

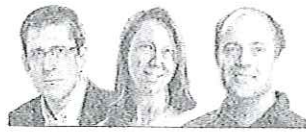
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## Culver campaign hires deputy manager

Gov. Chet Culver has hired Jamie Cashman as his deputy campaign manager.

Cashman has worked for Culver since 2006 as a policy adviser, legislative liaison and, most recently, a legislative director. He has also previously worked with the Iowa Democratic Party as well as as a policy adviser for Patty Judge while she was the state's secretary of agriculture.

Cashman is taking a leave of absence from his current legislative director position to work as the deputy campaign manager of Culver's re-election



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Culver's current campaign manager is Donn Stanley.

— Jason Clayworth

### Contractors group blasts regents deal

The Iowa Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors Inc. objected Monday to the state's plans to use a project labor agreement to build a \$73 million outpatient clinic for the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Coralville.

The Iowa Board of Regents voted 5-4 last week to authorize use of a project labor agreement. The vote was along party lines, with Democrats in favor and Republicans in opposition.

Project labor agreements are negotiated with labor organizations to establish the terms and conditions of employment for a specific project.

Gov. Chet Culver signed an executive order earlier this year directing state officials to consider such agreements on construction projects of \$25 million or more. His order was praised at the time by leaders of Iowa's construction trades unions, and such an agreement

is already being used for construction of a new \$131 million state penitentiary in Fort Madison.

Greg Spenner, president and chief executive of Associated Builders and Contractors of Iowa, called project labor agreements "blatantly discriminatory" against nonunion contractors.

Spenner said eight of every 10 construction workers in Iowa are not union members.

"A union-negotiated contract, such as the one the five Democrat members of the Board of Regents are trying to force on the University of Iowa, specifically prevents such a large majority of Iowa's construction work force from working on a project. This is blatant discrimination, and the Culver cronies on the Board of Regents took this partisan action under direct pressure from Governor Culver," Spenner said.

— William Petroski

### Evangelical group to sit out race

An influential evangelical Christian group says it is standing by a pledge to sit out the governor's race this fall because neither of

the major party candidates shares its views on social issues.

The decision by the Iowa Family Policy Center is a blow to Republican Terry Branstad, who is relying on religious conservatives to be among the base of his support as he faces Democratic Gov. Chet Culver.

Danny Carroll, chairman of the Iowa Family Policy Center, has criticized Branstad for not giving greater emphasis to issues such as gay marriage and abortion.

Carroll said in a statement released Monday it will take a "fundamental transformation" for the group to back either candidate.

— Associated Press

### Maryland man to lead Iowa Veterans Home

David Worley, who has worked in veterans programs in Kentucky, has been named by Gov. Chet Culver as commandant of the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown.

He succeeds Dan Steen, whom Culver decided not to reappoint in March 2009. That happened after disclosures regarding a new policy that reduced physician staffing while greatly increasing the pay of a few doctors.

John Mathes served as interim commandant the past year.

Worley is a native of Baltimore, Md. He joined the Army at age 19 and served in U.S. Army airborne and special operations units. His decorations include the Bronze Star medal. His wife, Angela, currently serves in the Army.

— William Petroski