

## NEWS JOURNAL

### MARION

#### Gibson to leave school board

■ Marion Independent school board President Gordon Gibson announced at last night's board meeting that he will not seek re-election this fall. Gibson is completing his fourth three-year term on the board.

Bill Huntoon, the other Marion board member up for re-election, told The Gazette after the meeting he is planning to run again. Huntoon, a 20-year board member, has served as president and vice president.

The Marion Independent district also will be seeking to fill the remaining two years of a seat previously held by Mark Smith, who resigned this month after being called to extended active duty with the U.S. Army Reserve.

Election petitions can be filed after July 7. Deadline for filing is July 31.

#### Child safety program postponed

■ Marion police have canceled safety education programs scheduled for today at Linn-Mar Intermediate School.

Police, in cooperation with St. Luke's Child Protection Center, scheduled the two sessions after what may have been two child abduction attempts in Marion.

The Linn-Mar school, however, has an interruptible power contract and was notified Monday its power would be cut today because of anticipated high electrical demands. The safety programs will be rescheduled later, according to Marion police Lt. Steve Glenn.

### CEDAR RAPIDS

#### School board OK's staff changes

■ The Cedar Rapids school board approved several personnel items last night.

As part of the district's reorganization plan, Austin Mueller is moving from special services director to the newly created position of executive director of special services. His salary will increase from \$64,634 this year to \$75,000.

Nancy Raw, associate director of special services, will become Van Buren Elementary School principal at a salary of \$60,000. Pat Wilson, the district's social studies facilitator, will become Garfield principal at a salary of \$60,000.

All the changes are effective July 1. Also last night, the school board gave preliminary approval to a plan to improve the parking lot at Hiawatha Elementary School. Plans are to add 28 parking spots — increasing the number of spots to 58 — and another entrance to the parking lot. The second part of the job requires the approval of Hiawatha building and zoning officials.

Paul Drahos, construction project supervisor, said \$55,000 is budgeted from the schoolhouse fund for the project.

#### Health grants are given

■ Young Parents Network in Cedar Rapids is one of 11 organizations receiving health improvement grants from the Wellmark Foundation, a private, non-profit affiliate of Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

Young Parents Network will receive \$50,000 to enhance its outreach prenatal services program in Linn County through advanced training of program managers and volunteers.

# Man drowns in Iowa River

Iowa City police haven't determined identity of victim

By John Kenyon

Gazette Johnson County Bureau  
IOWA CITY — Police were seeking clues last night to identify a man who drowned Monday in the Iowa River near Burlington Street.

Police described the man as being approximately 40 years old, 5 feet 8 inches tall and about 220 pounds. He has light colored hair, cut in a flat top. He carried no identification.

Workers repairing the chimney on the University of Iowa's Hydraulics Lab first spotted the man and notified police at 10:24 a.m. The workers saw the man climb the rail on the south side of the bridge, and drop into the water above the Burlington Street dam. Police said while the man did not jump from the bridge, it appeared he intentionally dropped into the water.

Rescue workers tried several times to reach the body, starting just downstream from the Burlington Street bridge. Rescuers were forced to move equipment several times as the body quickly drifted face-down on the fast-moving river.

The sheriff's rescue boat was put in between Burlington and Benton streets. The body was recovered by a crew on that boat between Benton Street and Highway 6. It was brought out under the Highway 6 bridge, where fire and



Gazette photo by Buzz Orr

Rescue workers under the Highway 6 bridge in Iowa City pull a drowning victim from a rescue boat Monday morning along the bank of the Iowa River. Police do not know the identity of the man, who was pronounced dead at University Hospitals.

ambulance personnel tried for 20 minutes to revive the man. Workers still were administering CPR around 11 a.m. when the body was placed in the ambulance. The man was pronounced dead on arrival at

University Hospitals.

This is the first drowning near the Burlington Street dam since October 1994, when Cameron Inghram, 22, drowned after he fell through a gap between the eastbound

and westbound lanes of the Burlington Street bridge.

Police Capt. Pat Harney said the quick recovery of the body was surprising. He said it is unusual for a person to make it over the Burlington Street

dam and then not become caught in debris at the bottom of the river in that area.

For updates on this story call 363-7000 or 337-7000, category 2553.

## Police: Death is a homicide

Slain C.R. woman's aunt: She was just a good, normal kid

By Rick Smith  
Gazette staff writer

Cedar Rapids police detectives on Monday called the weekend death of 22-year-old Traci Evenson a homicide, but said little else.

Evenson's mother, sister and aunt didn't need to add much more: Seeing the three said it for them.

"SHE WORKED AND she didn't bother anybody," said the dead woman's mother, Norma Zillyette, as she and the two other women, alone with themselves under an unrelenting sun, entered Brosh Chapel mortuary to plan a funeral.

Evenson, a 1994 Washington High School graduate, worked two jobs and was studying computers at Kirkwood Community College, her mother said.

"She didn't drink, didn't smoke," said Evenson's sister Jodi Jackson, the one who found Evenson's body Sunday morning in her second-floor apartment at 438½ Ninth Ave. SW. "She was just a good, normal kid," said the aunt, Betty Nyberg.

NONE OF THE THREE women wanted to discuss the details of the death or possible suspects.

"We don't know anything yet," Nyberg said. "I wish we did."



Traci Evenson  
1st C.R. homicide since March 1995

A prayer service for Evenson will be at 7 p.m. today at the Brosh Chapel. (See obituary, 2B.)

Evenson's death is the first homicide in Cedar Rapids not involving a vehicle since March 1995, when a 15-year-old Chicago man was gunned down in a drug-and-gang-related murder in the southeast part of the city.

Police Lt. Kenneth Washburn declined to reveal the cause of Evenson's death, but he emphasized that it was a homicide when asked if her death might be something else: a suicide or a drug overdose, for instance.

"This is all we are releasing at this time," he said.

ON SUNDAY, HE had estimated the death to have happened sometime within 36 hours of the body's discovery at 9 a.m. Sunday.

Dr. David Kresnicka, assistant county medical examiner, continues to investigate the death, his office reported Monday.

Uniformed police officers remained at the homicide scene during the day Monday.

Meanwhile Monday, both of Evenson's employers, APAC Teleservices and Hy-Vee Food Stores, took time to speak highly of her.

"We're saddened by her death," said Bruce

■ Turn to 3B: Homicide

## Landfill restriction sent back to board

By Steve Stepanek  
Gazette news intern

In a unanimous vote, the Linn County Planning and Zoning Commission last night reaffirmed its decision that the county's land use plan be amended to prohibit landfills from being placed on prime farm land.

The commission met in special session in response to the recent action by the Board of Supervisors, which rejected the first reading of the amendment on the grounds that it might not withstand a court challenge.

The county's planning staff had indicated that limiting the location of a future landfill to areas with corn suitability ratings (CSRs) of less than 65 might illegally limit the number of suitable sites.

This was the single issue debated at the zoning com-

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mission's three-hour session and, in the end, it was the need to stay consistent that carried the day.

The 65 CSR requirement has been a part of land use policy in Linn County for more than 20 years, Commission Chairman Pat Pisarik said. To not include it when siting a landfill would be questionable, he said.

The first part of the meeting consisted of a review of all restrictions affecting landfill sites, to include both those imposed by law and those voluntarily adopted by the Citizens Advisory Commission (CAC), the group charged with investigating various landfill-related options.

■ Turn to 3B: Landfill

## Ghost Town Club members visit unfinished Youngville cafe

When you get a taste for the unknown, be wary of biting off more than you can chew.

Anne Schoonover of Garrison admits to being overwhelmed a year or so ago as she pressed on with restoration efforts for the 1931 Youngville service station/cafe at Highways 30 and 218 in Benton County. But Friday she was all smiles as 70 visitors from the Ghost Town Club of Colorado became the cafe's first out-of-state visitors.

"It's very rough in there," Anne told the group. "But if you could see what it was like when we started . . ."

It was a mess — thick bushes, leaking roof, graffiti everywhere. But Anne and dozens of others cleaned it up and secured numerous grants for the \$120,000 restoration project. Architectural plans were received last week, and volunteers hope Youngville can open in a year. Dreams include making it a self-sufficient tourist center with a resident manager in the upstairs apartment, farmers' markets in the yard and homemade pie in the cafe.

Ghost Town Club members — traveling the old Lincoln Highway from east to west through Friday — praised Iowa for its friendly people, beautiful farms and historical restorations like Youngville.

"Thanks for the work you're doing on a real piece of history," said club member Jim Ranniger, a western Iowa native.

"There aren't too many places like this left," said Youngville volunteer Richard Grover of

### RAMBLIN'



Dave Rasdal  
Gazette staff writer

Newhall. "When we get it open, it'll be the only potty stop between Cedar Rapids and Toledo."

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I hope Ghost Town Club members tuned in Iowa's newest radio station on their journey. More than a year of hard work to secure financing, deal with the Federal Communications Commission and plan construction came alive at 6 a.m. May 30 when KZAT-FM (95.5 of Belle Plaine, Tama and Toledo) signed on.

Initial rumblings came from space movie theme songs — "2001: A Space Odyssey" and "Apollo 13" before listeners heard a simple "tap, tap" on the mike.

"Are we on yet?" asked general manager and morning DJ Cathy Campbell, 37.

False starts included a country song, "Ava Maria" and mooing cows and oinking pigs. Finally, the classic rock station got it right with the Rolling Stones' "Start Me Up."

The Zoo Crew, as the on-air DJs are called, have had a blast ever since from the Tama studio. And so has the public.

"One of the biggest hits is our local traffic report," Cathy says.

Tama Police Chief Rod McCool will deadpan about traffic jams in the loop or crowded conditions on Highway 63. Toledo Police Chief Wayne Martin and Belle Plaine Chief Ron Tippet also have been known to call in such reports.

A young, enthusiastic staff and coverage from west Cedar Rapids to Colo, and from Fredericka to north of Oskaloosa, have put the Classic Z on the map.

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Vinton Fire Department volunteers recently learned that talk is cheap. Breaking the hand pumper record of 260 feet 6 inches set by department counterparts a century ago is a different matter.

After restoring the same 1873 hand pumper used for that 1893 record, today's volunteers were all pumped to beat the record in a muster held



Gazette photo by Dave Rasdal

June 15 in Nebraska City, Neb.

Well, the record — at least west of the Mississippi — remains intact.

"If we would have had a tail wind, we could have gotten maybe 200 feet," firefighter Scott Geissinger says. "But we had to shoot into the wind."

The 162-foot, 6-inch squirt didn't come close. But, it did earn first place.

"We had a blast," Scott says. "We looked at this as a learning experience. We learned a bellyful."

The hand pumper will be displayed at Vinton's Party in the Park celebration Saturday. There's even talk of letting a few spectators try their hand at it.

Cathy Campbell (right) general manager of KZAT-FM (95.5), works with new on-air personality Melissa Martin, 18, of Chelsea, in the radio station's Tama studio. KZAT-FM became Iowa's newest radio station when it signed on at 6 a.m. May 30.

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And finally, will Jane Wynkoop of Wyoming ever give up pulling pranks?

When I bit into a large cinnamon roll at our Gazette coffee Wednesday at the Trio Cafe, it seemed a little tough. A second bite revealed one of Jane's infamous white milk filters.

Jane has baked these paper-thin disks into April Fools' Day pancakes for her husband, Leonard, on and off through 50 years of marriage. This year she got him by sewing a leg shut on his underwear.

Now I know how Leonard feels. Dave Rasdal's column appears Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays in The Gazette.



## METRO/IOWA

## DAILY NOTEBOOK

TODAY/June 24, 1997

## MEETINGS

**8:30 a.m.** — Linn County Board of Supervisors, informal, large conference room, Administrative Office Building.

**8:30 a.m.** — Region 10 Advisory Board, Cedar Rapids Workforce Development Center, 800 Seventh St. SE.

**8:30 a.m.** — Cedar Rapids City Council, informal, council chambers, City Hall.

**9 a.m.** — Cedar Rapids Board of Review, oral and non-oral hearings, Armory of City Hall and City Assessor's Office, fifth floor, City Hall.

**Noon** — East Central Iowa Private Industry Council, East Central Iowa Employment and Training Consortium, 1201 Sixth St. SW.

**3 p.m.** — Cedar Rapids City Planning Commission, fourth floor, council chambers, City Hall.

**5:30 p.m.** — Cedar Rapids Civil Rights Commission, Emergency Management Agency conference room, basement, City Hall.

**7 p.m.** — Linn County Deer Task Force meeting, break room, basement, Administrative Office Building.

**7 p.m.** — Hiawatha Planning & Zoning Commission, Hiawatha Council Chambers.

**7:30 p.m.** — Linn County Board of Adjustment, board room, Administrative Office Building.

## SPACE EXHIBIT

**International Space Station** exhibit, full-scale mock-up of space station living quarters, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Science Station parking lot, 427 First St. SE; free.

## MUSIC

**All-State Music Camp honors recital**, 8:30 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall, University of Iowa.

## CANCELLATION

**STAY SAFE**, a safety education program for children and parents, which had been scheduled today at Linn-Mar Intermediate School, has been canceled because of the school's interruptible power agreement.

## FARMERS MARKETS

**City Market at Riverside Roundhouse**, 1350 A St. SW, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

## CLINIC

**Sexually transmitted disease** examination and treatment, 2 to 4 p.m., Linn County Health Department, 501 13th St. NW; appointment required at 398-3551.

## RECYCLING

**Cedar Rapids drive-through recycling site**, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Public Works complex, 1201 Sixth St. SW.

**Cedar Rapids recycling truck**, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Hy-Vee, 20 Wilson Ave. SW.

**Marion recycling**, noon to 8:15 p.m., 195 35th St.

## LOTTERIES

## IOWA LOTTERY

**\$100,000 CASH GAME**: 14-15-17-28-35  
**DAILY MILLIONS**: Red: 9-11; White: 12-17; Blue: 5-17

## ILLINOIS LOTTERY

**PICK 3 MIDDAY**: 2-6-6 **PICK 3 EVENING**: 7-2-4  
**PICK 4 MIDDAY**: 5-9-8-2 **PICK 4 EVENING**: 9-9-2-6  
**LITTLE LOTTO**: 3-11-13-20-25 **6-of-54 JACKPOT**: \$6 million

## VITAL STATISTICS

## BIRTHS

ST. LUKE'S

**June 22** — **Celene and Jesse Deluna**, 1300 Oakland Rd. NE, a daughter; **Davina Phillips and Calvin Gibson**, 2446 11th Ave. SE, a son; **Roberta and Glenn Hendryx**, Mount Auburn, a daughter.

## THE LOG

Information for The Log is collected by The Gazette from public safety agencies in Eastern Iowa.

## Linn County

## DRUNKEN DRIVING CHARGES

The following people charged with drunken driving are listed with time and place of arrest.

**Paul C. Naujoks**, 30, 1809 Ridgewood Terrace SE; Sunday in the 100 block of Fifth Street NW.

**Steven L. Hyde**, 37, 2805 A Ave. NE, Apt. 5; Sunday at Center Point Road and J Avenue NE.

**Blair D. Harbaugh**, 39, 930 Fourth St., Marion; Sunday in the 200 block of Blairs Ferry Road.

**Shirley A. Adney**, 27, 1056 Third Ave. SE, Apt. 6; Friday in the 100 block of 10th Street SE.

**Tracy D. Felt**, 33, 1925 Gretchen Dr. SW; Friday in the 1900 block of Gretchen Drive SW (third offense).

**Gary L. Harkness**, 46, 616 Fourth Ave. SE; Friday at Interstate 380 and H Avenue NE (second offense).

**Benjamin G. Heath**, 20, Mount Vernon; Saturday in the 400 block of Highway 30 in Mount Vernon.

**John W. Seeley**, 20, Prairie du Chien, Wis.; Saturday at Highway 13 and Prairie Chapel Rd.

**James S. Skelton**, 21, Walford; Friday at Highway 30 and Skillman Road.

**Jeff S. DeLong**, 32, 1500 Ninth Ave., Marion; Saturday in the 900 block of Eighth Avenue, Marion.

**Thomas M. Winsor**, 48, Vinton; Saturday in the 1000 block of A Avenue NE.

## DRUG CHARGES

**Eileen S. Balduckl**, 48, and **John R. Balduckl**, 46, both of 438 Ninth Ave. SW; charged with manufacturing marijuana; police reported finding a growing operation after executing a search warrant Sunday at their residence.

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## DRUNKEN DRIVING CHARGE

**Matthew Michael Cook**, 28, 1308 K St. SW, Cedar Rapids; 1:49 a.m. Monday in Iowa City.

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Tiemann, APAC spokesman, who cited company policy in declining to detail the particulars of Evenson's work history with the company. "... And like everyone else, we're awaiting details from the Cedar Rapids Police Department."

Jim Lingo, store director at Hy-Vee's Collins Road NE store, said Evenson had bused tables in the store's eatery and cleaned dishes in the kitchen since September 1995. She worked 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., four days a week, and, he thought, 30 hours more a week for APAC.

"She was trying to make it on her own," Lingo said. "She was working hard to make it on her own."

Store employees were scratching their heads about the death and answering questions from police, the store director said.

But, he said, police weren't finding out anything at the store. There hadn't been a hint of troubles in her life: "We never saw anything," he said.

Lingo called Evenson quiet and dependable, never a problem for her supervisors.

## Girls: Truck with fugitives

Suspects' friend said Florida trip planned

By Dale Kueter

Gazette staff writer

Two fugitive stepbrothers from Iowa still were driving a stolen 1997 green Dodge Dakota pickup as late as Wednesday, two Oskaloosa teen-age girls have told investigators.

Jamie McMahan, 22, of rural Rose Hill, and Christopher Kauffman, 18, of Oskaloosa, are charged with killing Barbara Garber, 52, of rural What Cheer, on June 11 and stealing her green Dodge pickup.

Mandi Smith, 17, and Amanda Miller, 16, who accompanied the suspects to Florida, returned home Saturday night.

"The last we knew, they still had the green truck," Chuck Wood, a supervisory agent for the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI), said Monday.

"However, I would be surprised if it had the same plates or if they don't have a different vehicle by now," Wood said. "But that's speculation."

Wood said Smith and Miller have been "cooperative and responding to our questions. They have not been charged and there is no reason to believe at this point that they will be charged with anything. Certainly that's not the direction it's heading."

Neither is there reason to believe anyone else was involved in the June 11 crime rampage, Wood said.

In addition to Garber, Island Schultz, 18, of rural Gibson, was shot and killed. Her Ford Probe was stolen and later used in the robbery of the Gibson Savings Bank.

All of the crimes occurred within a five-mile area where Keokuk, Poweshiek and Mahaska counties meet.

From what the girls have told authorities, they didn't realize the seriousness of what had happened until they called home Wednesday night. The four ap-

parently had been to Disney World and were staying in a motel at nearby Kissimmee, Fla.

Upon learning of the murders and robbery and that warrants had been issued for the arrests of McMahan and Kauffman, the situation changed dramatically. Eventually, the girls were given money by the suspects and allowed to leave.

Clint Loveall, 18, a friend of the two fugitives who also dated both girls, said he was one of the last people to see the four some before the crime spree.

He said McMahan decided to have a party the evening of June 10 at the local Super 8 motel. Loveall and the other four sat around drinking beer before he decided to walk home at about 1:30 a.m. the morning of June 11.

"Jamie and Chris said that at 2:30 (a.m.), they were going to Florida. They said if I wanted to go, to come back," Loveall said. "They just said they had money and were going to go."

Loveall said he declined the invitation.

"There was no need for me to go. I didn't have no money," he said.

Authorities have acknowledged that McMahan and Kauffman were users of methamphetamine, or crank, and Loveall said the young men "looked pretty strung out when I saw them."

Loveall said there was no discussion at the party of robbing a bank.

Wood, who was in the Washington, D.C., Fox Network studios Saturday night, said 80 calls were received after "America's Most Wanted" program broadcast a segment on the Iowa crimes.

Most concerned the green truck, he said. So far, none of the information has produced any new leads on whereabouts of the fugitives.

*The Associated Press contributed to this story.*

## C.R. middle schools target at-risk students

By Becky Stover

Gazette staff writer

Cedar Rapids' six middle schools have come up with six proposals to better reach at-risk students.

At Monday's school board work session, principals of the six schools shared information about alternative education programs that will begin this fall. All six programs have a career component.

The number of middle school students who fall through the cracks is increasing, Harding Principal Carol Lensing told the board.

McKinley Principal Tom Van Deest said the southeast Cedar Rapids school probably has more students than it can handle in the new at-risk program. Eighty students have been identified as candidates for the upcoming year.

Each school will be allowed to add one teacher and one teacher associate.

Qualifications and length of student participation in the program vary by building. At-risk students include those with a history of attendance problems, failing grades and unstable home environment.

Following is a summary of the schools' alternative education plans:

• **Harding Middle School** — Up to 30 seventh and eighth graders will work with two teachers and two teacher associates. They will join other stu-

dents for some classes such as gym, music and industrial technology. Students will spend at least one class period a day on community service, field trips or career exploration.

• **Franklin Middle School** — An alternative classroom will be set up for qualifying students, primarily seventh and eighth graders. A late start or partial day may be part of the program. Special emphasis will be placed on life and survival skills, family life, wellness and careers.

• **McKinley Middle School** — Three teachers will oversee a special afternoon program. The focus will be on life-based instruction, including independent living skills, jobs, social skills and recreation.

• **Roosevelt Middle School** — In an effort to cut down on office traffic and teach positive behaviors, the school is staffing a special room with a facilitator who will work with students who have behavior problems.

• **Wilson Middle School** — Wilson's efforts to reach at-risk students — led by a facilitator — will include more individual tutoring, behavior contracts and job shadowing.

• **Taft Middle School** — Taft will begin a program that allows some students, including some at-risk and special education students, to stay with the same team of teachers for two years — sixth and seventh grades.

## Landfill: Sites studied

■ From page 1B

Zoning commission staffers used map overlays to show the commissioners and the 40 audience members the progressive effect of each layer of restrictions.

Topped by a chart outlining all the land in the county with CSR's of more than 65, the composite map demonstrated that few sites in the county would remain suitable for a landfill.

**The commissioners ultimately determined that CAC's restrictions should not be considered.**

Commissioner Cindy Kettelkamp said that much of the land was eliminated through CAC's voluntarily imposed restrictions.

The commissioners ultimately determined that CAC's restrictions should not be considered, and concluded that the combination of restrictions imposed by law and the 65 CSR requirement resulted in far more land that could serve as a potential landfill site.

This should make the land-use policy amendment less vulnerable to legal assault, Pisarik said. He said that it now will be redelivered to the Board of Supervisors in time for consideration at its next meeting.

## Sheep shot



Gazette photo by Duane Crock

**Matthew Vasquez (right)** of Chicago tries to steady a sheep for a photo during a visit to the Jim and Della Crock farm at Mechanicsville. Matthew and other members of an all-Hispanic choir from Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in South Chicago were invited to Mechanicsville by the Crock's daughter, Barb (center), who helps lead the choir. Besides visiting the farm, the choir sang at a Sunday Mass in the Cedar County community. Matthew's brother, Benjamin (left), holds a more cooperative sheep.

## Comedians varied laughs at 'Live from Iowa City' show

By John Kenyon

Gazette Johnson County Bureau

**IOWA CITY** — Three "Saturday Night Live" comedians offered very different types of humor Sunday, but by the end of the night, it was all too much.

Hancher Auditorium hosted a laugh fest Sunday night as part of "Live from Iowa City... It's Sunday Night Fun," presented by the University of Iowa Athletic Department as part of the 1997 AEGON Advantage golf tournament.

The humor ran the gamut Sunday: Darrell Hammond offered impersonation-driven political satire, Jim Breuer

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wowed with wacky, physical comedy and Norm MacDonald closed with a raunchy set of deadpan observations.

Hammond crafted humor around myriad impersonations.

Breuer spent much of his time ruminating on marijuana and alcohol.

MacDonald kept the audience in stitches in spots, but his reliance on swearing and sexually oriented material drove many from the auditorium.

## Athletics officials at U of I issue apology for comedian

By John Kenyon

Gazette Johnson County Bureau

**IOWA CITY** — University of Iowa Athletic Department officials were teed-off enough about Norm MacDonald's Sunday night comedy act that they yanked his golf invitation for Monday.

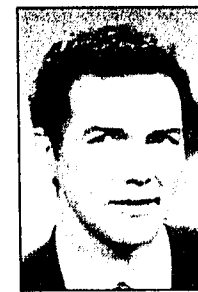
Several members of the audience left during MacDonald's act, which contained references to sex acts, AIDS and homosexuality. The comic alluded to the stream of people leaving the auditorium, but continued his set. "What do you want to talk about? Losing your luggage at the airport?" he asked as people left.

The Athletic Department issued an apology to the public Monday, calling MacDonald's performance "inappropriate for the audience assembled."

U of I Athletic Director Bob Bowlsby said MacDonald's act "would be considered to be in very bad taste in nearly every venue in America." Athletic Department spokesman Rick Klatt said the U of I was assured during contract negotiations that MacDonald could meet guidelines.

"We were very explicit about the details of the event, and about the type of people who would be there," Klatt said.

MacDonald left town Monday morning and was unavailable for comment.



**Norm MacDonald**  
Offended some

## Man who killed self upset by breakup of marriage

By Lynn M. Tefft

Gazette Johnson County Bureau

**IOWA CITY** — Devastated by his impending divorce, Marc Evans had talked recently of having nothing to live for, a friend said Monday.

"I told him to move, get a job somewhere else," said Mary Soukup of Windham. "But he was obsessed with Joanie."

Authorities say Evans, 35, of Parnell, died of a self-inflicted gunshot to the head after breaking into the Iowa City home of his estranged wife, Joan Evans, 26. He assaulted her and her guest, Kevin Rohrer, 30, of Brooklyn, Iowa, before shooting himself, according to authorities.

Services for Evans will be 9 a.m. Wednesday at Windham Community Church. (See obituary, 2B.)

Johnson County Sheriff Bob Carpenter said Monday that no charges are likely in the incident, which occurred around 5:30 a.m. Sunday at 903 Spring Ridge Dr. in the Lake Ridge Manufactured Home Park.

"The person responsible for it is gone," Carpenter said, adding that the investiga-

tion indicates Marc Evans intended to commit suicide when he went to Joan Evans' home.

Marc Evans spent most of his life around Windham, an unincorporated Johnson County town along County Road F-52 between Iowa City and Parnell.

Friends there said Evans and his seven brothers and sisters had a rough childhood. Their mother was killed in a car accident in Homestead years ago.

Evans' family declined comment Monday.

Joan Evans' family declined comment on her relationship with Marc Evans.

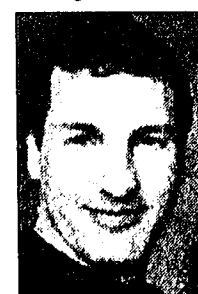
"Joan is doing fine," her father, Harold Weldon of Parnell, said of the weekend incident.

Marc and Joan Evans were married April 29, 1995, in Cosgrove. Their divorce was pending in Johnson County District Court.

Friends said Marc Evans worked seasonal jobs including landscaping, construction and bricklaying. Most recently he had worked for Petersen Drywall in Iowa City.

In his spare time, Marc Evans participated in motocross races at Hawkeye Downs Speedway in Cedar Rapids, his friends said.

"He was really good," said Bob Soukup, who manages the store in Windham. "He'd usually go first or second place."



**Marc Evans**  
Assaulted estranged wife



## DEATHS/EASTERN IOWA

## CEDAR RAPIDS

**Dorothy Williams Harrington Ersoff**, 86, of North Miami, Fla., formerly of Cedar Rapids and Williamsburg, died Thursday, June 19, 1997, in her home after a short illness. Her body has been cremated. Graveside services will be at a later date in Williamsburg.

Survivors include a daughter, Jerry Evans of North Miami; a sister, Jeanette Williams of Cedar Rapids; a brother, Lloyd Williams and wife Betty of Fairfax; a sister-in-law, Elizabeth Williams of Ely; a granddaughter, Dana Evans of Cloverdale, Calif.; a grandson, Scott Evans of Tempe, Ariz.; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Maudie Shellady of Iowa City; and brothers Gilbert Williams of Fairfax and Ralph Williams of Ely.

**Traci A. Evenson**, 22, of 438½ Ninth Ave. SW, was found dead in her apartment Sunday morning, June 22, 1997. Public prayer services: 7 p.m. today, Brosh Chapel, where friends may call after 5 p.m. The Rev. Wendell Beets, senior pastor of Word of Faith Pentecostal Church of God in Christ, will officiate. Funeral services will be at a later date at Southern Funeral Home, South St. Paul, Minn. Burial: General Lutheran Cemetery, South St. Paul.

Traci is survived by her mother, Norma Bierbrauer Zillyette of West St. Paul, Minn.; her father, Philip O. Evenson and his wife Carol of Brooklyn Park, Minn.; a sister, Jodi L. Jackson and her husband Anthony of Cedar Rapids; two brothers, Robert Evenson of West St. Paul, Minn., and Stephen Evenson of Waterloo; her grandmother, Gladys Bierbrauer of Siren, Wis.; a niece and nephew, Anthony Jackson Jr. and Jazmine Jackson; her aunt, Betty Nyberg of Parkers Prairie, Minn.; and four uncles, James, Donald, David and Leroy Bierbrauer.

Traci was preceded in death by her grandfather, Roy Bierbrauer; and an aunt, Rose Saver.

Traci was born Jan. 20, 1975, in St. Paul, Minn. She graduated from Washington High School in Cedar Rapids in 1994. Traci had been attending computer classes at Kirkwood Community College. She was employed as a telemarketer at APAC and worked part-time at the Collins Road Hy-Vee.

A memorial fund has been established.

**Catherine M. Burgher**, 76, of 2907 Applewood Pl. NE, died Sunday, June 22, 1997, in her home after a short illness. Graveside services: 2 p.m. Thursday, Union Cemetery, Gibsonburg, Ohio. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. today at Cedar Memorial Funeral Home.

The casket will be closed at all times.

Survivors include her husband, Royce; a son, Thomas and wife Mary of Amana; a daughter, Teresa Ray and husband Mark of Fredericksburg, Texas; two sisters, Florence Malon and Agnes Gerwin, both of Gibsonburg, Ohio; and two grandchildren, Liesl and Fritz Burgher.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Emilie C. Burgher; and a daughter-in-law, Phyllis Burgher.

Catherine was born Feb. 3, 1921, in Gibsonburg, Ohio, the daughter of Maurice and Faye Schumaker Smith. She attended Gibsonburg schools, graduating in 1939. She married Royce S. Burgher in Gibsonburg on Aug. 11, 1945.

Catherine really enjoyed people, especially children, serving as a Girl Scout leader, Sunday school teacher and later as assistant administrator in the Western Springs, Ill., School System. It really can be said she made her mark of making the world a better place, with her friendly, cordial, neighborly attitude emulating "love is reflected in love."

Instead of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Luke's Hospice.

**Elizabeth Maria Horacek**,

95, of Phoenix, formerly of Cedar Rapids, died of coronary artery disease Tuesday, June 17, 1997, in Phoenix. Services: 1 p.m. Saturday, Greenwood Memory Lawn Mortuary, Phoenix, where friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday. Burial: Greenwood Memory Lawn.

Survivors include two sons, Herbert and Tony Jr.



## CEDAR RAPIDS

**Gary D. Barker**, 50, of 220 Seventh St. SW, died Sunday, June 22, 1997, in his home after a sudden illness. Services: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Teahen Funeral Home, by the Rev. Steven Rosonke. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. today and after 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home, where a vigil service begins at 7 tonight. Burial: Shiloh Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; his daughter, Tracy Barker of Cedar Rapids; his mother, Edith Craig and her husband George of Holiday Island, Ark.; his grandmother, Beulah Brown of Kahoka, Mo.; mother-in-law, Enemecia Tamayo of Cedar Rapids; a brother, Michael Barker and his wife Liz of Montrose; three half brothers, Sonny, Johnny and William, and two half sisters, Billie Jean Starks and Judy Barker, all of Tucson, Ariz.; five brothers-in-law, Steve Tamayo and his wife Connie and Eddie Tamayo, both of San Antonio, Texas, Joe Tamayo Jr. and his wife Marlene, Roy Tamayo and his wife Wendy and John Tamayo, all of Cedar Rapids; two sisters-in-law, Connie Smith and her husband Kenneth and Rose Hartman and her husband Dave, all of Cedar Rapids; an aunt, Pauline Presnell of Union Lake, Mich.; many nieces and nephews; and his dog, Chulo.

He was preceded in death by his father, Bill Barker; and father-in-law, Joseph Tamayo Sr.

Born Sept. 23, 1946, in Cumberland, Ky., he married Mary Elaine Tamayo on Oct. 21, 1972, in Cedar Rapids. Gary worked for Iowa Falls Roofing as a supervisor for more than 20 years, then for ABC Supply as a customer service representative for two years.

Gary was loved by all who knew him and he will be sorely missed and never forgotten.

A memorial fund has been established.

**Russ Pavlat**, 68, of Mesa, Ariz., formerly of Cedar Rapids, died Monday, June 23, 1997, in Mercy Medical Center following a brief illness. Arrangements are pending with Turner Chapel West.

**Virginia A. Stebor**, 76, of Cottage Grove Place, died there Sunday, June 22, 1997, after a short illness. Graveside services: 11 a.m. Saturday, East Side Cemetery, Elkader. There will be no visitation. Cedar Memorial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include her husband, Robert; two daughters, Julie Griffith and husband John of St. Charles, Ill., and Roberta Meyer and husband Gary of Cedar Rapids; two brothers, George and Thomas Frey, both of Dubuque; two sisters, Jenny Donaldson of Postville and Betty Lierer of Hamilton, Ohio; and four grandchildren, Brian, Bruce and Virginia Griffith and Jessica Meyer.

Virginia was born Oct. 22, 1920, in Guttenberg, the daughter of Thomas and Elsie Hoosier Frey. She married Robert L. Stebor on Oct. 23, 1938, in Elkader. Virginia was a homemaker and a member of the First Congregational Church in Elkader, Eastern Star and the Shrine Auxiliary.

A memorial fund has been established.

**Lawrence B. Clute**, 61, of 1614 Bever Ave. SE, died Sunday, June 22, 1997, in his home following a long illness. Services: 1 p.m. Wednesday, Murdoch-Linwood Funeral Home, where friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today. Burial: Linwood Cemetery. The Rev. Del Bear will officiate.

Survivors include two sisters, Eunice Wasendorf of Vinton and Janithe Herr of Parachute, Colo.

Also surviving are nieces and nephews.

He was born May 13, 1936, in Iowa City, to Lawrence Burton and Ruth Isabelle Beard Clute. He served with the Air Force during the 1950s and was employed by local general contractors. Lawrence was a member of Union Local No. 43.

## ANAMOSA

**Bessie K. Loehr**, 83, formerly of Anamosa, died Monday morning, June 23, 1997, in Crestridge Nursing Home, Maquoketa, after a lengthy illness. Services: 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Goettsch Funeral Home, Anamosa, where friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today. Burial: Forest Hill Cemetery near Morley.

Survivors include two daughters, Edna Novak of Lost Nation and Mary Lindquist of Maquoketa; and three sons, Jim of Hale, Allen of Lisbon and George of Cedar Rapids.



## CALMAR

**Clara Ehler**, 70, of Newton, formerly of Calmar, died Monday, June 23, 1997, in Mercy Hospital Medical Center, Des Moines, after a short illness. Services: 11 a.m. Wednesday, St. Aloysius Catholic Church. Burial: church cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at French Funeral Home, Calmar, where there will be a rosary at 4 and Scripture service at 7:30 p.m.

Survivors include 10 sons: Bill of Newton, Clarence of Las Vegas, Nev., John of Kansas City, Mo., Virg of Mooresville, N.C., Norm of Albuquerque, N.M., Al of Highland, Ind., Bob and Jim, both of Cedar Rapids, and Rick and Mike, both of Des Moines; a daughter, Mary Street of Osage; and a brother, Ed Kuhn of Winona, Minn.

## DE WITT

**Jerome L. Roberson**, 61, of Des Moines, formerly of De Witt, died of cancer Saturday, June 21, 1997, in Hospice Kavanagh House, Des Moines. Family services will be at a later date, with burial in Solon. His body was cremated. Hamilton's Funeral Home, Des Moines, is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia of Des Moines and Cedar Rapids; a son, Morris of Iowa City; two daughters, Julia Roberson-Totten of Urbandale and Joan Karr of Cedar Rapids; and two sisters, Mary Lou Gmur of Ottumwa and Elaine Winkelman of Milwaukee.

Also surviving are two grandsons, Nathan and Brian Totten, and a granddaughter, Hayley Totten, all of Urbandale.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Delphen and Marian Ough McAllister Roberson; and two brothers, Patrick McAllister and Dennis Roberson.

Born in Clinton, Jerome graduated from the University of Iowa colleges of Business and Law. He moved in 1982 from De Witt, where he had his own private practice law office, to Des Moines. He served for 15 years as an administrative law judge for the state of Iowa Department of Workforce Development and was a lawyer for the state. He was an Army veteran, active in Democratic politics and had also worked for the Internal Revenue Service.

## FAYETTE

**Francis Meighan**, 77, died Monday, June 23, 1997, in Iowa Methodist Medical Center, Des Moines. Arrangements are pending with Becker-Milnes Funeral Home, Fayette.

## INDEPENDENCE

**Sharon L. McGlaughlin**, 54, died from complications of leukemia Monday morning, June 23, 1997, in University Hospitals, Iowa City. Services: 10:30 a.m. Thursday, St. John's Catholic Church, by the Rev. Aloysius Vorwald. Burial: church cemetery. Friends may call after 4 p.m. Wednesday at Reiff Funeral Home, Independence, where there will be a rosary at 4 and vigil service at 7:30 p.m.

Survivors include her husband, Wayne; two daughters, Deborah Milbach of Rowley and Teresa Cates of Milton, Fla.; two sons, Wayne Jr. of Davenport and Dennis of Iowa City; her mother, Bernita Weber, and a sister, Nancy Karsten, both of Independence; and a brother, Michael Sattizahn of Sioux City.

Also surviving are seven grandchildren.

## MAQUOKETA

**Norma M. Brown**, 100, died Monday, June 23, 1997, in Maquoketa Care Center. Arrangements are pending with Haylock-O'Hara & Lahey Funeral Home, Maquoketa.

**Gene G. Grilme**, 77, formerly of Zwingle and Dubuque, died Monday morning, June 23, 1997, in Briarwood Care Center, Maquoketa. Arrangements are pending with Carson & Son Funeral Home, Maquoketa.

**Vern C. Westphal**, 82, died Monday afternoon, June 23, 1997, in Shady Rest Care Center, Cascade. Arrangements are pending with Carson & Son Funeral Home, Maquoketa.

## NORTH ENGLISH

**Marlon L. Strasser**, 80, of rural North English, died Monday, June 23, 1997, in his home after a long illness. Arrangements are pending with Powell Funeral Home, North English.

## ON SLOW

**Frank Jr. Young**, 70, died Monday, June 23, 1997, in his home after a long illness. Services: 10 a.m. Wednesday, Kramer Funeral Home, Monticello, by the Rev. Clayton George. Private burial will be at a later date. Friends may call from 2 to 9 p.m. today and 7:30 to 9:45 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Survivors include his wife, Connie; two sons, Danny Ray of Anamosa and Clinton of Wyoming, Iowa; two daughters, Kay Etringer of Monticello and Brenda Sue Thomas of Anamosa; his mother, Verda Young of Monticello; five brothers, Carlyee, Clovis, Lloyd, Raymond and Kenny; and two sisters, Naomi Calhoun and Betty Ann Carroll.



## PARNELL

**Marc L. Evans**, 35, of rural Parnell, died Sunday, June 22, 1997. Memorial services: 9 a.m. Wednesday, Windham Community Church, Windham.

Marc was born Nov. 16, 1961, in Iowa City, Iowa. He loved life and the earth and enjoyed hunting and motocross. He will be greatly missed by friends and family.

Survivors include his father, Dean Evans of rural Parnell; five brothers and two sisters: Becky Evans of Williamsburg, Doug Evans and his wife Mary of Iowa City, Candy Hawkins and her husband Gene of rural Marengo, Chad Evans and Tracy Evans of rural Parnell, Blaine Evans and friend Lisa Duffy of Oxford, and Bart Evans of North Liberty; and nieces and nephews Anna, Christine, Travis, Zach, Walker, Marina and Hunter Rose.

His mother, Alice Evans, and an infant brother, Neal, died earlier.

## STRAWBERRY POINT

**Beulah (Mrs. Peter) Hermes**, 89, formerly of Dubuque, died from complications of pneumonia Sunday evening, June 22, 1997, in the Lutheran Home. Services: 10 a.m. Thursday, Sacred Heart Church, Dubuque. Burial: Mount Calvary Cemetery, Dubuque. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Behr's Funeral Home, Dubuque.

Survivors include four daughters, Gloria Travis of Wheeling, Ill., Joan Biedert of Strawberry Point, and Judy Perez and Bonnie Hermes, both of San Antonio, Texas; a son, Ronald of Brunswick, Ga.; and a brother, Gerard Pline of Dubuque.

## WHAT CHEER

**Wilson Dean Ogden**, 74, died Sunday, June 22, 1997, in Keokuk County Hospital, Sigourney, after a sudden illness. Services: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Harden Funeral Chapel, What Cheer, by the Rev. Vince Homan of What Cheer United Methodist Church. Burial: Sixteen Cemetery near Thornburg. Masonic services begin at 7 tonight at the funeral home, where visitation follows until 8:30 p.m.

Survivors include his wife, Julia; two sons, Mark of Cedar Rapids and John of What Cheer; a daughter, Mary Regina Striegel of What Cheer; and a sister, Doris Crane of Tucson, Ariz.

## WHITTIER

**Laura Hampton Dikeman**, 65, of Forest Lake, Minn., formerly of Whittier, died Thursday, June 19, 1997, in her home after an extended illness. Memorial services: 4 p.m. Sunday, Whittier Friends Meetinghouse.

Survivors include two sons, Mark Helm and wife Annette and two granddaughters, all of Forest Lake, and Roy Helm of Lincoln, Neb.; a sister, Mary Bailey of Cedarburg, Wis.; and a brother, Roy Hampton of Mount Vernon.

A memorial fund has been established for American Cancer Society.

## SERVICES

**Robert O. Junge**: Memorial, 3 p.m. today, Cedar Memorial Chapel of Memories, where friends may register after 2 p.m. The Rev. James Blockinger of All Saints Catholic Church will officiate. Memorial donations may be made to the University of Iowa Foundation.

## IN MEMORY OF

**Lance R. Schaeffer**  
6/23/67 — 1/5/70

Some people come into our lives and quickly go.

Some stay for a while and leave footprints on our hearts and we are never the same.

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My Little Angel



— Love, MaMa

## IN MEMORY OF

**Ramon E. Urban**  
7/26/26 — 2/24/72

Dear Dad:

You've been "missing in action" for 25 years, but we all still think of you often. Your sense of humor and spirit live on in your five children and the 10 grandchildren which you never knew.

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— Marcy, Kevin, Rita, Kim, Brett



## Gore to speak to Iowa union

DES MOINES (AP) — Vice President Al Gore will address the state convention Saturday of the largest union representing state workers, union leaders said Monday.

"We've never had a sitting vice president come to one of our conventions," said Jan Corderman, president of Council 61 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

Corderman said union officials invited Gore more than a month ago, and got confirmation late last week that he would attend. Democratic strategists had said Gore was eyeing a weekend campaign trip, and

Corderman confirmed that step.

Gore also is expected to attend the opening of a wildlife refuge east of Des Moines during a one-day trip to the state.

Gore's visit is being closely watched by Democratic activists because it's his first since he and President Clinton won a second term in office last November.

As a sitting vice president, Gore is the early favorite to win the presidential nomination in the next election but he will face a serious challenge in Iowa. House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt of Missouri is expected to join the race as well, and Gephardt has old ties to Iowa.

## Grinnell cyclist hit by car, killed

**Gazette staff report**  
A Grinnell man was killed Sunday night when his bicycle was struck by a car just south of Brooklyn, Iowa.

James R. Brenner II, 36, died after his bicycle was hit at the entrance to the Brooklyn 80 Amoco on County Road V-18 in Poweshiek County.

According to the Iowa State Patrol, Brenner's bicycle was hit from behind by a car driven by Amanda Roshek, 16, of Victor, at 11:45 p.m. Sunday. Both were headed south on the county road.

The State Patrol said Bren-

ner's bicycle did not have lights or visible reflectors on it.

Family members are trying to piece together why Brenner was at that location at 11:45.

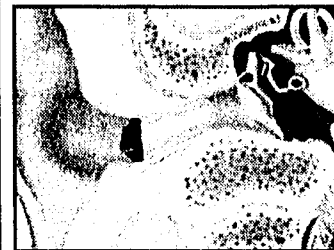
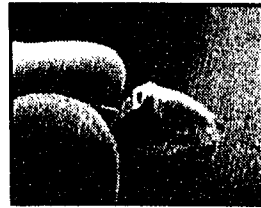
His older brother, Jeff, believed Brenner might have ridden his bicycle to the truck stop to get something to eat.

Jeff Brenner described his brother as a "very caring" and "very fun-loving" person.

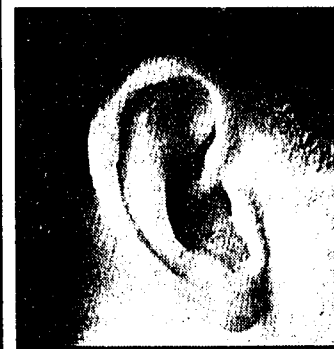
James Brenner was a self-employed construction worker. He grew up in the Des Moines area and graduated from Winterset High School.

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