



BACK WITH THE BLUES
C.R. native Tom Giblin comes home after 13 years with the Lonnie Brooks band **WEEKEND!**



Philip hears the worst news ever about Amanda's future / 7B

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GOOD MORNING

TODAY	SATURDAY
Cloudy with showers	Periods of rain
Wind: N 6-10	Wind: NE 7-14
High 46	High 45
Low 44	Low 37

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TODAY

Wieneke's Friendly Service Mart
CAR WASH
UNLEADED PREM UNL DIESEL
1.19 1.29 1.39

Full service is Dyersville standard

Wieneke's Friendly Service Mart and Deutmeyer Brothers Standard in Dyersville are among a dying breed: gas stations that offer full service. Details in Ramblin', 1B.

Inspiring ideas for holidays

Martha Stewart shares her advice on outdoor lights for the holidays. Details in Accent, 6B.

Were septuplets a miracle or not?

Readers — and syndicated columnist Cal Thomas — offer a spectrum of comments about the nature of the birth of the McCaughey septuplets. Opinion, page 8A.

McCaughey family counts blessings

Grandfather Ken McCaughey says his family is humbled by the birth of the septuplets and the outpouring of support. Details on 2B.

Detroit, Tennessee win in NFL action

The Detroit Lions routed the Chicago Bears, 55-20, and the Tennessee Oilers beat the Dallas Cowboys, 27-14. Details on 1C.

Ice-fishing images captured for book

Graduate students shot hundreds of rolls of film to produce "Walking on Water." Details on Outdoor, 5C.

TOMORROW

A skiing guide to top Iowa spots

Whether your idea of fun in the snow is downhill skiing, cross-country skiing or snowboarding, Iowa resorts have the hills and trails for you. Recreation in Saturday's Gazette.

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2nd tragedy strikes family

C.R. murder victim's sister and her family killed in highway crash

By Adam Lowenstein
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Jodi Jackson, who discovered the body of her murdered sister, Traci Evenson, in a Cedar Rapids apartment earlier this year, was killed Wednesday morning with her husband and two young children in a two-vehicle accident in Howard County.

The Jacksons, who had moved from Cedar Rapids to West St. Paul, Minn., after Evenson's death, were driving to Waterloo to spend Thanksgiving with

relatives of Jodi's husband, Anthony Jackson.

Pronounced dead at the scene were Anthony, 28; Jodi, 27; and their children, Anthony Jr., 5, and Jazmine, 3.

"It's unimaginable," Jodi's brother, Stephen Evenson, said last night from his mother's home in West St. Paul, Minn. "It's hard to believe."

The Jacksons lived in Cedar Rapids for six years until moving to West St. Paul weeks after Evenson's murder in June, the brother said.

The Iowa State Patrol identified the Jacksons on Thursday morning, one day after the 11:20 a.m. accident on Highway 63, three miles south of Lime Springs.

The patrol said Jodi Jackson, the driver, lost control of the family's Ford



Traci Evenson
Murder in June still unsolved

Bronco when she attempted to pass a semi-trailer truck. The vehicle slid to the shoulder, veered back onto the road and was struck broadside by a semi driven by Gerald Lathrop of Boscobel, Wis. Lathrop was not injured.

The Jacksons were not wearing safety belts, the patrol reported.

On June 22, Jodi Jackson discovered Evenson, 22, dead from suffocation at Evenson's apartment at 438 1/2 Ninth Ave. SW. Despite a \$16,000 reward, police

continue to seek a suspect in the murder. After moving to Minnesota, Jodi Jackson was employed by a computer chip factory and her husband worked making plastic molds, Stephen Evenson said. The couple had been married for about four years, he said.

When Stephen Evenson, who moved to West St. Paul a month ago, was asked if there was anything for the family to be thankful for, he first answered quietly, "No."

But after a pause, he changed his mind.

"I'm thankful that Jodi doesn't have to live with the nightmare of walking in when (Traci) was dead. It's all she was doing, having nightmares all the time," Evenson said.

Telling the recycling story



Gazette photo by John F. Martin

A crew from Metro Communications films a recycling awareness commercial starring Dave Shay and featuring 11 children from the Jane Boyd Community House earlier this month at Coe College in Cedar Rapids. Children are one target group for the broadcast campaign by the Bluestem Solid Waste Agency.

Recycling the uproar

Bluestem hoping to use awareness created by landfill hunt

By Beth Chacey
Gazette staff writer

The uproar that has tallied Bluestem Solid Waste Agency's search for a new landfill site has an upside: public awareness.

"We wanted to take advantage of that," said Liz Christiansen, Bluestem's recycling and education coordinator.

With the public tuned in and with recycling accessibility expanded by Cedar Rapids and Marion curbside programs, Bluestem is hoping a holiday weapon fired this week pays off.

A warm, fuzzy holiday commercial is airing on radio and is strategically scheduled during upcoming holiday television specials. The goal of the commercial is to coax people to recycle the skeletal remains of their holiday gifts.

Between Thanksgiving and Jan. 1, America's landfills will swell with an extra 1 million tons of trash after cardboard boxes, wrapping paper and bows are ripped off gifts and stuffed into garbage bags.

HOLIDAY RECYCLING TIPS

- Most thin, brightly colored wrapping paper can't be recycled. Try using recyclable materials for wrapping, like newspaper (kids like comics), brown grocery bags or brown kraft paper. After opening presents, remove the tape and ribbon, and you're ready to recycle.
- If you want to buy wrapping paper, look for some that's recycled, especially non-metallic. You can compost non-metallic paper if the dyes are soy-based or non-toxic.
- Bows and ribbons usually can't be accepted for recycling, but keep them in good shape and reuse them. Try using raffia, a natural product that looks great as a gift decoration.

- Try giving a gift wrapped in another gift. For example, give a serving dish wrapped in a tablecloth, a non-toxic household cleaning product tied up in a natural cotton dish towel, or earrings snuggled inside a matching T-shirt.
- If you're mailing gifts, pack them in crumpled newspapers or in popcorn, which can be sprinkled in the back yard for birds. Polystyrene peanuts should be reused or recycled at the companies listed in the Bluestem Home and Business Recycling Companion.
- If you entertain every year, your best bet is to invest in plates, glasses and cloth napkins.

That statistic, from a non-profit newsletter called "Use Less Stuff," is dreary news for Linn County residents, who must face the fact that dwindling landfill space translates into Bluestem's search for more land.

Bluestem, a joint agency formed by Linn County and Cedar Rapids,

has an ongoing public education program, but this is the first time that so much money — just over \$30,000 — has been poured into one ad campaign, according to Christiansen.

The commercial features Dave

■ Turn to 13A: **Recycling**

Collins Road traffic back in spotlight

C.R. schedules informational meeting on congestion woes

By Douglas Neumann
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The only things more crowded than stores today — one of the biggest shopping days of the year — may be the streets you travel to get there.

That will be especially true on Collins Road in northeast Cedar Rapids, which has as much traffic as it can handle on many ordinary days.

Cedar Rapids authorized a study of Collins Road traffic and possible improvements to the street just after the holiday shopping season in 1994.

At that time, 30,000 vehicles were using the street daily. An additional lane in each direction was discussed.

The consulting engineering firm, Snyder & Associates, is ready to share what it has discovered about the stretch of Collins Road between Center Point Road and First Avenue. The study also included First Avenue between Collins Road and 40th Street NE, where a lane might be added.

Traffic counts and travel time studies are among the facts that will be presented at a public information meeting at 7 p.m. Dec. 11 at First Baptist Church of the Brethren, 5200 Northland Ave. NE. The church is just north of Collins Road.

Invitations have been sent to owners of property on Collins Road and other affected properties nearby. The public also is welcome.

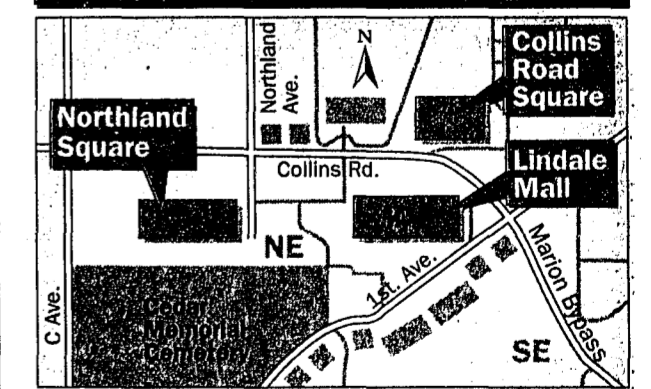
Representatives of Snyder & Associates, the city and the state Department of Transportation will ask for public input on safety, operational problems and solutions.

Cedar Rapids Traffic Engineer Gary Petersen said a second public meeting will be held in February, when the consultant will present several improvement concepts.

From there, the city and state will have to decide what improvements to pursue and how to fund them. The project, Petersen said, could be done in segments, but it will be several years before any construction begins.

Petersen said the study and the informational meetings do not pertain to the extension of Collins Road, also known as Highway 100, around the west edge of the city.

COLLINS ROAD CONGESTION



Gazette map

Beware of holiday charity scams, experts warn

By Lyle Muller

Gazette Johnson County Bureau

IOWA CITY — It's the holiday season and you feel like giving.

Beware, say consumer and law enforcement experts. Scam artists know about you and are willing to invoke the names of fake charities over the telephone in order to pocket some of your Christmas spending money.

"Our bottom line: Give with your head, not with your heart," said Mary Kruger Eyer, president of the Better Business Bureau of Greater Iowa.

Catherine Cole, University of Iowa associate professor of marketing and an

expert on how elderly Americans use consumer information, says people are more likely to be in a giving mood at holiday time.

"So if I were running a scam, this would be the time to do it," she said.

Cole said elderly and lonely people usually are most susceptible to the fake appeals. They process information less effectively than other people and are more apt to trust strangers, she said.

"There are so many good causes out there," said Capt. Melody Koehler of the Cedar Rapids Salvation Army. But she acknowledged that it sometimes is hard to judge which appeals are legitimate.

The Salvation Army solicits money in Cedar Rapids via direct mail and its famous sidewalk kettles.

Capt. David Sears of Iowa City's Salvation Army said scam solicitations no doubt affect response to legitimate charities, but it's hard to know how much. "I would hope it's minimal," he said.

Sgt. Jim Steffen of the Iowa City Police Department said con artists are on the phone all year.

"The type of scam depends on the season," Steffen said. This time of year, "most of the time they're representing some company trying to raise funds for, like, underprivileged children."

Cole said people should not be afraid to make donations but should be cautious. "I would ask for something in writing and not make any decision on the spot," Cole said. "If it's a real non-profit organization, they should be willing to provide you with financial statements."

Other advice:

- Check the Better Business Bureau or the charity's headquarters. The Better Business Bureau's reports on charities are available on the Internet at <http://www.bbb.org>.

- Do not give personal information such as credit card and bank account numbers over the phone.