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The United States’ corporate income tax rate is 35 percent.

Branstad talks taxes

By DEREK KELLISON
Iowa City community members crowded the University Athletics Club on Thursday to hear Gov. Terry Branstad deliver a speech at the University Athletics Club on Thursday.

“I do think we do have some change that could take place there in terms of regulations,” Branstad said. “We're doing some things to make Iowa more competitive by speeding up the permitting process.”

Branstad's spokesman Tim Albrecht noted discrepancies between corporate tax rates in the United States and Canada — 35 percent and 15 percent respectively — as driving businesses out of the States.

“What that does is make us wild-
le comfortably when attempting
to lure new businesses and indus-
ties,” he said. “With a lower rate, businesses can pay employees bet-
ter and pour money back into
research and development.”

Yet Mark Nolte, business devel-
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ter really favor Iowa City,” he said. “It’s not exactly a hotbed for manufac-
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Rick Cleveland came to watch the Iowa New Play Festival this week. A graduate of the Playwrights’ Workshop, Cleveland wrote and coproduced television’s “West Wing” and “Six Feet Under.” (The Daily Iowan/Chastity Dillard)

After graduating from college, Cleveland helped founded Chicago’s American Blues Theater (now American Theater Company). By KATHRYN-KELLY OLIN

Rick Cleveland graduated from the University of Iowa Playwrights’ Workshop in 1995 — a semester earlier than he intended. The Ohio native had discovered by Hollywood producer Barry Zineman at Iowa Playwrights’ Workshop, Cleveland wrote and coproduced television’s “West Wing” and “Six Feet Under.”

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Opinions

WASHINGTON — As slogans go, President Obama’s promise of the “light of a new day” in Afghanistan isn’t nearly as catalytic as the “Mission Accomplished” banner Air Force One’s new doors displayed the day President George W. Bush announced the end of the Iraq War.

One was jubilant, triumphing — premature by

so much, as more than 4,000 U.S. combat deaths over the next decade. The other was restrained, optimistically citing progress toward an ultimate American withdrawal over the next decade.

But over the past three years, he said, referring to his own time in office: “This tale has turned. We’ve redefined the Taliban’s moment. We’ve built a strong Afghan security force. We devastated Al Qaeda’s leadership, and General Motors...”

In a written statement issued as Air Force One carried Obama home; he said he pleased the president had returned to Afghanistan, and that the troops and the American people deserved to hear from him what is at stake in the war. “Success in Afghanistan is vital to our nation’s security,” he said.

While the tide has turned, I am not convinced that the United States has a strategy to set the Afghan people on a path to stability and unity.

Guest Column

Beware Big Brother in Cyber Intelligence Act

As an African-American journalist, I write to share my opposition to the expanding govern-

ment’s authority on the Internet. The term, Fourth Amendment rights.

The House of Represen-

tatives has recently passed H.R. 3023, the Cyber Intel-

gence and Communication

Response Act, on a 248-148 vote. Despite the House’s unanimous approval, I believe that the bill is anti-citizen’s base rights of pri-

vacy and freedom. There is a limit to the government’s reach in this domain. For the sake of our freedoms, let’s demand that our legislatures do their jobs and enact such a bill that protects and enhances the fact that the majority of sena-

tors will vote “No.” This bill is de

concerning questions about this bill. I’m concerned that the bill will be used by the government to monitor our e-mails, our phone calls, and our Internet traffic.

I am not an expert on this bill, but I do know that the Senate has failed to pass the bill in the past. This bill would severely limit the freedom of our citizens and our ability to communicate.

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A Scotsman's Inner Thoughts:

- Even me mate dunno unnerstand what fella am I, can't see him past bane deets.
- Deen, me empty phone dinnae fit me no more.
- Why do the Brigg's Irish fit in here?

- Nae, will no ride the bloody horse-side saddle.
- Why, it pines to lack the now wear laddie!
- Even that tartan moose man look kilt!

- Highland-shielings, the weather's scummy.
- Could I get the beer on St. Patrick's Des if I pretend me accent is Irish?

- Ifs saigh Ab could touch me favorite sheep story.

- Mr. Gibson has a right part pace in that Broccotown!
- Tree the ouch! I comme even lift the briggie jocks.
- Diana what, hell red hair and freckles just dinte fit me now.

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WASHINGTON — Chinese dissident Chen Guangcheng spoke to a Congressional hearing Thursday from his Beijing hospital bed — and requested a meeting with Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.

This surprise call — Chen’s voice amplified from a cell phone held to a microphone — was the latest twist in a dramatic week in which his bid for U.S. protection has snared U.S.-China diplomacy and cast an international spotlight on his persecution by Chinese authorities.

Chen expressed fears for his family members, particularly his mother and brothers, and said people in his home village were now suffering retribution for helping him, since he escaped from house arrest and sought refuge in the U.S. Embassy in Beijing.

The blind activist, who has spent the last seven years in prison or under abusive house detention, left the embassy for hospital Wednesday. He has since said that rather stay in China as originally agreed in negotiations between Chinese and U.S. officials, he wants to come with his family to the United States.

Chen’s comments were translated to English by a rights activist testifying at the hearing, who arranged the call. Chen spoke for several minutes, in conversation with Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., the chairman of the Congressional-Executive Commission on China.

According to the interpreter, Bob Fu, of the Texas-based rights group ChinaAid, Chen was speaking from his hospital bed in Beijing, where his uncertain fate has overshadowed an annual high-level U.S.-China dialogue on strategic and economic issues. Rodham Clinton is among the top U.S. officials attending the talks.

“I want to meet with Secretary Clinton,” Chen said and laughed. “I hope I can get more help from her. I also want to thank her face to face.”

He spoke with her by phone on Wednesday.

In this photo released by the U.S. Embassy of Beijing press office, blind lawyer Chen Guangcheng, in a wheelchair, greets wife Yuan Weijing (right), daughter Chen Kesi (second right), and son Chen Kerui (left), at a hospital in Beijing on Wednesday. (Associated Press/U.S. Embassy Beijing Press Office)
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NEW YORK — Frustrated and foul-prone for three quarters, LeBron James finally did what he usually does at Madison Square Garden.

And the New York Knicks got the only result they know anymore in the playoffs.

James scored 32 points, including 8 straight to start the fourth quarter and break open the game, and the Miami Heat took a 3-0 series lead, sending the Knicks to an NBA postseason-record 13th-straight loss, 87-70 on Thursday night.

“Bron came in and got at it right away,” Dwyane Wade said. “He had an unbelievable fourth quarter.”

James had 17 points in the final period for the Heat, who held the short-handed Knicks to eight field goals in the second half. They will go for the sweep on May 6.

“He just has to stay with it,” Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. “He had some turnovers, he had some mistakes but he was able to keep his head in it.”

Wade added 20 points for the Heat, and Mario Chalmers had 19, hitting consecutive 3-pointers in the fourth quarter when the Heat finally brought some beauty to what had been an ugly game.

Carmelo Anthony scored 22 points but shot 7-of-23 for the Knicks, who are playing without Amare Stoudemire, Jeremy Lin, and Iman Shumpert and needed a super effort from Anthony that he didn’t come close to providing.

In a sloppy game between two star-studded teams, Miami went 10 minutes without a field goal in the second half, followed by the Knicks managing just three baskets in the third quarter.

Then James, who finished with eight turnovers, took over.

LeBron ignites Heat in NYC
The Hawkeye Softball team is poised for a stretch run in the Big Ten. After a tough season to date, the team is looking to finish strong to perhaps earn a spot in the NCAA Tournament. Head coach Renee Gillispie said, “We've had a lot of ups and downs this season, but we're embracing the challenge and focusing on the remaining games.”

The Hawkeyes are currently 12-8 in the Big Ten and 32-19 overall. They will be playing their last two conference series of the season, beginning with a weekend series at Purdue before finishing in Iowa City against Minnesota.

Softball poised for stretch run

The Hawkeyes likely have a shot to win out and make the postseason.

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Just on Big Ten sports this weekend. There are three conference games of the last two weekends that will be played. The Iowa Hawkeyes will travel to Ohio State (10-5) for the final two conference games of the season to determine their fate before the NCAA Tournament begins.

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Josh Larney has been forced to slow things down physically after a recent back injury. (The Daily Iowan/Jessica Payne)