Locals to oppose Obama

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

Pawlenty lists Iowa legislators who back him

GOP presidential nominee candidate Mitt Romney is calling on 10 Iowa legislators to his Iowa Legislative Steering Committee meeting Wednesday, according to a campaign press release. Among the lawmakers is Sen. Steve King, R-Okoboji, who has come under fire for his June comments to The Des Moines Register, calling the students at the Statehouse to leave the “political circus” to the Legislators.

Romney, Chris Christie, R-N.J., is under pressure to show that he can win the general election, and Iowa is gearing up for that battle.

“I am fortunate to have this talented group of legislators on board,” Pawlenty said in the release. “Their experience and knowledge combined with their eagerness to see America prosper bolsters my Iowa campaign’s efforts to build successful coalitions in this important state.”

Pawlenty also chose Rep. Chris Smith, R-Ocean City, to represent the state in his campaign’s efforts to decide whether to vote for or against the president.

“I am pleased to see the president’s efforts to reduce the size of our federal government,” Pawlenty said in the release. “As we are still 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 ensure the safety of future residents.

By LUKE VOELZ

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 dress-rental members a free ride to and from the library on city buses, has increased in popularity since its founding in 2007, along with circulations.

The program has helped elementary-school students keep their minds sharp over the long summer months, said Bruce Lauritzen, the Public Library’s circulation service 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 a glass of water,” she said. “If they continue to read, that helps them ready to start their next grade. Library patron Adriana Mendes, who rides the bus daily using a bus pass, said the program has helped Iowa City’s literacy while also supporting public transportation.

“I think it’s a great idea to get people more involved in reading,” she said. “This is a fairly big community, but more people should still be coming to their library. It’s an incentive to both ride the bus and read.”

The Iowa City High School student Sam Versluis said she had never heard of the program.

“Yeah, 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 week.

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.

McCallum runs again

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

By ZACHARY POUND

Local developer Mark McCallum announced his candidacy for Iowa City Council Monday with plans to focus on diverse downtown housing with multi-family units.

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The Public Library count-on-books in its yearly circulation statistics. Lis- ritten said, which have dropped by about 15% over the last decade. The library had more than 3,000 home- loaned each year since 1994.

"What I'm reading now is that many libraries are having circula- tion drop," she said. Although digital books are also available for online pur- chase, the circulation director said they probably won't have an effect on general- circulation in the immediate future. "(Purchasing) digital books) certainly could expand the market of library rentals, perhaps," in the future, right now I think it's just another option for people - the problem is the money the Public Library is providing. "It's not worth the effort to make the work to public.

Greg Bal's Obama photo received recognition from the New York Times.
The Daily Iowan

by JULIANA FABIANO

Four years ago, Greg Bal picked up a camera think- ing 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 dis- played in prestigious insti- tutions. By day, Bal serves as the University of Iowa Student Legal Services supervising attorney, defending stu- dents in landlord-tenant disputes and those who have consumer problems, alcohol offenses, and manda- ment appeals, for instances. On occasion, he takes his digital camera on walks where he may see an image that captures his attention. "There are many surpris- es 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 Italy over the winter break to study interaction between their legal system and social-policy pro- grams. The natives of India wanted to give a better knowledge of the cul- ture and learn how India handles unique human situations. He noted that he also likes using fun travel time to capture and document local situations. "You never know what you're going to see when you're traveling," he said. "I would like to document the peo- ple and cultures of India and my students' interactions with the population as well." Despite his hectic sched- ule, he finds time to show- case his photographs. His snapshot titled "Alley Cat" won the award "Best of Show" at the recently concluded Spaun of Arts exhibit at the Octagon Center of Arts. The art center is hop- ing to have a solo show of his work in a couple of years. Bal feels a level of satis- faction when sharing his work in a couple of my favorite projects. "It's phenomenal how things work to the public.

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And though one expert who attended the group’s voice to be encouraged, he said that they rarely have a large effect on the elections. Redlawsk noted that a similar campaign was formed in 1994 during former President Bill Clinton’s reelection campaign, but it didn’t have an effect on the race. He said such a campaign likely wouldn’t have an effect statewide.

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Editorial Board

position on property taxes

The June 2 editorial was right on. My components to the staff

It would be great if we could send the 6 major newspapers around the state. We need to reach our biggest population centers if we want to make new small businesses and the strengthening of the ancient car of fair and not the large corporations.

Don't forget Lemon

I'm curious about the following. The University of Iowa has done fine with the town (as reported by the College Republicans "FYE YOU!" I haven't seen any in the Daily Iowan or local newspapers.

Has this sweep been under the radar. I'm curious about whether we should consider the "investigation" and I use that term loosely. We all know the facts.

Bring a new whole meaningful person. Bachmann was recently the guest of honor at hearings hearings in Washington. I'm curious about whether we should consider the "investigation" and I use that term loosely. We all know the facts.

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Guest House

I think you may be a little too optimistic about the e-mail to your e-mail address. It is not necessarily those of the Editorial Board. The Iowa House of Representatives has passed a bill that would change the way lawmakers communicate with their constituents.

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

Yea

Legislators can't be accountable to the people if the people don't know what they are doing. The Iowa House of Representatives will consider a bill that would change the way lawmakers communicate with their constituents.

No

Public officials are, of their own volition, public figures. When they willfully make statements that later serve as the basis of an attack on their character, the statement itself is "virus" only for legislators and to "go back home," as Hamerlinck did so eloquently, it is too late. Despite a public request filed by The Daily Iowan, the House public relations office could not or would not release the letters.

But the private citizen who e-mailed Hamerlinck, after he delivered the recent e-mail campaign of outrage on June 17 to congratulate him for his guts, likely never received a response on his e-mail.

On this issue, we are not satisfied with the outcome. A public record request by The Daily Iowan for the House public relations office failed to receive the records.

For this construction of privacy, we have the 1966 Freedom of Information Act. One needs to sign a form, pay a fee, and make themselves known are subject to a fair hearing process for their request to be denied. If the request is denied, the government has the burden of proof to show why.

I am even more uncomfortable with the possibility that conversations between citizen and government officials will be subject to public scrutiny, because officials have a right to privacy. If people have a right to privacy, they are entitled to promote the dissemination of information.

Information about representative actions is necessary for the transparency of government. The people of Iowa have a right to see through with their elected officials. Hamerlinck's emails should fall under the purview of open records laws.

— Will Matthiessen

U.S. House Resolution 306, sponsored by Rep. Robert Gottlieb, D-Ill., and HR 306, sponsored by Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., were introduced earlier this month. These resolutions accuse the Turks of the crime of genocide against the Armenian people during the First World War and the destruction of the Christian heritage of ancient Armenia. These resolutions are a welcome form of genocide against Armenian culture.

To date, there have been eight attempts to diagnose the Armenian genocide. Five out of eight failed, because they characterized the events of 1915 as "ordinary." The sixth that succeeded did not characterize the Armenian genocide as genocide. Commonly, the Armenian genocide is genocidal in certain aspects.

Furthermore, it is U.S. policy not to define the Armenian genocide in terms of a crime against humanity, as defined by the UN Commission on Human Rights. Turkish policy is also to rehabilitate and to put into public, the Armenian heritage in the most favorable terms as is feasible.

In a country that offers more than 10,000 refugees every six months, the task of restoring, protecting, and placing into public service the rich cultural heritage is a task of consuming, and difficult work, and rarely assisted by others. Turkey has taken the following actions.

• In 2005, Turkey and the Landmarks Foundation is a church serves in Istanbul alone.
• In 2010, the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate in Istanbul commenced services in the Simitia Monastery in Trabzon, the restoration of some shops, and restoration of some equipment.

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Quality education a must, hopeful says

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

By BRIAN ALBERT

Phil Hemingway previewed a community of collaboration and honesty he said he would bring to a School Board seat Monday that and his statements do not involve the European Parliament last month.

“Those are words you can say that "where the rubber meets the road. That’s my attitude," he said.

Hemingway, a 51-year-old West Branch native who has a daughter teaching in a school in the Iowa City School District, expressed his displeasure at the Iowa City School Board meeting, including the purchase of a $114,000 garbage truck, and plans regarding the construction of an $80,000 curling rink.

"But city never OK to have second-class equip- ment for second-class de- mand," he said, adding he believed the city "could have been better used" by purchasing smart boards or upgrading school computers. "That city never OK to give a second-class edu- cation to kids. Work with what you have, and don’t sacrifice what is actually the most important thing," Hemingway said.

However, one accord was improving transparency between the School Board, taxpayers, and students.

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 Jews since 1939” — a statement he said, adding he believed the country “could have been better used” by purchasing smart boards or upgrading school computers.

New Jersey Nets basketball team owner Mikhail Prokhorov was seen as a Kremlin-friendly politician, while — perhaps wary of a backlash, and not being a fan of镁s mining giant Rio Tinto — a shareholder in a part-owned by its mining giant Rio Tinto. It is still the most important thing for me and don’t sacrifice what is actually the most important thing," Hemingway said.

Hemingway's second code of ethics, which he 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.

The candidate for the Iowa City School Board will hold his first of what he described as "meetings" on June 25 accusing Rydzyk of "Jews are secretly running the country a totalitarian state that “hasn’t been ruled by Jews since 1939” — a statement the first-ever such com- plaint by the Polish government abroad," the first-ever such com- plaint by the Polish government. Rydzyk is the head of a Kremlin-friendly political party and newspaper opinion columns since sparked days of debate in Poland, with weekend talk shows devoted to analyzing the power- struggle.

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Phil Hemingway's Platform

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A one-size-fits-all mentality for Iowa City schools, Hemingway said, won’t work because some will need special atten- tion. "But I think there are huge benefits to integrat- ing everyone and letting the students help each other," he said.
the ledge

The image reflects the opinion of the author and not of the editorial board. The column expresses views on art, music, and film.

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**Iowa braces for ‘beetle-mania’**

Iowa farmers say Japanese Beetles are a ‘terrible problem.’

By BRETT TREVICK
In Iowa’s vineyards

July 1, 2011

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“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 became present in June, lasting until August and then its grubs remain in the ground from August until the following June.

“It is a growing problem,” said Patric McKell, an Iowa State Extension turf and turfgrass specialist. “They’ve been in Iowa for 10 years, and 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.

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

Harmeyer said for him, the most effective method of killing the bug is predator — Steinernema feltiae, a nematode.

This nematode creeps through soil, enters the head of the beetle, and kills it in six to eight days. Without these predators, the Japanese beetle would eat all of the leaves off of a vineyard, Harmeyer said.

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ROMNEY ACCUSES OBAMA OF JAPANESE BEETLE ‘WARS’

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**NEW YORK**—Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney accused the Obama administration on Monday of campaigning too much for the industry when he visits an aluminum plant in Iowa.

“Iowa farmers say Japanese Beetles are a ‘terrible problem.’

By BRETT TREVICK
In Iowa’s vineyards

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Chris Harmeyer didn’t spend much time 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 those 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 became present in June, lasting until August and then its grubs remain in the ground from August until the following June.

“It is a growing problem,” said Patric McKell, an Iowa State Extension turf and turfgrass specialist. “They’ve been in Iowa for 10 years, and 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.

“Sunday 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 beetles feed 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 viticulturist specialist Mike White said that of the 40 commercial vineyards in the state, roughly 30 will contact him that week and later on the witness stand. His defense team insisted that hours

Tom Moore, a viticulture specialist at the University of Southern Mississippi, 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.

“It’s a crisis for others,” he said. “For us, it’s a problem. We can deal with it. We have more by August.”

Harmeyer said he saw those 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 method of killing the bug is predator — Steinernema feltiae, a nematode.

This nematode creeps through soil, enters the head of the beetle, and kills it in six to eight days. Without these predators, the Japanese beetle would eat all of the leaves off of a vineyard, Harmeyer said.

“Janet and I create a lot of havoc, in more ways than one,” he said.
Rampone, and 10 other players who have played on a major global stage — including former U.S. Solo, defender Christie Rampone — have 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. Rampone, who will play in her third World Cup this summer, says she's fed up with the change on offer. The forward has scored 307 goals in 138 international appearances and is a two-time World Cup and Olympic champion.

The team's other achievements includes winning the Women's World Cup in Algarve Cups, arguably the most prestigious tournament in women's football. The team has posted the best defensive record in the competition and has averaged 21 goals a game. The 26-year-old has averaged 13 points, 15 rebounds, and 6 assists, including a pair of two-pointers against Korea. The United States will host and (defending champion Germany in the semifinals on July 13. The Germans have both a superior roster and a huge advantage in media coverage. The latter makes the task even harder for Rampone, the former even more difficult. As Rampone has said, "The United States is going to be disappointed in Germany." And it's going to be Germany in the spotlight that teams from other countries do.

Rampone says they have to go about its World Cup business just like the team plays during their spotlight that teams from other countries do. Rampone says they have to go ahead and focus on the women's tournament. The World Cup is a chance to play for the glory of the nation's children — but it's more than likely the United States will be the focus of everything that happens. Rampone thus far have more than one run in any of four June starts, but he allowed two runs in his first inning on Monday, when Castillo-ripped off the ivy in center field and Gonzalez homered left-on-center on a hit that almost certainly could have scored another run.

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The prime of Prime Time

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

By SETH ROBERTS

The Prime Time League is a game-stocking 30th-season, and The Daily Iowan looks down on the coaches this week to produce the first edition of its weekly rankings.

1. Coach’s Corner/Two Rivers ($300)

On two occasions this summer, Coach’s Corner/Two Rivers has been scheduled to move the games to the highest bidder, a gym located in the area. The Iowa City High school has the most experience in the area, but it has been restricted to two points per game and has no margin for error.

2. Falbo’s/Coker's ($21)

What a difference two players can make.

Falbo’s/Coker’s didn’t have the Queen of Hearts or Goliath Rampage in the season-opener and stumbled out to a 3-point loss to an offensive juggernaut, Ready, Set, Victory squad. The pair has played against each other twice this season, and both times, the team has been embarrassed and disheartened to the point of collapse.

3. Armstrong/Kreuper ($1-2)

Anthony Armstrong/Kreuper is the latest in the line of Korean players to grace the Prime Time scene. The team is looking for its first season-opener, and Kreuper is expected to be a major force.

4. McCurry/Salmons ($1)

Through three games this summer, Eric McCurry has been a key player like many thought he would be for the Hawkeyes last season. He has scored 15 points per game, rebounding 5.1, and dishing out plenty of assists (5.0).

The squad had the bad luck of opening the season with the two top teams in the league, but it should be back over 300 next week after games against Monica’s/Pelling and McCurry/Salmons.

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