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Spotlight Iowa City

Keeping friend's memory alive

BY LINDSEY DOUGLAS

When Mandi Carvaza visits home, she always makes sure to drop by her best friend’s house. Sunday was no exception when she visited with her family and realized, to her horror, that she missed seeing her best friend, Carvaza.

Carvaza was Rubber Band, who was her constant companion and best friend. On November 28, 2021, Rubber Band was killed in a car accident.

The accident occurred on November 28, 2021, when Carvaza and Rubber Band were traveling to a local dog park.

According to police, the accident occurred at around 10:30 a.m., when Rubber Band ran into the path of an oncoming car, which then collided with the dog.

“Rubber Band was my constant companion and best friend. I will miss him dearly,” Carvaza said.

Carvaza has started a GoFundMe page to help pay for Rubber Band’s funeral expenses.

“Any donation, no matter how small, will be greatly appreciated,” Carvaza said.

Fire causes $43,000 in damage at Iowa City office

The Iowa City office of the American Red Cross suffered $43,000 in damage after a fire broke out on December 5.

According to a statement from the Red Cross, the fire started in a storage area on the second floor of the building.

Firefighters from the Iowa City Fire Department arrived on the scene within minutes of the fire being reported.

“The Red Cross is deeply grateful for the quick response of the Iowa City Fire Department,” said Red Cross regional director Bill Johnson.

The Red Cross did not immediately provide information on any injuries or the cause of the fire.

Mandi Carvaza

Mandi Carvaza is a senior at City High School, and she has recently been diagnosed with cancer.

“The worst part is knowing I could be gone at any moment, and there’s nothing I can do about it,” Carvaza said.

Carvaza has been a straight-A student throughout her high school career, and she has been involved in several extracurricular activities, including the school’s drama club and cheerleading team.

“I’ve always been a fighter, and I’m not going to let cancer get in my way,” Carvaza said.

Carvaza’s doctors recommend a combination of chemotherapy and radiation therapy to treat her cancer.

“I know it will be tough, but I’m ready to fight,” Carvaza said.

Carvaza’s classmates and teachers have rallied around her during this time, offering support and encouragement.

“We love you, Mandi, and we’re here for you every step of the way,” one classmate said.

Carvaza’s family has also received an outpouring of support from the community.

“We’re grateful for the love and support we’ve received from our friends and family,” Carvaza’s mother said.

If you would like to donate to Mandi’s fund, you can do so through the GoFundMe page set up by her family.

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Bransford asks Vilsack for disaster designation

In an interview with the State Journal, Governor Kim Reynolds announced her intention to request a federal disaster designation for Iowa.

“I am deeply concerned about the devastation that has been caused by recent storms and floods in our state,” Reynolds said.

Bransford asked Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack to request a disaster designation for Iowa.

“I support Governor Reynolds’ request and will work closely with her to ensure that Iowa receives the necessary federal assistance,” Vilsack said.

Bransford assured Iowans that the state is prepared to handle the recovery efforts.

“I am confident that with the support of the federal government, we can rebuild and recover from these recent disasters,” Bransford said.

For more information on the disaster designation request, please visit the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources website.
Obama reassures donors

By BETH FOUHY and KEN RENDELL

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Obama’s re-election effort has already raised $60 million for the campaign and the Democratic National Committee, and Obama’s team hopes to post as much as $20 million in mid-July, offering the first lending kicking off of wall-street fundraising advantage for, trying to prove through the fundraising climate, many of whom are the political world, many of whom are not necessarily ask if a driver has already paid a fine.

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Loebsack defends higher education

State and federal lawmakers are eyeing cuts to higher education, but Iowa Democrat vows to fight cuts.

By BRIAN ALBERT
Education funding shouldn’t be one of the targeted national cuts due to the federal budget, U.S. Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, said at a town hall meeting Thursday.

Loebsack, speaking to a crowd of nearly 200 at the University Athletics Club, said support for education is crucial to national success.

“If our education system falls behind, it will be hard to get ahead and win the race,” he said. “I’m honored to be part of the legislative body that cares most about the most powerful country on the planet — but it won’t stop us if we can’t improve the quality of our education.”

The congressman said the government’s various financial programs, including Pell Grants and low-interest educational loans, should be protected as a means to provide college access to as many students as possible.

These programs support many local students, University of Iowa officials said.

Mark Warner, the director of Student Aid, said about $30,000 less of federal funds would go to higher education for every graduate population — resulting in a significant loss in the form of Pell Grants. That $30 million was awarded annually.

Local troupe works toward ‘deeper conversation’

Writer estimates more than 50 local people have been interviewed for a play about Southeast Iowa City.

By KATIE HEIN
The idea of fame and wealth is gone for Leon Lewis, a playwright and performer; he’s pretty sure he’s ruled those two out.

The 51-year-old New York City native said he hopes “Mystery” is the area known as the South- east Side of Iowa City — can spark a deeper conversation from the university community in determining how and explore an idea for a new popula- tion to an area affects a city.

“The goal is for it to be fun, but there is also a serious conversa- tion,” he said.

The concept for Mystery originated about a year ago, shortly after Lewis moved back to Iowa City. Currently, he is exploring the concept of some unknown reality experiences as the backbone behind the script.

Lewis lived in southeastern Iowa City during his time as graduate student at the University of Iowa, and he said he commonly couldn’t recall hearing about such a specific area in town in the news. After moving back to the area again, he said, he wanted to know more about his neighborhood.

“Mystery ended this way — why is it in the news every day?” said Lewis, who is the artistic director for Working Group Theatre, the Iowa City company that will perform the play.

Upon developing the concept of a play, Lewis met with Jacob Yarrow, the Hancher program- ming director, and the two started brainstorm- ing ideas to expand the play into the community. As the play evolves, Lewis and Yarrow worked to provide the community with educational and dis- cussion opportunities, and they have begun looking at integrating a program into UI classes and local high schools, Yarrow said.

“We’re thrilled to be working with (Working Group Theatre) and can’t wait to see how it all turns out,” he said.

Lewis and another company member have conducted more than 50 interviews since Janu- ary. But they still have more than 10 months to complete more inter- views before the perfor- mance is scheduled to open, on April 27, 2012.

Lewis said they are trying to put some of the stories he heard into the script and to bring somehow get a Ph.D., taught at Cornell College, and got to Congress.

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The play will be performed by Working Group Theatre. The show will play one performance.

“Mystery” is scheduled for April 27, 2012.

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Pell Grants at the
crossroads

Statistics from the 2011- 12 Pell Grant Year

• Maximum grant: $5,550
• Minimum grant: $800
• The average grant was for $3,624
• Awarded to 4,348 undergraduates
• Average grant amount for UI students was $3,936
• Average grant amount for UI freshmen was $3,707

By BRIAN ALBERT

U.S. Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, talks with Rotary club members after his speech at the Iowa City Noon Rotary meeting on Thursday.

Loebsack touched on universal health care and education.

In his speech, Loebsack praised President Barack Obama for moving toward his goal of increasing Pell Grants. Loebsack said the goal is to expand the middle class according to the congressman, education — which leads to jobs and development — is how that goal will be met.

While a huge part of that depends on the government and financial institutions, he stressed the importance of individual responsibil- ity in obtaining a proper education.

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“You should write a Ledge about how they should make 1/2 gallon milk cartons because I always run out of milk when I buy 1/2 gallon, but a full 1/2 gallon always goes before I can finish it.”

“You should write a Ledge about how Ledge is looking for Ledge to do with your rants about humor and money, so you should change the dance name.”

“How about an article where you share information about how to keep your money from always souring before I can use it?”

“You could write a Ledge about how you think you should change the dance name.”

“Think you're pretty funny? Prove it.”
Grassley bill aims to help kids in foster care

There are over 420,000 children living in foster care in the state of Iowa.

by ADAM ELKUNITR

A bill proposed by Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, could provide more funding to children placed in foster care because of substance abuse in the family.

According to the National
Alcoholism and Addictions Research Foundation, in 2010, there were 140,000 people placed in foster care who had substance abuse in the family.

Grassley’s bill, the Preventing Addicts and Foster Youth Treatment Act, was introduced Thursday in the Senate. It would authorize $25 million over five years to help states provide treatment services to foster children.

And those statistics are mirrored in Iowa City.

“Whenever we respond to domestic abuse calls, we see a high incidence of substance abuse involved in the family,” said Detective Sgt. Tracy Gerber, Grassley’s spokesperson.

The bill, proposed last month and now sitting in committee, would result in a grant program that would allow states to provide substance abuse treatment services to children placed in foster care.

As co-chairman of the U.S. Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control, Grassley has actively worked to reduce illegal drug use in the United States, said Jill Gerber, Grassley’s spokeswoman.

“Some areas that are target- ing have been trying to prevent drug users from entering the country,” Gerber said. “He’s also been engaged with community groups and coalitions that are trying to combat drug abuse.

Experts say children who grow up living in a substance abuse environment may suffer physically, emotionally, and academically.

“Children can be distracting to their parents,” said Cindy Nicholson Anderson, a clinical child and adolescent psychologist at the Horse Springs Behavioral Center. “Children can experience anxiety, fear, stress, and fear of being abandoned.

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no deal as well with the NCAA.

Now, the series with the former two has had great parity — the teams are 4-4 against each other in recent times. There was some- thing about that rivalry, though, that didn’t seem very much like a rivalry. At the very least, it never seemed as heated as the games against Iowa State or Minnesota, even though those teams have posed mostly major chal- lenges to the Hawkeyes over the past few years.

Last year’s reaction to the tailgate area suggestions suggested something different in the atmosphere. It appears to indicate that the rivalry with that school is the most that quickly turn into something

People seem to be gen- uinely interested in this Par- magian, even though I recall playing Nebraska since 2000 and hasn’t seen a Can and show since 1982. Whether it’s the alumni bond or some other factor, it feels like the game on Black Friday is already more anticipated compared to the annual battle with the Cornhuskers.

The anticipation will only become even greater in the future if the teams continue to go on for the last day of the regular sea- son. Even with the Hawkeyes’Connoredor whatever, this year’s relatively easy schedule hasn’t been a very real possibility the showdown with the Hawkeyes will decide who represents the Legends Division in the Big Ten Championship Game.

The excitement is sure to be mutual, too.

The guys in charge of a student-run Cappy’s sports site with all sorts of information, said Husker fans think their team has a potential to be one of the most talked-about in the country this season. The next couple decades could be a bit of a stretch, but stranger things have happened.

And football is just the start of the analytics army. Starting today, Nebraska students are now capable of viewing almost every Big Ten sport (except basketball). The Huskers even field a team of part-time bowling team members, apparently created to celebrate Big Red Red. They also have a team of part-time basketball players, and the list goes on.

Iowa isn’t the only school that has this kind of capability. Other schools have created their own, and Collins said each visit has created its own

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But Collins and follow Harley’s journey of Hope ride Chic Agar said the workouts and energy — along the way give thosetorches to Almonte-

For the kids, it’s to help raise the awareness of the project that (eats) people with down syndrome, I said, “People with down syndrome are just the same as us when we spend time with them. Thank you for teaching us and helping us grow as a family.”

“Most people don’t know how great a person is who can’t talk “because they don’t know how much that word” — that you can’t really figure out what someone is trying to say.

Iowa is already more highly challenged to the Hawkeyes

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She has brought more than just hatred to her hooligans, and (W2011) team during Game Time Play- 

Johnson said she’s had a lot of fun playing with teammates Considine and Amy, and Logic agreed.

For Logic, who joined the team for a concert at coach Lisa Bluder’s house Monday night, the team and the city appear to be a natural fit.

Logic was recruited by many top preps, including Marquette, Van- 

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Reasons to love the Orange Bowl — it feels as if Logic has been here forever

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didean said. “All five of the freshmen coming in are good players. It keeps the veterans on their toes working hard because they know that the (fresh- men) are coming in.”

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Hope pedals across U.S.

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By BEN SCHUFF

Ethan Collins is riding his bike across the country for those who can’t. The 20-year-old Iowa senior is participating in the Journey of Hope, a coast-to-coast trek to raise awareness and money for people with disabilities.

“Each day, we pick someone to ride for,” Collins said. “And the people we choose to ride for, we choose to ride for them because.”

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