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## Council asked to connect two city parks

By LAURA MILLSAPS  
Staff Writer

The Ames Parks and Recreation Commission Thursday took the first official step in joining Munn Woods and Emma McCarthy Lee Park, by

recommending the City Council purchase private land between the two.

The commission voted unanimously and with little discussion to recommend the council pursue purchase of two adjacent parcels of privately

owned land that would connect the two parks.

Two property owners, Martha Benson and Mike Satterwhite, have adjacent properties that total about seven acres, all of it wooded. Both properties lie between the

two parks, south of Ross Road and north of Oakland Road.

Parks and Recreation Director Nancy Carroll told the commission she had been working with the city attorney's office to formalize the legal pro-

cess for the purchase of the land.

The commission took a walking tour of both properties in June and informally agreed at that time to pursue purchase of the land. Parks and Recreation staff intend, if the land is purchased, to

maintain the woods as a connecting corridor with a natural pedestrian path.

According to city documents, the city assessor values the Benson property, 4.3 acres, at \$48,000.

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"My sister was back home in Libya and she told me to check the news, and I said, 'It's 3 o'clock in the morning, what's going on?' and she said, 'Just check the news.'" **Hassan Burawi**, Iowa State University graduate

## THE WORLD AFTER GADHAFI



By FRANCOIS MORI/ASSOCIATED PRESS

**A Libyan former rebel fighter** uses his shoe to slap graffiti depicting Moammar Gadhafi with "Allah Hakbar, God is Great" written on top, on a checkpoint border of Ras Ajdir between Tunisia and Libya on Thursday.

## ISU professors say Libya's future uncertain

By HANNAH FURFARO  
Staff Writer

When Hassan Burawi received a phone call from his sister at 3 a.m. Thursday with a message to "check the news," he couldn't believe what he saw when he began flip-

ping through the channels.

"My sister was back home in Libya and she told me to check the news, and I said, 'It's 3 o'clock in the morning, what's going on?' and she said 'Just check the news,'" he said. "I turned on the

TV, and they said (Moammar) Gadhafi was captured, and at first I didn't believe it."

Burawi, who is from Libya and graduated from Iowa State University in May with a degree in electrical engineering, said he was hesitant to believe

the early reports because of misreporting about the capture of Gadhafi's sons in recent weeks. However, by 10 a.m., videos of Gadhafi's death appeared on Al Jazeera and confirmed his sister's message.

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## WITH WARPED VISION, GADHAFI MADDENED LIBYA AND THE WEST

By KIM GAMEL  
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Associated Press

TRIPOLI, Libya — During nearly 42 years in power, Moammar Gadhafi ruled with an eccentric brutality. He was so mercurial he turned Libya into an isolated pariah, then an oil power courted by the West, then back again. At home, his whims became law and his visions became a warped dictatorship, until he was finally toppled by his own people.

The modern Middle East's longest-reigning figure, Libya's 69-year-old "Brother Leader" became the first ruler killed in the Arab Spring uprisings that swept the region this year.

After rebels overwhelmed the capital Tripoli and drove him into hiding in late August, Gadhafi vowed in messages to fight on until "martyrdom or victory" and to "burn Libya under the feet" of his enemies.

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**Moammar Gadhafi's death on Thursday** came as Libyan fighters defeated Gadhafi's last holdouts in his hometown of Sirte, the last major site of resistance in the country.

## Journalists, media experts ponder future of Iowa's caucuses

By HANNAH FURFARO  
Staff Writer

Iowa's first-in-the-nation caucus date may be locked in for the 2012 presidential election, but according to a panel of journalists and media experts, Iowa might be clinging to false hope if it expects to keep its star status in the future.

In a discussion with some of the most prominent political reporters in the nation Thursday at Iowa State University, five panelists discussed the role the Iowa Straw Poll, caucuses and media coverage play in presidential elections.

For decades, campaigning in Iowa has served as a testing ground for presi-

dential candidates on both sides of the aisle. In recent presidential cycles, however, other states, including Michigan and Florida, have begun to challenge the relevance of Iowa and other 'carve-out' states' significance in the selection process.

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**Jeff Zeleny**, of the New York Times, **Kathie Obradovich**, of the Des Moines Register, **John McCormick**, of Bloomberg News, and **Dianne Bystrom**, head of ISU's Catt Center for Women and Politics, discuss political coverage during a forum Thursday at the Greenlee School at Iowa State University.

By NIRMALENDU MAJUMDAR/AMES TRIBUNE

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