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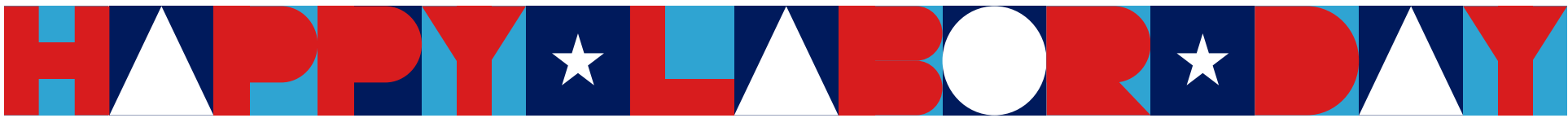
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# Kitty Corner welcomes club's 100th adoption

## Meet Hot Love, a 5-month-old tabby

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The love was plentiful for Kitty Corner Social Club's 100th adoption. The local cat lounge started with just five felines in February, quickly blossoming into a popular hangout for cat lovers. The five-month-old tabby, Hot Love,

recently became the Kitty Corner Social Club's 100th adopted cat. Since opening on Feb. 25, the downtown Iowa City business has welcomed more than 22,000 visits from more than 7,000 residents. Hot Love was adopted by Iowa City resident David Walker Hofbauer and his partner, Deven. Kitty Corner has parted ways with four more cats since. "Reaching 100 adoptions is proof of the immense generosity and support within the Iowa City community," said Katy Brown, founder of Kitty Corner Social Club, in a news release. "When we had this idea, people showed up for it.

From the art on our walls to the pottery made by visitors who wanted to contribute, this has been built by the heart of Iowa City. We are so lucky." **A community partnership for cats** Kitty Corner Social Club partners with local organizations, such as the Iowa City Animal Care and Adoption Center, local makers and nursing homes to create a hub of community engagement. By adopting out 104 cats, city shelters and partners likely will save up to **See KITTEN, Page 2A**



Hot Love poses for a picture with her new family, David Walker Hofbauer and his partner, Deven. Hot Love, named after the jam-band Goose's song of the same name, is the 100th cat adopted from Kitty Corner Social Club. PROVIDED BY KITTY CORNER SOCIAL CLUB

# Military fretted over LA deployment



Members of the California National Guard are deployed outside a complex of federal buildings in Santa Ana, California, on June 18. MIKE BLAKE/REUTERS FILE

## Lawyers drafted rules for troops that warned of risks

Tom Hals  
REUTERS

As President Donald Trump began his push to send the National Guard and Marines to U.S. cities, military leaders privately questioned whether the troops had received proper training and

warned of the "far-reaching social, political and operational" risks of aiding law enforcement, according to a Reuters review of military records disclosed in court. U.S. Army officials planning an operation in MacArthur Park during the June deployment in Los Angeles determined

that using troops to protect agents carrying out Trump's immigration crack-down posed an "extremely high" risk to civilians, troops and the military's reputation, according to an internal document. **See DEPLOYMENT, Page 2A**

# How Drey flipped ruby red Iowa Senate seat

## District shifts 20 points to left in less than year

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Iowa Democrats scored a big win on Aug. 26 as Catelin Drey defeated Republican Christopher Prosch in a special election for state Senate District 1. Republican Sen. Rocky De Witt held the seat until he died of pancreatic cancer in June, prompting the election. **Drey**

The victory flips the seat to Democratic, and it means the GOP will no longer hold a supermajority in the state Senate. The election result shows a big swing: The last time the seat was up for election, in 2022, De Witt won by 10 percentage points. Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump won those same precincts by 11 points in the 2024 general election. That same year, votes for the two Iowa House seats (Districts 1 and 2) in the district leaned Republican by a combined nine points. Drey, however, tipped the scales to the left with a 10-point victory of her own. So how does a senate district shift 20 points to the left in just under 10 months? It starts in Sioux City. **A Democratic shift in Sioux City** It's easy to look at Senate **See DREY, Page 2A**

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