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## Redrawing boundaries kicks into high gear

### Some concerned about too little discussion

By Rob Daniel  
*Iowa City Press-Citizen*

The drive to redraw boundaries in the Iowa City School District is heading into the stretch despite concerns about too little discussion taking place.

The district's redistricting committee will meet at 6 p.m. today at the district's central administrative offices to continue work on a new boundary plan for the district's soon-to-be 19 elementaries and its two comprehensive high schools.

The process, which has been ongoing since the district agreed to hire consultants RSP and Associates of Olathe, Kan., in September for about \$80,000, is expected to develop two or three boundary scenarios for the school board to choose from based on demographic and financial considerations, keeping neighborhood schools intact, projected enrollments and how school buildings are being used.

Whichever plan is chosen will be put into place for the 2011-12 school year, Superintendent Lane Plugge said.

To date, the 38-member redistricting committee, which includes Plugge and school board members Mike Cooper and Tuyet Dorau, has

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### Weather

Mostly cloudy today with a high near 34.

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# PANIC, LOOTING, TRIAGE



## Hundreds of thousands may be dead

*Gannett News Service*

Bernice Robertson has one word for what Haiti needs now — “everything.” As the scope of the devastation from a magnitude-7.0 earthquake became clearer Wednesday, survivors spoke in terms of all that has disappeared. Most hospitals, houses, schools, roads and grocery stores — virtually every necessity

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## Haitians at UI worrying

### Doctors plan trips to assist

By B.A. Morelli  
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Thousands of miles away, there was little that Haitian-natives attending the University of Iowa could do after a devastating earthquake back home.

But all of their thoughts were on the nation devastated by a magnitude 7.0 earthquake on Tuesday afternoon.

They made repeated calls to family and friends in Haiti but got no answer. They monitored news channels for more details and online portals such as Facebook, Twitter and MSN Messenger for specific news about loved ones. But the flow of information was slow and details were sketchy.

So, they prayed. “I am trying to help, but it is something you feel you need to be there helping,” said Fabienne Bertrand, 30, a UI graduate student in civil and environmental engineering from Haiti.

Bertrand has been trying to assist the flow of information through Facebook using her network to try to track down people she cares about or helping others find the people they care about.

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The Associated Press

**Top:** Injured people sit along the road Wednesday, the day after an earthquake struck Port-au-Prince, Haiti. **Top left:** Mitchelle Monroe prays for the victims at the Cathedral of St. Mary's in Miami's Haitian community. **Top right:** An injured person is seen Wednesday in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. **Above:** A person ties a dead woman's feet together as she is attended to on the side of a road in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. **Right:** People search for survivors under the rubble of a collapsed building in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.



## Reserve exec: Recession over in 'technical sense'

### Gives speech at Coralville Marriott

By B.A. Morelli  
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The economic recession in the “technical sense” is over, but recovery itself will be sluggish, the chief execu-

tive of the Federal Reserve Bank in Chicago said Wednesday.

“In a narrow, technical sense, the short answer is yes,” Reserve president and chief executive Charles

Evans said in a speech about whether the recession is over. “Many broad indicators of economic activity are increasing as we would expect in the early stages of recovery.”

“Nonetheless, I keep hearing the question because for many house-

holds and businesses it doesn't feel like much of a recovery,” he said.

Evans made his remarks in a “Corridor Economic Forecast” speech at a business luncheon at the Coralville Marriott Hotel and Conference Center.

Gross domestic product increased 2.25 percent in the third quarter and accelerated in the fourth quarter, auto sales continue to increase and the housing market is becoming active again, he said. However, job growth

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