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## D.M. officer's bullet misses KCCI staffer

Attack by rock-thrower spurs call to authorities; responder mistakes photojournalist for suspect

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A Des Moines police officer, responding to reports of a man with a gun outside a local television station, fired his weapon at a photojournalist the officer mistook for the suspect.

Photojournalist Spencer Vaughn was standing outside KCCI-TV's building at 888 Ninth St. Wednesday night, talking on his cell phone to a police dispatcher about the suspect.

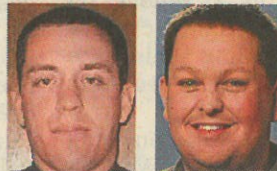
At least one of the officers dispatched

to the address thought Vaughn was the suspect. The bullet from Officer Cody Grimes' gun hit the bottom of a light pole, missing Vaughn.

The suspect, Jessie Parish, 27, had been throwing rocks and breaking windows at the building and in KCCI employees' vehicles, authorities said.

KCCI reported that a woman identifying herself as Parish's mother called the station and said Parish has a history of

### The story so far



Des Moines Police Officer Cody Grimes, left, fired his weapon at KCCI-TV photojournalist Spencer Vaughn on Wednesday. Grimes was responding to reports of a man with a gun outside the local television station.

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### World Food Prize

## World-impact hunger fighters win Food Prize

David Beckmann and Jo Luck are honored at the Iowa Capitol.

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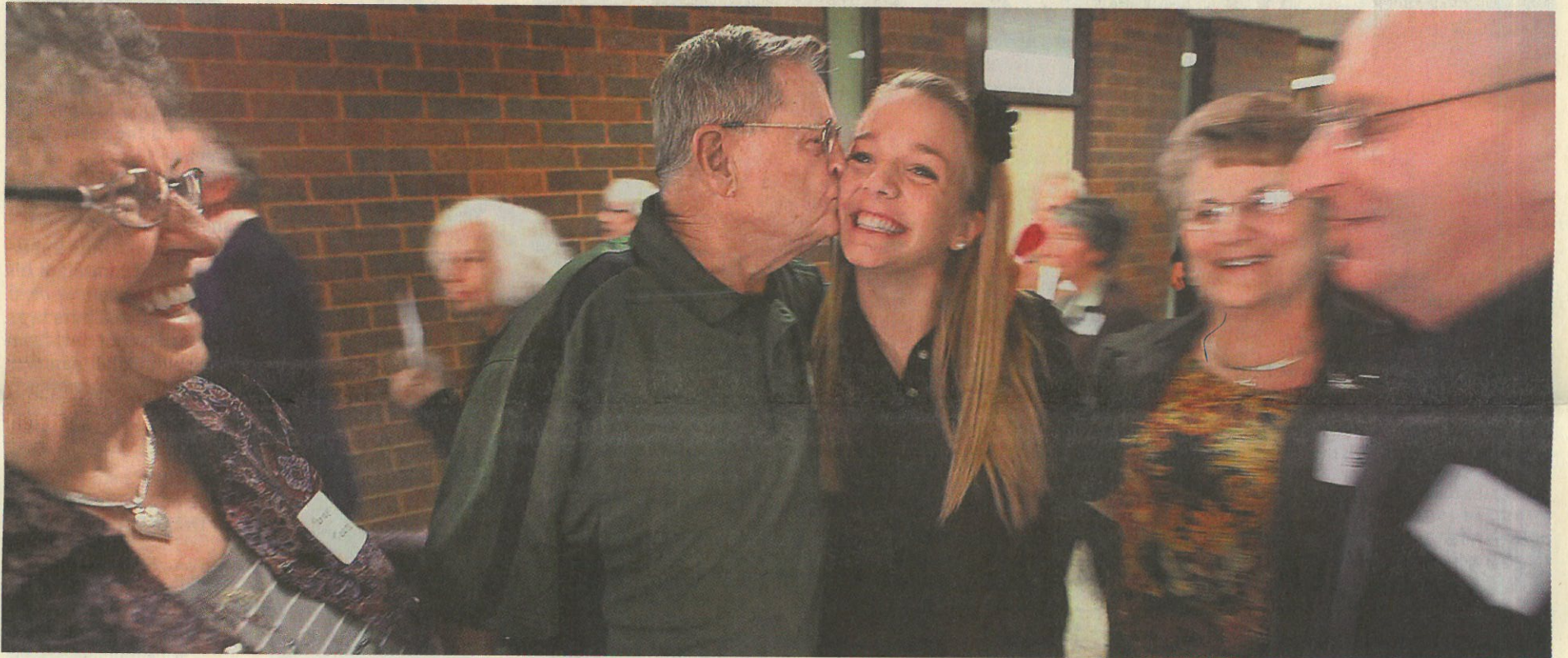
A former economist who mobilizes church members to lobby politicians and a prolific fundraiser who built Heifer International into a powerhouse of agriculture development accepted the 2010 World Food Prize on Thursday at a ceremony that included an unusual

political appeal from one of the laureates.

The \$250,000 prize, founded in 1986, has typically gone to scientists who have brought about advancements in food production. But this year the World Food Prize Foundation decided to recognize leaders of two of the best-known nonprofit organizations dedicated to fighting hunger: David Beckmann of Bread for the World and Heifer's Jo Luck.

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## A GRAND CELEBRATION OF FAMILY



JOHN GAPS III/THE REGISTER

Stephanie Tigges gets a kiss from her grandfather Robert Tigges during Dowling Catholic High School's Grandparents Day event on Thursday. Her other grandparents were in attendance as well. From left, they are Marge Tigges of Carroll and Laura and Junior Steines of Bellevue. The event included a Mass in the gymnasium attended by more than 2,000 people.

**13 more photos:** Go to DesMoinesRegister.com to see a photo gallery from the Grandparents Day celebration at Dowling Catholic High School in West Des Moines.

## Marathon too much? Go 'Run Like a Girl'

The leisurely 1K event involves costumes and — you guessed it — beer.

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Des Moines has an event to challenge every hard-core athlete.

Like to suck air for 26.2 miles? This Sunday's IMT Des Moines Marathon is for you. Prefer to split 51.5 kilometers among



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Brian Peters, co-owner of the Haven in Marshalltown, is offering one cheesecake a month for a year in the "Sweet on Marshalltown" auction.

## Talented townspeople auction items for city

## Report: Ingersoll safer since lanes redrawn

Crashes have dropped by half; city traffic engineers recommend making the street changes permanent.

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Traffic accidents and related injuries are down more than 50 percent since traffic lanes were reconfigured along Ingersoll Avenue in Des Moines, city traffic engineers report.

City Council members have received a recom-

mendation to make the changes permanent, which could happen as soon as Oct. 25.

In early May, Ingersoll was "re-striped" between Polk Boulevard and Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, decreasing the number of vehicle lanes from four to three. There is one lane in each direction, a center left-turn lane and bicycle lanes on both sides of the street.

City leaders have stressed that improved traffic safety and fewer crashes are the main goals of the plan,

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buggy when the horse was spooked, Miner said. The horse took off, and the buggy slid into a tractor with steel wheels.

The child was thrown and pinned between the buggy and a steel wheel.

The father suffered a leg injury but didn't require medical attention.

#### SEARSBORO

### School bus rolls, but no serious injuries

A Lynnville-Sully school bus went off the road Thursday morning and rolled into a ditch near Searsboro in central Iowa, but no one was seriously injured, school officials said.

The bus driver and one student were taken to a hospital in Grinnell, authorities said. The driver was treated and released.

Lynnville-Sully Superintendent Shane Ehresman said the district had a bus evacuation drill this week.

#### CEDAR RAPIDS

### Woman sentenced for Medicaid fraud

A Waterloo woman has been sentenced to one year in prison for submitting more than \$43,000 in fraudulent Medicaid claims, federal authorities said.

Prosecutors said Thursday that Jo Ann Scott, 49, was sentenced in federal court in Cedar Rapids. She pleaded guilty in July to one count of health care fraud and one count of mail fraud.

Between October 2004 and January 2009, Scott submitted claims for services that were not provided. Prosecutors said she used portions of the checks to make car payments. She was ordered to pay more than \$43,000 in restitution.

#### FAIRBANK

### Fire blamed on boy playing with torch

A boy playing with a torch apparently sparked an Oct. 7 fire that damaged a manufacturing business near Fairbank, fire officials said.

Fire Chief Dave Ryan said a 4-year-old boy with a small torch had been in a storage area for firewood at Gingerich Welding, and that's where the fire started.

#### BURLINGTON

### Classroom snake survives 45 years

A snake that called a Burlington classroom home for several decades has died.

Naja, a corn snake, belonged to science teacher Joe Desy at Horace Mann Middle School.

The snake died of natural causes Oct. 6. Desy estimated Naja was about 45 years old, which he said is old by reptile standards.

Desy wrote in an obituary that Naja's early years were spent ridding Iowa farmlands of small rodents. At about the age of 8, the snake came to the school and was "resident reptile and teacher of all things good and true about snakes."

Naja lived in the classroom from 1972 until 2002 when Desy retired.

form, Wall Street regulation and other issues.

He also defended his campaign's attacks on Republican challenger Brad Zaun for having unpaid personal bills in the past, saying that people who preach personal responsibility ought to live up to it.

Boswell, a seven-term lawmaker, discussed his support for the Democratic legislative agenda Thursday in a meeting with Des Moines Register editors and reporters. He has been under frequent attack by Zaun, who has told audiences that Boswell votes 98 percent of the time with Pelosi and that his voting record better represents the liberal speaker's San Francisco district than Iowa's 3rd Congressional District.

Boswell said that while some Democratic House members have been running away from Pelosi dur-

ing the campaign, he isn't one of them. He credited her with taking responsibility and for making tough decisions on issues that could no longer be ignored, such as health care reform and Wall Street regulation.

"If these Republicans want to run against Pelosi, why don't they go out to California and run against Pelosi?" Boswell said. "... I was thankful that we could start working on some things that needed to be done. I think the House, the 111th Congress, didn't do too bad. We certainly didn't do perfect, but we didn't do too bad. We took on the hard issues."

Boswell told of visiting the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial in Washington and thinking about what his father and grandfather

package, Boswell said there is no truth that Speaker Pelosi dumped a bill totaling thousands of pages on House members' desks and told them to read it after the measure passed.

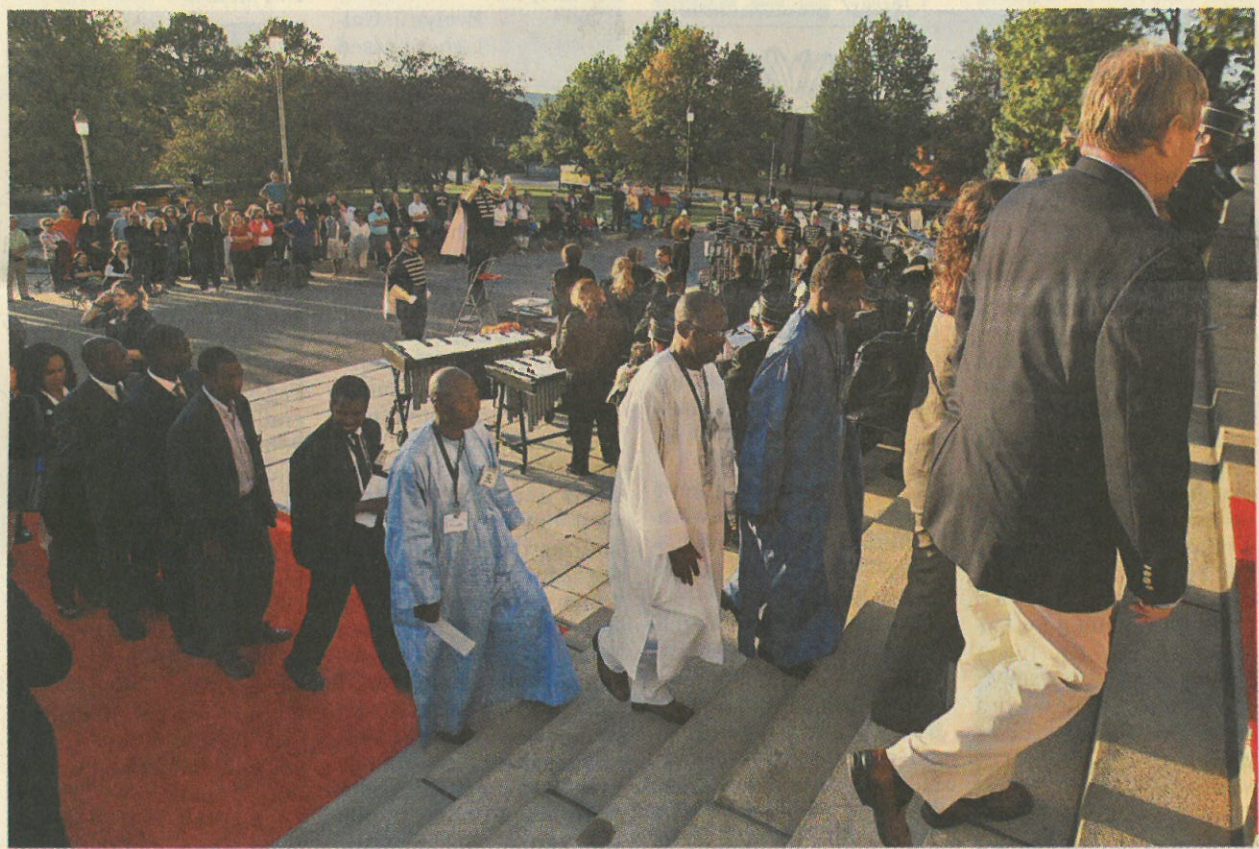
"I can't tell you the hours I have spent reading and also sitting through briefings," reading the bill section-by-section, Boswell said.

Last week Zaun criticized Boswell's campaign and advertising paid for by the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee that targeted the Republican's past financial difficulties. Zaun called the advertising uncivil and inaccurate. He said it is true federal tax liens were filed against him, but the liens were dropped after he presented evidence that he wasn't responsible for payment. He also acknowledged receiving foreclosure notices on his home after falling behind on payments, but he said his house was never fore-

closed, he added. Considering Zaun's financial problems, Boswell said, "you would think he would be very sympathetic to people having those kinds of problems, but it doesn't seem to be. So we decided to use his own verbiage, if you will, his own presentations, to try to define who he really is. And so that is how this all got started."

T.J. Maloney, Zaun's campaign manager, issued a statement Thursday following Boswell's meeting at the Register.

"We are glad to see Congressman Boswell taking some personal responsibility for his votes for ObamaCare, Cap and Trade, massive bailouts and a failed stimulus. In just a few weeks, Congressman Boswell will see for himself that Iowans are sick of his hit and run, slanderous campaign and his ineffectiveness in Congress," Maloney said.



JUSTIN HAYWORTH/REGISTER PHOTOS

People make their way up the west steps of the State Capitol as they arrive for the World Food Prize Award Ceremony.

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True to his reputation for religious-based advocacy for poor people, Beckmann used his acceptance speech to make an impassioned appeal to voters to evaluate candidates' potential impact on anti-hunger programs.

"We have an election coming up on Nov. 2, and one consideration as we consider candidates should be who is going to be good news for hungry people," Beckmann said after accepting the award during the ceremony at the Iowa Capitol in Des Moines.

"I believe in God. When I look at the progress the world has made against hunger and poverty, I do think this is God moving in our time," he said.

The ceremony included a taped message from former President Bill Clinton, for whom Luck once worked when he was governor of Arkansas. Clinton said he knew that Luck would "go on to do as much for our world as she's done for Arkansas."

Clinton said Beckmann "has moved thousands of people to get involved" in



World Food Prize laureate David Beckmann and his wife joke with Ambassador Kenneth Quinn as they arrive at the ceremony Thursday evening. Beckmann in his speech asked people to consider hunger issues when voting.

building support for anti-hunger programs.

In her acceptance speech, Luck called Clinton's wife, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, "a woman who inspired me and encouraged me to know that I have the ability to make a lasting difference."

Luck, whose group is known worldwide for teaching poor people self-reliance through animal husbandry, said she accepted the award on the behalf of smaller farmers around the world. "This one tonight is for the farmers!" she exclaimed.

Beckmann, an ordained minister who left his job as an economist at the World

Bank to take over Bread for the World in 1991, is credited with helping mobilize political support for increasing U.S. domestic assistance and aid to Africa.

Luck joined Heifer in 1992. She has built its supporter base from 20,000, then to 500,000 last year, and enabled the organization's work through innovative fundraising techniques, including a popular gift catalog. Donors sponsor more than 30 kinds of livestock and animals — including bees and water buffaloes — that are provided to recipients, who then donate some offspring to needy neighbors.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack used the ceremony to announce new youth internship programs at his department. One program will be named for Henry A. Wallace, the Pioneer Hi-Bred founder who revolutionized government farm policy as agriculture secretary in the 1930s, and for African-American scientist George Washington Carver.

By tradition, the ceremony included musical performances picked to honor the laureates. Last year, it was an Ethiopian singer flown in to honor Ethiopian-born scientist Gebisa Ejeta.

This year's performers included singer Eleasha Gamble from Washington's Signature Theater, a favorite spot of Beckmann's. She sang, "Carry your candle. Run to the darkness. Seek out the hungry, confused and torn."

The Philander Smith Choir, a small collegiate troupe from Arkansas, performed an African song for Luck, who is from Arkansas. She threw her arms in the air in delight when the choir was introduced.

Some 60 farmers brought in from around the world for the World Food Prize symposium this week were part of the audience.

Deborah Conrad; and her grandparents.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, October 16, 2010 at Hamilton's Funeral Home, 605 Lyon St.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family.

Online condolences may be sent to HamiltonsFuneralHome.com.

### ROBERT "ROBBIE" SEARS Des Moines



Robert "Robbie" James Sears, 25, passed from life on Monday, October 11, 2010. A celebration of

Robbie's life will be held 3 p.m. Saturday, October 16 at Hamilton's Southtown Funeral Home. A visitation will be from 1 to 3 p.m. prior to the service on Saturday.

Robbie was born October 19, 1984 in Des Moines. He attended Lincoln High School. He was a proud resident "southsider" all of his life. Robbie was employed by Waldinger Corporation where he worked as a sheet metal worker, but most people will remember him as their personal mechanic, putting other people's needs ahead of his own in order to provide assistance.

Robbie is survived by his father, Craig Sears; mother Lorrie Cottrill; step-father Chris Cottrill; brother Kelly (Jennifer Hodges) Sears; sister Melody Sears; step-sister Kelly Cottrill; niece Dilana; nephews Dominic and Kelly Jr.; grandfathers Frank Sears and Tom Allen; grandmother Betty Sears as well as many cousins and a myriad of friends and relatives. He was preceded in death by his grandmother Rose Allen.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the family to be used for funeral expenses.

## U of I event during game to offer beer

Iowa City Press-Citizen

Iowa City, Ia. — University of Iowa officials are battling underage and binge drinking on campus, but that won't stop the university from holding a tailgate with drinks for students during this weekend's football game against the University of Michigan.

This will not be the first time the U of I has served beer to students of legal drinking age during a game. Last fall, a "wet tailgate" was held during the Hawkeyes' game at Ohio State University, and it "worked really well," said John Rigby, president of the U of I's Student Government, one of several groups hosting the event.

The "Wallop the Wolverines" tailgate will begin at the Iowa Memorial Union at 2 p.m. Saturday. The game, to begin at 2:30 p.m. in Ann Arbor, Mich., will be shown on a big screen.

The event will include free food at halftime and drawings for basketball tickets and T-shirts. Students can have up to two beers if they can demonstrate to security they are of legal drinking age, Rigby said.