hawkeyes Melsahn Basabe and Andrew Brommer chase an offensive rebound during the Hawkeyes' 86-76 loss to Iowa State in the Hilton Coliseum on Dec. 9. Iowa couldn't recover from a 21-point halftime deficit in the loss. (The Daily Iowan/Christy Aumer)**

McCaffery also said point guard Bryce Cartwright didn't look like his normal self in Ames after missing Iowa's game against Northern Iowa on Dec. 6. Cartwright played six early minutes off the bench against Iowa State, but he never came back in after his initial stint.

Even those who appear to be fully healthy, such as Basabe, said the finals week break will allow time to physically prepare for the final three games of the nonconference schedule. The Hawkeyes will open Big Ten play against Purdue on Dec. 28 at home.

“I still need to get my

legs under me, still need to improve my conditioning so I can be a more effective defensive player,” said Basabe, who scored 18 points and grabbed 9 rebounds against Iowa State. “I know when the film of [of the Iowa State game] comes, there's going to be a lot of me on there.”

**BRONCOS 13, BEARS 10 (OT)**

**Tebow rallies again**

BY PAT GRAHAM  
Associated Press

DENVER — Marion Barber's two late blunders opened the door for another Tim Tebow comeback.

First, the Chicago Bear backup tailback ran out of bounds late in regulation when Denver had no timeouts, stopping the clock and eventually giving Tebow enough time to lead the Broncos to a game-tying field goal.

And later, in overtime, Barber fumbled the ball with Chicago in field-goal range, allowing Tebow to add another chapter to his ever-growing mystique. Tebow led Denver down the field before turning things over to Matt Prater, who connected on a 51-yard kick to lift the Broncos to a 13-10 win over the reeling Bears on Sunday.

Another improbable win for Tebow, who's making a habit out of these late-game rallies. Another demoralizing loss for the faltering Bears (7-6), who are 0-3 since Caleb Hanie replaced an injured Jay Cutler, the former Bronco quarterback who has a broken thumb on his throwing hand and is out indefinitely.

“All losses are tough, but this one was especially tough,” Bear coach Lovie Smith said. “This one hurts. There's not a lot more I can say.”

It's a game the Bears thought they had in the bag.

Leading by 3 points with just over two minutes remaining, all they had to do was run down the clock with a couple of running plays and punt with little time left.

On second down after the two-minute warning, Barber took a handoff and skated around the left side of the line. He broke one tackle and, in the process of trying to gain a few extra yards, was shoved out of bounds.

It saved the Broncos (8-5) at least 35 seconds, valuable time that Tebow would use to engineer his fifth final-quarter comeback this season.

This was a surprising mistake from a veteran such as Barber, who was filling in for injured star Matt Forte.

“He knows better. You can't do that,” Bronco cornerback Champ Bailey said. “But I don't think he tried to do it.”

Barber, who hasn't talked to reporters since training camp, avoided the media after the game.

Smith came to his defense — but not without a little lecture as well.

“We all know what type of player Marion is,” Smith said. “All running backs are trying to get a couple more yards here and there. But we have to know the situation. In that situation, we have to be able to keep the ball inbounds. He'll tell you that. I know we'd all like to have that one back.”

Instead, it gave Tebow the ball back with 53 seconds remaining. More than enough time.

Tebow found his rhythm as he guided the Broncos into field-goal range. Prater hit a career-best 59-yard kick with three seconds left to send it into overtime.

The Bears received the ball first in OT, and Hanie had them on the move, surprising the Broncos' defense with a passing attack. With the ball at the Denver 38 — well within kicker Robbie Gould's range — Barber found an opening through the middle and appeared to be off to the races. Then, linebacker Wesley Woodyard reached out and jarred the ball from Barber's hands.

Elvis Dumervil pounced on the football. Just like that, it was Tebow's time to work his magic again. He

picked apart the Bears defense and then watched from the sideline as Prater nailed the winner.

The Bears were up 10-0 late after a 9-yard TD run by Barber and a team-record 57-yard field goal from Gould. It appeared more than enough, especially given the way the defense was clamping down on Tebow and the Broncos' unorthodox offense.

Only, it wasn't. “We gave it away,” Devin Hester said. “We were up 10 points.”

Hanie couldn't agree more.

“I hate to say it, but we gave this one to them,” he said.

Then again, the Bears weren't facing just any team. Tebow has made a habit out of late comebacks.

“We missed some opportunities in the game. That's pretty much it. It wasn't anything special that he did,” Julius Peppers said. “I didn't see anything that he changed. Pretty much the same offense they ran all game — he just started checking the ball down.”

“We didn't play well enough to win. That's what changed at the end of the game.”

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**FOOTBALL RECRUITING**

**Football gets oral commitment**

The Iowa football team received a new oral addition to its 2012 recruiting class on Sunday.

Kevin Buford, a 5-10, 170-pound cornerback from Michigan, reportedly accepted a scholarship offer at the end of his official visit to Iowa City this weekend.

Buford had originally committed to Toledo, but he backed out when former Rocket head coach left the school to fill the vacant Illinois spot.

“I felt like I always had the potential to play in the Big Ten,” Buford told Rivals.com on Sunday.

“I don't want to sound cocky or anything, but I feel I can play at the highest level of collegiate football. I knew I had that potential but had to work hard and get better this year.”

The two-star (Rivals) defensive back helped lead Canton



**Buford**  
recruit

(Mich.) High to an 8-3 record his senior year; the Chiefs were 10-1 and the eighth-best team in the state during his junior campaign. He played cornerback and running back for the Chiefs and also returned kicks.

ESPN.com's scouting profile said Buford shows the most promise as a defensive player, but he still has plenty to work on.

“Displays good anticipation and recognition skills ... possesses good ball-hawk skill set, but we would like to see more concentration to consistently make a play on the ball,” the website

said. “Can line up in box [and] wrap up ball carrier in space, but needs to be more consistent as a wrap-up tackler, sinking hips, and driving through ... Overall, Buford is a physical, determined prospect with versatile skill set.”

Buford is Iowa's 14th oral commitment of the class and the second in the past week; four-star defensive end Faith Ekakitie gave his on Dec. 7.

The class so far consists of seven defensive players, four offensive players, a kicker, and two athletes.

— by Seth Roberts



## Norm Parker to hang it up



Iowa defensive coordinator Norm Parker answers questions during the Iowa football team's media day at the Kenyon Practice Facility on Aug. 7, 2009. Parker announced he will retire following the Hawkeyes' appearance in the Insight Bowl on Dec. 30. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

Parker will step away from the Hawkeyes after 13 seasons.

By **SETH ROBERTS**  
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The Iowa football program announced Sunday evening that longtime defensive coordinator Norm Parker will retire following the Hawkeyes' appearance in the 2011 Insight Bowl.

Parker, 70, came to Iowa in 1999 alongside head coach Kirk Ferentz and offensive coordinator Ken O'Keefe.

"I would like to personally thank [Athletics Director] Gary Barta, Kirk Ferentz, the

coaches, and players at Iowa, along with the fantastic fans," he said in a release. "It has been a great time, one that myself and my entire family greatly appreciate."

The Hawkeye defense under Parker was routinely among the country's best — although the 2011 season has deviated from that trend somewhat.

The Black and Gold finished in the top 10 nationally in rushing defense five times in Parker's 13 years, and it was in the top 10 in scoring

defense in three of the last four. Parker coached 34 future NFL players while at Iowa, not counting the Hawkeyes on the 2011 team who could advance to the next level.

"Norm's contributions to our team the past 13 years are deeply appreciated, and he has had a tremendous impact on our program," Ferentz said in a statement. "As I have said publicly on many occasions, Norm is a superb defensive coach and has

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### Norm Parker's college-coaching career

Iowa: 1999-2011

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Michigan State: 1983-94

East Carolina: 1980-82

Illinois: 1977-79

Minnesota: 1972-76

Wake Forest: 1969-71

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### IOWA STATE 86, IOWA 76

## Hawkeyes welcome finals break

Finals week comes at a good time for the banged-up Hawkeyes.

By **BEN SCHUFF**  
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AMES — The Iowa men's basketball team should be happy Royce White no longer resides in the Big Ten.

The Iowa State forward, who transferred from Minnesota, torched the Hawkeyes to the tune of 7-of-7 shooting for 14 first-half points and 17 total last Friday. He helped lead the Cyclones to their third-straight victory over the Hawkeyes, 86-76.

Iowa (5-5) fell behind early and trailed by 21 points at halftime. No single statistical category told the story at Hilton Coliseum. Both teams made 22 free throws and committed 12 turnovers, and Iowa State won the rebounding margin by only 3.



**McCaffery**  
head coach

But as has been the case in several of its losses this season, Iowa allowed an opponent too many open looks offensively. The Cyclones took advantage, and shot just under 55 percent from the field.

"We were playing like we were in *Fright Night* because of the crowd, because of the environment. We weren't really guarding anybody," Iowa forward Melsahn Basabe said. "This isn't high school — guys aren't just going to be missing at this level."

When asked what the Hawks will work on during their eight day lay-off — Iowa will host Drake on Dec. 17 — guard Matt Gatens said a lot of attention will be paid to the defensive end of the court.

"It's something we've been working on for a while, so it's disappointing — it seems like we haven't made too many strides in that area," Gatens said. "There's a number of things. I think our motion offense needs to get better. We'll break down [the Iowa State

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### Women swimmers set marks

The Iowa women's swimming and diving team posted three pool records on Dec. 9 on the way to a 176-124 road victory over in-state rival Iowa State.

Captains Daniela Cubelic and Danielle Carty had said the team needed to bring the same energy to Ames that it brought to the Hawkeye Invitational on Dec. 2-4, and head coach Marc Long said he felt his team accomplished that goal.

"I'm proud of how well the Hawkeye swimmers and divers performed tonight," he said in a release. "It was an exciting win in a very tough environment."

Sophomore Abbey Tuchscherer, freshman Becky Stoughton, and senior Veronica Rydze led the charge for the Hawkeyes.

Tuchscherer broke pool records in the 100 and 200 butterfly with respective times of 54.77 and 2:01.17, both of which rank second in Iowa history.

Stoughton broke the Beyer Hall Pool record in the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:03.70 and also claimed victories in the 1,000 and 500 freestyles.

Rydze took first place in both the 1- and 3-meter diving events; her score of 312.30 in the 3-meter event was a pool record and a personal best for the senior All-American.

The Hawkeyes will next compete on Jan. 6, when they travel to Tucson, Ariz., for a winter training meet.

— by Tork Mason

### Metcalf takes gold in test event

Former Iowa wrestler Brent Metcalf took gold in 66-kilogram freestyle wrestling at an Olympic test event in London on Sunday.

Metcalf was also named outstanding wrestler of the men's freestyle meet.

"Metcalf was a monster today," USA Wrestling freestyle coach Zeke Jones said in a release. "He nailed down his points and was down-right stingy on defense."

Metcalf faced 2010 Junior World Champion



**Metcalf**  
wrestler

Kotaro Tanaka in the finals and won both rounds, 5-0. He defeated Jabrayil Hasanov of Azerbaijan (3-0, 0-1, 4-0) and Gergo Woller of Hungary (0-1, 5-0, 3-0) in the earlier rounds.

The U.S. national team claimed four more medals at the event in addition to Metcalf's gold — silver medals at 55 and 74 kilograms and bronze medals at 60 and 96 kilograms.

Metcalf plans to compete at the U.S. Olympic Trials, which will be held in Iowa City on April 21-22 of next year.

"We stood in the arena, and we felt the Olympic Games today," Jones said. "We won't forget it all the way through Aug. 12 [the final day of wrestling at the Olympics in 2012]."

Metcalf wrestled for the Hawkeyes in 2007-10 at 149 pounds. The Davison, Mich., native won two NCAA and Big Ten championships with the Black and Gold and earned All-American honors all three years at Iowa.

— by Molly Irene Olmstead

# Inspiring the hoopsters

## Injured Hawkeyes Hannah Draxten and Megan Considine still have a major impact on the basketball team.

By **BEN WOLFSON**  
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Two Hawkeyes dressed in street clothes gave out high fives, offered words of advice, and congratulated their teammates during each time-out of the Iowa women's basketball team's 98-45 victory last Friday over Western Illinois.

These two players were seniors Hannah Draxten and Megan Considine.

Draxten is in her first season as a student assistant coach after being on the team for three seasons. Considine, who joined the team in January 2010 as a sophomore walk-on, suffered a torn Achilles tendon that will sideline her for the entire season.

Draxten, a native of Ferguson Falls, Minn., played in 30 games as a freshman in 2008-09. She made 23 3-pointers, the fifth-most in school history for a first-year player.

But she was limited to 28 games over her next two seasons and was forced to end her playing career earlier this year due to recurring back injuries.

"It's definitely different from being on the court," Draxten said on her adjustment from playing to coaching. "It [changes from] trying to produce out there, to

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just being energetic and keeping the team up and positive."

Considine was named a team captain before the season despite her career-ending injury and received heavy praise from head coach Lisa Bluder at the team's media day in October. Bluder was asked which player her team would look to as a leader after former star Kachine Alexander graduated.

"The thing we miss Kachine most is the fire she brings, the enthusiasm she brings," Bluder said. "Megan Considine was really trying to fulfill that role for us, and she was voted captain by our team as a senior; unfortunately, with her torn Achilles, she's on the sidelines."

"It's a lot tougher to be that role when you're on the sidelines. You can still contribute, but it's a lot harder to do."

Considine agreed, but said she has embraced her role as the Hawkeyes' emotional and social leader.

She said she always tries to bring positive energy and speak in a way that gives her teammates confidence.

"One of the reasons I got voted captain was because I worked hard, no matter how many minutes I was seeing," Considine said. "... I got on this team because a few people were injured — to name one, Theairra Taylor — and now I get to see her battle from rehab and play this year. It's still



Hannah Draxten speaks with the Hawkeyes after the first half of Iowa's 98-45 win over Western Illinois on Dec. 9 in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Draxten, a senior, was named a student assistant coach after back injuries forced her to end her playing career. (The Daily Iowan/Toan Nguyen)

rewarding to watch her and know that I get the opportunity to be on this team."

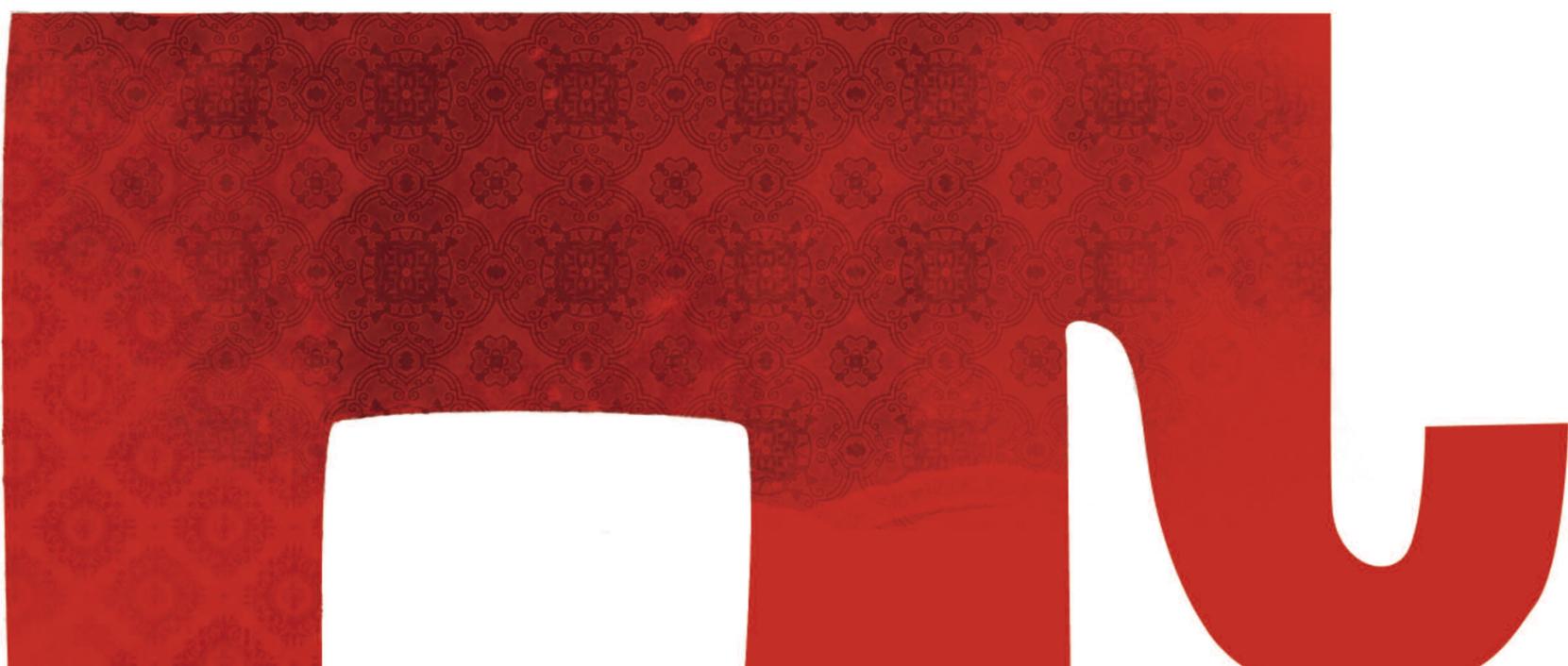
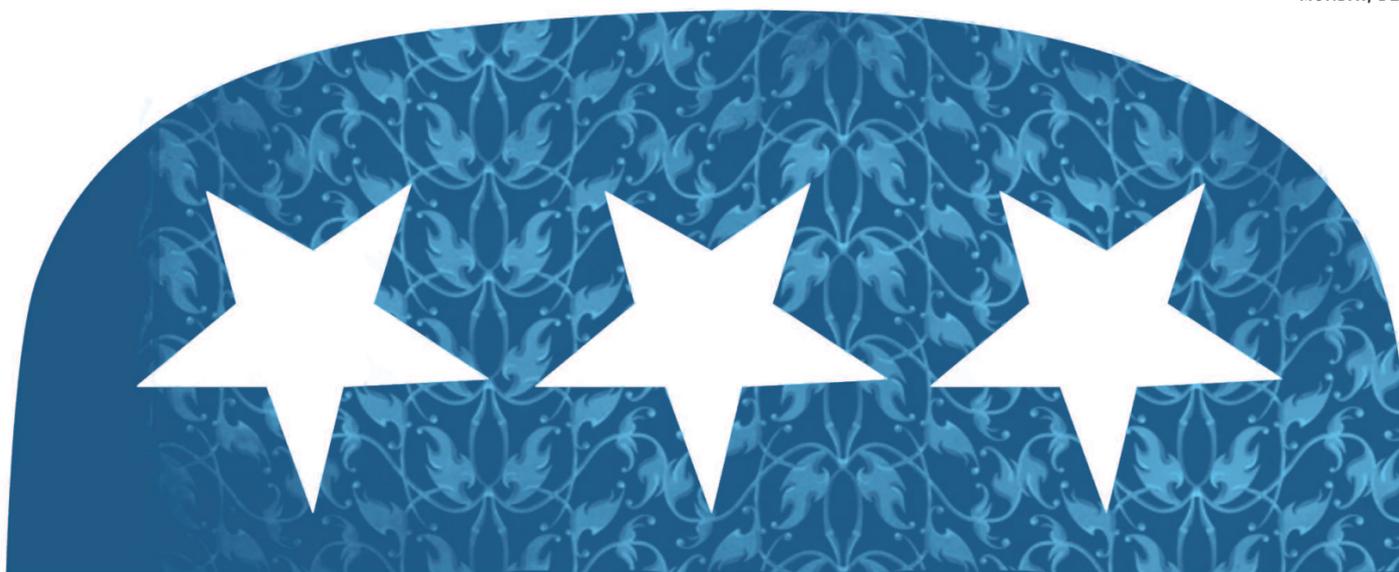
Draxten said Bluder approached her about remaining with the team after she decided to end her playing career.

Draxten now aids Bluder and the rest of her staff as a student assistant coach. She attends practices to

assist players with drills or do any extra work in the athletics offices.

Draxten said her new role is beneficial because she is interested in coaching in the future.

"I'm there to do whatever they need," she said. "I love basketball so much, I just don't know if I could give it up when I graduate. I want to be a part of it."



# CAUCUS 2012 VOTER'S GUIDE

**In 22 days, it will all be over.** Iowa Republicans have fewer than three weeks until the country's first 2012 presidential-nominating contest. On Jan. 3, Iowans in 99 counties will pack 1,700 precincts across the state to vie for their favorite candidates. This is your guide to the 2012 Iowa caucus candidates and issues.

	Ron Paul	Mitt Romney	Michele Bachmann	Newt Gingrich	Gary Johnson	Rick Perry	Rick Santorum	Jon Huntsman
Health Care	Paul would allow tax credits and deductions for all medical expenses.	Romney would allow states to expand health-care access to low-income citizens through block grants for Medicaid and the uninsured.	In Congress, Bachmann has pushed to make medical expenses 100 percent tax-deductible.	As a U.S. representative in 1993, Gingrich supported something similar to the individual mandate, but he has since backed off.	Johnson would give block grants for Medicare and Medicaid to the states. He would also push to legalize marijuana for medicinal and recreational use.	Perry says Medicare benefits should be paid to recipients on a sliding scale based on income.	Santorum has supported health savings accounts that would be exempt from some taxes.	Huntsman said he would "roll back" the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
Energy/ environment	Paul favors removing restrictions on drilling for oil and using coal and nuclear power.	Romney supports oil drilling and exploration in the United States, burning "clean" coal, and utilizing natural gas.	Bachmann is in favor of the shale-gas industry and stopping the EPA's cap-and-trade policies.	Gingrich favors replacing the EPA with an Environmental Solutions Agency.	Johnson wants to limit regulations on oil and natural gas.	Perry favors increased oil and gas production and wants to remove subsidies for renewable energy.	Santorum supports oil, natural gas, coal, and nuclear energy. He supports drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.	Huntsman supports drilling for oil in the United States and wants to remove the laws preventing the exportation of coal.
Taxes	Paul calls for an immediate elimination of the federal income tax and the Internal Revenue Service.	Romney said he'd keep and reform the current income-tax system.	Bachmann wants to reform the alternate minimum tax and eliminate the federal inheritance tax.	Gingrich wants to eliminate the capital-gains tax and reduce the corporate tax.	Johnson wants to eliminate the capital-gains tax and the corporate tax while simplifying the tax code for individuals and families.	Perry would cap federal spending at 18 percent of GDP and give taxpayers an option of a single 20 percent flat tax.	Santorum wants to eliminate long-term entitlement programs such as Medicare and Social Security.	Huntsman wants to eliminate all exemptions and deductions and implement just three individual income-tax brackets.
Defense	Paul has called for \$832 billion in cuts to defense spending over four years.	Romney has said he would like to increase non-combat defense spending to expand Navy and Air Force fleets.	Bachmann has said the United States can't cut defense spending by \$500 billion as one deficit plan suggests.	Gingrich has defended military spending in several debates.	Johnson is calling for a 43 percent reduction in defense spending.	Without offering specifics, Perry said he's open to start bringing U.S. troops home from Afghanistan.	Santorum does not endorse President Obama's timetable for troop withdrawal.	Huntsman says the United States should end combat operations in Afghanistan and Iraq.
Immigration	Paul is against giving amnesty to illegal immigrants and said social services shouldn't be provided by the government.	Romney supports building a fence on the border but opposes amnesty and in-state tuition for illegal immigrants.	Bachmann believes amnesty is a magnet for illegal immigrants to come to the United States.	Gingrich has said long-term illegal immigrants should not necessarily be deported.	Johnson has said the government should focus on making it easier and simpler for willing workers to come to the U.S.	The border-state governor says a fence along the entire U.S.-Mexican border is implausible.	Santorum believes that the government should provide no benefits and services to illegal immigrants.	Huntsman supports bringing in high-skilled worker immigrants.
LGBT issues	Paul has said marriage is a state issue, but he is in favor of the Defense of Marriage Act.	Romney opposes same-sex marriage but supports other protections for gay couples.	Strongly opposed to same-sex marriage, Bachmann has also vowed to reinstate the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" military policy.	Gingrich thinks gay marriage "fundamentally goes against everything we know."	Johnson supports gay marriage and opposes "Don't Ask, Don't Tell."	Perry opposes gay marriage and thinks "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" "worked very well."	Santorum has said he'd push for each state to ban gay marriage.	As governor, Huntsman proposed legislation to allow same-sex couples to have civil unions in 2009.
Higher education	Paul's "Plan to Restore America" calls for the elimination of the U.S. Department of Education, among other federal departments.	Romney was in favor of eliminating the U.S. Department of Education in the 1990s, but he has been a supporter of No Child Left Behind and the "Race to the Top" program.	Bachmann would abolish the U.S. Department of Education, and she has said she would give all the money previously invested in the department to states and localities.	Gingrich has called the federal student-loan program an "absurdity," but he would not abolish the U.S. Department of Education.	Johnson would abolish the U.S. Department of Education, and he is an advocate of homeschooling.	Perry would abolish the U.S. Department of Education, and he believes the federal government should get out of education altogether.	Santorum would not eliminate the U.S. Department of Education, but he wants it to play a less prominent role in higher education.	Huntsman prefers local control on education and plans to abolish No Child Left Behind.
Deficit/ spending	Paul says he will balance the budget by the third year of his presidency. Paul wants to eliminate such federal departments as Energy, Housing and Urban Development, Commerce, Interior, and Education.	Romney wants to cut non-defense discretionary spending by 5 percent. He wants to cap government spending at 20 percent of the nation's GDP and pass a balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution.	Bachmann supports repealing the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and would accept an increase in the debt ceiling only if extensive steps are taken to reduce spending.	Gingrich says cuts in government spending will spur economic growth and reduce the deficit. He believes job creation will help balance the budget.	Johnson wants to eliminate excess spending, stop stimulus packages, and end farm subsidies. Johnson said he wants to stabilize Social Security and Medicare through reforms and eliminate the Federal Reserve's control over monetary policy.	Perry's "Cut, Balance, and Grow" plan seeks to reform Medicare and give employers the choice to opt out of Social Security. He wants to cap government spending at 18 percent of the country's GDP.	Santorum supports a balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution. He says while spending cuts help in the short-run, long-term fiscal security can only be achieved by passing the balanced-budget amendment.	Huntsman wants to repeal recent health-care reforms and related taxes to reduce increased spending on health care. His proposals have concentrated more on decreasing regulatory reforms and says job creation would improve the economy.

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## FORMER MASSACHUSETTS GOV. MITT ROMNEY

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Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney is confident in the private sector's ability to successfully drive America's economic recovery and stimulate job growth.

"Having spent my life in the private sector, I understand where jobs are created," the Iowa caucus candidate said during this past weekend's debate in Des Moines. "They're not created in government. They're not created in Washington. They are created on Main Streets and streets all over America."

Romney said a handful of plans will make America the most attractive in the world for economic growth — competitive employer tax rates, fewer regulations, and a balanced budget, for instance.

"It is economic growth, not government growth, that provides productive opportunities for American workers," Romney's regional press secretary, Amanda Henneberg, wrote in an

email. "Mitt Romney's plan does not increase the size of the federal budget or bureaucracy. To the contrary, it cuts spending and streamlines regulation. It does not promise the immediate creation of some imaginary number of jobs, because government cannot create jobs — at least not productive ones that contribute to our long-term prosperity."

Predicting a 11.5 million job increase within four years of his presidency, Romney said the Obama administration has failed to jump-start the economy and the "Band-Aids" won't help in the long run.

"The right thing to do is talk about how to make America competitive again," he said during the debate. "I spoke with business people all over the country — I've been one myself for 25 years — people aren't investing in America because this president has made America a less attractive place for investing and hiring than other places in the world."

But Paul Zarembka, an

economics professor at the University of Buffalo, said the United States, like Europe, is headed for disaster.

"Tax decrease on the wealthy to stimulate jobs is totally false," Zarembka said. "Anyone arguing for tax reductions to include the wealthy is simply an argument of the 1 percent. And the corporations already have enough money — they don't need subsidies. They are sitting on trillions of dollars of money."

With just more than 20 days until the 2012 Iowa caucuses, Romney's status among voters is lukewarm. Recently, an ABC News/*Washington Post* poll has Romney at 18 percent in second place, 10 points below Iowa front-runner Newt Gingrich.

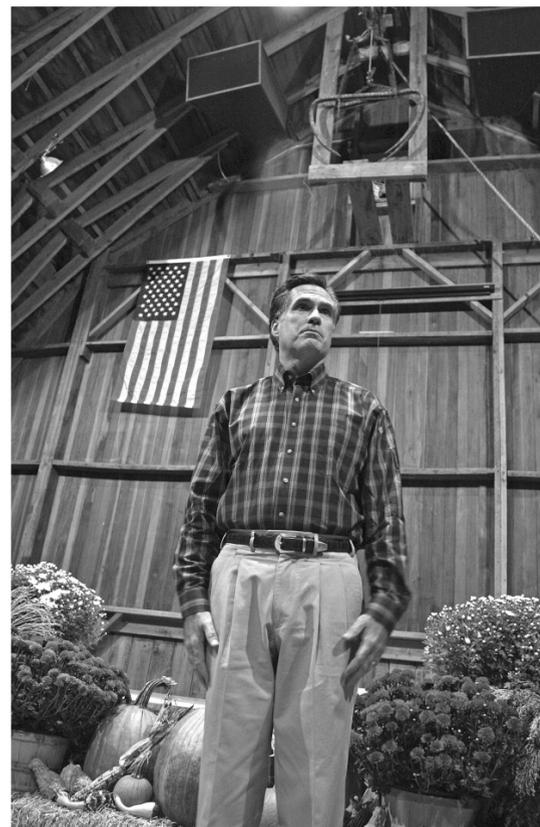
But Henneberg said America is in need of bold decisions and a plan to get America back to work.

"Mitt Romney is calling for a fundamental change in Washington's view of how economic growth and prosperity are achieved,

### Personal Info

**Age:** 64  
**Family:** Ann Romney (wife 1969-present); five sons and 16 grandchildren  
**Education:** B.A. 1971 Brigham Young University; law and business administration 1975 Harvard  
**Religion:** Mormon  
**Work Experience:** 1975-1998: Bain and Co., Boston-based consulting firm 1998: Began work for 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics  
**Electoral History:** 1994: Lost to incumbent Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass 2002-2006: Governor of Massachusetts. 2007-2008: GOP presidential nomination bid; lost to Sen. John McCain

Source: ABC News, MittRomney.com



Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney speaks before a crowd gathered at Carroll's Pumpkin Farm in September, 2006 in Grinnell. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

how jobs are created, and how government can support these endeavors," she wrote. "It is at once a deeply conservative return to policies that have served our nation well and a highly ambitious departure from the policies of our current leadership."

## FORMER UTAH GOV. JON HUNTSMAN

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Iowa caucus candidate Jon Huntsman believes distrust in the nation's government has devastated the lives of many Americans.

For the former Utah governor, restoring the economy and stabilizing the job market depends on leveling the nation's uncertainty.

"Well, we've been talking about the economic deficit, and you can't have a complete discussion in this country without talking about the second deficit, which is a trust deficit," Huntsman said during last week's "John King USA" interview. "I would argue that it is equally corrosive in this country. You can't just handle the economic deficit while leaving the trust deficit untouched."

Huntsman's plan to spur job growth entails tax reform and regulatory reform — including the repeal of Obama's health-care legislation and the

Dodd-Frank financial-regulation law. It also includes an energy independence plan, and breaking up the big banks to prevent future bailouts.

Campaign spokesman Tim Miller said Huntsman is the right candidate for all voters, and he will follow through with his plans.

"Jon Huntsman is someone voters can trust on the issues of the day," he said. "He is not going to pander. He's not the candidate who is going to sign pledges. He is going to do what is best for this country and not the demands of the interest group."

But with just 22 days left in the Iowa caucus race, national polls, such as a recent ABC News/*Washington Post* poll, show Huntsman lingering at 2 percent. Reports do show an increase of support in New Hampshire at 8 percent.

But Robert Hockett, a Cornell University professor of financial and inter-

### Personal Info

**Age:** 51  
**Family:** Mary Kaye (wife 1983-present), five daughters, two sons  
**Education:** B.A. 1971 University of Pennsylvania in international politics  
**Religion:** Mormon  
**Work Experience:** 1993-2001: Vice chairman and executive member, Huntsman Corp. 1995: President, Huntsman Cancer Foundation  
**Electoral History:** 1992-1993: Singapore, U.S. ambassador, George H. W. Bush 2001-2003: U.S. trade ambassador, George W. Bush 2004-2009: Governor of Utah 2009-2011: China, U.S. ambassador, Barack Obama 2011-present: Current 2012 presidential-caucus candidate

Source: ABC News, Jon2012.com

national economic law, said though Huntsman is more reasonable than some of the other Republicans in the race, his views are still



Iowa caucus candidate and former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman speaks at a town-hall meeting in Milford, N.H., in December. (Associated Press/Cheryl Senter)

wrong-headed for wanting to balance the budget.

Hockett said the federal government should run surpluses during booms to prevent bubbles, which can burst, leading to recession.

He also said repealing Dodd-Frank and the

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will worsen the economy.

"Basically [demanding balanced budgets or objecting to financial or health insurance regulation is] telling government that it shouldn't do what it's there

for in an economy as large as ours is," Hockett said, noting that Obama's deficits helped soothe the Bush-era bubbles. "I think all of the Republicans, even Huntsman, still calling for something like that is completely absurd."

## U.S. REP. MICHELE BACHMANN, R-MINN

By **KRISTEN EAST**  
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Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn., said she's the most consistent conservative in the Iowa caucus race.

The Minnesota Republican has made a habit of taking shots at the Democratic president. On immigration, for instance, Bachmann has pledged her support for the construction of a double fence along the entire length of the U.S.-Mexican border, something the president opposes.

The congresswoman was the first GOP candidate to sign the Americans for Securing the Border pledge.

Bachmann's stances on immigration also include deporting undocumented illegal immigrants who are intercepted and requiring the federal government to pay for deportation costs.

"President Obama has failed the American people by failing to secure the southern border. I will secure that border, and that will be job 1," Bachmann said at an event in Perry, Iowa, in October.

One immigration expert said building a fence is possible, but having one along

the entire U.S.-Mexican border isn't necessary.

"There are a series of barriers, but it's definitely feasible," said Steven Camarota, the director of research at the Center for Immigration Studies. "There are areas where you wouldn't need the fence where the topography is so deep, and the [Rio Grande] river is wide in some spots, so you probably wouldn't need it over the entire border."

Camarota said Democrats and libertarians don't typically support a fence being built because of its negative symbolism.

"A fence is stark," he said. "It creates a barrier between the two countries. Although a fence might be effective, it's stark."

When asked how the country would afford building a fence, Bachmann said at a forum earlier this month that undocumented immigration costs the United States more than \$100 billion per year.

"The cost is absorbed by the states," she said, and each American household pays roughly \$1,000 for all of the illegal immigrants in the United States. "It must not [get dumped on the states]. The [federal] gov-

### Personal Info

**Age:** 55  
**From:** Minnesota  
**Family:** Husband, five children, 23 foster children  
**Work Experience:** Evangelical Christian  
**Work Experience:** Attorney for the IRS  
**Electoral History:** U.S. House - 2007-present Minnesota Senate - 2001-07

Source: michelebachmann.com

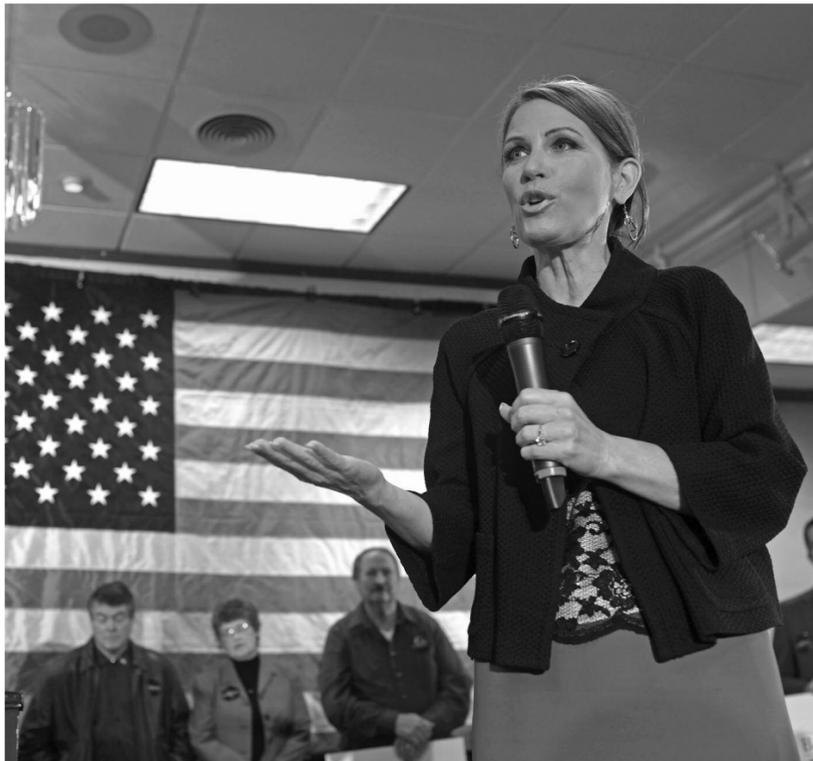
ernment needs to deal with securing the border ... It's not the states' role."

Another top priority of Bachmann's is repealing the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act signed by President Obama.

During a debate in Des Moines this past weekend, Bachmann criticized former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich on their policies regarding health care. Both of them have at some point supported government requirements for citizens to buy insurance.

"'Newt Romney' is for Obamacare," she said. "I've taken on Obama. He knows me ... I won't rest until we repeal Obamacare."

According to the most



Iowa caucus candidate Michele Bachmann stops at the Longbranch Hotel and Convention Center in Cedar Rapids in September. (The Daily Iowan/Christy Aumer)

recent poll conducted by the *Des Moines Register*, Bachmann is a favorite among 8 percent of Republican caucus-goers. Bachmann tied with businessman Herman Cain before he suspended his campaign this month.

Despite seeing a decrease in support since winning the Ames Straw Poll in August, Bachmann's camp is optimistic about the caucuses.

"The caucuses will help her out," said Eric Woolson, Bachmann's Iowa cam-

aign manager. "The caucuses are about building an organization that believes in the candidate and that is committed to turning out. Whatever the conditions may be, that's something the Bachmann campaign has worked on."

## FORMER U.S. SEN. RICK SANTORUM, R-PA.

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In addition to supporting continued troops on the ground in the current U.S. conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, former Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., is open to entering another conflict in the region.

Santorum's plan to stop Iranian aggression includes isolating Iran from other countries by neutralizing Iran's relationships with its closest allies and promising to enforce military action if Iran refuses to prove it isn't developing nuclear weapons.

"I've been out here talking about [national security] for a long time," he said.

He sponsored the Iran Freedom and Support Act in the Senate in 2005. With his foreign-policy plan, he said, he would reinstate full funding for the bill that provides funds to assist pro-democracy groups in Iran. Santorum also sponsored the Syria Accountability Act in 2003 — a bill aimed to end Syria's presence in Lebanon and the country's alleged development of weapons of mass destruction.

The debate over whether Iran is developing nuclear weapons has been a pressing issue in the news recently.

A September report from the International Atomic Energy Agency said Iran is not implementing "a number of obligations" and is not providing "necessary cooperation" to the agency. Iran reported to the agency 15 operating nuclear facilities and nine facilities in which nuclear material is present.

"If Iran does not open up its facilities to make it very, very clear to U.S. inspectors and other inspectors to get in there and examine exactly what's going on, we will at some point take out that [nuclear] capability," Santorum said.

Michael Rubin, a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute who focuses on Middle East society, said he doesn't think there has been enough discussion about foreign-policy strategies during current or past presidential campaigns.

"Every candidate should answer the question, 'What do you want the Middle

### Personal Info

**Age:** 53  
**From:** Pennsylvania  
**Family:** Wife, seven children  
**Religion:** Roman Catholic  
**Work Experience:** Attorney  
**Electoral History:** U.S. Senate - 1995-2007  
U.S. House - 1991-95

Source: ricksantorum.com

East to look like two years from now?' and outline goals," he said. "I don't know any Democratic or Republican president who has done that."

In addition to extensive talk about foreign affairs, Santorum's stance on most social issues has also been a focal point on his campaign — he supports a Human Life Amendment and has sponsored anti-abortion legislation in the Senate.

And at the Family Leader Thanksgiving forum in Des Moines last month, Santorum compared gay marriage and slavery.

"Gay marriage is wrong," he said. "As Abraham Lincoln said, the states do not have the right to do



Iowa caucus candidate Rick Santorum addresses the media in July at the Kirkwood Hotel in Cedar Rapids. (The Daily Iowan/Anthony Bauer)

wrong... just like the states didn't have the right to do slavery."

A recent poll conducted by the *Des Moines Register* reported Santorum tied with Texas Gov. Rick Perry with 6 percent among Republican voters in Iowa. That puts him below everyone in the *Register* poll except former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman.

However, recent polling

numbers haven't fazed Santorum's campaign staff.

"When it comes time to vote, we're supremely confident that Rick is going to shock a lot of people. People are just beginning to pay attention," said Hogan Gidley, the senior communications adviser for Santorum's campaign. "These polls only reflect, at this point, whose name is in the news. We think this race is

fluid; we think this race is ever-changing."

Gidley said Santorum's visits to all 99 counties in Iowa will help him in the long run.

"We'll do very well, having built the base of the 99 counties," Gidley said. "That's our opportunity to really show Iowa what Rick is really all about. He's outlining a vision for the people of the state."

## TEXAS GOV. RICK PERRY

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Iowa caucus candidate and Texas Gov. Rick Perry is going all-in on Iowa social conservatives, one observer says.

Perry's campaign shifted its focus to social issues earlier this month when it released an ad in Iowa, pushing the candidate's support for prayer in school and proclaiming that the governor is "not ashamed to admit that I'm a Christian."

The Perry video, "Strong," has more than 600,000 "dislikes" and approximately 20,000 "likes" on YouTube, making it the most disliked video in the website's history.

Rutgers University political expert David Redlawsk, the author of *Why Iowa?: How the Caucuses and Sequential Elections Improve the Presidential Nominating Process*, said Perry is trying to appeal to a specific demographic of potential Iowan supporters.

"Iowa Republican caucus-goers are socially conservative," he said. "Perry is trying to reset. He's trying to say, 'Social conservatives, this is a real conservative.'

He needs to get attention again, and certainly this ad has gained him attention."

However, not all of Perry's campaigning has focused on social and religious issues. In an email, Perry told *The Daily Iowan* he is concerned first with the economy.

"My campaign is about getting America working again," he wrote. "I've proposed several policies — a flat tax, a balanced budget, job creation through domestic energy production, and the creation of a part time citizen Congress in order to overhaul the Washington establishment and unleash our private sector to create the jobs our nation needs to return to the path of prosperity."

And he also said he has a specific plan to improve the U.S. economy.

"I've laid out a proposal to create over 1.2 million jobs through executive action. Furthermore ... I've proposed a flat individual and corporate income tax rate of 20 percent. This plan is optional for individuals and preserves deductions for mortgage interest, charity, and state and local taxes," he wrote.

However, University of Iowa economics Professor

### Personal Info

**Birthplace:** Paint Creek, Texas  
**Alma mater:** Texas A&M University  
**Family:** Wife, two children  
**Experience:** Governor of Texas; Commissioner of Agriculture of Texas; State Representative in Texas

Source: RickPerry.org

Beth Ingram said it's hard to say exactly what such policies would do the economy.

"It's not as simple as saying if you deregulate, then jobs will be created," she said. "Sometimes, if you think about it, creating more regulations would produce more jobs and vice versa ... It's not as simple as the candidates are making it seem. This is very complicated, and they don't have time to explain it in-depth."

Redlawsk said this focus on the economy is typical of the Republican field of candidates vying for the 2012 presidential nomination.

However, he said, "the challenge for candidates is to differentiate themselves as candidates."

Perry stumbled in a



Texas Gov. Rick Perry speaks during the 28th-annual National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials conference in San Antonio on June 23. (Associated Press/Darren Abate)

November Republican debate in Michigan when he forgot one of the three federal Cabinet departments he wants to eliminate.

Perry said that gaffe won't be detrimental in his presidential bid.

"I had a human moment," he wrote in the

email. "And Americans understand that."

However, Perry has fallen in the polls recently.

According to Gallup polling data tracking registered Republican voters, Perry was trailing with 6 percent ballot support for the week of Dec. 4 through Dec. 8.

Perry is behind Newt Gingrich's 37 percent, Mitt Romney's 23 percent, and Ron Paul's 9 percent. He is tied with Michele Bachmann.

"To the extent that the polling can be believed," Redlawsk said, "he's very much an 'also ran' at this point."

## U.S. REP. RON PAUL, R-TEXAS

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Ron Paul is a stoic man.

The 75-year-old U.S. congressman and Iowa caucus candidate gives rousing, hourlong speeches often without so much as cracking a smile. Meanwhile, the massive crowds following him like a cult hoot and holler as if witnessing the Grateful Dead.

For instance, he brought out around 1,000 undergrads at the No. 4 party school earlier this fall. The event started at 8 p.m. on the Friday of Homecoming weekend.

In all the commotion, Paul's message is simple: America must protect against a government interfering with citizens' civil liberties. Further, he says government should be almost invisible, an entity in charge of enforcing the Constitution, but one that stays out of peoples' lives.

"Why shouldn't you have free decision on what you eat, smoke, drink, and put into your own body?" Paul told the rambunctious, standing-room-only crowd at the University of Iowa in October.

With a plan to cut the federal budget by \$1 trillion during his first year in office and balance it by the third year, Paul would

change the status quo, said Drew Ivers, who heads Paul's Iowa campaign.

Paul's deficit-reduction plan would eliminate five Cabinet departments: the Department of Education, the Department of Energy, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Department of the Interior. Additionally, he'd abolish the Transportation Security Administration, squelch corporate subsidies, halt foreign aid, end U.S. wars, and return most other spending to 2006 levels.

Paul would reduce the federal workforce by 10 percent through attrition and personally take a salary of just under \$40,000 — more than \$300,000 less than the commander-in-chief's current salary.

Paul's plan — dubbed by the campaign as the Plan to Restore America — lowers the corporate tax rate to 15 percent and extends controversial income tax cuts put in place under the Bush administration. Paul would push to repeal the Democrats' Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Dodd-Frank — a financial-regulation-reform act — and Sarbanes-Oxley, which changed standards for

### Personal Info

**Age:** 75  
**Birthplace:** Pittsburgh  
**Education:** Gettysburg College and Duke University School of Medicine  
**Occupation:** Specialist in obstetrics/gynecology  
**Family:** Wife, Carol, five children, and 18 grandchildren  
**Electoral History:** U.S. House - 1977-1985; U.S. House - 1987-present  
**Other facts:** Served as a flight surgeon in the Air Force in 1960s, claims to have delivered more than 4,000 babies

boards of public companies.

By 2016, the campaign claims the plan would cut \$832 billion from the defense budget and \$645 billion from Medicaid. Also, the elimination of the five departments would reportedly save the federal government around \$700 billion more.

In the most recent *Des Moines Register* Iowa Poll, Paul garnered 18 percent of the vote, enough for second place behind former House Speaker Newt Gingrich. Paul received 12 percent of the vote in October and only 7 percent in June,



U.S. Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, speaks at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids in April. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

according to the *Register*.

However, some doubt the viability of eliminating entire departments of the federal government. But Ivers said "essential" parts of the departments would remain and others would be consolidated into other areas, though he couldn't give any specifics.

"To assume that government must intervene to have prosperity contradicts history," Ivers said. "This country grew tremendously from 1800 to 1900 and continued

growing through the '20s and '30s. At time when the government was the smallest, the country grew the most."

Some pundits — such as CNN's Wolf Blitzer — have called Paul's plan radical, and others have questioned the Paul platform's ability to earn Congress' approval if he is elected president.

But Doug French — the president of the Mises Institute, a libertarian and Austrian economics think tank — said Paul's plans aren't

radical. Taking \$1 trillion out of the federal budget isn't going "back to the Stone Age," French said, noting that type of cut would simply return the country to funding levels similar to about a decade ago.

"I think if we ever want to see the economy improve, government's got to get out of the way," French said. "To get out of the way, some [federal] departments have to be done away with."



## FORMER NEW MEXICO GOV. GARY JOHNSON

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Many of former New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson's stances on social issues make him more liberal than most GOP candidates, but one pundit says Johnson's greatest downfall may be his similarity to fellow Iowa caucus candidate Ron Paul.

David Peterson, the interim director of the Harkin Institute of Public Policy at Iowa State University, said though Johnson's stances on issues set him apart from many other candidates, many socially liberal or libertarian voters will vote for Paul before they would vote for Johnson.

"There isn't necessarily something that is a stark difference between the two of them on an issue that a noticeable number of people in the Republican caucus or Republican primary really care about," Peterson said. "Paul has been the more popular person. He's been there first, he's better-known, he's better-financed."

Trailing Paul and the rest of the candidates in most polls, Johnson's media profile and fundraising has

lagged behind most of the rest of the GOP pack.

"He is running a campaign on issues. He is running a campaign based on what he would do if he were president," Peterson said. "You could run a campaign based on charisma and ads, and those kinds of things if you have the money to enable you to do it."

Johnson breaks from the rest of the Iowa caucus pack on some key issues. The former governor of a border state, Johnson pushes for more lenient immigration policy. He's also in favor of same-sex marriage and marijuana legalization.

Carl Olsen, creator of IowaMedicalMarijuana.org, said he agrees with Johnson's views on marijuana but said federal policy might not be the best way to fix the problem: "This is not a federal issue; it's a state's rights issue." "The idea that the president will issue some kind of executive order is nonsense. I don't think he's got a chance, but it's going to take more than a president to fix this."

But if Johnson does have any advantage over fellow libertarian Paul, Olsen

said, it's Johnson's hands-on approach to the issue of marijuana legalization.

"The thing that Gary Johnson has done is he has attended a lot more marijuana-legalization events than Ron Paul," Olsen said.

Johnson, who admitted to illegally using marijuana for health reasons, detailed some of his reasons for support in a debate held earlier this year.

"Ninety percent of the drug problem is prohibition-related, not use-related," he said. "... so I advocate legalizing marijuana: control it, regulate it, tax it."

On another issue where Johnson breaks from the GOP, immigration, the former businessman said the federal government needs to offer more opportunities for foreigners to work here legally.

"Immigration needs to be about work, not welfare," Johnson said. "With regard to the 11 million illegal immigrants who are here in this country right now, I think we need to recognize that the government's the main reason they're here illegally, it has made it impossible to get a work visa."

Johnson has struggled

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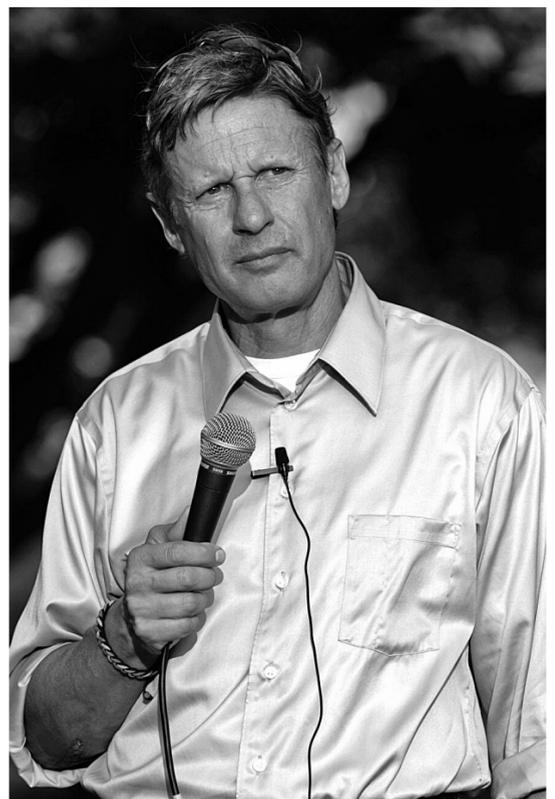
- Worked as a door-to-door handyman to make his way through college
- Has scaled Mount Everest
- Has two grown children
- Served as governor of New Mexico from 1995-2003
- Beat incumbent 50 percent to 40 percent in 1994 elections
- Re-elected in 1998 by a 55 to 45 percent margin

Source: GaryJohnson2012.com

throughout the campaign to earn media attention. He's also been shut out of most of the race's nationally televised debates, with debate organizers citing Johnson's poor poll showing — he wasn't even listed on the *Des Moines Register's* latest poll results.

"There are a number of candidates who haven't been invited to many of these debates," Peterson said. "I think the people who are broadcasting these debates have an agenda, and their agenda is to get as many viewers as they can."

Johnson addressed his not being included in many debates in an interview



Iowa caucus candidate and former New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson speaks in Hubbard Park on in 2010. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

with Fox News Business over the summer.

"I never envisioned being excluded from the table of debate, and here it is, that's what's happened," Johnson

said. "I can't help but halfway think it's because of what I'm saying and what I'm saying really is different from what's being said out there."

## FORMER U.S. HOUSE SPEAKER NEWT GINGRICH

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Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich's ideas for fixing the nation's problems this caucus season are as numerous as the problems that need fixing.

"The biggest issue is the economy," Gingrich told *The Daily Iowan* last week. "If you look at what's happening around the world, we could get in real trouble, because the world depends on us. We need more jobs in America, and we need to get the economy growing."

The best way to solve this problem, he said, is to look at the solutions used by past presidents.

"Ronald Reagan proved that it's a four-part plan," Gingrich said. "Lower taxes, regulations, energy, and encouraging people who create jobs."

Gingrich would extend and make permanent tax cuts which are set to expire in 2013, repeal legislation such as the Dodd-Frank law, which regulates the

financial industry, and the Community Reinvestment Act, which offers support to some low-income home owners.

But one expert said following Reagan's plan may sound more promising than it will actually prove to be.

"Reagan initially produced the worst recession since the Great Depression ... and suffered greatly in the midterm elections of 1982," said Professor David Rohde, a political-science expert at Duke University. "Does one appropriately infer that he adopted good policies that pulled us out of the recession?"

When considering the effect Reagan's policies actually had, he believes it is difficult to predict how any proposal may actually affect the economy.

"Most of what goes on in the economy is not caused by what the government does," Rohde said. "That makes it even more difficult to evaluate the new policies that Mr. Gingrich

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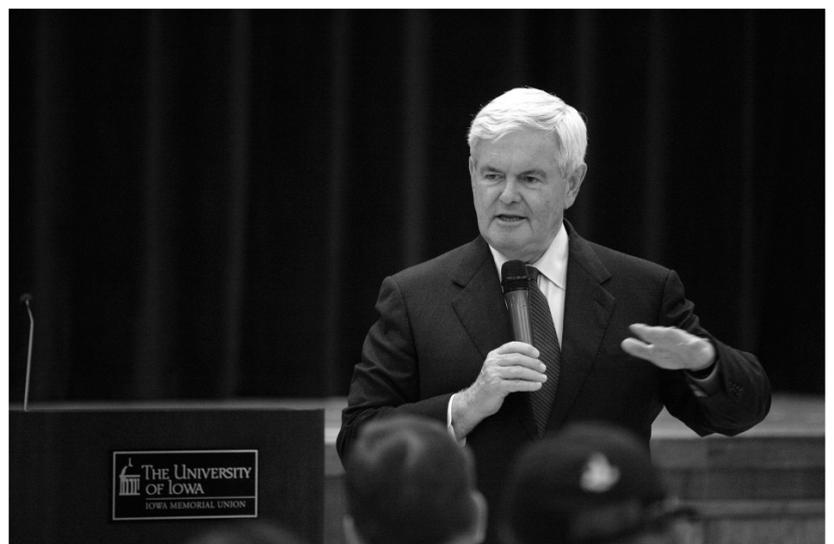
- Age:** 68
- Birthplace:** Harrisburg, Pa.
- Family:** Third wife Callista Gingrich, no children
- Experience:**
  - Represented Georgia in Congress for 20 years
  - Speaker of the House for four years
  - Served on the Defense Policy Board under President George W. Bush
  - Appointed to the United States Commission on National Security in 1999

Source: WhiteHouse.gov

proposes and to assess what they are likely to accomplish."

In addition to his criticisms, he said this plan might be a voter attraction rather than a substantial solution.

"[Presidential candidates] are not economists," he said. "Therefore, a large part of what candidates propose is shaped not by what they think is going to



Newt Gingrich speaks to supporters in the IMU in July. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

work but by what will work politically."

But Katie Koberg, Gingrich's deputy Iowa caucus director, said this is merely one person's opinion.

"Newt Gingrich has been focusing on solutions for years," she said. "He is a solution-oriented candidate."

One recent poll, released by the *Des Moines Register* earlier this month, has Gingrich listed as the current front-runner with 25 percent support from likely caucus-goers, a significant increase from his 8 percent in the October poll.

In response to the candi-

date's jump in the polls, Koberg said plans have been made to maintain Gingrich's position.

"[We] wouldn't want to turn over the playbook, but the other team should know we are ready to play," she said. "We are ready to go."

## PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

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The Republican caucus has earned the vast majority of attention this caucus season, but the Democrats will caucus in January as well.

And though President Obama will be the Democratic Party's presidential nominee in the 2012 election, Iowa Democrats are still looking to increase caucus turnout.

"... This is our 2012 campaign kickoff," said Sam Roecker, the communications director for the Iowa Democratic Party. "... Democratic involvement will lead to victories."

There are more than 1,700 precincts across Iowa, all of which will host Democratic caucuses in which only registered Democrats are permitted to participate.

However, organizing and mobilizing potential caucus-goers with an incumbent president is a tall order, Roecker said.

"We have a full-time caucus director," he said. "We have to find locations in all precincts. We have been doing training, talking to county parties, and making

sure they have what they need."

In addition, the Iowa Democratic Party recently unveiled a new iPhone application to help interested Democrats find a caucus location.

However, Harvard government Professor Thomas Patterson said, based on precedent of past party-supported incumbent candidates, the Democratic Party can not expect a large number of participants on caucus day.

"Historically, we're talking about low turnout," he said. "These contests are held, but not many show up."

In his second bid for the White House, Obama has been challenged in his own party. Lesser-known Democratic candidates, such as Randall Terry and Democratic-independent convert Harry Braun, have both campaigned in Iowa. However, they will not caucus in Iowa.

"The way ours works is you have to have 15 percent of the people in the caucus who want to affiliate with you," said Sue Dvorsky, the Iowa Democratic Party head. "You have to be able to get your sup-

### Personal Info

- President Obama is the only candidate in the Democratic caucuses.**
- Personal:**
- Age:** 50
- Alma mater:** Harvard Law School (J.D.)
- Family:** Wife, two children
- Experience:**
  - 44th president of the United States
  - Senator from Illinois

Source: WhiteHouse.gov

porters to the thousands of caucus sites across the state. At this point, no one has risen out of the Democratic Party to challenge the president."

In addition to Obama being uncontested in the 2012 Iowa Democratic caucuses, Patterson said, there are other key differences between Obama's 2008 and 2012 presidential bids.

"It's one thing to be a successful candidate, as Obama was," he said. "There was an enormous energy behind the Obama campaign in 2008, persuading swing voters and the like. As president, he's presiding over an economy that's kind of stumbling



Incumbent Democrat Barack Obama speaks to invited guests at Trinity Structural Towers in Newton, Iowa in 2009. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

along. It's very hard to maintain through the election all the energy that went into the first one."

Iowa Democrats are looking to do more than officially select President Obama as their 2012 presidential nominee. Roecker said Democrats would like to expand their hold on the U.S. Senate and take control of the U.S. House in 2012.

"We've got people very

excited about organizing for the Congressional election," Dvorsky said. "... It's more than just the presidential [race]."

Additionally, Roecker said anyone planning to run as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, N.C., will throw her or his hat into the ring on caucus night. Individuals wishing to serve on precinct committees will also be elected

on Jan. 3.

Whether or not an individual wishes to run as a delegate or serve on a precinct committee, Roecker said, all Democrats should attend a caucus.

"It's a unique process," he said. "It's something you don't see in every state. It's really a neat opportunity to stand in a ring with people who share your political beliefs."