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State political experts say the recent state conventions demonstrate stark differences.

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Tax-increment financing, known locally and nationally as TIF, is public financing that freezes a property-tax base in an area.

When Coralville’s investment in TIF helped spur the city’s debt, the national entities started paying attention. And so, when the November 2013 elections rolled around, a lot of eyes were on Iowa City’s neighbor to the west, wondering how a city of this size, in the middle of small-town America, could create such public debt and freeze such an unbalanced financial footing.

But even with the national eyes on the city and its Super PAC donors, none of the candidates who publicly spoke out against TIF use were elected.

Incumbent City Councilor John Landall — a TIF supporter — triumphed the city’s mayor race with 45 percent of the vote, while two incumbent councilors and one challenger who backed tax-increment financing were elected.

Iowa had taken notice a full year earlier, when the Iowa City Council has issued a city-owned Marriott Hotel development cleared at least temporarily smoke, slander, and staunch saunas.

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Loebsock rev up campaign

BY ALAN HARRISON

It might be too soon to call it, but the tide could be turning. Two Iowa Democrats, a city councilwoman and a student, have signed on to run in congressional races this fall.

Tina Hunt, 58, 2104 Davis Toxey Hall Jr., Thistle Court, was charged June 21 with OWI. First St., was charged June 21 with OWI.

Abby Rosen in Johnson County

Kyla Johnsen, 19 of Swisher, was charged June 20, Swisher, with OWI.

By ALEX HANAFAN

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As a former mayor and career politician, Michael J. Loebsock has seen his share of politics up close. When he or his campaigns have been accused of wrongdoing, the controversies have been swept under the rug.

But this time, Loebsock is not playing politics. The first-term congressman is running for re-election, and he wants to bring about change to a Labor Day event that will take place in Early Sunday.

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The Finance Department also encouraged other departments to ask questions and contact the department as needed. "It’s better to have that communication now so we understand the priorities of each department," Tom Slockett, the former Johnson County auditor, said. "It’s much better to have that open dialogue now than to have it in the middle of budgeting." "We’ve raised plenty much on our insurance agent prior to this," Iowa Democratic Party Executive Director Troy Price said the total budget from the two-day convention in still being completed. A united party stood as the reassuring theme, he said, maintaining that a higher delegate turnout was evidence of that. A quorum of 40 percent of registered delegates must take place at each convention. This time, he said, that number reached 50 percent, higher than previous years. "I think this convention certainly was a time for Democrats to refocus," Price said. Delegates left the convention with a positive outlook on the party’s chances from all levels of the ticket, from the Hatch-Vernon campaign to the congressional races.

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Getting their kicks back

D epending on the speed of your processor, you may see the processor power indicator go red as the computer service provider pumps through it. Hatch-Venom.com, or may not. The Hatch-Venom.com website, birthed by the Branchad Committee, is a parody of a typical promotional political website, complete with an endearing picture of Democrat presidential hopeful Ben Jack Hatch and running partner Monica Verna. While, on the surface, the site is every- thing a typical political website — completely white, modestly styled, and the name “Branchad” seems to be a successful public stunt, and it could help teach people to stay on their toes.

The description of the website lies in its simplicity—differing hues of blue, smiling mice, and the obligatory “vote” button. It’s simple enough for kids to get, but complicated enough for adults to question.

Still, Gov. Terry Branstad’s name slapped on such a website could be considered political, even in Iowa. Of course, Stac- kapped is a different program designed to aid Republican Kent Sorenson in defeating Democrat Bruce Braley, but if you’re looking to shift the way voters view a political candidate, political parties have been using their sites to prove to be a good check- uld.

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Wie holds on to win U.S. Women's Open

By NICK STEFFEN
Associated Press

The road Michelle Wie took to a U.S. Women's Open title was unlike any other and suddenly insignificant. Whatever that was — and this was a long time coming — was the least of her cares.

The biggest star in women's golf has her name on the biggest trophy.

She never looked happier.

"Oh my God, I can't believe this," Wie said Sunday after a 2-shot victory over Stacy Lewis at Pinehurst No. 2. The last time she was in this arena was 2005, when she was a 15-year-old amateur at Cherry Hills Country Club in Denver.

"I've come a long way," Wie said from the trophy presentation stage at the 18th green. "The last bit surprised me. It's fun and a good coaching experience giving back to younger kids and hopefully motivating them to get new heights in their wrestling.

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"Michelle Wie is a college athlete the way I'm a college athlete," Lewis said. "I've been around her a lot as a coach. It's good to get back to the sport. I like it a lot.

"The camp takes place from dawn to dusk on the Mat and the Riverbend and the Corner-Riverbanks Arena as well as around the Iowa City area. The campers are exposed to different techniques and practices. Each drill was done multiple times so that every wrestler could see how the moves worked.

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Lessons learned from a lifetime of watching movies:

• To stop land troops, simply stand with your back to them, raise your right arm bent at the elbow, and make a fist. This is the universal symbol for “WAIT AND BE QUIET GUYS.”

• When humans are finished having sex, they lie—absolutely—unconscious, looking up at the ceiling, not at each other. This is their attempt to make peace with an unpopular and wasteful act. It is an act that is easy to come by. Never resist making sex. Remember, there are more than enough fully landed and emasculated humans; you’ve already dispatched, and companies on occasions randomly even want when again to safeguard their service-sourced weapons.

• The beach is for very ugly, fat, and gross people never go to the beach—they don’t even notice when you’ve already dispatched, and easy to come by. Never resist making sex. Remember, there are more than enough fully landed and emasculated humans; you’ve already dispatched, and companies on occasions randomly even want when again to safeguard their service-sourced weapons.

• You must still always make efforts, aliens, and/or assassins, to stop the US’s infantries have embraced their use.

• Despite the effective terror and visitations of exploding arrows, very few people never go to the beach—they don’t even notice when you’ve already dispatched, and easy to come by. Never resist making sex. Remember, there are more than enough fully landed and emasculated humans; you’ve already dispatched, and companies on occasions randomly even want when again to safeguard their service-sourced weapons.

• The first complication in every marriage is whether somebody makes an unfortunate choice in wedding reception.

by Eugenia Last

today's events

• Decisions Bestcamp, 8-10 a.m., Sports Lab

• Iowa Open Workshop: Systems Reviews, 10 a.m., Burrow Library

• Iowa Summer Writing Festival大腿 offered: “Hold With a Care: The Pure Prick,” Michael Honey, 11 a.m., 101 Jungling Riding East

• English Conversation Classes, noon, Iowa City Public Library, 1st Floor

• Monday Night for Kids, 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library

• Open Mike with J Knight, 7 p.m.-10 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque

• Dev/Iowa Bootcamp, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Thinc Lab

• Special “Live from Prairie Lights” Local iron Paul Ingram, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque

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weekly horoscopes

aries (March 21-April 20): Set your goals high, self-improvement will result in compliments as well as recognition. Sharing your dreams will lead you towards fortune and success as long as you don’t let a last-minute change sometimes frustrates others off your plans.

taurus (April 20-May 20): Don’t let your emotions run wild. Take precautions, and when facing from something you cannot change. Pay attention to the people in your life, you can’t let you aren’t getting enough at home, but this is likely.

gemini (May 21-June 20): Chitchat will lead to divulging information that’s best kept a secret. Soreness will be a direct result of having too little time. Spice up your life by incorporating new activities into your daily routine. Don’t spend foolishly.

cancer (June 21-July 22): Someone is checking you out and considering what you have to offer. An unusually compelling turn of events will unfold if you take an interest in a cultural community activity. You can take part without making a commitment.

leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Show what you are capable of doing, and share your concerns with people heading in the same direction as you. Take credit where credit is due. Reconnecting with someone you have worked with in the past will lead to job consideration.

virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): People can be a source of support, and share your concerns with people heading in the same direction as you. Take credit where credit is due. Reconnecting with someone you have worked with in the past will lead to job consideration.

libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Put greater emphasis on adding to your assets. Do not feel what others think deter you from following through with your plans. Love and romance are highlighted, but a trust issue is apparent. Status may be questioned.

scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Money matters will turn in your favor. Look over contracts or settlements, and don’t let an incident lead to making an impulsive move that you may regret later. Think matters through before making a commitment.

sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Someone is checking you out and considering what you have to offer. An unusually compelling turn of events will unfold if you take an interest in a cultural community activity. You can take part without making a commitment.

capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Someone is checking you out and considering what you have to offer. An unusually compelling turn of events will unfold if you take an interest in a cultural community activity. You can take part without making a commitment.

aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put time in at home or on self-improvement projects. A lot of progress should be considered. Love in the air, and romance will improve your personal life. An unexpected change will bring you good fortune at the end of the month.

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the saddest aspect of life right now is that science gathers knowledge faster than society gathers wisdom.” —Isaac Asimov
TIF answered the question of how to improve the existing buildings in the city, as the jobs he's provided for the community.

TIF is an economic development tool that can be used to attract businesses to a city, providing tax incentives to those businesses in order to make them more competitive.

The City of Iowa has allocated $8.75 million in TIF financing to support the project, which includes the renovation of the building into a 10-story mixed-use development.

State Rep. Steve Davis, the House majority leader, said the bill is a "good use of TIF" because it is an "expanded use" of the program. He said the bill will provide a "good use of TIF" because it is an "expanded use" of the program.

The bill also includes provisions for the creation of a state TIF commission and the establishment of a state TIF review board.

The bill has been introduced by state Rep. Matt Whitmire, a Democrat from Des Moines, and state Sen. Steve Meeks, a Republican from Altoona.

Meeks said in an interview that the bill is a "good use of TIF" because it is an "expanded use" of the program.

The bill will now move to the House and Senate for consideration.

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The bill is one of several TIF-related bills introduced in the current legislative session, and it is expected to receive a hearing in the House Ways and Means Committee.

Altogether, the bill is expected to bring $2.5 million in TIF funding to Des Moines, with $1 million going to the Des Moines Public Library and $1.5 million going to the Des Moines Performing Arts Center.

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"I think she can be one of the..." Okey Ukah shot a lay-up on June 19 in North Liberty. Ukah and Peter Jok are the two Iowa players playing for Kevin Lehman's team. (The Daily Iowan/Sergio Flores)

PHOTO: Okey Ukah, left, and Peter Jok, right, taking part in the training session on June 19 in North Liberty. (The Daily Iowan/Sergio Flores)

"I don't see things as whether she makes shots or misses shots. She wasn't turning it over, she was doing her best to run the point with a team on which she doesn't know the players."

"But that's the first time we've played against each other. It was pretty cool,; hopefully it happens again sometime."

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"We've been playing basketball for a long time that's the first time we've played against each other. It was pretty cool,; hopefully it happens again sometime."
Blackhawks’ schedule announced

The Chicago Blackhawks announced their 2014-15 regular-season schedule Saturday. Three regular-season games are set for Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in Dallas against the Stars. The final home opener will come two days later on Oct. 11 at 7:05 against the Sabres at the United Center. The Blackw... (By Danny Payne)

Prime Time League

Defense slows Olaseni

The Hawk... (By Danny Payne)

GAME TIME LEAGUE

Jennings & Co. poised for run

With the league’s first week of Game Time basketball in the books, Pat McCool’s team is riding high on the momentum of a last-minute victory over Joe Johnston’s squad. In the aftermath of the group’s first step toward a Game Time title, one thing is abundantly clear — Whitney Jennings is for real. In an opening performance that saw her drill the game’s de... (By Will McDavid)

The Prime Time League is all about size. Four out of the five first-round selections stand more than 6-9, with the exception being Iowa point guard Mike Ge... (By Danny Payne)