

Pawlenty-Bachmann Rivalry Spills Into Iowa

MANCHESTER, Iowa (AP) — Call it the Minnesota feud — Iowa style.
Former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty is using a campaign appearance in Iowa to accuse his home state Republican presidential rival — Michele Bachmann — of having a record of mixing up her facts.
Bachmann is in Iowa, too, but is staying away from what's become an escalating war of words.
Pawlenty is responding to weekend criticism from Bachmann's campaign that the former governor supported policies President Barack Obama also backed. Pawlenty told about 100 people at an event in Davenport that Bachmann — quote — "has a record for saying things that are off the mark."
Bachmann hit back weeks after Pawlenty described her record in Congress as "non-existent."

Skating Rink DJ Says Gunman Was Methodical

DALLAS (AP) — Guests had just finished singing "Happy Birthday" to an 11-year-old boy when his father spoke to him briefly, then pulled out a gun and shot the child's mother, four of her relatives and himself, said a disc jockey who witnessed the shooting spree at a Texas roller rink.
Tan Do, 35, was "smooth, cool" as he shot his victims at close range, DJ Allen Tillotson told The Associated Press on Monday. He "knew exactly the people he wanted" to shoot and paused only to reload a weapon that had been hidden in his pants, Tillotson said.
"After he went for the wife, he went for the next lady, then a man, then a young lady," he said.
Do killed his estranged wife Trini Do, 29; two of her sisters, Lynn Ta, 16, and Michelle Ta, 28; her brother, Hien Ta, 21; and her sister-in-law, Thuy Nguyen, 25. Four others were wounded. At the end of the Saturday night rampage, Tran Do shot himself.
Tillotson said he was on his way to get a garbage can to clean up the DJ booth when the shooting began.

Winehouse Autopsy Fails To Provide Answers

LONDON (AP) — An autopsy on singer Amy Winehouse Monday failed to determine what killed the 27-year-old star, leaving fans and family with a weeks-long wait for the results of toxicology tests. Her funeral will be held Tuesday.
A family spokesman said the private funeral "for family and close friends" would be held at an undisclosed time and place.
Winehouse's devastated parents visited mourners outside her north London home to thank them for their support.
The singer, who had struggled with drug and alcohol abuse for years, was found dead Saturday at home by a member of her security team, who called an ambulance. It arrived too late to save her.
The Metropolitan Police said Monday that a forensic post mortem "did not establish a formal cause of death and we await the results of further toxicology tests." Those are expected to take two to four weeks.

Horned Cups Appraised At \$1M-Plus

NEW YORK (AP) — An Oklahoma man has more than a million reasons to be happy he brought his collection of Chinese rhinoceros horned cups to be appraised by experts with the PBS series "Antiques Roadshow."
PBS says the collection was judged Saturday by Asian art expert Lark Mason at a taping in Tulsa, Okla., to be worth \$1 million to \$1.5 million. That's easily the most valuable item brought in for appraisal in the history of "Antiques Roadshow," which will air its 16th season next year.
Show spokeswoman Judy Matthews says the collection owner was surprised by the appraisal and quipped, "I guess I won't have to rely on Social Security anymore." The owner wishes to remain anonymous.
Matthews says there's a hot market now for Chinese art.

N.J. Man Sentenced For Domain Name Theft

ELIZABETH, N.J. (AP) — A New Jersey man who admitted stealing a valuable Internet address and selling it to a former NBA player has been sentenced to five years in prison.
Daniel Goncalves pleaded guilty in December to stealing the P2P.com domain name and selling it on the eBay auction website for \$111,000. He was sentenced Friday and was ordered to pay restitution.
Goncalves was arrested in 2009 after an investigation by the State Police Cyber Crimes Unit.
He admitted illegally accessing an account belonging to the owners of P2P.com and transferring it to his account. He sold the name to former Los Angeles Lakers and Minnesota Timberwolves forward Mark Madsen, known for his uncoordinated dancing at Lakers championship celebrations. Madsen wasn't aware the domain name was stolen.
Prosecutors say the name was worth up to \$200,000.

Police: Missing Baby, Teen Sitter Found In D.C.

BALTIMORE (AP) — A 7-month-old Baltimore boy and the 16-year-old girl left in charge of the baby while his father went to the store were found Monday in Washington, more than two days after they disappeared, police said.
The baby, Ki'Yauhn Birch, and the teenager were found after someone called authorities to report seeing the teen at a bus stop in the northeastern part of the city, said Officer Anthony Clay, a D.C. police spokesman.
Baltimore detectives confirmed the baby appeared to be in good health, but he was taken to an area hospital as a precaution. The teen, Jonae Boozer, is in police custody, said Detective Kevin Brown, a Baltimore police spokesman. Authorities interviewed Boozer and will work with prosecutors to determine whether any charges will be brought in the case.
More than 70 people rallied Sunday evening calling for the infant's safe return. The boy's mother, 20-year-old Whitney McGee, was relieved to have her son back Monday afternoon, but still didn't understand why the teen left with the child.
"They say he was happy the whole time," McGee said. "She didn't do any harm to him."
The baby's father, Charles Birch, said Boozer was a friend of a friend.
He said that the teen stopped by his west Baltimore home and asked for a cigarette, and that he left her with the baby while he went to buy some.

Lawmaker Mindset Hinders Debt Talks

BY CHARLES BABINGTON
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers are divided, it turns out, on what divided government means. That helps explain why reaching a debt-ceiling accord is so hard.
With Republicans controlling the House, and Democrats controlling the Senate and White House, many people feel it's self-evident that neither party can get everything it wants. Both parties typically bargain as hard as they can, but any all-or-nothing stance is doomed in one house or the other.
Some House Republicans, however, see that as an outmoded and failed philosophy. They made rock-solid promises to their constituents, including never to raise taxes. Those promises cannot be broken, even if they stand in the way of a bipartisan deal that grants major concessions to the GOP and averts an economic crisis, they say.

Both parties have long had their take-no-prisoners wings. Yet Congress has a long tradition of bargaining, swapping and compromising to settle tough issues, even if inelegantly.
The fast and dramatic rise of the tea party movement is threatening that tradition. To many tea partiers who aided the Republican takeover of the House last fall, compromise itself is insidious, no matter how many times President Barack Obama calls it inevitable.
"We did not get you the gavel of the House of Representatives to play nice with the liberal Democrats," said C.L. Bryant, a minister who has spoken at several tea party rallies.
A tea party blogger, Lee Bellinger, writes of "the disease of Republican compromise" that "infects Washington." And William Temple,



OLIVIER DOULIERY/ABACA PRESS/MCT
U.S. President Barack Obama speaks during a news conference in the White House in Washington, DC, July 15, 2011. President Obama suspended U.S. budget negotiations for the day on Friday to give congressional leaders a chance to come up with a "plan of action" on how to unblock talks meant to cut deficits and avert a debt default.

chairman of the Tea Party Founding Fathers, declared: "As the GOP primary season opens, if House freshmen and others elected by the tea party caved to Obama, we will find replacements for them."
Lawmakers know these aren't empty threats. A veteran GOP senator, Bob Bennett of Utah, was drummed out of his party last year, and out of office, by conservative activists who berated him for voting for a bipartisan bank-bailout bill

backed by President George W. Bush and other Republican leaders.
To these activists, Washington-style compromise has become a feckless, lazy way of governing. They see conservatives and liberals compromising their ideals but still dodging tough decisions. Tea partiers particularly disdain Republican-led Congresses and administrations that paid lip service to spending cuts while deficits soared.

Democrat Wu Won't Seek Re-Election To House

BY KEVIN FREKING
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. David Wu, facing an accusation of an unwanted sexual encounter with an 18-year-old woman and a request for an investigation by the House Ethics Committee, will not seek re-election next year and was pondering whether he would complete his term, a spokesman for the Oregon Democrat said Monday.

In a letter sent Monday, House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi requested the Ethics Committee investigation. The Oregonian, Wu's hometown newspaper, had reported that a California woman left a voicemail at Wu's office accusing him on an unwanted sexual encounter. Wu, 56, has said the encounter was consensual.
A few hours after the investigation request, Wu spokesman Erik Dorey told The Associated Press: "He's still determining his political future, but he will not run for re-election. He's fully focused on fulfilling his elected duties and serving his constituents to the best of his duties here in

the House."

Wu tried to keep a low profile Monday as lawmakers returned to work and focused their attention on the debate over raising the debt ceiling. Dorey, his communications director, noted that Wu took part in House votes.

Wu, in his seventh term, was guaranteed a stiff primary challenge after seven staffers resigned in January because of unusual behavior that included sending a photo of himself in a tiger costume to a staff member and an angry public speech. Wu attributed those actions to a period of mental health challenges that began in 2008 as marital issues led to separation from his wife.

Those problems paled compared to the potential fallout from the encounter with the young California woman. Citing anonymous sources, The Oregonian reported that Wu told senior aides that the sexual encounter was consensual. The Portland paper reported Facebook notes indicated she graduated from high school in 2010 and that she registered to vote in California

last August.

The paper said the woman decided not to press charges against Wu because there were no witnesses and it would have been her word against Wu's.

The heart of the 1st Congressional District is Washington County, a center of high tech and suburban development and the home of David Robinson, a former Navy officer and municipal official who lost by a margin of 4-1 to Wu in the Democratic primary last year.

In 2004, Wu won re-election in spite of acknowledging a decades-old college incident in which he tried to force a former girlfriend to have sex. Voters said they disliked an opponent's attempt to use that against Wu.

The fierce debate over how to raise the debt ceiling overshadowed the potential Capitol Hill sex scandal. Lawmakers from both parties on Monday raced to come up with some way out of a political standstill that threatens the government's ability to pay its bills, leaving themselves little time or inclination to talk about Wu.

"I don't know the facts. Certainly, I agree with Leader Pelosi that the Ethics Committee must look at this and must look at it at an accelerated fashion," said Rep. Steny Hoyer of Maryland, the No. 2 Democrat in the House. "There has been an allegation made and we need to know the merits of that allegation."

It took several days before the scandal the enveloped former Rep. Anthony Weiner turned into a media frenzy. Wu could still face such a development if more information surfaced. But he was largely absent from lawmakers' public comments on Monday.

Democratic leaders held a news conference to discuss the debt ceiling and the economy, and Wu's name did not come up once.

Republicans also focused their attention on the debt ceiling, with no GOP leaders calling publicly for him to resign.

Nearly all the public pressure on Wu to step down was coming from his home state.

Potential rivals in the Democratic primary have called on him to step down.

Most States Likely To Spurn Gay-Marriage Bandwagon

BY DAVID CRARY
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As hundreds of jubilant gay couples became newlyweds in New York over the weekend, their well-wishers included many far-flung gays wistfully aware that their own states may never willingly allow same-sex marriage.

"The victories in other states are always a little bittersweet," said Jeff Graham, executive director of the gay-rights group Equality Georgia. His state is one of 30 that have adopted constitutional amendments aimed at limiting marriage to one-man, one-woman unions.

In a few of those states — California, Oregon and Colorado, for example — activists hold out hope of repealing the bans. That outcome seems improbable, though, in many heartland and Southern states, and gay-rights leaders there are looking at more modest short-term goals.

They'll soon get a boost from a leading national gay-rights group, the Human Rights Campaign. It plans to launch a bus tour, starting Aug. 12 in Salt Lake

City and ending Oct. 30 in Orlando, Fla., which will carry it through 11 states that ban gay marriage.

Stops along the way are planned in Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Kentucky, Georgia and Alabama — all with no statewide recognition of same-sex relationships and no state nondiscrimination laws protecting gays.

"We're going into the belly of the beast," said Fred Sainz, the Human Rights Campaign's vice president for communications.

Activists on the bus tour will be hosting forums and workshops, offering advice on how gay communities can empower themselves politically even on conservative turf, notably through local ordinances and initiatives.

Even as New York became the sixth and largest state to legalize same-sex marriage, gay and transgender people in many places "continue to face tremendous obstacles," said the campaign's president, Joe Solmonese.

"The bus tour intends to draw attention to these challenges and

ensure that this rising tide lifts all boats," he said.

The tour will start from the Salt Lake City Pride Center, which provides advocacy and support services for gays across Utah.

Two years ago, Salt Lake became the first city in the state to offer housing and employment protections for gays and lesbians; it also has a "mutual commitment registry" that offers some local recognition to same-sex couples. Both measures exemplify goals that activists believe could be achievable in many communities in conservative states.

"We recognize that same-sex marriage may not be right

around the corner," said the Pride Center's spokeswoman, Marina Gomberg. "But we see different areas where we can change our state and have changed our state."

As for the news out of New York, Gomberg said, "It's a boost of energy for me. A success in New York feels like a success here, because as a nation we're making progress toward equality and acceptance."

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