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## 'BEST IS YET TO COME'

President Obama powers to re-election despite a weak economy.

BY DAVID ESPO  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama rolled to re-election Tuesday night, vanquishing former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney despite a weak economy that plagued his first term and put a crimp in the middle class dreams of millions.

"This happened because of you. Thank you" Obama tweeted to supporters in celebration.

Romney telephoned the president, then spoke to disappointed supporters in Boston. In a graceful concession, he summoned all Americans to pray for Obama and urged the night's political winners to put partisan bickering aside and "reach across the aisle" to tackle the nation's problems.

After the costliest — and arguably the nastiest — campaign in history, divided government seemed alive and well.

Democrats retained control of the Senate with surprising ease. Republicans did the same in the House, ensuring that Speaker John Boehner of Ohio, Obama's partner in unsuccessful deficit talks, would reclaim his

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## Iowa City reacts to Obama re-election

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As the smoke settled after the barrage of votes and exit polls on Election Day, an unexpectedly early announcement by several news outlets announced President Obama's re-election. Iowa, along with other swing states, went blue, and President Obama won what had been a fiercely contested battle.

Iowa City area streets and the University of Iowa campus were relatively quiet Tuesday evening, but it was a different story inside local watch parties. Residents, students, and university faculty shut themselves into dorm rooms, area restaurants, and bars to watch the results of the 2012 election roll in.

It was around 10 p.m., just after Iowa was declared to be in Obama's favor by a margin of 10 percent, that national media outlets declared Obama's victory.

University of Iowa freshman Ansel Landini said Obama has students' well being in mind and supports affordable education.

"I think it's important to vote because the politics in question are pertinent to us, the college students. Romney [as president] would have made

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UI Democrats celebrate the re-election of President Obama at the Obama for America and Johnson County Democrats election watch party at the First Avenue Club on Tuesday. (The Daily Iowan/Rachel Jessen)

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2012 VOTE 2012: TURNOUT

# County voting numbers higher than 2008

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Election Day in Johnson County was a day of breaking records. This year's presidential election saw the number of voters in Johnson County increase over the number from the 2008 presidential election.

Johnson County counted 75,463 votes, up from 73,231 in 2008. This year's voter turnout is 82.58 percent of the registered population.

"It's an all-time record," Johnson County Auditor Tom Slockett said.

However, he noted that these numbers are not official until the canvass Nov. 14. He expects the numbers to continue to increase and more ballots arrive in the mail that were postmarked no later than Nov. 5.

"The total voters will increase," he said. "More ballots will come in the mail."

Turnout wasn't the only record broken.

Slockett said 58 percent of registered voters in Johnson County voted early, an increase over 2008's 55 percent.



People vote at the Main Library on Tuesday. (The Daily Iowan/Ian Servin)

Iowa began early voting on Sept. 27, allowing 40 days of early voting. As of Nov. 5, 673,124 Iowa residents had voted early this year.

Slockett believes the increase in the number of voters this year is not just due to the increase of early voting.

"It was both — more people voted and a higher percentage of them voted early than ever," he said.

Of those who voted early,

more were Democrats than Republicans or other parties — 281,966 registered Democrats voted early, and 215,439 registered Republicans voted early.

The day started off slow. Slockett reported via his Twitter that, as of 9 a.m., Johnson County had the lowest turnout in 32 years.

However, Election Day saw an increase in turnout as the day progressed.

The afternoon and evening hours, after work and school let out, welcomed the most voters to the polls.

At around noon, the Quadrangle Precinct 3 polling location had seen a pretty consistent march to the polls.

"It's been steady all day long," said Debra Stannard, the head of Precinct 3.

Iowa City alone saw 13,603 voters by 8 p.m.,

with a large increase after 3 p.m. The difference between the morning and afternoon hours were stark.

"There has been a trend of a higher turnout later in the day in high-turnout elections," Slockett said.

Cary Covington, a University of Iowa associate professor of political science, predicted a decreased turnout nationally, especially among younger voters.

"The issues that [the campaign] taps into are not as inspiring to people [as they were in 2008]," he said.

The big difference is in Obama's campaign. The 2008 campaign stood out in its inspiration of voters, while this year's does not.

"His appeals are more mundane," Covington said, referring to Obama's

push to continue things the way they are. "That really doesn't pop out to younger voters."

The motivation that brings voters to the polls also can vary from place to place.

"They vote on the issues most important to them," Covington said.

For voters in Iowa, those issues may be different from other states. Covington said most states are focused on the economy — but because Iowa was not hit as hard, he does not think that is as large a driving force.

Even though the early voting takes voters away from voting on the actual Election Day, Covington believed it would increase voting overall.

"It will cause voter turnout to be higher than it would without early voting," he said.

## School Board passes funds plan

The Iowa City School Board voted in favor of a new plan to allocate local-option money.

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The Iowa City School Board has made a decision, voting Tuesday night on a new way to allocate school-infrastructure local-option funds.

The six members of the seven-member board who were in attendance voted unanimously to bring the new plan to voters.

The plan to allocate funds will now be up to School District voters on Feb. 5, 2013.

The new proposal, called the SAVE plan, will take the local-option funds and

place them in the state's hands, rather than locally as they are now. The funds will then be allocated to each district, based on the number of students in each district. Each school district will receive \$870 per pupil, giving the local district \$10.6 million in fiscal 2013.

"It provides a guarantee for the School District's ability to dictate funds," Superintendent Steve Murley said.

The School District will also be able to borrow up to \$100 million until 2029.

Currently, the district uses a pay-as-you go plan, in which school officials only can spend sales-tax money that is allocated and in the bank.

"We as an administrative team make the recommendation for the revenue purpose statement," Murley said. "With our economy, the plan can do more, certainly, than the pay-as-you go system, if you look

at the cost of borrowing."

The current pay-as-you-go plan will expire in the year 2017, in which the district will not have local control over the funds. The SAVE plan will last until 2029.

The School Board has wrestled over the past few months with the idea to set aside funds for building a new high school or to repair elementary schools, with much input from the community.

"I realize we have until 2017 [to pass the revenue purpose statement]," community member Julie Van Dyke said. "But I remember in the summer seeing photographs of Twain [Elementary] and see the thermostats in the 90 [degrees because of a lack of air conditioning]. This will help schools with desperate needs."

Right now, the School Board has \$20 million set aside for elementary schools and \$32 million for a new high school. With the new SAVE plan, the district would be able to use future funds in order

to pay for both projects.

The board was met with mixed concerns from the community on Tuesday night when it passed the SAVE plan.

"People have voiced concerns that it is very broad, and it is," Murley said. "We don't know what's going to happen from now until 2029. We want future boards to have as much flexibility as possible."

If the community decides to vote against the new plan, the School Board will have to wait six months before bringing it up to the public.

The board members have high hopes for the new plan, and they hope the public will believe in the plan as well.

"I think it's a great way for us to accomplish our needs," School Board President Marla Swesey said. "It would allow us to make changes quicker than what we could do with the pay-as-you-go plan. I sure hope [that the community votes]. I think they'd be foolish not to."

BLOTTER

**Victoria Bent**, 18, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with presence in a bar after hours.

**Elizabeth Behlke**, 19, 505 E. Burlington St. Apt. 13C, was charged Nov. 3 with presence in a bar after hours.

**Mallory Brandt**, 20, 1004 E. Bloomington St., was charged Sunday with presence in a bar after hours and unlawful use of a driver's license.

**Trevor Brown**, 20, 335 S. Clinton St. Apt. 2535, was charged Nov. 2 with keeping a disorderly house.

**Twanna Christian**, 19, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 3007, was charged Tuesday with interference with official acts.

**Rhiannon Edwards**, 19, 117 N. Van Buren St., was charged Sunday with presence in a bar after hours and unlawful use of a driver's license.

**Yosra Elkhalfa**, 19, 1635 Hemingway Lane, was charged Tuesday with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Jason Fox**, 19, 221 Iowa Ave. Apt. 1924, was charged Nov. 3 with presence in a bar after hours.

**Holly Gardner**, 19, 411C Mayflower, was charged Sunday with presence in a bar after hours.

**Michael Grzeda**, 19, Slater 10th-floor lounge, was charged Nov. 3 with public intoxication.

**Adam Hay**, 19, 335 S. Clinton St. Apt. 2535, was charged Nov. 2 with keeping a disorderly house.

**Karly Kolber**, 19, Northbrook, Ill., was charged Nov. 3 with presence in a bar after hours.

**Tera Langel**, 20, 637 S. Johnson St. Apt. 4, was charged Sunday with presence in a bar after hours.

**Daylin Lloyd**, 26, 407 N. Dubuque St. Apt. 7, was charged Nov. 3 with public intoxication.

**Claire Meyer**, 19, 618 Iowa Ave. Apt. 5, was charged Nov. 3 with presence in a bar after hours.

**Stephen Pasco**, 19, 238C Mayflower, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Jessica Polsen**, 20, 333 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 2112, was charged Nov. 3 with presence in a bar after hours.

**Daniel Priggie**, 20, 335 S. Clinton St. Apt. 2535, was charged Nov. 2 with keeping a disorderly house.

**Tarran Sheker**, 19, Fort Dodge, Iowa, was charged Nov. 3 with possession and supplying alcohol to a minor.

**Hector Torres**, 20, Sioux City, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Adam Tscherny**, 18, 601B Mayflower, was charged Nov. 3 with possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Eric Tvedte**, 24, 315 Ellis Ave. Apt. 16, was charged Nov. 2 with public intoxication.

**Paul Webering**, 28, 340 Ellis Ave. Apt. 1B, was charged Nov. 3 with public intoxication.

**Russell Weston**, 53, 1114 Ellis Ave. Apt. 9, was charged Nov. 3 with public intoxication.

**Autumn Williams**, 20, 307 E. College St. Apt. 1834, was charged Nov. 3 with presence in a bar after hours.

**Brenda Windmon**, 43, 1100 Arthur St. Apt. C3, was charged Tuesday with keeping a disorderly house.

**Holly Youngwirth**, 19, 417 S. Gilbert Apt. 2338, was charged Sunday with presence in a bar after hours.

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# Election

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## OBAMA

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seat at the bargaining table.

At Obama headquarters in Chicago, a huge crowd gathered waving small American flags and cheering. Supporters hugged each other, danced and pumped their fists in the air. Excited crowds also gathered in New York's Times Square, at Faneuil Hall in Boston and near the White House in Washington, drivers joyfully honking as they passed by.

With returns from 79 percent of the nation's precincts, Obama had 52.2 million, 49.5 percent. Romney had 51.7 million, 49 percent.

And the president's laserlike focus on the battleground states allowed him to run up a 303-203 margin in the competition for electoral votes, where the White House is won or lost. It took 270 to win.

The election emerged as a choice between two very different visions of government — whether it occupies a major, front-row place in American lives or is in the background as a less-obtrusive facilitator for private enterprise and entrepreneurship.

The economy was rated the top issue by about 60 percent of voters surveyed as they left their polling places. But more said former President George W. Bush bore responsibility for current circumstances than Obama did after nearly four years in office.

That boded well for the president, who had worked to turn the election into a choice between his proposals and Romney's, rather than a simple referendum on the economy during his time in the White House.



Obama supporters react to his re-election at a watch party at the Mill on Tuesday. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

## REACTIONS

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much harder for students to get student loans," he said. "I think it's stupid when people say politics don't matter because they affect everyone."

Acting as a bipartisan alternative to the many politically one-sided events around the area, the UI Specialized Reporting and Writing event planning class hosted a "Voting is Sexy" election viewing in the UI's Adler Journalism Building.

The event featured a live television stream of the election results as they rolled in, along with food, refreshments, a photo booth, and prizes.

UI junior Rachel Roth was one of the event coordinator for the Event Planning Class event, said

it was meant to celebrate people's individual right to vote. She said turnout was much larger than expected — about 75-80 instead of the expected 55.

"For a lot of us college students, it's our first election," she said. "It was very intense."

Local Obama supporter Karla Smith said Iowa's votes for Obama are evidence of the progressive nature of Iowa voters.

"You hear people say Iowa's a hick town, but look at how progressive we can be supporting this man," she said.

At one point during the night at the Obama for America watch party in Iowa City, the entire room — roughly a few hundred people — were chanting "OFA! OFA!"

The local Republican watch party was much more somber.

The Johnson County Republicans hosted a watch party at the Coralville Holiday Inn that began

with technical difficulties and ended with disappointing election results.

"We are worried about our country, and we are very worried about what Obama is going to do if he has an unfettered second term," said Cathy Grawe, a Romney supporter who was present at the party.

UI freshman and Republican Joe Henderson, who spent election night surrounded by a group of friends in Iowa City, believes that without voter participation in elections, people aren't taking full advantage of their individual freedoms.

"For me personally, voting was particularly important in this election because the spending path we are on is not sustainable," he said. "We need less government in our lives in order to create a lower deficit, more prosperous country."

Romney supporters looked dismayed, and some refused to talk to *The Daily Iowan* as they left bars early, soon after the first projections were out.

One UI sophomore, however, who voted for Romney said he knew Obama was going to win.

"[Romney] would have personally benefited my family more," said Andy Roth, whose father is in charge of a plastic factory in Illinois. "I don't have student loans, and I don't have to worry about getting pregnant."

Ultimately, Obama supporter Diana Coberly said the Democratic victory comes after months and months of hard work.

"To know people have worked their butts off for this...it's paying off is the biggest victory in my life," she said.

*D* reporters Rishabh Jain, Stacey Murray, and Cassidy Riley contributed to this story.

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## EDITORIAL

# Bipartisanship, compromise needed for America's future

In the approximately nine months since the presidential caucuses, Iowans have had their lives bombarded with political advertisements and towns filled by campaigners.

Barack Obama was re-elected as the president of the United States on Tuesday, and whether you voted for him or not, he will be inaugurated this January and continue to serve our country.

Now, the real change will come. Instead of using petty politics to polarize all people, our leaders will be forced to turn their attention to the solutions rather than their re-election campaigns, and responsible citizens must rally for compromise.

Despite the obvious polarizing nature of the political season, we all should remember the awesome process our democratic system allows every voter to partake in. Every four years, the electorate of the United States is given the chance to overthrow a regime and to make a radical change in the direction of our country; what machine guns and machetes do in some parts of the world, we do with pens and ballots.

The country has come a long way since the Iowa caucuses in January. Iowa was the catalyst for the Republican primaries, putting both Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum as front-runners, and Americans watched as slowly but surely the race narrowed down to Romney against Obama.

The country was quickly divided and seriously polarized.

Public opinion was so heated that pundits began calling the debates "warfare," specifically with regards to "the war on women" and "class

warfare."

In fact, those two issues, women's health, abortion rights, birth control, and equality in the work place, have seriously influenced the presidential discussion.

But more important than any other issue is the economy, and with a win for Obama, it is clear that the want for greater equality outweighs the more radical cuts proposed by Mitt Romney.

The decision has been made, but now platitudes and promises must be set aside, grudges and partisan gridlock must be frowned upon, and compromise must be sought. On either side of the aisle, lawmakers should be actively pushed to take off their partisan blinders and compromise on difficult issues.

Political engagement means that we will not waste time bickering about who won the election, fighting over those things that split this nation in two during the campaigns, but will set aside the heated differences and encourage compromise.

America is still in an economic slump, the education system needs reform, many are without affordable health care, and infrastructure needs renovation.

Whether your candidate won or not, all can breathe a sigh of relief that the election is over, and now attention can be focused on actually finding solutions, not just making inflammatory statements about them.

The best we can hope for is that the representatives we elected are the best and the brightest with the true intention of improving America, which is something we can all get behind.

# Get serious about stalking



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I always thought I would have to be famous to be stalked. I mean, who would want to follow around an average Jane like me around campus every day?

Wrong.

Thirteen percent of women on college campuses across the nation reported to have been stalked in a six- to nine-month period, according to the most recent National Sexual Victimization of College Women Survey. That's one-in-eight college women.

These types of incidents could never occur at the University of Iowa — could they? Indeed they can.

Monique DiCarlo, the University of Iowa sexual misconduct response coordinator, received 156 complaints in fiscal 2012. Ten of them were stalking cases.

In an effort to protect UI students, DiCarlo, along with representatives from the Dean of Students Office, the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity, the Women's Resource and Action Center, the General Counsel's Office and the Johnson County County Attorney's Office, have formed a committee to review the university's stalking policies.

"The group organized to meet a project goal established through the Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women-funded Campus Program Grant," DiCarlo said. "The grant was received in 2011 and is a three-year project."

This is fantastic.

Take a minute and think about it: How

easy it is for someone to stalk you when you're at school? The very aspects of campus life increase the risk of stalking, according to a report published by the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault.

Most campuses are open and inviting to students. Even when you don't live in the dorms, it is relatively easy to get inside. I live off campus, and I've been into Currier and used its amenities many times before. A lot of students stick to schedules — eating lunch and going to classes via the same routes every day. And for those of us who have never lived alone, mommy and daddy aren't here to protect us anymore.

It's not that hard at all.

In addition to the existing endangering factors, there's Facebook and Twitter, which only give harassers a wider window of opportunity.

It's rare to see a stalking complaint that does not involve some use of social media or technology, DiCarlo said.

"Social media and technology greatly affect both the problem and the potential ways in which to prevent or respond to stalking," she said. "Like many things, resources and tools can be misused."

A key fact to keep in mind is that these "windows" can also be used to provide evidence that supports a victim's complaint; however, resources are often misused.

Movies such as *All About Steve*, and even shows on Disney Channel aimed at tweens and teens, such as "Jessie," continue to drastically reduce the creepy quotient of stalking.

The stalking review committee, DiCarlo believes, is an example of the way in which the university is taking the issue of stalking seriously, which is comforting, because stalking is certainly not comical at all. ■

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR / ONLINE COMMENTS

### Trees don't freeze, people do

The *Daily Iowan* ran an article titled "Treehuggers" (Nov. 5) about the knitters in the area who made sweaters for the trees.

While I understand that this is for a public-art project, please understand this. The Iowa City trees are hardly affected by cold weather, but the homeless and needy are. Instead of making odd sweaters for trees, why not donate knitted blankets, scarves, or gloves for the homeless, needy children in the youth shelter or battered women in DVIP? Imagine what \$3,000 project budge would buy, such as food for the women at DVIP or school supplies for children in foster care. This is an insult to people in need, who could have used the project money or even blankets to brave it through the winter.

There are programs out there that ask for knit donations, such as the Red Scarf Project — a project that gives red scarves to the few foster children who make it to college. Please remember that there are people less fortunate than us, even in our own community, who are in need and can benefit from the little things we over look, such as tree sweaters.

Next time knitters, please skip the trees and use your yarn for a better cause.

Jessica Brierton  
Coralville

### RE: 'Letters to the Editor,' Nov. 6

The author of the missive "Religion in politics" has devised a straw man and then set to snipping the imagined windings of twine that he contends hold it standing.

To wit, one person's "world view" is another person's "master plan" and another's "master plan" is another's "world view," and one can attribute their design to the big pumpkin in the patch or a god above all, and if neither view does not find space within the confines of some head they will be unknown — even in the public square on the far side of the Moon and whether or not that lunar body is made of straw.

But the arguable contextual difference between "view" and "plan" does not exist anywhere — the author has asserted a distinction without a difference; he has just begged it.

One need not be religious to be religious in the manner the author begs or religious at all to consider the aspects of being human that he seems to confine to those that he finds acceptably religious. From

the devoutly religious, through agnostics, to atheists, and what might be found beyond and in-between, varying individuals embrace some personal view about "the meaning of life and how it should be lived."

Thus so, my "world view" gets engaged scientifically, morally, emotionally, ascetically within my whole ball of wax that becomes wound and unwound in reflective moments cast in the shadow by of wisdom of awe that I may encounter in a line of poetry, brilliant sunrise on the freshest of day, a moment of worship at Mass, and an exchange of nothing more than a glance at the one I love.

Whatever religious belief one has or does not have is accommodates within and is a part of a particular worldview and is not the worldview of all that live within a land of as many views as there are people that are assured that their govern-

ment shall make no law regarding the establishment of religion. And if one argues in the public square to skirt this to accommodate their ideas that they kind rooted in place by their idea of a god, another in the public square quite free to tell them to go into their closet and stick it in their ear.

Sam Osborne

### RE: 'Commentary: Meet the new loss, same as the old loss'

Bottom line is that this just isn't a very good team this year. Vandenberg is under a lot of pressure and is also throwing poorly. He had 2 touchdowns if he makes good throws, but underthrew both receivers and almost threw two interceptions in the last minute. The fault is

not all his, but why not at least give the backup some playing time. Oh, well, there's always next year.

Mark Weimer

### RE: "Commentary: Meet the new loss, same as the old loss"

The play calling was terrible and has been these last couple of games. Why on earth would you punt the ball away on fourth and inches when you are down points and have six minutes to go in the game and you're down by 3? The coaching staff cannot be this conservative when it comes to the play calling and expect to win games. It's not going to happen. Ever.

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# Loebsack triumphs in new district

Rep. Dave Loebsack was re-elected to a fourth term.

By BRENT GRIFFITHS  
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DAVENPORT — The Jersey Grille in Davenport erupted as the announcement became official: U.S. Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, had won re-election, defeating GOP challenger John Archer.

Loebsack won 68 percent of the vote in Johnson County, with 48,669 votes. Archer won 31 percent of the vote, taking 22,114 votes. Loebsack will now serve his fourth term in Congress.

"This has been a great night for Democrats and an even better night for America," Davenport Mayor Bill Gluba said as he introduced the victorious congressman to the packed bar and grill.

Loebsack said his campaign was "confident" they would win two weeks out but continued to campaign visiting every one of the 24 counties in the new district a couple of times.

"We knew if we won Scott County, we would win this election, and we did," Loebsack said as onlookers erupted with cheers. "It's wonderful we won a couple of counties we never won before, and when that happened, we knew we won."

Archer was hopeful in his concession speech but



Rep. Dave Loebsack celebrates re-election to a fourth term at Jersey Grille in Davenport on Tuesday. (The Daily Iowan/Juan Carlos Herrera)

admitted it had been a rough night for Republicans, including him.

"This is not the last you've heard of John Archer," he said to crowd of still enthusiastic supporters. "Tonight just wasn't our night, not our night for Republicans, either."

One of the first items Loebsack will face when



**Loebsack**  
D-Iowa



**Archer**  
GOP challenger



Republican candidate for U.S. House of Representatives John Archer hugs a supporter after his concession speech at the Archer for Congress Headquarters in Davenport on Tuesday. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

he returns to office to finish out his current term on Nov. 13 will be the so-called "fiscal cliff" or the

expiration of Bush-era tax cuts combined with scheduled cuts from last year's budget agreement.

"The bottom line folks is there is a heck of a lot of work to be done in D.C.," Loebsack said. "There's a tall order in front of us ... but I look forward to the next couple of months."

An official with the Scott County Democratic Party said while Loebsack was new to parts of the district, he was able to build on previous relationships and work with supporters to continue to build support.

"Congressman Loebsack is a very effective campaigner and has done a good job in the short period of time in the new district," said Susan Frembsen, the chairwoman of the Scott County Demo-

cratic Party. "I think people will learn to depend on Dave."

Loebsack said he hopes serious talks about the budget and the deficit can begin now that the election is over.

"Regardless of how Congress turns out I certainly hope we can take this as seriously as the American people do," he said.

Beyond the budget, Loebsack says he will continue to focus on renewing the wind energy tax credit, which is set to expire at the end of this year.

"This should have been extended a long time ago," he said. We've already seen the effects of the uncertainty. [The tax credit] helps to level the playing field."

Loebsack had previously told *The Daily Iowan* he believes certainty is one of the keys to continuing job creation, and he specifically believes people need to know their set income tax rate.

"Everybody is talking about uncertainty," he said during a sit-down interview with *The Daily Iowan* on Sept. 28. "People who have jobs at convenience store next want to know what their income tax rate will be."

Loebsack said this job creation is key to strengthening the middle class.

"We need to protect the middle class and restore the middle class," he said. "It's what makes us exceptional."

Reporter Nick Hassett contributed to this story.



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## Election

# Justice-center bond fails

The proposal for a new justice center received 56 percent approval, but it needed 60 percent to pass.

By **ERIC CLARK**  
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The spirited debate among Johnson County voters regarding the building of a new justice center is over.

On Tuesday, 56 percent of voters voted in favor of the \$46.8 million bond referendum. However, 60 percent was needed to pass the measure.

The bond would have funded the construction of the \$48.1 million project.

The current jail, which was built in 1981, holds 92 inmates. Currently, an average of 160 to 170 inmates come into the jail per day. Johnson County has been paying approximately \$1.3 million per year to send the extra inmates to other counties.

Donald Baxter, the founder of the Facebook group "Oppose the Johnson County Jail ('Justice Center')," said changes are necessary in regards to the current jail.

"Most of us recognized that something does need to be done," he said. "But this proposal was just too big."

Baxter said many factors were crucial in the rejection of the proposal, such as racial disparity and economic status. He said inequality biases in the community need to be addressed by community leaders.

"It always costs more money to put people in jail," he said. "Rich people don't sit in jail in Johnson County. As of now, the jail is for poor people, persons of color, and students."

Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek addressed the notion that with a new justice center, the extra space available will be used to arrest and detain minorities. Pulkrabek previously said 7,089 people were booked into the Johnson County in the 2012 fiscal year. Approximately 23 percent of the 7,089 were identified as black, approximately 75 percent as white, and roughly 2 percent as other. He could not be reached for an interview as of Tuesday evening.

According to the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*,



Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek (left) and former City Councilor Amy Correia (right) watch as the results on the vote for the \$46.8 million bond for a proposed Johnson County justice center come in Tuesday, at Bob's Your Uncle. The bond issue failed to reach the 60 percent supermajority needed to pass. (Brian Ray/Gazette-KCRG)

Pulkrabek said he supports the idea of putting the proposal back up for vote.

"This project, I think, is a really, really good project, so I'd like to see it tried again, but I can't say for sure," he said.

University of Iowa Professor Jeffrey Cox, a member of Citizens for an Alternative to the New Jail, has no doubt that an approval of the new justice center would have led to an increased number of students in the jail.

"Students are tired of over-policing," he said. "It's much worse here than it is at other universities."

Cox agreed with Baxter's sentiments, saying leaders of the community have diverted their eyes from the issue of racial inequality in Johnson County.

Johnson County Supervisor Terrence Neuzil said he thought the cost factor of the proposal played a large role in its rejection.

"Obviously, we got a lot of support with 56 percent [in favor]," he said. "This just means that we're going to have to go to Plan B. We've got to reassess the voters' concerns."

Neuzil said the Board of Supervisors will meet today at 4:30 p.m. and will speak regarding taking the next steps to formulate a new plan for a new justice center.

County Attorney Janet Lyness said she was disappointed with the result of the proposal.

"We're going to have to spend more money to ship the inmates out [of Johnson County]," she said. "We've got more work to do to educate voters."

# Wiggins retained

Johnson County voted by an average of 54 percent to retain all four Supreme Court justices.

By **ALISON SULLIVAN**  
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Defying many who campaigned for his removal, Iowa Supreme Court Justice David Wiggins will keep his seat.

Iowans voted to retain Wiggins, despite a strong political effort to oust him following his participation in a court decision that legalized same-sex marriage in 2009.

Though the vote to retain Wiggins was by far the most publicized, Supreme Court Justices Edward Mansfield, Thomas Waterman, and Bruce Zager were also retained.

Todd Pettys, a University of Iowa law professor, said the vote sends a message to future anti-retention campaigns.

"The people of Iowa have had two years now of a lot of coverage in the press and a lot of discussion about judicial retention," he said.

In Johnson County, voters averaged 54 percent to retain all four justices.

The judicial-retention measure has gained state and national attention since three Supreme Court justices were ousted in the 2010 midterm election.

Justices David Baker, Michael Streit, and Marsha Ternus were ousted by about 54 percent of the vote. Johnson County voters favored the retention of the three justices by 68 percent.

In 2010, Bob Vander Plaats, the president and CEO of the conservative group Family Leader, spearheaded a campaign effort to oust the three judges.

Leading up to the 2012 election, continued campaigning with statewide bus tours in effort

to urge voters against Wiggins' retention. The Iowa Bar Association countered with as efforts to retain Wiggins, including a bus tour.

Patrick Grady, the chief justice for the 6th District, said he feels the backlash in 2010 was unfair.

"I don't think the *Varnum* decision should have caused anyone to lose their job," he said. "They did a very exhaustive study of the tradition of the Iowa Constitution ... the scholarship on the decision was sound."

And though some people said many voters were unaware of the issue in 2010, that was not true this election.

"Everyone saw this coming; everyone anticipated this," Pettys said. "A lot of people know about this issue, and a lot of people had time to think about their stance."

Roughly half the United States has a similar merit selection and retention system to Iowa's; the rest of the nation holds judicial campaign elections.

Despite the loss, Greg Baker, the executive director of Iowans for Freedom, said the results are still significant.

"We're obviously disappointed; we really wanted to send a message that Iowans will not tolerate judicial activism," Baker said late Tuesday evening. "But at the end of the day, roughly 47 percent still don't have confidence in the court."

Baker said the organization is unsure about future anti-retention efforts for the 2016 election, when more judges involved in the same-sex marriage decision will be on the ballot.

Pettys said the results might be a sign the retention vote will go back to pre-2010 standings where judges were normally retained.

"It sends a signal that the people of Iowa will be reluctant in the future to use retention as a way to express their disapproval of individual court rulings," he said.

# Weipert to be new auditor

By **LAUREN COFFEY**  
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After 35 years in the Johnson County Auditor's Office, Auditor Tom Slockett will not return after next month.

In his place will be Travis Weipert, a former Tiffin city councilor who resigned in August, and believes he can come into the auditor's position with fresh ideas and a new perspective.

"I'm excited to go in with an open mind," Weipert said. "I can't wait to sit down with all the staff members and figure out what we can do to better provide for the environment."

He will follow in the footsteps of Slockett, whom Weipert defeated in a June primary.

Slockett said he thought Weipert was cordial while

campaigning.

"He comported himself well during campaigning and since then," Slockett said. "I am looking forward to getting to know him."

Weipert ran unopposed, although he said this did not necessarily inhibit his campaigning.

"Up until the last day [of voting], anyone could run against us," he said. "We've made a couple hundred phone calls, had a couple hundred meetings."

Weipert is entering the Auditor's Office after a controversy over unauthorized spending involving Slockett was revealed Oct. 18.

Slockett had previously told *The Daily Iowan* he believes he was justified with his spending.

"It never occurred to me to follow their lead to intentionally fail to provide the necessary services to

meet the need of the Johnson County voters to exercise their right to vote," he wrote in an email. "They clearly take the voters of Johnson County for granted, but I will not."

Slockett did not touch on the spending when speaking to the \*DI\* Tuesday night but reflected on his time in office.

"I've done my best; I wish I could've done better," he said.

Weipert did not comment on the controversy with Slockett and instead believed the main difference between the two candidates is his fresh perspective.

"I'm the younger guy; I'm the fresh choice," he said. "I work with the young accountants from college, and they say 'I want to vote, but I'm scared.' I want to fix that."

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(Left) A crowd celebrates the re-election of President Obama at the Obama for America and Johnson County Democrats election watch party at the First Avenue Club on Tuesday, November 6, 2012. (The Daily Iowan/Rachel Jessen)



(Above) Rep. Dave Loebsack talks to the media after winning re-election at Jersey Grille in Davenport on Tuesday. (The Daily Iowan/Juan Carlos Herrera)



(Above) Obama campaigners talk to potential voters at on Clinton Street on Tuesday. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)



(Right) People vote at the University of Iowa's Main Library on Tuesday. (The Daily Iowan/Ian Servin)

## Pulkrabek keeps uncontested post

Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek will retain his seat after running unopposed in the election that concluded Tuesday evening.

The sheriff received 52,943 votes, roughly 98 percent of the vote.

Pulkrabek, who has been sheriff since 2005, strongly supported the proposed Johnson County justice center, which did not receive the 60 percent support it needed to in order to pass the \$46.8 million bond referendum.

— by Jordyn Reiland



**Pulkrabek**  
Johnson County sheriff

## Local legislators retain seats

Local state Reps. Dave Jacoby, Vicki Lensing, and Mary Mascher, all Democrats, will retain their seats in the Iowa House after an uncontested races this election season.

Lensing, D-Iowa City, has served as a state represen-



**Lensing**  
D-Iowa

tive since 2000; she has been representing House District 78. Because of redistricting, Lensing will represent House District 85 beginning in January. Lensing, 55, serves on the Environmental Protection Committee.

Jacoby, D-Coralville, has served as a state representative since 2003. He currently represents District 30 but will now represent House District 74. He heads the economic-development appropriations subcommittee and runs a small business.

Mascher, D-Iowa City, has served as a state representative since 1994. She currently represents District 77, but will now serve House District 86. She serves on the health and human-services appropriations subcommittee, and she formerly served as the chairwoman of the Johnson County Democratic Party.

Jacoby, Lensing, and Mascher each won with 98 percent of the vote.

— by Kristen East



**Jacoby**  
D-Coralville



**Mascher**  
D-Iowa City

## Incumbent supervisors win re-election

All the incumbent Johnson County supervisors on the ballot will retain their spots on the Board of Supervisors after receiving roughly 12,000 to 15,000 more votes than the two candidates running against them.

David Fesler and John Etheredge, both nominated by petition, were defeated by Supervisors Pat Harney, Terrence Neuzil, and Rod Sullivan for the four-year terms. Supervisor Janelle Rettig was not up for re-election.

Supervisor Sally Stutsman, a Democrat, was elected to the Statehouse in House District 77.



**Harney**  
Johnson County Supervisor Elect



**Neuzil**  
Johnson County Supervisor Elect



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Stutsman won 60 percent of the vote in defeating GOP opponent Steve Sherman. Stutsman received 9,802 votes to Sherman's 6,522.

— by Stacey Murray

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### Did My Predictions of the Swing States Pan Out?:

- Nevada: If there's one state in the union that doesn't care who the hell marries whom (no matter how drunk they are), as well as the importance of being able to undo the ramifications of an ill-conceived night of passion, it's Nevada. Obama.
- Florida: Lots of old white people who want there to be more babies in the world. Romney.
- Wisconsin: Lovers of beer and cheese? They'll be damned to be told how to raise their children in a healthier manner. Romney.
- Ohio: A four-letter state with only one consonant? Weirdos. Romney.
- Iowa: We luvves teh gayz. Obama.
- Pennsylvania: If you've ever walked the streets of Pittsburgh after 9 p.m., you understand how badly these people need universal health care. Obama.
- North Carolina: Really? It's too close to call. But unlike the Republicans, I'm a firm believer in charity. Romney.
- New Hampshire: Close to (with a similar disposition as) Massachusetts, which is where Mitt Romney invented ObamaCare. So ... tough call. Good skiing, though — and that's a rich person thing. Romney.
- Colorado: More skiing than New Hampshire, but also more into legalizing pot and Hooters franchises. Obama.
- Virginia: It's for lovers. All kinds. Male on male? OK. Female on female? Most def. Female on male on two ferrets and a hooker wife? Sounds like a country song, but it'll fly in Virginia. Just like a rainbow flag soon will. Obama.

Andrew R. Juhl predicts a 271-267 win for Obama. Margin of error: +/-3.

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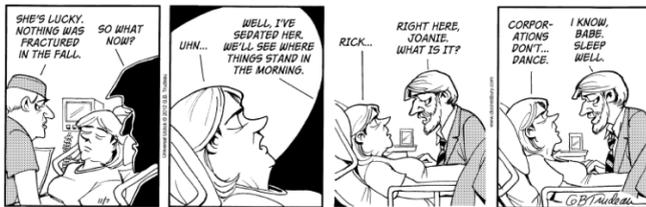
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- Preschool Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- Inorganic Chemistry Seminar**, "Precursors for Main Group Semiconductors," Anthony Montoya, Chemistry, 12:30 p.m., W323 Chemistry Building
- Anatomy and Cell Biology Departmental Seminar**, "Timing is Everything: Prostaglandins Temporally Regulate Active Remodeling During Drosophila Follicle Development," Andrew Spracklen, 1 p.m., 1-561 Bowen
- Chess & Scrabble Group**, 1 p.m., Uptown Bill's, 730 S. Dubuque
- SSRO: Duty, Honor, Country**, 2:30 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- Joint Astrophysics/Space Physics Seminar**, "Soft X-ray hardware developments at the University of Iowa," Randy McEntaffer, Physics/Astronomy, 3:30 p.m., 309 Van Allen Hall
- Managing Test Anxiety**, 3:30 p.m., 14 Schaeffer Hall
- Hy-Vee Walking Club**, 4 p.m., 812 S. First Ave
- Life in Iowa, What is Honors?**, 5 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Center
- Living Through Loss: Preserving the memories of a loved one**, 5:15 p.m., 817 Pepperwood Lane
- Mann Elementary Pancake Supper**, 5:30 p.m., 521 N. Dodge
- Istvan Szabo, viola, Narae Joo, piano**, 6 p.m., University Capitol Center Recital Hall
- Gray Knights Chess Club**, 6:30 p.m., Senior Center
- Live from Prairie Lights**, Steven Erikson, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- Immigration Film Series**, 7 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Society, 10 S. Gilbert
- Spoken Word**, 7 p.m., Uptown Bill's, 730 S. Dubuque
- Trombone Choir**, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Recital Hall
- SCOPE, David Sedaris**, 8 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
- Jam Session**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

## UITV schedule

- 4:30 p.m.** History of Medicine Lecture, Judith Houk, Oct. 25
- 5:30** Edgard Varese in the Gobi Desert, original composition by Paul Elwood, performed by Dan Moore and the Iowa Percussion Ensemble, October
- 6** Iowa Magazine, human-interest stories from the UI
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- 7** Religion & Science Lecture Series, Pulitzer-Prize-winning author Marilynne Robinson speaks on religion and science, March 25, Congregational United Church of Christ
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- 11** Faculty Jazz Concert Iowa Summer Music Camps, June 26

## horoscopes

Wednesday, November 7, 2012  
by Eugenia Last

- ARIES (March 21-April 19)**: Focus on what and whom you know and how you can market your skills. Consider a geographical move that will benefit you professionally. You can strike a deal that will bring in cash, but get what you want in writing.
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**: Using emotional tactics to get your way will end up costing you. Honesty and integrity will count in the end; don't compromise your position because stubbornness or a minor detail. Turn your attention to fulfilling an obligation.
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**: Show off what you have to offer. Being consistent will determine whether you will be able to parlay what you have to offer into something substantial. Love and romance look promising. Take time out to socialize.
- CANCER (June 21-July 22)**: Give more thought to your personal life and future. The information you pick up now will alter the way you do things as well as the direction you follow. Let your creative imagination lead the way, and you will not be disappointed.
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**: Choose your battles wisely. There is no point making a fuss over an issue you cannot win. Devote your time to making the changes that will transpire into getting your way without using pressure or bullying someone to give you what you want.
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**: Deal with the consequence of being honest. Face your demons and the people who drag you down. Start fresh, and strive for the life you've always wanted to live. Set priorities, take charge of your life — you will find happiness.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**: You will learn a valuable lesson from someone in a position of authority. Travel plans and getting together with old friends will open a window of opportunity that will transform your current situation.
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**: Refuse to let your emotions get the better of you when dealing with professional affairs. Focus on what you can contribute, not what you can get in return. A unique solution will help keep the peace. Explore different lifestyles.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**: Travel plans or a change of scenery will help you make an important decision that will alter what you do for a living. Follow your heart. Love, romance, and building an unusual connection with someone special will pay off.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**: Refrain from sharing too much personal information with others. You are better off remaining a little mysterious until you achieve what it is you want. Don't let a last-minute alteration that someone makes disrupt your plans.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**: Take care of personal, financial, and medical issues as well as alterations that need to be made at home. Opportunities will develop if you are generous with your time and your talents. There is a gift or cash heading in your direction.
- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**: Watch and observe, but avoid aggressive moves that might lead to a negative response. Show interest in what everyone around you is doing without criticizing or letting anyone know where you stand. Impulsive reactions will result in opposition.

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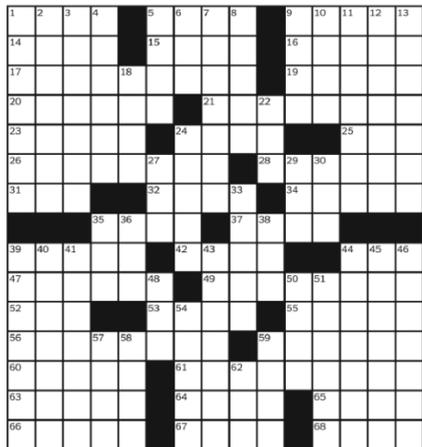
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## The New York Times Crossword

- Across**
- Harness horse's gait
  - Light bluish green
  - Reading chair companions
  - Tennis's Mandlikova
  - It's just under 8: Abbr.
  - Intensely passionate
  - Athlete's booster
  - One of many on a monitor
  - Ving of Hollywood
  - Subject of a Car and Driver report
  - It was transferred to China in 1999
  - Steak, briefly
  - Detergent with a glass in every box, long ago
  - Where to paint a model
  - Pea or peanut
  - Mormon church, for short
  - D.C. team since '05
  - Kind of colony in "Papillon"
  - 35 & 37 Leave quickly ... or what both words in 17-, 21-, 26-, 49-, 56- and 61-Across could be?
  - Not live
  - "Uh-huh"
  - N.Y.C. commuters' inits.
  - "Yippeee!"
  - Catholic remembrance
  - Tokyo, formerly
  - Word after e or G
  - Mitchum rival
  - Tipoff
  - See the light of day
  - Virus that arose in the Congo
  - x

- Down**
- Kind of blanket
  - Mounted a fierce campaign
  - Works without a break?
  - Landing strip
  - Life's pleasures
  - The 9-Down might put one out, briefly
  - Salutation in an old-fashioned love letter
  - Foul-up
  - "Colors" org.
  - Throw
  - Screwy in the head
  - Suppose
  - Fizzy water
  - Hydrologist's field: Abbr.
  - IM pioneer
  - Japanese brew
  - "Taking Woodstock" director Lee
  - Inventor Whitney
  - Bags with handles
  - Indigo plant
  - Ready to be driven, in golf
  - attack
  - Pop, 2010 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee
  - Lat. and Lith., formerly
  - Birders' magazine
  - Plug
  - Come up
  - Puts one and one together?
  - Set off
  - The 1 and 2 in 1 + 2 = 3
  - Soprano Sumac fighter
  - Club
  - Peaks
  - Mountains (Asian range)
  - Heartfelt request
  - Soak up some rays
  - Snakelike
  - Korean War fighter

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**Puzzle by Gary Coe**

30 Bath

33 Fantastic bargain

35 The Doors' "Love \_\_\_ Madly"

36 Mrs. Morgenstern on "Rhoda"

38 D.D.E. opponent

39 Meadowlands team

40 Birders' magazine

41 Plug

43 Come up \_\_\_

44 Puts one and one together?

45 Set off

46 The 1 and 2 in 1 + 2 = 3

48 Soprano Sumac fighter

50 \_\_\_ Club

51 Peaks

54 \_\_\_ Mountains (Asian range)

57 Heartfelt request

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## TALKING PEACE CORPS



UI International Studies alum Alexandria Sharpe talks to students and Iowa City residents about her Peace Corps service in Nicaragua at the University Capitol Center on Tuesday. Sharpe has been a Peace Corps volunteer in Nicaragua since January. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

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## Election

## ANALYSIS

## Obama to set political conversation in America

By BEN FELLER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Obama's victory means that everything he campaigned on is alive and about to drive the political conversation with his adversaries. Every legacy of his first term is safe and enshrined to history.

Yet big honeymoons don't come twice, and Republicans won't swoon. If Obama cannot end gridlock, his second term will be reduced to veto threats, empty promises, end runs around Congress, and legacy-sealing forays into foreign lands.

Obama will push for higher taxes on the wealthy as a way to shrinking a choking debt and to steer money toward the programs he wants. He will try to land a massive financial deficit-cutting deal with Congress in the coming months and then move on to an immigration overhaul, tax reform, and other bipartisan dreams.

He will not have to worry that his health-care law will be repealed, or that his Wall Street reforms will be gutted, or that his name will be consigned to the list of one-term presidents who got fired before they could finish. Voters stuck with him because they trusted him more to solve the struggles of their lifetime.

America may not be filled with hope anymore, but it told Mitt Romney to keep his change. And voters sure didn't shake up the rest of Washington, either.

They put back all the political players who have made the capital



Kelly Rodgers of Philadelphia, holds a sign saying "We Will Barack You" as people celebrate outside of the White House after President Obama won re-election on Tuesday. (Associated Press/Jacquelyn Martin)

dysfunctional to the point of nearly sending the United States of America into default.

The president likely will be dealing again with a Republican-run House, whose leader, Speaker John Boehner, declared on election night that his party is the one with the mandate: no higher taxes.

Obama will still have his firewall in the Senate, with Democrats likely to hang onto their narrow majority. But they don't have enough to keep Republicans from bottling up any major legislation with delaying tactics.

So the burden falls on the president to find compromise, not just demand it from the other side.

For now, he can revel in knowing what he pulled off.

Obama won despite an economy that sucked away much of the na-

tion's spirit. He won with the highest unemployment rate for any incumbent since the Great Depression. He won even though voters said they thought Romney would be the better choice to end stalemate in Washington.

He won even though a huge majority of voters said they were not better off than they were four years ago — a huge test of survival for a president.

The suspense was over early because Obama won all over the battleground map, and most crucially in Ohio. That's where he rode his bailout support for the auto industry to a victory that crushed Romney's chances.

The reason is that voters wanted the president they knew. They believed convincingly that Obama, not Romney, understood their woes of college costs and insur-

ance bills and sleepless nights. Exit polls shows that voters thought far more of them viewed Obama as the voice of the poor and the middle class and Romney the guy tilting toward the rich.

The voice of the voter came through from 42-year-old Bernadette Hatcher in Indianapolis, who voted after finishing an overnight shift at a warehouse.

"It's all about what he's doing," she said. "No one can correct everything in four years. Especially the economy."

Formidable and seasoned by life, Romney had in his pocket corporate success and a Massachusetts governor's term and the lessons of a first failed presidential bid.

But he never broke through as the man who would secure people's security and their dreams. He was close the whole time.

## Iowa voters back incumbents in U.S. House representative races

By ANDREW DUFFELMEYER  
Associated Press

DES MOINES — Iowa voters decided to retain four incumbent congressmen on Tuesday after competitive races in all four newly drawn districts.

Former Iowa first lady Christie Vilsack fell short in a bid to become the state's first female U.S. House member. Vilsack moved to Ames to try to unseat outspoken Republican Rep. Steve King in the reconfigured 4th District, but King successfully defended his seat and will serve a sixth term in Congress.

Nine-term Republican Rep. Tom Latham also relocated, settling in the Des Moines suburb of Clive to run against eight-term Democratic Rep. Leonard Boswell — a bitter race that ended with Latham on top.

Democratic Rep. Dave Loebsack moved 20 miles south to Iowa City to run in a new district that includes Davenport, and he defeated Republican John Archer. Loebsack said it's time for Congress to put politics aside and get serious about the nation's business.

Democratic Rep. Bruce Braley of Waterloo fought off Republican Ben Lange, the same small-town lawyer who nearly defeated him in 2010.

"I'm looking forward to spending the next two years doing what I've done the last six, which is working to build relationships

with people on both sides of the aisle to get things done," Braley said.

While Republicans seemed poised to retain their House majority, Iowa's races were seen as a bellwether for Democratic gains or losses.

The 4th District race in mostly rural northwestern Iowa looked to be one of the tightest races this year, pitting Vilsack, wife of U.S. Agriculture Secretary and former Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack, against the outspoken King.

Elected to Congress in 2002, King has endeared himself to conservatives for being quick to defend their causes on the House floor and national television. But in the process, he has made many remarks — on everything from President Barack Obama to illegal immigrants — that have been criticized as insensitive, inaccurate, or outrageous.

King, 63, had never faced a serious challenge in the heavily Republican area, but the post-census addition of Ames made the district less conservative.

Vilsack, a 62-year-old former teacher and journalist from Mount Pleasant, moved to Ames last year and cast herself as a moderate who would focus on improving the economies of small towns. In one radio debate, she called King a bully and "an embarrassment to the people of Iowa."

King tried to use his bluntness to his advan-

tage, painting himself as a "straight-talker." His campaign was boosted by Republican Gov. Terry Branstad, who recorded radio ads calling him "a unique and colorful public servant" and a leading opponent of Obama's health-care law.

The intense King-Vilsack race didn't quite match the nastiness that surfaced between Latham and Boswell in the 3rd Congressional district, which stretches from Des Moines to southwest Iowa.

Boswell accused Latham of an "insider deal" because the Latham family's bank accepted a \$2.4 million loan from the federal Troubled Asset Relief Program, the bank bailout that Latham voted against in 2008. Latham denied any involvement in the bank's decision, and noted that Boswell voted for the bailout.

Boswell, 78, went on the defensive after Des Moines liberal activist Ed Fallon claimed that Boswell, through intermediaries, offered him an \$80,000 per-year job in his office if he wouldn't run in a 2008 Democratic primary. Boswell denied the allegation and sued Fallon, accusing him of defamation.

Latham, 64, said the personal attacks made the race "a different campaign than most that I've been a part of."

In the 2nd Congressional district that covers southeastern Iowa, an attack

## VOTERS ON CAMPUS

Jacob Byers  
UI freshman Libertarian who voted for Mitt Romney

'As college kids, we're going to need jobs soon and I feel Romney would lead us in the right direction... In America we have a privilege that many people in other countries don't. In choosing not to vote, you are passing up an opportunity millions have died for.'

Michelina Clark  
UI freshman Democrat

'I voted for Obama because I don't think we should have to pay for the rich's tax cuts. I'm also pro-choice ... I think a lot of people have said that Obama hasn't created jobs, but I disagree. When I was 16, it was hard for me to find a job. Now as an 18 year old, there's a lot more opportunity ... I like Obama Care and how I can be on my mom's health care until I'm 26.'

Cassie Kennedy  
UI freshman Independent who didn't vote

'I heard a lot of girls were voting for Romney. I see both sides ... If I had to go with personal freedoms and liberties, I'd side with Obama, but if I had to go economically, I would go for Romney.'

Amy Formanek  
UI freshman Republican who voted for Mitt Romney

'I don't understand how Obama said he's created jobs when a lot of jobs have been shipped overseas to places like Japan.'

CJ Kwak  
UI freshman Republican who voted for Romney

'I feel like this election is a lot about the economy ... I think it's important to voice your opinion and if you don't [vote], you really have no right to complain about what's going on.'

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# Sports

## FOOTBALL

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how geeked up we were. But they called it off. It's a tough situation."

### Hawkeyes prepare for special uniforms

Iowa will wear special "Pro Combat" uniforms on Nov. 10 against Purdue, designed by the Athletics Department to honor the armed services. The uniforms feature solid gray helmets, black shirts with yellow lettering, and gray pants. And instead of a player's

### Recent Hawkeye bowl games

- 2002: Orange Bowl vs. USC, lost, 38-17
- 2003: Outback Bowl vs. Florida, won, 37-17
- 2004: Capital One Bowl vs. LSU, won, 30-25
- 2005: Outback Bowl vs. Florida, lost, 31-24
- 2006: Alamo Bowl vs. Texas, lost, 26-24
- 2008: Outback Bowl vs. South Carolina, won, 31-10
- 2009: Orange Bowl vs. Georgia Tech, won, 24-14
- 2010: Insight Bowl vs. Missouri, won, 27-24
- 2011: Insight Bowl vs. Oklahoma, lost, 31-14

name on the back of the jerseys, each Hawkeye chose a branch of the military — Army, Navy, Marines Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force — to wear in its place.

Receiver Kevonte Martin-Manley said they will make Kinnick Stadium

"electric." "It's a good idea. Last year, we had the flag on the side of the helmet, and a lot of armed-service people liked that," Tobin said. "I think this year, they're stepping it up a notch. We'll see what it looks like."



Iowa linebacker Anthony Hitchens (31) prepares to take the field before the game against Iowa State at Kinnick Stadium on Sept. 8. Iowa will again wear special uniforms against Purdue this weekend. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

## BIG TEN

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about because he was battling injury.

"He's only been getting ready from a confidence standpoint and reduction of swelling standpoint for the last three to four ball games," the head coach

said. O'Brien uninterested in postseason matters

The Nittany Lions are ineligible for the postseason, and will be for years, even though Penn State is tied for second place in the Big Ten.

But head coach Bill O'Brien said he hasn't thought about success in terms of postseason accolades, because he thinks

it could affect his players' focus and intensity.

"I really haven't [thought about being bowl ineligible], and if I ever sensed anything, I tried to nip it in the bud as soon as possible," the head coach said. "But this is one thing that impresses me about this football team —that they come out to practice every single day, and they practice

hard."

O'Brien also said he hasn't even thought about postseason accolades for individual players, either, even though quarterback Matt McGloin has a realistic shot of making an All-Big Ten team.

"I'm focused on Nebraska," O'Brien said. "After the season, I'll read who is on the all-conference team, but

right now, I'm just focused on the opponent."

Wolverines still succeed without Denard

Michigan head coach Brady Hoke said it was a last-minute decision on whether to play quarterback Denard Robinson against Minnesota on Nov. 3.

The head coach said he wasn't sure if withholding his status from the Gophers gave the Wolver-

ines an advantage or not.

Hoke elected to play Devin Gardner behind center, and the Wolverines won, 35-13.

"It was a game-day decision as much as anything else to see how much [Robinson] could set around," Hoke said. "I don't know [if it affected Minnesota]. I think our offense is our offense."

## SWIMMING

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ond-fastest time in Iowa history.

"Sprinting has always been my base," Kabacinski said. "It's natural for me to get up and race, and I think that's where Iowa's going to use me the most."

The freshman has also participated in the 200-medley relay, the 400-freestyle relay, and the 200 freestyle.

Having a successful

freshman on the team is hardly news for Iowa. Last year, now-sophomore Becky Stoughton was awarded Big Ten Freshman of the Year for her effort in the pool. This year, Iowa seems to have its sights on a repeat.

"[Kabacinski] was one of my recruits last year, and I knew off the bat that she was awesome," Stoughton said. "Her mental attitude and the way she handles difficult situations and difficult sets is a good quality to have."

Kabacinski's resiliency

so far can be attributed to her prep career. She was a 10-time individual All-American and a three-time state champion. Her best 50-free time in high school (23.06) would qualify as an Iowa pool record.

"We knew in the recruiting process that she was a great racer," head coach Marc Long said. "She comes from a strong swimming program in Indiana. I think a lot of her [success thus far] is from her natural ability to race."

Kabacinski had many of the same worries that

all college freshmen do, but her focus stayed on the pool. Her biggest adjustment came with the workout strategies that a college team implements.

"Lifting [weights] has definitely helped," she said. "For some people, it takes a while for lifting to translate to the water. I think I'm lucky that it's already helped me."

Powering through 50 yards, however, isn't just about being strong. The start, the subsequent turn at the wall, and the finish all matter in such a short race.

"It's a daily thing for her," Long said. "Whether it's working on turns or technical things with the stroke, it's things she's working on quite a bit. This is also the time of year where the newcomers start adapting well to the strength training."

So far the weight training hasn't been a problem. Kabacinski has been flying by her competition, and her teammates know she has the capability to do it all season.

"She doesn't need any

help; she's got this," Stoughton said. "If she sticks with it and keeps training hard, she'll do pretty well."



Iowa's Jessica Barnett falls during the game against Penn State in the Big Ten Tournament at Grant Field on Nov. 2. Penn State defeated Iowa, 3-2. (The Daily Iowan/Sumei Chen)

## FIELD HOCKEY

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pation was torture, but

the wait was worth it. "We're on a mission now," senior goalkeeper Kathleen McGraw said. "Luckily, things worked out well for

us." Their attention turns to Charlottesville, Va., where the first round awaits.

"It's strong. It's re-

ally strong," the head coach said about the regional. "Virginia will be really well-balanced. We have to come out ready to play."

## SPORTS

### Wrestling tickets on sale

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Feb. 10, Nebraska — \$12 adults, \$8 youth, free for kids 5 years old and under

Feb. 16, Edinboro — \$12 adults, \$8 youth, free for kids 5 years old and under

Wrestle-offs will also be held in the Dan Gable Wrestling Complex this week and are free of charge. The competition will begin at 5 p.m. Thursday, 4:30 p.m. Friday, and 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

— by Molly Irene Olmstead

### Big Ten honors Trussov

Iowa freshman swimmer Roman Trussov earned Big Ten Freshman of the Week honors, the conference announced on Tuesday.

Hawkeyes lost their dual-meet against Minnesota last weekend, in which Trussov took two individual victories of the Hawkeyes' six overall.

Trussov touched the wall first in the 100 breaststroke at 55.08, an NCAA "B" qualifying mark, and



Trussov freshman

the 200 breast at 2:00.06.

The freshman also finished second in the 200 medley relay — teaming with Grant Betulius, Mitch Taylor, and Brian Donatelli — and came in fifth in the 200 individual medley against the Golden Gophers.

The native of Ust-Kamenogorsk, Kazakhstan, also took the same two first-place finishes against Michigan State on Oct. 19. During the Black & Gold intrasquad meet, Trussov posted the sixth-fastest time in Iowa history in the 100 breaststroke at 55.04.

This week's honor mark the first award of his career and Iowa's first recognition of the season.

— by Jalyn Soucek

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# Bowl chances getting slimmer for football Hawks



Iowa running back Damon Bullock rushes during the game against Indiana at Memorial Field in Bloomington on Nov. 3. Iowa needs two more wins to become bowl-eligible. (The Daily Iowan/Ian Servin)

The Hawkeyes know their chances of reaching a bowl game this season are dwindling.

By **SAM LOUWAGIE**  
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There are three games left in Iowa's regular season. And the Hawkeyes know all too well that the regular season might be all they get this year. Iowa has to win two of those final three contests in order to be eligible for a bowl game. It's a daunting task, with both Michigan and Nebraska remaining on the schedule. Hawkeye players said the goal is to reach postseason play, but they clung tightly to a "one game at a time" mantra on Tuesday. "There'd be nothing better than to win three more games and get a bowl opportunity," quarterback James Vandenberg said. "That's the main goal. But right now, it's not even one game at a time, it's one day at a time from here on out. There are only three weeks left." Defensive tackle Steve Bigach said a bowl was "another opportunity to play a football game." But Iowa needs to improve quickly in order to get that opportunity. The Hawkeyes are 11th in the Big Ten in offense and eighth in defense. Bigach said there were no easy fixes. "I wish I could tell you," he said. "I wish there was

some magical answer for you, or for us, and there isn't. The answer is fundamentals, practice, and then just doing it. And we haven't done that. It's a frustrating thing."

**Ferentz talks 4th-down decision**

Iowa faced fourth-and-inches with five minutes remaining in the game on Nov. 3 against Indiana, trailing by 3 points. The Hawkeyes initially rushed up to the line to snap the ball to go for it. But an official review of the spot cost the team the element of surprise, and the Hawkeyes decided to punt. Head coach Kirk Ferentz said on Tuesday that the team was set to attempt a quarterback sneak with Vandenberg, but Ferentz made the decision not to after the review. "That was our plan until the clock got stopped," Ferentz said. "They called for a review ... There wasn't a lot of time for discussion. At that point, I had made up my mind. That's my call." Damon Bullock called the sequence "deflating" after the game. Guard Matt Tobin said Ferentz made the right call but agreed it was disappointing. "That's a tough situation, especially for the O-line," Tobin said on Tuesday. "We were in our stances, all ready to go. We were talking in the meeting room [Sunday] about

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**BIG TEN NOTEBOOK**

# BIG

## Boiling with talent

The return of Purdue's Rob Henry will threaten the Hawkeyes this weekend.

By **MOLLY IRENE OLNSTEAD**  
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Rob Henry is finally healthy, and that's dangerous for the Hawkeyes. The versatile Boilermaker tore his ACL prior to the 2011 season, and he has suffered from unremitting swelling throughout his recovery, Purdue head coach Danny Hope said. But Henry is back. He had 5 receptions for 54 yards against Penn State last week, including a 22-yard pass that was the second-longest thrown by quarterback Steven Bench. Hope said Henry's return to the field gives his offense an aspect of size that the rest of the athletes lack. "Rob's finally healthy — that's a great thing for a football team. He is one of our top athletes, very fast, very skilled, and he has the size," the head coach said. "A lot of our best skilled players are average at best, size-wise. He's very lean but very strong." Henry stands 6-2 and around 208 pounds. He's at least two inches taller than the other wide receivers on the two-deep. And he plays every position very physically and aggressively, Hope said. The all-around player can play basically every other position on the field. "Right now, he can do it all for us. He catches passes, he scores, we put him in the backfield some, and he does a good job running with the football," Hope said. "He has enough speed to get on the outside and the physicality to run between the tackles. He's done a good job around the perimeter as a blocker ... He's also taken snaps behind the center. He's taken snaps at the quarterback position." Hope said his team isn't surprised at Henry's 5 receptions last week and at his versatility in every aspect of the game. His seemingly sudden emergence from nowhere only came

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# Iowa field hockey is dancing again

Iowa's field-hockey team made the NCAA Tournament for the 22nd time in program history.

By **CODY GOODWIN**  
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Iowa's field-hockey team is going to the 2012 NCAA Tournament. "It's our standard that we want to achieve every year," head coach Tracey Griesbaum said Tuesday night. "To hit this marker, again, is really special." Iowa (14-6) will face Virginia (15-5), which will also play host to the region in which the Hawkeyes were placed, in the first round of the tournament. The other match of the bracket is Drexel (15-6) versus No. 2 Princeton (17-1). The Cavaliers will provide a stifling challenge in the first round. They finished runner-up in the ACC regular season, defeating top teams Maryland and Wake Forest. Maryland then bounced Virginia from the ACC Tournament, 5-1. Virginia also returned two top athletes to its roster who redshirted a year ago. Paige Selenski and Michelle Vittese, both seniors, took the 2011 season off to compete with the U.S. National Team. Their stint included time in London for this past summer's Olympic Games. This is a draw that captain Jessica Barnett is excited about. She knows her team will have to focus solely on Virginia first, but she said Iowa's placement in the bracket is very favorable. "I'm pretty happy with this bracket," the senior said. "They're very beatable. We can't look too far ahead, but I think this is a great bracket to be in." This is the 22nd time in program history that the Hawkeyes made the NCAA



Iowa's Sarah Drake pushes the ball up the field against Penn State during the Big Ten Tournament at Grant Field on Nov. 2. (The Daily Iowan/Sumei Chen)

field of 16 — a stat that leads the Big Ten. This is also the second-consecutive year that Iowa made the tournament, and the way this year's Hawkeyes found their position in the field was eerily similar to a year ago. Iowa landed a spot in the fourth and final region of the bracket this season, meaning they were also the second-to-last pairing to be announced during the NCAA Selection Show. Twelve teams were announced before them, causing a sense of worry and panic to fill the room the team sat in to watch the show. "That's always hard," Griesbaum said. "You wouldn't want to be first, because then you lose focus ... I felt bad for them. They were getting really, really nervous.

And when Lafayette showed up on the board, I think they got even more nervous." Griesbaum wasn't nearly so nervous as her team before the field was announced. She knew their ranking and certain wins throughout the season helped to solidify Iowa's RPI, which was 11th in the country. The head coach was more worried about where her team would land when the field was announced. The team, though, jumped and cheered when they finally saw "Iowa" on the bracket. They said the anti-

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# Sprinting to fame in the water

Freshman swimmer Olivia Kabacinski is an instant success.

By **CARLOS SOSA**  
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Freshman Olivia Kabacinski has quickly made a name for herself on the Iowa women's swimming team. In her first two meets as a Hawkeye, she has sprinted her way to a pool record and the second-fastest 50-freestyle time in Iowa history. "I've always wanted to swim Division I," the native of La Porte, Ind., said. "And I've always known that I wanted to swim for four years in college, and I think that's been my motivation right now. This is my dream, and it doesn't get any better." Kabacinski set a McCaffree Pool record in the Hawkeyes' opening meet at Michigan State on Oct. 19. Her 50-freestyle time of 23.23 seconds was just a hair faster than the previous record of 23.29. Kabacinski swam even faster for her encore. She registered her best 50-free time as a Hawkeye in Iowa's meet against Minnesota on Nov. 2. She clocked in at 23.12, the sec-

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