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## Pawlenty lists Iowa legislators who back him

GOP presidential-nomination candidate Tim Pawlenty named 10 Iowa legislators to his Iowa Legislative Steering Committee on Monday, according to a campaign press release.

Among the lawmakers is Sen. Shawn Hamerlinck, R-Dixon, who has come under fire for his June comments to Iowa student lobbyists, telling the students at the Statehouse to leave the "political circus" to the Legislature.

Rep. Erik Helland, R-Johnston, is the Majority Whip in the Iowa House and is the state director of Pawlenty's campaign.

"I am fortunate to have this talented group of legislators on my team," Pawlenty said in the release. "Their experience and knowledge combined with their eagerness to restore American prosperity bolsters my Iowa campaign's efforts to build successful coalitions in this important state."

Pawlenty also chose Rep. Chris Hagenow, R-Windsor Heights, the current chairman of the House Committee on Government Oversight.

Other legislators in the Iowa Legislative Steering Committee are Sen. Randy Feenstra, R-Hull; Rep. Linda Miller, R-Bettendorf; Rep. Matt Windschitl, R-Missouri Valley; Rep. Chip Baltimore, R-Boone; Rep. Joel Fry, R-Osceola; and Rep. Steve Lukan, R-Dubuque.

— by Ariana Witt

## Obama issues disaster declaration for 6 Iowa counties

President Obama authorized a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration for six Iowa counties affected by flooding along the Missouri River Monday, according to a press release from Gov. Terry Branstad's office.

Branstad received notice of Obama's decision Monday. According to the release, the president's declaration will provide federal funds for Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Monona, Pottawattamie, and Woodbury Counties.

This marks the 12th presidential disaster declaration in the state since March 2007.

"I am pleased to see the Presidential Major Disaster Declaration for these six counties come through," Branstad said in the release. "As we are still actively fighting the flood, this declaration provides a much needed financial boost to our local governments."

The disaster declaration will also fund conducting hazard-mitigation projects for all of Iowa, which would minimize the effect of future natural disasters.

— by Ariana Witt

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# Locals to oppose Obama

Group hopes to bring national health insurance and withdrawal from Afghanistan to forefront of 2012 race.



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Medics carry a Marine who was overcome by heat exhaustion to a medical-evacuation helicopter in the Nawa district of Afghanistan's Helmand province on July 6, 2009. President Obama plans to end U.S. combat operations in Afghanistan by 2014, but an Iowa City chapter of Health Care Not Warfare is pushing for a more immediate exit.

By LINDSAY DOUGLAS

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Organizers in Iowa City are frustrated at President Obama's war record and are organizing caucus delegates to push for a quicker end to the war in Afghanistan.

With the group Health Care Not Warfare, University of Iowa history Professor Jeff Cox is spearheading that movement by recruiting volunteers to act as precinct coordinators who will attend 2012 Iowa caucuses and persuade uncommitted delegates to stand up for national health-care insurance and peace in Afghanistan.

Cox said he is not particularly committed to anyone but said Obama has been promising to get troops out of Afghanistan since he's been in office, and it hasn't happened.

"One more death is one unnecessary death," said Cox.

He said the money-less and staff-less campaign is one of two in Iowa that will be devoted to providing an alternative to a renomination of Obama. The group plans to hold monthly meetings until the caucuses to ensure their success. The other group is focused on corporate money, family farming, and environmental issues but hasn't decided on a name.

"Everybody knows he's going to be re-elected," Cox said. "The real alternative is to give people the opportunity to talk about the direction of our country."

Attendees at Monday's meeting agreed.

"If you're a loyal Democrat with a big 'D'



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Health Care not Warfare Caucus Campaign holds a meeting in the Iowa City Public Library on Monday. The campaign intends to elect delegates at the 2012 Iowa caucuses who support health care for all and back withdrawing all American forces from Afghanistan.

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# IC Public Library gives local literacy a free ride

The Iowa City Public Library's circulation totaled 1,525,831 in fiscal 2010.

By LUKE VOELZ

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City bus tickets are facing a cheaper, plastic alternative: library cards.

Iowa City Public Library officials said the library's Ride & Read program, which allows library cardholders a free ride to the library on city buses, has increased in popularity since its founding in 2007, along with circulation.

The program has helped ele-

mentary-school students keep their minds sharp over the long summer months, said Heidi Lauritzen, the Public Library circulation services director.

"A lot of education studies out there show that if kids don't read over summer, the progress they made in classrooms over the school year before slips a lot," she said. "If they continue to read, that helps them be ready to start their next grade."

Library patron Adriana Mendez, who rides the bus daily using a bus pass, said the program would help Iowa City's literacy while also supporting public transportation.

"I think it's a great idea to get people more invested in reading," she said. "This is a fairly literate community, but more people should still be coming to

their library. It's an incentive to both ride the bus and read."

Mason City High School student Sam Vrieze said she agrees.

"It's a good idea," she said. "More people would probably come to the library."

Summer typically brings the library's busiest months, Lauritzen said, due to the number of summer camps and youth-targeted reading activities. Winter comes as a close second because of the academic rush around finals weeks.

These circulation trends have remained steady despite a digital-book industry that brought almost \$300 million in revenue over 2010, a 30-fold increase from five previous years, according to an International Digital Publishing Forum survey.

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# McCallum runs again

The candidate says Iowa City needs leadership focused on expanding the city's tax base.

By ZACHARY POUND

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Local developer Mark McCallum announced his candidacy for Iowa City City Council Monday with plans to improve housing and historical preservation.

The 24-year resident of Iowa City said he plans to focus on diversifying downtown housing with multi-fam-



Mark McCallum  
Council Candidate

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## READ AND RIDE

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This popularity has bought more digital-interested patrons to the library, Lauritzen said.

"In some cases, digital rentals are replacing physical ones," she said. "In other cases, new patrons are getting library cards just so they can download materials."

The Public Library counts e-books in its yearly circulation statistics, Lauritzen said, which have grown steadily over the last decade. The library had more than 1,500,000 items loaned each year since 2009.

"What I'm reading right now in library press is that many libraries are having circulation going up," she said.

Though digital books are also available for online purchase, the circulation

director said they probably won't have an effect on general library circulation in the immediate future.

"[Purchasing digital books] certainly could [become more popular than library rentals]," she said. "Perhaps far in the future, but right now I think it's just another option for people — another service the Public Library is providing. That's where they get their introduction to what a service like that is."

## Circulation

**Iowa City Public Library  
yearly circulation in  
number of items loaned.  
Each fiscal year runs from  
July 1 to June 30:**

- 2011 (until May): 1,427,613
- 2010: 1,525,831
- 2009: 1,539,774
- 2008: 1,468,842
- 2007: 1,378,519

Source: Iowa City Public Library

## Spotlight Iowa City

# Lawyer recognized for photos



ANTHONY BAUER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Greg Bal, the director of Student Legal Services, stands in his IMU office on Monday next to a photograph he took. The photograph was shot in Antelope Canyon, Ariz.

Greg Bal's Obama photo received recognition from the *New York Times*.

By JULIANA FABIANO  
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Four years ago, Greg Bal picked up a camera thinking it would make a great hobby.

"I bought a camera and just learned on my own," he said. "It's something I always enjoyed doing for the fun of it."

Today, he is an award-winning photographer with pictures appearing in the *New York Times* and displayed in prestigious institutions.

By day, Bal serves as the University of Iowa Student Legal Services supervising attorney, defending students in landlord-tenant disputes and those who have consumer problems, alcohol offenses, and misdemeanor crimes, for instance.

But on occasion, he takes his digital camera on walks where he may see an image

that captures his attention.

"There are many surprises when you photograph," Bal said. "The more photos I take, the more I become aware of light and composition. It has changed my perception of the world."

Bal was recently granted approval to take students to India over the winter break to study interaction between their legal system and social-justice programs.

The native of India wants students to gain a better knowledge of the culture and learn how India handles universal human situations. He noted that he also likes using his traveling time to capture and document local situations.

"You never know what you're going to see when you're traveling," he said. "I want to document the people and culture of India and my students' interactions with the population as well."

Despite his hectic schedule, he finds time to showcase his photography. His snapshot titled "Alley Cat" received win the award "Best in Show" at the 2010 *Snapshots of Ames* exhibit at the Octagon Center of

Arts. The art center is hoping to have a solo show of his work in a couple of years.

Center Executive Director Heather Johnson said the black-and-white image of an eerie fire escape next to a brick building was selected above others because of its dramatic but simple elegance.

"Considering the fact it is hobby, not his career, I think it's fantastic," Johnson said. "It's phenomenal he's only been a photographer for four years because his understanding of the camera is incredible."

Bal feels a level of satisfaction when sharing his photos with friends and family and now the world.

"It's sort of like sharing a meal with friends," he said. "Submitting artwork or having someone purchase it means you get to share your life with them. It makes it a common human experience."

Kelly Soukup, an assistant director of the UI Center for Student Involvement and Leadership and a member of the Fine Arts Council, originally encouraged Bal to show his artwork to the public.

## Gregory Bal

- Hometown: Moved to Ames from India at age 9
- Favorite Pastime: Traveling
- Favorite Movie: *The Tree of Life*
- Favorite Musical Artist: Billie Holiday
- Favorite Food: His mom's Curry Chicken
- Favorite City: Paris

"The first time I saw it was really amazed at how nice it was and thought at that time it would be good enough to be in art shows," Soukup said. "Right off the bat, you could tell, 'Wow this is good.'"

Bal's work is so good in fact, the *New York Times* chose his photograph of President Obama for the slide show "Documenting the Decade." Starting in August, the picture will be in the permanent collection of Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Political Science Department.

"He has a tremendous eye for photography," Soukup said. "I am very pleased to see the work he's done being shared with others; it has been very gratifying."

## METRO

### Woman faces numerous charges

A Muscatine woman was arrested Sunday after she allegedly assaulted three people at a trailer park.

Nora Lissett Medrano, 34, was charged June 26 with public intoxication, assault causing injury, and two accounts of assault with a weapon.

According to a complaint from the Johnson County Sheriff's Office, deputies arrived at the Apache Trail Regency Trailer Park around 3:15 a.m. Upon speaking with three alleged victims — two females and one male — deputies reportedly learned Medrano had initially assaulted a man and a woman who were sitting on their

trailer porch, reports said.

Complaints said Medrano approached the alleged victims wielding two glass bottles, yelling expletives and making threats. She allegedly used the bottles to strike the woman's head twice and hit the man in the mouth, cutting his lip.

A witness who saw the fight approached the scene and was punched in the face by Medrano, lacerating her lip, deputies said.

Reports said deputies apprehended an unresponsive Medrano and discovered she had a preliminary breath test reading of 0.168. She was transported to the UIHC emergency room.

— by Brian Albert

### 'Butter Cow Lady' dies

Norma "Duffy" Lyon, whose life-size butter sculptures of cows, Elvis, and even Jesus and his disciples delighted those attending the Iowa State Fair for nearly half a century, has died. She was 81.

Lyon suffered a stroke at her rural home Sunday and died shortly after at a hospital, Michelle Juhl, one of Lyon's nine children, said on Monday.

Known to most people as the "Butter Cow Lady," Lyon was pregnant with her seventh child when she produced her first bovine butter sculpture, a 600-pound cow, for the Iowa State

Fair in 1959.

The rural Toledo housewife went on to sculpt a butter cow every year until she retired in 2006; along the way, she also sculpted the likes of Garth Brooks, a Harley-Davidson motorcycle, Smokey Bear and other images in her 40-degree refrigerated showcase at the fair.

She picked up her penchant for sculpting while earning a veterinary-science degree at Iowa State University and helping her husband with the family dairy and beef cattle operation. In the midst of her animal medicine and mammalian anatomy classes, Lyon took two sculpting classes.

— Associated Press

## BLOTTER

Renee Faul, 40, Washington, Iowa, was charged June 25 with fifth-degree theft.

Sarah Neuland, 19, La Grange, Ill., was charged Sunday with PAULA. Brenna Schillinger, 19, Western Springs, Ill., was charged Sunday

with PAULA.

Brook Tewabe, 19, 16 Remote St., was charged June 25 with OWI.

Shyandra Wortham, 23, Washington, Iowa, was charged Sunday with public intoxication and possession of marijuana.

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ily zones as well as making properties more affordable for owners.

McCallum, 50, who is running for an at-large seat, previously put in a bid during the 2009 election, and he was the campaign coordinator for former University of Iowa student Dan Tallon's run this year.

"My decision to run didn't come until recently," McCallum said. "I plan on helping Tallon's campaign, because we are not running against each other, to the

extent that is allowed, and hopefully, he will be able to do likewise."

In the 2009 election, McCallum ran for the District B seat, but lost to City Councilor Connie Champion, 51 percent to 47 percent of the vote.

This time around, McCallum said, his major focuses will be diversifying downtown housing options and ensuring vendors do not lose their spot on Melrose Avenue during game-day festivities.

"We need zoning codes to encourage smaller style apartments," he said. "The zoning that is in place leads

to these large apartment buildings with units that hold numerous tenants. You don't see many one- to two-bedroom apartments being available."

City Councilor Regenia Bailey, who will not seek re-election for District C, said many of the issues McCallum is concerned about are being discussed on the council.

"Expanding the tax base is something this current council is working on and the people of Iowa City are focused on," Bailey said.

McCallum also wants to place a focus on supporting Iowa City's historical socie-

ty by introducing Tax Increment Financing on houses or buildings in the historic district, adding such a practice would help raise the property value of surrounding Iowa City areas.

McCallum said he believes that "this will encourage people to keep up their house or local historical area," with the idea that it will benefit the property value of everyone in the community.

Josh Ecklow, 25, who is also running for an at-large seat, said McCallum is focusing on important issues, and said he not anticipate any disagree-

ment between himself and the candidate. Instead, Ecklow said he's most concerned with getting people involved in the race.

"I am trying to get more people to run and be involved with the politics that affect them," Ecklow said. "In the end, it's neighbors running against each other, with the most important issue being that they care about Iowa City and its residents."

McCallum expressed similar feelings for the city in his press release.

"I love and care deeply for our city and will do what I can to keep Iowa City a great place to live," he said. "We need leader-

**Mark McCallum**

**McCallum announces his decision to run for a City Council at-large seat:**

- Ran for and lost the District B seat in 2009 election
- Believes that the availability of smaller apartments needs to improve
- Focused on preserving historical sites and buildings
- 24-year resident of Iowa City

ship that can focus on expanding our tax base while at the same time maintaining the city's uniqueness."

**DELEGATES**

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who doesn't want to undercut Obama, or a democrat with a small 'D' who's just pissed, you can do this," said Ed Flaherty, an Iowa City resident with Veterans for Peace who attended the meeting.

More specifically, Cox said, the uncommitted delegates will be committed to the passage of health-care coverage for all Americans during the next president's term in office, as well as the withdrawal of all American forces from Afghanistan within the first year of the next president's term in office — as opposed to Obama's plan of complete withdrawal by 2014.

And though one expert said caucus campaigns such as Health Care Not Warfare are common when there is an incumbent candidate and may draw attention to specific

hot topic issues, he noted that they rarely have a large effect on the caucuses.

"It would be difficult to express opposition to Obama," said David Redlawsk, an Iowa caucus expert and political-science professor at Rutgers University. "The uncommitted delegates have to have more than 15 percent of the caucus, and it can be hard when you need 15 percent to do anything."

Redlawsk noted that a similar campaign was formed in 1996 during former President Bill Clinton's re-election campaign, but it didn't have an effect on the caucus process. He said such a campaign likely wouldn't have an effect statewide.

Cox attributed the failure of such a group during Clinton's re-election to a lack of communication and press attention, and he knows the group will not produce a candidate who can defeat Obama in the nomination process. Instead, he wants

**Health Care Not Warfare**

**The group hopes to persuade Obama to focus on the values of ending the Afghanistan war more quickly and passing national health care.**

**Stances:**

- Passage of national health insurance for all Americans during the next president's term
- Withdrawal of all American forces from Afghanistan within the first year of the next president's term in office

Source: UI history Professor Jeff Cox

the group's voice to be heard.

"The second-best speech Martin Luther King ever gave was called 'A Time to Break the Silence,'" Cox said. "King said sometimes you just have to speak out no matter what loyalty you have to the president. I feel the same way — we just can't follow this path anymore."

**WORLD**

**Bangladeshi border guards sentenced to prison**

DHAKA, Bangladesh — Hundreds of Bangladeshi border guards who challenged the government in a deadly 2009 mutiny have been sentenced to up to seven years in prison.

The bloody mutiny — which killed 74 people, most of them commanding officers — erupted at a crucial time for Bangladesh's troubled democracy, just two months after the powerful military had handed power over to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's newly elected government.

The guards began the revolt in late February 2009 during an annual gathering in the capital of Dhaka. They said they were fighting against alleged discrimination and demanding parity in pay and other perks enjoyed by commanding army officers.

The mutineers opened fire, blocked roads, and drove officers out of their offices and homes. Fifty-seven commanders, including the head of the paramilitary border-security agency, were among the dead.

The uprising quickly spread across the impoverished country, which has struggled for decades with shaky democracy and chronic flooding that has stymied economic development.

— Associated Press

**Sudan leader arrives in Beijing after flight mix-up**

BEIJING — Sudan's president arrived in Beijing for talks with Chinese officials on Tuesday, a day after his plane was forced to turn back over Turkmenistan because of flight-itinerary problems.

China is a major economic partner of Sudan, and Beijing extended the invitation to President Omar al-Bashir despite an international warrant accusing him of war crimes.

Sudan's Foreign Ministry said al-Bashir's flight from the Iranian capital Tehran was delayed. The delay forced the rescheduling of a meeting with Chinese President Hu Jintao.

The reasons the plane had been redirected were not fully

explained, but apparently there was confusion over the flight plan.

Sudan's Foreign Ministry said in a statement carried by the official Sudan News Agency that al-Bashir's plane had been instructed to change its route while flying over Turkmenistan but was unable to do so, and instead returned to Tehran.

The website of the France-based *Sudan Tribune* cited unnamed sources as saying the presidential plane's flight path was abandoned after it was "deemed risky" but didn't elaborate.

Chinese Foreign Ministry official Guan Enxia said al-Bashir's meetings with Hu and other Chinese leaders had been pushed to Wednesday.

Al-Bashir is wanted by the International Criminal Court for allegedly orchestrating atrocities in Sudan's Darfur region on the first such warrant against a sitting head of state.

The Netherlands-based court has no police force and relies on member states to execute its orders and warrants. China is not a member.

— Associated Press

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## Editorial

## Should e-mails to Hamerlinck fall under open-record law?

## Yes

Legislators can't be accountable to the people if the people don't know what they are doing.

The Iowa Senate should grant public-record requests of correspondence to and from state legislators' government e-mail addresses. Following Sen. Shawn Hamerlinck's indecorous comments to student lobbyists on June 6, the senator received more than 1,000 e-mails. When *The Daily Iowan* requested these e-mails, the request was denied; the Senate secretary justified the action by stating he wished to avoid a chilling effect on constituent communication with representatives.

I can imagine situations in which constituents would like to e-mail their representative with questions about a personal matter that they might not want to share with the general public. I certainly don't want citizens to be discouraged from communicating with their elected officials, but I also don't want private citizens influencing elected officials through their government e-mail addresses, away from the eyes of the public.

Sure, I don't think citizens should be forced to reveal personal information. This concern could be solved by redacting inconsequential personal information in e-mails (although allowing the government to do that could lead to censorship under the auspices of protecting a private citizen — but efforts to mitigate this could be made.)

I am even more uncomfortable with the possibility that conversations between citizens and government officials will not be subject to public scrutiny. Iowans should be allowed to see how representatives are using their positions and their taxpayer-funded e-mail accounts.

Information about representatives' actions is necessary to allow for the true consent of the governed. The people of Iowa have a right to see correspondances with their officials, and Hamerlinck's e-mails should fall under the purview of open records laws.

— Will Mattessich

## No

Public officials are, of their own volition, public figures. When they willfully make statements that later backfire — for instance, telling students the political "circus" is only for legislators and to "Go back home," as state Sen. Shawn Hamerlinck did so eloquently on June 6 — these public officials will naturally incur a public backlash.

But the private citizens who e-mailed Hamerlinck, either during the concerted e-mail campaign of outrage on June 17 or to congratulate him for his gusto, likely never anticipated their e-mails would be leaked. Despite a public-record request filed by *The Daily Iowan* to obtain the more than 1,000 e-mails sent to Hamerlinck during this period, the request was denied.

Exactly as it should have been. (Though my e-mail to the senator was largely composed of unfortunate statistics about Iowa's education funding, I imagine many others who sent messages did not consider that their words would reach the media.)

For this construction of privacy, we have the 1966 *Rosenblatt v. Baer* decision to thank (not to mention a slew of similar cases since 1964). This Supreme Court ruling built on the precedent of "public" versus "private," in that public officials who willingly take office and make themselves known are subject to a fair amount of scrutiny. While Hamerlinck expressed his views openly on the floor of the Statehouse, in front of the press and the student lobbyists alike, the concerned citizens e-mailing to rebuke him are doing and did so under the assumption of privacy.

When government business is discussed or communicated between two public officials are requested, there is no reason a records request should not be granted. The same goes for public institutions lobbying our state legislators or for e-mails between governmental agencies. But it is rare enough that private citizens e-mail their legislators — so when they do, they should not have to fear future public disclosure when addressing government representatives however they so choose.

— Kirsten Jacobsen

Your turn. Should the Iowa Senate release the e-mails sent to Sen. Shawn Hamerlinck? Weigh in at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

## Letters

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## Editorial Board took correct position on property taxes

The June 24 editorial was right on. My compliments to the staff.

It would be great if you could send it to the major newspapers around the state. We need to really spread the word that small Iowa businesses and the people of Iowa need to be taken care of first and not the large corporations.

Jill Stephenson  
Iowa City

## Don't forget Lewin e-mail scandal

I'm curious about what the University of Iowa has done regarding Professor Ellen Lewin, who told the College Republicans "FUCK YOU." I haven't seen anything in *The*

*Daily Iowan* or other local newspapers.

Has this been swept under the academic rug? I believe Lewin should have been fired. Did I miss the result of the "investigation" — and I use that term loosely?

John Cochran  
Iowa City

## Guest opinion

## House bills falsely accuse Turkey of genocide

U.S. House Resolution 304, sponsored by Reps. Robert Dold, R-Ill., and Adam Schiff, D-Calif., and HR 306, sponsored by Reps. Howard Berman, D-Calif., and Edward Royce, R-Calif., were introduced earlier this month. These resolutions accuse Turkey of the crime of genocide against Armenians during World War I and the destruction of the Christian heritage of ancient and modern Turkey as a form of genocide against Christians.

To date, there have been 12 resolutions regarding the Armenian case. Six have failed because they characterized the events of 1915 as

genocide. The six that succeeded did not characterize the events as a crime. Whether the Ottoman Armenian tragedy constitutes a case of genocide is genuinely controversial.

Furthermore, it is U.S. policy not to define the Armenian case in terms of a crime but to encourage its foreign allies, Turkey and Armenia, to reach their own conclusion via the Turkey-Armenia Protocols, which the EU and Russia also support.

HR 306 is an allegation of genocide, disguised as charges that Turkey is destroying its ancient and modern Christian heritage as a part of an

"intentional destruction" of Turkey's Christian populations.

Turkish policy is to prevent or redress any violation of religious rights by accepting the absolute jurisdiction of the European Court of Human Rights. Turkish policy is also to rehabilitate and place into public service as many religious sites as is feasible.

In a country that offers more than 10,000 years of human history and even greater numbers of sacred sites, the task of restoring, protecting, and placing into public service this rich cultural heritage is expensive, time-consuming, and delicate work, and rarely assisted

by others. Turkey has taken the following actions:

- In 2005, Turkey and the Landmarks Foundation restored the Akhtamar Church in Van; five years later, the Armenian church commenced services.
  - Turkey and the Landmarks Foundation is restoring the Balyan Church in Istanbul.
  - Turkey independently is restoring the Holy Savior Cathedral in Ani.
  - In 2010, the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate in Istanbul commenced services in the Sumela Monastery in Trabzon, and thousands of worshippers attended.
- People of Turkish her-

itage have a tradition of protecting and accepting refugees of religious persecution, including the Armenians during Byzantine times, Jews during the European Inquisitions, Jews during the Holocaust, Bulgarian Turks in the 1980s, and Bosnians in the 1990s. Today, the Jewish population of Turkey is the second largest in the former Ottoman lands, Israel having the highest. There are 19 synagogues in Istanbul alone.

The frequency, gross inaccuracies, and derogatory tone of resolutions such as HR 304 and HR 306 reflect an anti-Turkish and anti-Muslim prejudice and create a dan-

gerous atmosphere of hatred directed at Americans of Turkish heritage. These resolutions deny people of Turkish and Muslim heritage fairness and justice, because they place the House, a politically motivated body, in the seat of an arbiter of ethnic disputes. Furthermore, these resolutions harm U.S. interests in an increasingly complex region by harming U.S.-Turkish relations.

Please provide no quarter to these misleading resolutions, to ethnic feuds on Capitol Hill, and to bigotry and hatred cloaked as human-rights resolutions.

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## Bachmann overdrive



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Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn., in announcing her "official" entry into the Republican presidential-nomination scrum in Waterloo Monday, stressed (and stressed and stressed and ... well, you get the idea) her Iowa roots.

You can only marvel at her effort. Applaud her, even. (Bet you never expected those words from me about Michele Bachmann.)

I mean, it's quite the trick for a politician to cling to her Iowa roots when she hasn't lived in the state for 43 years.

But cling she did, telling the crowd in her birthplace (yes, it's true: She was born in Waterloo) how sad, sad, sad she was when she was 12 and her mother told her the family was going to move to Minnesota.

I wonder how that plays in her Minnesota Congressional District (the 6th, if you're keeping score at home, not that many do when the Internet can do it for you).

Bachmann also told the crowd in Waterloo, "Everything I need to know I learned in Iowa."

Well, OK; I'm most likely not going to agree with any of Bachmann's policies — not that she detailed any in her Waterloo speech, outside of noting she stood for halting runaway government spending and creating jobs. Well, duh — President Obama would agree wholeheartedly with that. (They no doubt disagree with what exactly constitutes runaway government spending.)

But — do we really want a president who learned everything she needed to know by the time she was 12? I mean, come on. What did she do in the ensuing 43 years? Learn nothing?

Brings a whole new meaning to You go, girl.

Bachmann was recently the subject of a scathing piece in *Rolling Stone* by Matt Taibbi — described as a "hit piece" by both John Hudson of the Atlantic Wire and Abe Sauer of *The Awl*. Having read the piece, I'd have to agree that the prose is well over the top:

"The public has become acquainted with some of Bachmann's other excellent qualities as a politician — her TV-ready

looks, her easy confidence in public speaking, her quick command of a mountainous database of (frequently bogus) facts — but often overlooked is her greatest quality, the gigantic set of burnished titanium Terminator-testicles swinging under her skirt."

The other problem with Taibbi's piece is that, as Hudson, Sauer, and many others have pointed out, Taibbi, if not committing plagiarism, certainly walked a fine line. Much of his information — Taibbi never actually went to Minnesota — seems to have come from a 2006 *City Pages* profile of Bachmann by G.R. Anderson and some Minnesota blogs, including the wonderful *Ripple* in Stillwater by Karl Bremer. Bremer points out that Taibbi's characterization of Stillwater is so off that he doesn't realize Bachmann never carried her own precinct until she moved to a more conservative township.

Sauer goes line by line through some of Taibbi's piece and compares it with the *City Pages* article, and, yep, it's right there. Sauer does point out that *Rolling Stone's* executive editor takes the blame for the lack of attribution, which he cut because of space constraints. But as Bremer writes, "Really? Space constraints in an online article? Does this guy think we just rolled off the rutabaga truck?"

Having read both the *Rolling Stone* article and the *City Pages* article, I'd recommend the *City Pages* article, even though, having come out in 2006, it doesn't have any of the latest Bachmann bits. Anderson's piece, for one, is illuminating, not a hatchet job.

And the thing is, you don't have to do a hatchet job on Michele Bachmann. All you have to do is quote her and her local Republicans.

From *City Pages*: "At the end of the day, her politics are like this: Everyone will have a gun, nobody will have an abortion, no one will pay taxes, everyone will go to church, and there won't be any more pinko liberal teachers in school." — quoting Gary Laidig, the Republican state senator she beat in 2000.

Well. Sounds like America the Beautiful to me. ■

# Quality education a must, hopeful says

Phil Hemingway says his platform will focus on transparency and reducing unnecessary spending.

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Phil Hemingway envisions a community of collaboration and honesty, he said before a small audience at the Iowa City Public Library Monday.

The candidate for the Iowa City School Board held his first of what he said will be many listening posts, outlining the foundations of his platform, which included transparency in spending, the reduction of unnecessary expenses, and the preservation of quality education programs for the city's youth.

"The most vital and important thing is to have competent, educated, highly motivated teachers in front of our kids," said the auto shop owner. "That's where the rubber meets the road. That's my stand."

Hemingway, a 51-year-old West Branch native who has a daughter attending a school in the Iowa City School District, expressed his displeasure about several recent School Board budget decisions, including the purchase of a \$154,000 garbage truck, and plans regarding the construction of an \$85,000 car wash.

"Sometimes, it's OK to have second-class equipment for whatever department," he said, adding he believes the money could have been better used by purchasing smart boards or upgrading school computers. "But it's never OK to give a second-class education to kids. Work with what you have, and don't sacrifice what's actually the most important thing."

Hemingway's second concern was improving transparency between the board and constituents. Taxpayers, parents, and students all have a right to



Phil Hemingway, who plans to run for a School Board seat, and daughter Monica talk to members of the public in the Iowa City Public Library on Monday.

GABRIELLE ELIASON/THE DAILY IOWAN

## Phil Hemingway's Platform

The Iowa City School Board hopeful said he plans to address these points:

- Encourage community discussion
- Reduce unnecessary spending
- Diminish voter apathy
- Promote financial transparency
- Continue to provide kids with quality education

know how cash is allotted, he said.

"People can really only make informed decisions when they have enough information," Hemingway said. "Money will be the dominant issue going forward, so I think people should know where it's

going and how it will or won't directly affect them."

He has been an active voice at School Board meetings over the past year and a half, as the board has dealt with issues concerning redistricting, asbestos screening, and lead exposure.

One attendee at the listening post, Brent DeNeice, a teacher at City High, 1900 Morningside Drive, raised the idea of "super" elementary schools as a fix for redistricting issues.

"People had a big problem with redistricting messing up their routines and their transportation schedules," DeNeice said. "If one of these huge elementary schools were to be made, would it be for new areas or would it include such schools as Twain, Lucas, and Hoover?"

Hemingway responded saying he was "not a fan of the 'bigger is better' way of thinking," and in his experience small schools were better.

Another attendee, Hani Elkadi, an art instructor at Kirkwood Community College, asked Hemingway about special educa-

tion, voter apathy, and the feasibility of magnet schools.

"Every single year, the number of special-needs children in our schools rises," Elkadi said. "You can either have special programs for these kids, or you can integrate them into normal classes."

A one-size-fits-all mentality for Iowa City schools, Hemingway said, won't work because some will need special attention

"But I think there are huge benefits to integrating everyone and letting the students help each other," he said.

## METRO

### Polish priest's remarks draw fire

WARSAW, Poland — A Polish priest and media mogul has sparked uproar in Poland by calling the country a totalitarian state that "hasn't been ruled by Poles since 1939" — a statement many interpret as code for saying Jews are secretly running the country.

The Rev. Tadeusz Rydzyk, who has previously been accused of fomenting anti-Semitism through his politically influential, ultra-Catholic radio station Radio Maryja, made the comments at the European Parliament last week.

Poland's Foreign Ministry sent a diplomatic note to the Vatican on June 25 accusing Rydzyk of "harming the image of Poland abroad," the first-ever such complaint by the Polish government to the Holy See. The Vatican is the supreme authority for Rydzyk's Redemptorist order.

Vatican spokesman the Rev. Federico Lombardi told Polish news agency PAP on Monday that Rydzyk speaks in his own name and his statements do not involve the Holy See or Poland's Church.

He did not say if the Vatican

will offer a formal reply, according to PAP.

Jerzy Buzek, the head of the EU Parliament and former prime minister of Poland, has called Rydzyk's remarks "scandalous and unacceptable."

Rydzyk spoke during a seminar on renewable energy last Tuesday. His remarks went largely unnoticed in Brussels but have since sparked days of debate in Poland, with weekend talk shows and newspaper opinion columns devoted to analyzing the powerful priest's words.

— Associated Press

### Nets' owner head of new Russian political party

MOSCOW — Russian tycoon and New Jersey Net basketball team owner Mikhail Prokhorov was confirmed June 25 as the new head of a Kremlin-friendly political party.

The 46-year-old billionaire was all but unanimously elected head of the Right Cause party by its members.

Right Cause is seen as a Kremlin creation designed to lure opposition-minded, pro-business

voters, while building an illusion of competition with the ruling United Russia party ahead December's parliamentary elections.

Prokhorov said last month he was targeting second place in that vote.

President Dmitry Medvedev said on Monday that Russia needs more political competition, but the Justice Ministry made a mockery of that only days later when it denied registration to a real opposition party.

Addressing party members on June 25, Prokhorov underlined that Right Cause would focus on building a viable capitalism in Russia, but — perhaps wary of alienating older voters accustomed to state support — he added socialism still had its place in Russian society.

"Our main slogan, 'Capitalism for all,' is not true. That's not possible," Prokhorov said. "Capitalism is only for people who like to take risks, who like to take this responsibility upon themselves. An intelligent, professional, and fair state should give others social guarantees and support."

— Associated Press

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### Know your Ledge author:

• Ironically, every time I hear "ennui" I giggle because I think "Ennwweeeee" — like I'm going down a slide of perpetual discontent and general malaise.

• I've always thought *The Aristocats* was a movie version of "The Aristocrats joke" but with vile, disgusting things done by and to cats, like some sort of sick feline snuff film. I refuse to believe it is anything else and will never watch it.

• When I was a kid and went to Sunday school and sang "Jesus Loves Me," I always thought the part that goes "little ones to him belong, they are weak but He is strong" was actually "Little wants to him be long, they are weak but he is strong." As in, there was this dude named "Little" who, appropriately, was pretty small, and he just wanted to be bigger, longer. Then, through the healing, long-making power of Jesus Christ, he got his wish, and now everyone else is weak and he is strong and will smash all to smithereens with Jesus' awesome love. Unfortunately for my parents, I think that might have been the last time I found catechism even the slightest bit interesting.

• I've never seen *The Human Centipede*, but I know that I will probably hate it because the doctor goes about it all wrong. He tries to connect people through only their digestive tracts, but you'd have to connect ALL the organ systems for it to really work. I think the better way to go about centipedification would be to take a torso and head of one person, then splice-in the torso and arms of several other people, then connect one pair of legs at the end. Kind of like what Frankenstein did with his monster, but as a centipede. And, yes, I have thought A LOT about this.

— Andrew R. Juhl thanks Matt Gorman for contributing jokes to today's Ledge.

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## SAUNTER CITY



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**Amber Arthur and her dog Akira go for a walk on Monday near Hubbard Park. The nice weather on Monday let the two go for a walk.**

**m.c. ginsberg**  
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## UITV schedule

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- 3 p.m. University Lecture Committee, Harry Allen, April 2009
- 4 University Lecture Committee, Inga Muscio, February 2009
- 5 University Lecture Committee, E.O. Wilson, February 2009
- 6 Order of Eagles New Facility Naming Ceremony, April 1
- 7 Women at Iowa, interview with artist Isabel Baruzza
- 8 University Lecture Committee, Naomi Klein, February 2009
- 9:15 The Solomon Project, series of short films by UITV staff
- 9:30 Daily Iowan Television News
- 9:35 University Lecture Committee, Paul Krugman, March 2009
- 10:50 Fine Arts Highlights, Music and Dance
- 11 Women at Iowa

## horoscopes Tuesday, June 28, 2011

— by Eugenia Last

**ARIES** March 21-April 19 You'll be anxious to make changes that can help you engage in new hobbies, pastimes, and financial gains. Take past experience to heart, especially when dealing with people who can influence your status.

**TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Practical is the key word. If you are reasonable, you will prosper. It's important that you contemplate the dos and don'ts before you take a step forward. Someone is likely to give you false information if you appear gullible.

**GEMINI** May 21-June 20 The less you let others know about your plans, the easier it will be to accomplish your goals. You will need to make some alterations along the way and should try to think as far ahead as possible. Don't limit the possibilities by wasting time.

**CANCER** June 21-July 22 You'll have trouble making up your mind, and when you do, you will still wonder if you are doing the right thing. As long as you stick to the rules and are honest in your approach, everything will work out fine.

**LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 You'll be given the benefit of a doubt when dealing with organizations or groups you join. Offering your help and suggestions will enable you to bring about much-needed change, putting you in a leadership position. Love is in the stars.

**VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Concentrate on what you can learn from the experiences you encounter. Don't let anyone get the better of you professionally or take advantage of your skills, talent, or ability to get things done. Protect your assets and your status.

**LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 You are in control whether you realize it or not, so stop second-guessing, and start putting your plans into motion. Talks will lead to deals and getting the help you need to follow through. Romance is highlighted.

**SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 You really need a break, a change, a bit of a boost. Take the initiative, and look into something that interests you. Attending a seminar or networking with people you can learn from should be your intent.

**SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You'll be able to make headway with regard to business and partnerships. Don't be afraid to put a deal on the table that is a little in your favor. You have the confidence and the experience to take on greater responsibilities and therefore to get a higher return.

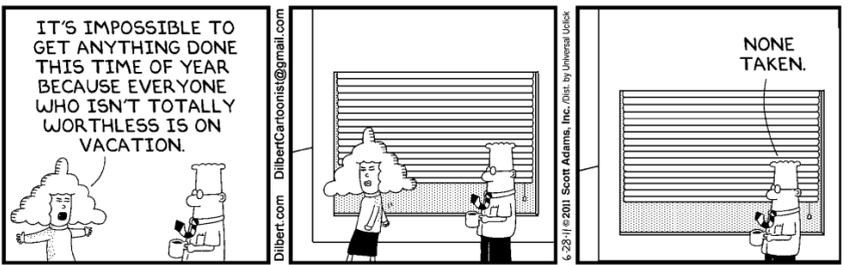
**CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Put greater emphasis on learning and finding out all you can about a project or skill you want to pursue. You'll learn quickly. Take your time while traveling or taking part in anything that could result in injury.

**AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Time spent on improvements that affect you personally or that will improve your assets should be your goal. You can stabilize your life in many aspects by making a commitment that secures your position. Love is in the stars.

**PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Keep your feet on the ground, and refuse to let anyone goad you into an argument you cannot win. Use your head, and pick the most practical path. This is no time to take a risk or to let your productivity be hampered by emotions.

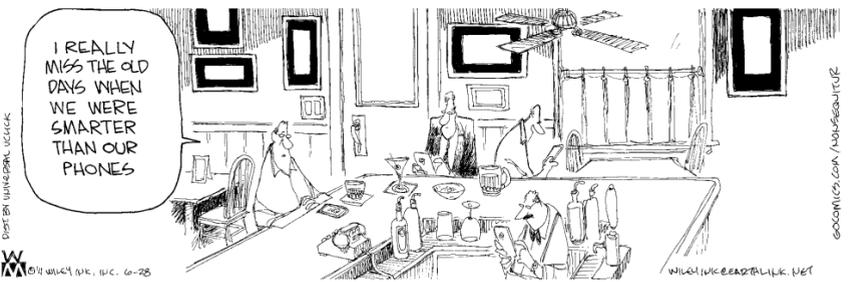
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by Scott Adams



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## Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



## today's events

- **Bicyclists of Iowa City Tuesday Morning Ride**, 9 a.m., Weber Elementary School, 3850 Rohret Road
- **Design Your Own Bean Bag Game**, 9 a.m., Home Ec. Workshop, 207 N. Linn
- **Tot Time**, 9 a.m., Scanlon Gymnasium, 2701 Bradford
- **Summer Playgrounds**, 9:30 a.m., Creekside Park
- **Summer Playgrounds**, 9:30 a.m., Fairmeadows Park
- **Summer Playgrounds**, 9:30 a.m., Willow Creek Park
- **Kids Rule Summer Film Series**, 10 a.m., Sycamore 12
- **Tech Help Tuesdays**, 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Toddler Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **The Eleventh Hour Writing Discussion**, 11 a.m., Biology Building East, 210 E. Iowa Ave.
- **Summer Playgrounds**, 1

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- p.m., Wetherby Park
- **Cupcake Wars**, 2 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Farmers' Market**, 3 p.m., Sycamore Mall
- **Library-Community Writing Center**, 4 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Garden Party**, 5 p.m., Decorum & Modela, 323 E. Market
- **Tasting is Believing**, 5 p.m., Hy-Vee, 1720 Waterfront
- **Stained Wine Club**, 6 p.m., The Mansion, 538 S. Gilbert
- **"Live from Prairie Lights," Jessica O'Dwyer, nonfiction**, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15. S. Dubuque
- **Iowa Summer Rep, The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds**, 8 p.m., Theatre Building Thayer Theatre
- **13 Assassins**, 8 p.m., Bijou
- **Dance Party**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

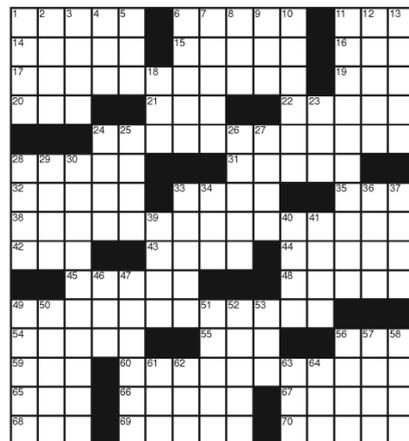
## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0524

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  - 6 Complimentary close
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  - 14 Nitrous \_\_\_
  - 15 Seaweed, e.g.
  - 16 Letters on letters to soldiers
  - 17 Tell partners?
  - 19 Indent key
  - 20 Clairvoyance, briefly
  - 21 Brouhaha
  - 22 Dead: Prefix
  - 24 High partners?
  - 28 Beginning of Caesar's boast
  - 31 Danny of the Celtics
  - 32 Gangster Bugs
  - 33 Munster Mr.
  - 35 \_\_\_la-la
- Down**
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  - 42 Chance to speak
  - 43 Chief
  - 44 Eat away at
  - 45 Straight: Prefix
  - 48 Judges' wear
  - 49 Go partners?
  - 54 Arm bones
  - 55 Second letter after epsilon
  - 56 Artist Hirschfeld and namesakes
  - 59 Grippe
  - 60 Shine partners?
  - 65 Lead-in for mouse or willow
  - 66 Bewail
  - 67 Foe
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### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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# Iowa braces for 'beetle-mania'

Iowa farmers say Japanese Beetles are a 'terrible problem.'

By BRITTANY TREVICK  
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Chris Harmeyer didn't spray his vineyard with insecticide for two days. The next thing he knew, Japanese beetles had wiped-out two of his seven acres.

That was two years ago, but Harmeyer, the owner of White Oak Vineyards in Cambridge, Iowa, said Japanese beetles continue to be a problem for him today.

And these beetles are no Fab Four from England.

"They are the most tenacious bug I have ever been around, outside of wasps," Harmeyer said.

Currently, the beetle is found in 52 of Iowa's 99 counties, the majority of them in eastern Iowa, said Iowa State University entomology Professor Donald Lewis. The area includes Johnson County.

Lewis said the pest becomes present in June, lasting until August and then its grubs remain in the ground from August until the following June.

"It's a growing problem," said Patrick O'Malley, an Iowa State Extension commercial horticulture field specialist. "They've been in Iowa City for 10 years, and

## Japanese Beetles:

The insects typically cause problem from June through August.

- Affect 52 of Iowa's 99 counties
- Have been present in Iowa for 17 years
- Cause scarring on fruits and chewing damage on leaves and flowers
- Emerge daily for several weeks

Source: Horticulture and Home Pest News-Iowa State University Extension



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Beetles cover leaves at the winery at Kirkwood Community College.

every year, we've seen a little bit more of them."

Lewis said the insect hasn't populated the entire state yet because they move slowly, but he expects them to cover the whole state in about a decade or so. The insects are big problem in Johnson County.

Charlie Caldwell, the owner of Black Squirrel Vineyard & Winery, located near Council Bluffs, said the beetles haven't hit him as hard on his western Iowa farm, but he's starting to see more and more, which is typical of an infestation.

"Sunny day, you go out there, you shake the bush, and if you hear this

freight train go off, that's a Japanese beetle," he said.

The beetle feeds on the flowers and fruit of more than 300 different kinds of plants. It enjoys linden trees and roses and especially grape leaves and raspberries.

Iowa State Extension viticulture specialist Mike White said that of the 400 commercial vineyards in the state, rough-

ly 30 will contact him regarding the beetle.

"[The beetle] is a potential for some," he said. "It's a crisis for others when the population gets really high."

Harmeyer said he saw the first signs of the beetles last week, and he hasn't sprayed for them yet, but he will soon.

"When they start showing up, you have to be prepared for them," he said.

Harmeyer said for him, the most effective means of killing the bug are pesticides — Sevin being his choice.

Tom Moore, a viticulture technician at the Winery at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, is expecting millions of Japanese beetles to invade his vineyard this year, and he, too, uses Sevin.

"If you don't do some-

thing about them with the pesticide, then they will completely eat your vineyard," he said.

Without these preventative measures, the Japanese beetles would eat all of the leaves off of a vineyard, Harmeyer said.

"They create a lot of havoc, in more ways than one," he said.

## NATION

### Romney accuses Obama of jeopardizing jobs

NEW YORK—Republican presidential-nomination candidate Mitt Romney accused the Obama administration on Monday of jeopardizing the very manufacturing jobs the Democratic president plans to promote when he visits an aluminum plant in Iowa.

Romney, the former governor of Massachusetts, said a

lawsuit filed by the National Labor Relations Board against Boeing could stifle jobs at Alcoa in Iowa, which provides materials for the airline manufacturer's 787 Dreamliner.

"This Boeing decision in South Carolina sent shockwaves across the nation and, if allowed to stand, will result in American job losses, and I think you can be sure there will be some losses in Iowa as well as other states," Romney said in an Associated Press interview.

Obama plans to visit an Alcoa plant in Bettendorf today

to tout jobs the manufacturer has added in recent months. Company officials say Alcoa has added 240 full-time positions since December, and it has plans to fill roughly 60 more by August.

Alcoa spokesman Mike Belwood said the labor board's battle with Boeing over the South Carolina plant has not affected employment at Alcoa's eastern Iowa plants, which produce aluminum lithium plate used to make structural components of the Dreamliner.

— Associated Press

### Blagojevich convicted on most charges

CHICAGO — Rod Blagojevich, who won two terms as Illinois governor before scandal made him a national punch line, was convicted Monday of a wide range of corruption charges, including trying to sell President Obama's Senate seat.

The verdict, coming after his first trial ended last year with the jury deadlocked on most charges, was a bitter defeat for Blagojevich, who spent 2 1/2 years professing his innocence on reality TV shows

and later on the witness stand. His defense team insisted that hours of FBI wiretap recordings were just the ramblings of a politician who liked to think out loud.

Blagojevich becomes the second-straight Illinois governor convicted of corruption.

His predecessor, George

Ryan, is serving 6 1/2 years in federal prison.

When sentenced later this year, Blagojevich is virtually certain to get a significant prison term that experts said could be 10 to 15 years.

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PRIME TIME LEAGUE

RANKINGS

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6. Ready Mix/Vinton (1-2)

The Prime Time is an offense-oriented league, and it's fairly common for a team to score 90 points in a

game and still lose. Ready Mix/Vinton hasn't helped itself by scoring just 78 points in each of its last two games, dropping its season average to a league-worst 84 points per contest. The ray of hope is that the team has posted the league's best defensive numbers thus far, although the 82.7 points per game is skewed by its 96-65 win

over a Falbo's squad missing its best two players in the first week of the season.

Player of the Week: Anthony Hubbard

Hubbard has done a little bit of everything in his first three Prime Time games. The 26-year-old Hawkeye has averaged 21 points, 13 rebounds, and 6

assists, and missed a triple-double on Sunday by just one helper.

The only knocks against Hubbard thus far have been a couple missed dunks and a 68 percent free-throw rate.

The D/s Prime Time rankings will be published every Tuesday. Teams are ranked by overall record, and tiebreakers are decided by record over the past two games.

FOOTBALL

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his belt. The No. 1 quarterback this year, James Vandenberg, has started two games, and he threw just eight passes last season.

The most experience on the offense is among the receivers, but even the tal-

ented Marvin McNutt and Keenan Davis haven't been exposed as No. 1 and No. 2 targets, respectively — and Davis has never started.

"The young guys who are playing ... these are not seasoned veterans. These are guys that are still learning what to do," O'Keefe said before the team's spring game in April. "In my opinion,

you're not successful unless that unit, team, [and] player is doing everything that they potentially are capable of doing."

The only thing the team can do, then, is follow Coker's example and approach the game with a nose-to-the-grindstone mentality.

And while looking to Coker as a leader might

seem like a lot of pressure for a 19-year-old sophomore, the tailback said he's not bothered by the added responsibility.

"The way I deal with stress, I just don't think about it," he said. "I look at [the work] as being fun. You come out and work every day, you're tired when you leave, and it feels good."

WORLD CUP

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This squad has the experience and talent to prove worthy of such a ranking.

The team stumbled on the way to Germany, losing to Mexico in the qualifying tournament and barely getting by Italy, but Sundhage is confident those two scares have prepared the squad in ways practice can't.

"The loss against Mexico and the playoff against Italy were a real eye-opener; we realized that we're not unbeatable," Sundhage told FIFA.com. "Now, my girls are aware of the danger."

This year's squad has several players who have played on a major global stage. Goalkeeper Hope Solo, defender Christie Rampone, and 10 other members of the roster were members of the 2008 U.S. women's team that won a gold medal at the Beijing Olympics.

Abby Wambach, who will play in her third World Cup this year, will lead the charge on offense. The forward has scored 107 goals in 138 international appearances during her career.

The team's other achievements include winning three of the past four Algarve Cups, arguably the most important women's tournament after the World

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Cup and Olympics.

But that was in the past. If the Americans are going to advance, they're going to have to concern themselves with the here and now.

Moving beyond group play shouldn't be an issue. Sweden is the only other top-five ranked team in the group, and North Korea and Colombia shouldn't present much of a challenge. The top two teams from each group advance to the elimination stages, so the United States should find itself in the quarterfinals without breaking a sweat.

After that, the Americans will use the motivation of placing third at the last two World Cups to get them to the final, to be held in Frankfurt on July 17.

Don't be surprised if the United States hoists the trophy. Just be proud.

— by Ben Schuff

Semifinals

The United States has something to prove when it comes to soccer, and it's easy to see that American soccer teams just don't have the support or the spotlight that teams from other countries do.

The World Cup is a chance to change that. Starting with its first match (today,

against North Korea), the U.S. women's team is out to show the world that soccer is more than just a Saturday morning activity for the nation's children — but it's not likely that the squad will make it any further than the semifinals.

The United States is ranked first in the world by FIFA, and it has won two of the last five Women's World Cups. Those titles came in 1991 and 1999, though, and the women have a long ways to go this year.

The Americans' talent and drive to win should lead the team to victories over Sweden, Colombia, and North Korea (although it's possible that Kim Jong Il will report some fudged numbers about that game).

If the United States runs into any trouble at all in group play, it will likely come from No. 5 Sweden — but the top-two advance format of the first round means the Americans will almost certainly appear in the elimination

United States will meet host (and defending champion) Germany in the semifinals on July 13.

The Germans have both a superior roster and a huge home-field advantage. The latter makes the challenge of overcoming the former even more difficult for the Americans, and it's going to be Germany that prevents the Americans from going any further in the World Cup.

I hate to be the person who has no faith in his country's sports team, but the plain and simple fact is that the United States is going to be disappointed in a couple weeks.

Practically speaking, the American women will put up a fight in the World Cup, but eventually they'll meet the same fate the U.S. men did in their World

Cup last summer: They'll fall by the wayside after losing to a superior team with the home fans on its side. For the men, that team was Ghana; for the women, that country will be Germany.

The U.S. women will fall in the semifinals, and the rest of the soccer world will go about its World Cup business.

— by Conrad Swanson

CUBS 7, ROCKIES 3

Cubs dunk Rockies

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CHICAGO — This is how the Cubs drew it up in spring training — before the mistake-filled games, the injuries and all the losing.

Carlos Peña and Aramis Ramírez each homered twice to lead the Cubs to a 7-3 win over the Colorado Rockies on Monday.

Ramírez hit a two-run homer in the first, doubled and scored in the fifth, and homered again to lead off the seventh. It was his 24th career multi-homer game, and he was finally started to heat up after hitting just two homers in the season's first two months.

"I'm more comfortable," he said. "I'm driving the ball more, driving in some runs. It paid off, the kind of work I was doing."

Peña homered to lead off the fourth and added a two-run shot in the fifth for his 20th career multi-homer game. Peña and Ramírez each drove in three runs.

The long-ball barrage backed a strong outing by Cub starter Matt Garza (4-6), who threw 7 2/3 innings, allowing three runs on five hits. He struck out six and did not issue a walk.

"Attacking the zone, keeping my team in the ball game, that's what I'm supposed to do," Garza said. "I didn't want to come out, but [Cub manager Mike Quade] made the call. It was the right move; I was already at 110 pitches. As a starter, you want to go out and finish what you start."

Rockies' starter Jhoulys Chacin (8-5) struggled with his command and lost for the first time in four decisions, allowing season-highs with six runs, nine hits, three homers, and seven extra-base hits. He departed after throwing 107 pitches in five innings.

"Unfortunately, Jhoulys didn't have it today, and that happens once in a while," Colorado manager Jim Tracy said. "He couldn't get the ball down today, and he paid for it."

Carlos González homered twice for the Rockies, and Todd Helton added a run-scoring single.

"My first at-bat, it was a fastball away, and I tried to hit the ball away, and it just kept going," González said. "The second was a mistake on a changeup down and in."

González has 12 homers,

including a pair of two-homer games this season.

Chacin hadn't allowed more than one run in any of his four June starts, but he allowed two runs in the first inning on Monday, when Starlin Castro tripled off the ivy in center field with two outs and Ramírez homered to left-center on a 1-2 pitch.

After the Cubs squandered scoring chances in the second and third innings, Peña hammered a 3-1 pitch over the fence in dead-center to lead off the fourth frame.

Later in the inning, the Cubs loaded the bases on Geovany Soto's two-out double and back-to-back walks to Garza and Kosuke Fukudome. Chacin threw a wild pitch with Tony Campana at the plate, allowing Soto to score; that put the Cubs ahead 4-1.

Chicago broke the game open in the fifth. Ramírez doubled up the right-field line with one out. Peña then homered for the second time, giving the first baseman 16 homers, all since May 3 — the most in the National League over that span.

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## The prime of Prime Time



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Iowa's Bryce Cartwright looks for an open teammate during the first half of a Prime Time game on June 21 in North Liberty. Cartwright has played well in two games, but his team is 1-2 and earned a No. 6 ranking.

Anthony Hubbard leads his team to the No. 1 spot in the first Prime Time rankings of the summer.

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The Prime Time League is three games into its 25th season, and *The Daily Iowan* breaks down the action to produce the first edition of its weekly rankings.

### 1. Coach's Corner/Two Rivers (3-0)

On two occasions this summer, Coach's Corner/Two Rivers has been scheduled to play in the North Liberty Community Center's old gym.

On two occasions this summer, league Commissioner Randy Larson has been forced to move the games to the newer, bigger gym to accommodate the number of fans who flock to the facility to catch a glimpse of Anthony Hubbard.

The Iowa small forward with the famous background has been superb — and is a large reason Coach's Corner is No. 1 — but he has received plenty of help from a supporting cast made primarily of Northern Iowa players. Anthony James has scored 56 points in two games, Chris Olivier has been a steady presence in the paint, and Chip Rank is heating up from 3-point range; he has hit six of his last nine from behind the line.

### 2. Falbo's/Culver's (2-1)

What a difference two players can make.

Falbo's/Culver's didn't have Matt Gatens or Melsahn Basabe in the season-opener and stumbled out to a 31-point loss to an offensively challenged Ready Mix/Vinton squad. The pair has played in both the team's two games since then, though, and it's no coincidence that Falbo's went from scoring just 65 points in its first game to 96 and 112 points in its second and third.

### 3. Armstrong/Kroeger (1-2)

Armstrong/Kroeger coach Dan Ahrens wasn't happy with Iowa sophomore Zach McCabe when the Hawkeye showed up 45 minutes late for the team's season-opener. McCabe appears to be making amends, though. His production has increased in each of the past two games; his scoring jumped from 12 points in game two to 19 points in game three, the second-best on the team.

The squad had the bad luck of opening the season with the top two teams in the league, but it should be back over .500 next week after games against Monica's/Pelling and McCurry's/Gatens.

### 4. McCurry's/Gatens (1-2)

Through three games this summer, Eric May has looked like the player many thought he would be for the Hawkeyes last season. He's scoring (26.3 points per game), rebounding (5.0), and dishing out plenty of assists (5.0).

He hasn't had much help, though, and he'll need more consistent efforts from his supporting cast to have any chance to repeat as Prime Time champion.

### 5. Monica's/Pelling (1-2)

Monica's/Pelling has been a classic case of good but not good enough.

Offensively, the squad is one of the better teams in the league; its 99.7 points per game is second only to Coach's Corner at 100.3. Defensively, though, Monica's/Pelling is in the Prime Time cellar at 99 points per contest.

The 0.7-point difference simply isn't enough, as has been proven by two-straight close losses.

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### POINT/COUNTERPOINT

## How far will the U.S. go in World Cup?

### Finals

American soccer fans have every right to feel embarrassed and disillusioned after the U.S. men's team was humiliated by Mexico in the Gold Cup final last weekend.

Those feelings will soon disappear, though, as the American women work

their way through the World Cup.

The reason is simple: The USA will play in — and will probably win — the finals.

Led by head coach Pia Sundhage, the team enters the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup in Germany as the No. 1 team in the world.

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### Tickets for wrestling trials hit 4,000

The Iowa Athletics Department announced on Monday that approximately 4,000 tickets to the U.S. Olympic Wrestling trials have been purchased since they first went on sale on June 6.

The trials will be held in Carver-Hawkeye Arena in April 2012; they will decide which athletes will represent the United States at the 2012 Olympic Games in London. The arena, which will have completed a \$43 million renovation, seats 15,000 people.

Tickets are available in four dif-

ferent packages, and they can be purchased at [hawkeyesports.com](http://hawkeyesports.com) or [iowacitytolondon.com](http://iowacitytolondon.com).

The ticket packages include all-session seats for children for \$40, adults for \$70, and VIPs for \$175. The VIP package includes perks such as preferred seating, a parking pass, a Dan Gable bobblehead doll, and access to a lounge with food and drink.

The U.S. Olympic Committee has also approved a ticket package for 2011-12 Iowa wrestling season-ticket holders, who can purchase an all-session pass when ordering their season tickets. The package includes the bobblehead and a T-shirt.

— by Seth Roberts

## 'Quiet Man' leads by example

Marcus Coker's humility and maturity sets the standard for a young and inexperienced offense.

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Marcus Coker is an extremely bright guy, but the astrophysics major doesn't like to talk about his academics.

He's carrying big expectations as Iowa's No. 1 tailback, but he doesn't like to talk about that, either.

As far as anyone can tell, the sophomore from Beltsville, Md., doesn't like to talk very much about anything, period.

"He's a quiet guy, good guy, humble guy — he's not just like that to the media," offensive lineman Markus Zusevics said last week. "His locker is next to mine, [and] I know how he is. He's not a guy to get a big head or anything."

That humility was apparent when Coker addressed the press on June 21.



FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa's Marcus Coker dives during the Iowa/Michigan State football game in Kinnick Stadium on Oct. 30, 2010. Coker rushed 16 times for 40 yards in the 37-6 Hawkeye win.

He said he hasn't approached being coach Kirk Ferentz's featured running back any differently from what he did when he was buried on the depth chart last summer — in fact, he said, he hasn't thought about the change at all, and he just wants to get better every day.

The 6-0, 230-pound tailback, who is taking two classes this summer, said his stress-management

course is causing him more difficulty than his calculus class.

Perhaps the most telling answer he gave, though, came when he was asked about his expectations for the upcoming season.

"I expect us to come out there every day and every game and give it our all," Coker said. "I'm not going to make any proclamations, like Big Ten championships or anything, but I know we're going to play

our hearts out every game."

That mantra might prove effective coming from a player who will be asked to shoulder a hefty amount of responsibility on a young and largely unproven offense.

Coker enters the season as one of the few veterans of offensive coordinator Ken O'Keefe's attack, despite being a sophomore with only four starts under

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