

# METRO/IOWA

## DAILY NOTEBOOK

### TEL-US POLL

To answer today's question, call CITYLINE, 363-7000 or 337-7000, and enter category 1111 until 7 p.m.

#### Yesterday's question:

Should videotapes taken of testimony by the three witnesses in the impeachment trial be made public? (494 responses)

YES: 9% NO: 91%

#### Today's question:

Would you like to see the U.S. Senate take an immediate vote on the impeachment charges?

TELUS is a non-scientific sampling of public opinion.

### YOUR TWO CENTS ONLINE

Discuss the issues of the day on "Your Two Cents," FyIowa's online talk forum at [www.fyiowa.com](http://www.fyiowa.com).

#### Current news discussion topics

- What will happen in the Senate impeachment trial?
- What should the Iowa Legislature focus on this year?
- How would you grade winter snow removal efforts?

### TODAY/Feb. 1, 1999

#### MEETINGS

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

**10:30 a.m.** — Cedar Rapids City Council, budget work session, fifth floor, City Hall.

**Noon** — Grant Wood Area Education Agency, initial proposal for formal negotiations for 1999-2000, Grant Wood Room, Grant Wood AEA, 4401 Sixth St. SW.

**6 p.m.** — Springville City Council, Springville City Hall.

**5 p.m.** — Linn-Mar Community School District board, work session, Educational Services Center, 3333 N. 10th St., Marion.

**7 p.m.** — Linn-Mar Community School District board, special meeting, Educational Services Center, 3333 N. 10th St., Marion.

**7:30 p.m.** — Mount Vernon City Council, Mount Vernon City Hall.

#### FILMS

**Winter Film Festival: "Hawaii: Paradise Sought,"** 1 p.m., Effigy Mounds National Monument, located three miles north of Marquette on Highway 76.

#### BOOKS

**Spring Reading Program,** eight-week program on dinosaurs for children, pre-school through fifth grade, begins today at Cedar Rapids Public Library.

#### HISTORY

**Cornell Chautauqua: "A History of the South,"** taught by Philip Lucas, professor of history, 9 a.m. to noon, Hedges Conference Room, The Commons, Cornell College. \$35, lunch provided. Part 1 of 4.

#### HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS

**The Harlem Globetrotters game,** 7 p.m., Five Seasons Center. \$15, \$12 and \$9 (\$25 Magic Circle, \$20 VIP); through Ticketmaster and at the Five Seasons Center box office.

#### MUSIC

**Gyorgy Sebok,** piano, 8 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall, U of I.

### LOTTERIES

#### IOWA/ILLINOIS PICK 3

0-4-6 (ILLINOIS PICK 3 EVENING)

#### SUNDAY ILLINOIS LOTTERY

PICK 4 EVENING: 1-1-5-3

#### SATURDAY POWERBALL

19-24-25-40-45 **Powerball:** 5 **Jackpot:** \$16 million  
No one won the drawing. Wednesday's jackpot: \$19 million.

#### IOWA LOTTERY

CASH 4 LIFE: 5-8-22-95

SATURDAY'S \$100,000 CASH GAME: 10-19-24-25-34

### VITAL STATISTICS

#### BIRTHS

##### MERCY

**Jan. 30** — Michelle and Tony Hite, 1139 Center Point Rd. NE, a daughter.

**Jan. 31** — Kara and Don Kortenkamp, Aurora, a daughter.

##### ST. LUKE'S

**Jan. 30** — Molly and Joseph Jesuit, Clarence, a daughter; Suellen and Bruce Cantrall, Mount Vernon, a daughter; Kelly and Dan Crooks, 1900 Dodge Rd. NE, a daughter.

## Catholic Schools Week marked by many events

Catholic schools in Cedar Rapids and Marion are observing Catholic Schools Week with a number of activities.

All students will participate in special liturgies, and several schools will celebrate with open houses, dinners and spirit days. Some schools are inviting parents and grandparents to visit classrooms and join students for lunch throughout this week. Xavier High School will host a student exchange with Dubuque Wahlert and Dyersville Beckman high schools.

St. Matthew kicked off the week with a family sock hop Friday, and St. Joseph in Marion served doughnuts and coffee after Masses on Sunday.

Other events include: St. Jude chili supper Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m.; soup and kolache supper at St. Ludmila on Thursday, 5 to 7 p.m.; All Saints family night Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m.; St. Patrick Middle School ski trip Wednesday.

## Property transfers topic of talk

Janet Garkey, resource management specialist with Iowa State University Extension, will present "Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate" at 7 p.m. Feb. 10 at the Cedar Rapids Public Library.

The presentation in Beems Auditorium will focus on how to transfer non-titled property.

The 90-minute program is designed for individuals concerned about the transfer of special items and possible sources of conflict.

Garkey also will discuss consideration of five transfer goals including: recognizing sensitivity of the issue, determining what's to be accomplished in transfer, deciding what's fair in the context of the family, understanding that belongings have different meanings to different individuals and agreeing to manage conflicts if they arise.

For information, call the library, 398-5123.

# A Super Bowl alternative

An Iowa City book store offered games and books instead of touchdowns

By Kati Phillips  
Gazette news intern

IOWA CITY — Iowans get the chance to watch one of their own play in an event as spectacular as the Super Bowl once in a blue moon. However, a handful of people gathered at a used book store Sunday and turned their attention away from the big game featuring Atlanta Falcon Tim Dwight, a former University of Iowa player.

The UnSuper Bowl party at Northside Book Market, 203 N. Linn St., provided an alternative, family-oriented and educated atmosphere in which to celebrate the blue moon, a second full moon in a month, and the birth of Old West novelist Zane Grey, bookseller Gary Sanders said.

The second annual party was not "against" football, he said.

It was a space in the most educated city in America where people could sit among books, enjoy open readings or chess, and avoid a performance by Cher, who was part of the opening festivities, he said.

**CHUCK MILLER,** a homeless Iowa City poet who attended the party, condemned the Super Bowl, describing it as an archetype of modern America.

"Football is a game of violence," Miller said. "In a culture that believes in smashing things . . . it is

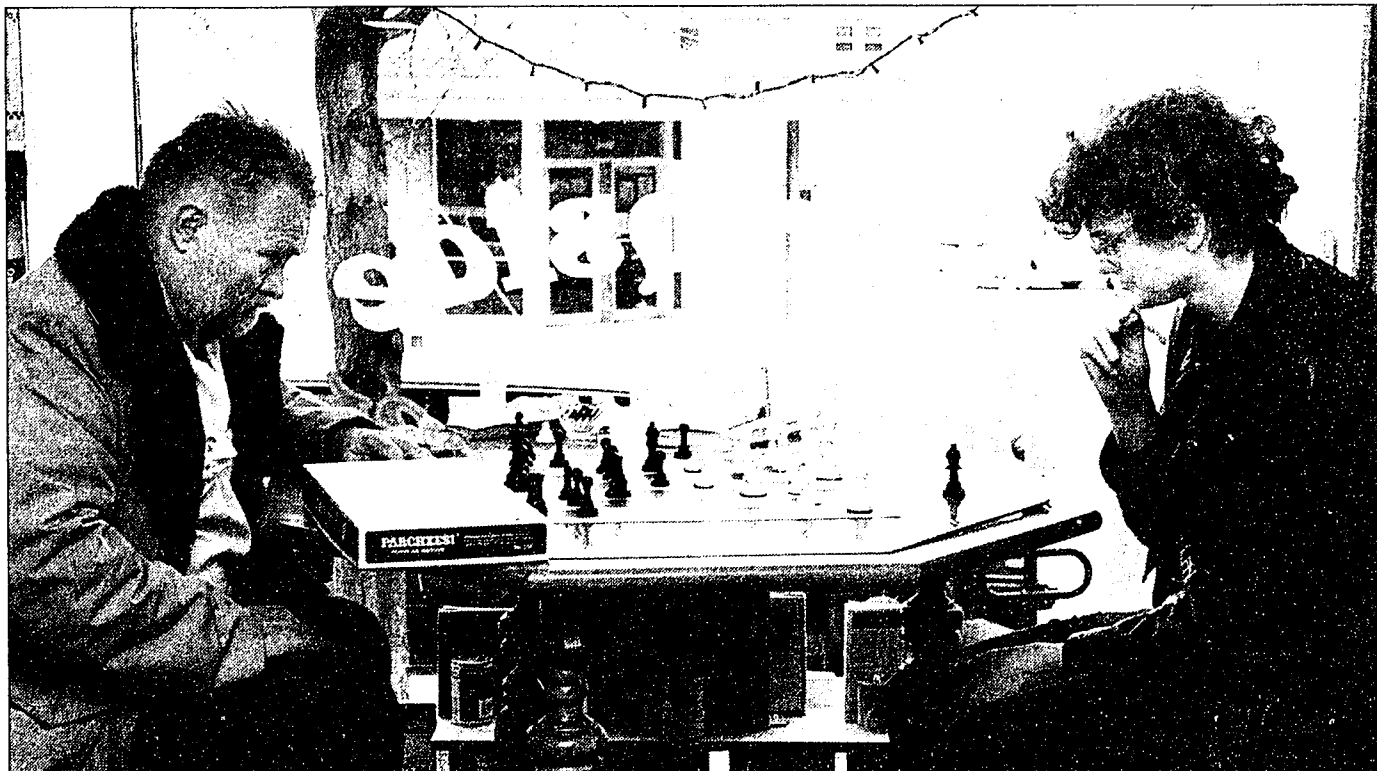


Photo by Roey Yohai, Gazette intern

Chuck Miller (left), an Iowa City poet, and Cort Williams of Iowa City match brains in a chess game Sunday during the UnSuper Bowl Party at the Northside Book Market in Iowa City.

our escapist, vicarious way of participating in the violence.

"Instead of living, we watch others live for us, they play football for us. We celebrate the grotesque spectacle of smashing each other.

"That is the true meaning of the Super Bowl."

Not all of those who attended believed the Super Bowl was worthy of such scorn.

**EMILIA VILENSKY,** an herbalist in Iowa City, said the Super Bowl succeeds in bringing people and families together. Men, women and chil-

dren need a reason to celebrate, whether they watch the game or not, she said.

As for the issues that nagged Miller, she simply shrugged.

"There are lots of problems that are great," she said. "and the Super Bowl is great."

## Metro High brainstorms Iowa slogans

By Becky Stover  
Gazette staff writer

Students in government classes at Metro High School held a contest to come up with a slogan to replace Iowa's long-standing "You Make Me Smile."

Classmates picked the following four as the most creative:

**Ryan Krueger,** "Iowa: The Opposite of Hawaii."

**Josh Schreiner,** "Iowa: In the middle of it ALL."

**Ryan W. Myers,** "Iowa: A place to

LEARN and LIVE."

**Robyn Michalick,** "Iowa: Businesses, more businesses and some corn."

#### Awards

• The Linn-Mar High School pompon squad brought home two trophies from regional competition at the Mall of America championships recently.

Linn-Mar placed third for its pompon routine and fifth for its funk routine.

The squad traveled to Florida over the weekend.

#### Odds & ends

• The Linn-Mar School Foundation is seeking nominations for its Wall of Fame, located in the high school front foyer.

Nominations are taken in two categories: outstanding teacher/staff member/administrator and community member.

Nominations forms are at each school.

The deadline is Feb. 26.

• Families are needed to host teachers, school administrators and

librarians from Europe for 10 days between June 28 and Aug. 26, according to the American Host Foundation.

Hosts are asked to provide their guests with a private room, meals and an opportunity to meet friends and see area attractions.

Many hosts return visits to their former guests.

For more information, write the American Host Foundation, Box 803, Garden Grove, CA 92842 or call 1-(800) 525-9866.

Becky Stover covers school issues and events for The Gazette. If you have story ideas, please call her at 398-8219.

## C.R. bar owner cited for illegal sale of alcohol

License in jeopardy, Hollywood's bar owner faces police charges

By Adam Lowenstein  
Gazette staff writer

Just three days before the City Council is to discuss revoking his liquor license, the owner of a Cedar Rapids bar is facing numerous charges after police and fire investigators responded to reports of after-hours drinking early Sunday morning.

According to police, at 2:20 a.m. Sunday — 20 minutes after it is illegal to sell alcohol — officers entered Robert Hocken's bar, Holly-

wood's, at 119½ Third Ave. SE, and found patrons being served and consuming alcohol.

A number of customers were cited Sunday for drinking after hours, and

Hocken, 26, of Cedar Rapids, may be charged with miscellaneous prohibitions, prohibited acts and, after fire investigators looked around, eight violations of the fire code.

Specific details on the potential charges were not available last night.

Hocken could not be reached for comment Sunday and Hollywood's was closed, but he told KCRG-TV (Channel 9) that police "don't give me a chance to operate my business. They come in and harass my customers, even if they are 21. They try to take my managers to jail. It's crazy."

Allegations of underage and after-hours drinking at Hollywood's

prompted a police recommendation last month that the City Council refuse to renew the bar's liquor license.

On one occasion, according to police, officers found more than 100 underage drinkers in the bar at 3 a.m. Also, during a bar check Jan. 12, officers called the Fire Department upon discovering that Hocken was using portable gas heaters to heat the bar, with gas cans nearby.

At the time, he avoided a citation by removing the heaters.

Hocken faces trial this month on three counts of serving minors discovered in a Dec. 23 bar check.

Hocken denies the charges.

## Death of 21-year-old still an unsolved case

**Question:** What's happening in the case of Laura Van Wyhe, the 21-year-old Iowa City woman who died in a Quincy, Ill., hospital after being found along a Missouri highway in October 1996?

**Answer:** Sgt. Randy King of the Missouri Highway Patrol's Division of Drug and Crime Control reports that the people who were with Van Wyhe the night she died have retained lawyers and are no longer talking with the police.

"We're at a standstill until someone decides to talk with us," King said.

Early Oct. 26, 1996, a truck driver discovered Van Wyhe, alive but incoherent, alongside Highway 136 near Kahoka, Mo. Van Wyhe, a child-care provider in Iowa City, had celebrated her birthday the night before in Bonaparte and reportedly had gone to nearby Kahoka, Mo., to stay with acquaintances.

Van Wyhe's belongings were found in trees and in a cornfield near the highway, and her 14-month-old son, Samson, was found unharmed at her acquaintances' home.

A coroner's inquest determined Van Wyhe died of blunt trauma after being hit by a

#### FYI

Officials urge anyone with information about the case to call the Missouri Highway Patrol's Division of Drug and Crime Control at (660) 385-2132.

motor vehicle. King said he believes he knows what happened but he doesn't have the proof to pursue the people responsible.

"I'm not convinced that Laura was intentionally struck, but I'm convinced she was struck and left alongside the road and her child was taken from her along the road," King said.

Van Wyhe's aunt Evelyn Nikkel of Pella said the family is doing well.

Nikkel said Van Wyhe's mother, Leanne Thomas of Iowa City, has permanent custody of Samson. A hearing will be held later this month to work out the conditions of visitation by his father, Donald Knight III of Bonaparte. Nikkel said she doesn't believe investigators will ever break the case.

— Lynn M. Tefft  
Gazette staff writer

The Gazette's News Track follows up on news makers and news events. If you have a question, write News Track, The Gazette, P.O. Box 511, Cedar Rapids 52406; call (319) 398-8251 or 1-(800) 397-8212; or by e-mail: [gazette@fyiowa.inf.net](mailto:gazette@fyiowa.inf.net)

## Hurt: Farmer wouldn't want to raise hogs now

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thought I would miss them, but I don't. I thought I'd have withdrawals, but I didn't. Now I'd shudder if I had to raise them again," he said.

Platner raised hogs the old-fashioned, labor intensive way in outdoor facilities. Today's hogs, with their leaner bodies, would freeze if raised outdoors. The hog industry has moved indoors to climate controlled comfort and automated feeders.

"We've traded the physical labor, what I did, for technology. That's brought on respiratory problems," he said.

Both the farmers and the hogs suffer from gases and dust and manure particles suspended in the air inside hog buildings.

## Modern hog production increases lung problems

People who work in hog buildings are as much as 30 percent more likely to develop respiratory problems, says Kendall Thu, associate director of Iowa's Center for Agricultural Safety and Health at the University of Iowa.

They are breathing gases, dust and particulate matter from feed and ground-up feces, Thu says. Some of the matter is so small it settles into the smallest air sacs in a person's lungs.

He suggests hog producers wear respirators that are fit-tested by a trained inspector.

"It's not enough to wear a single paper mask, the kind you buy 30 at a time at the hardware store," he said.

About 20 fatalities in the past 20 years

"We've heard of a child or a farmer overcome with manure gas. If the electricity goes off (and the fans stop), the hogs die from manure gases. I'd rather have the pain in the knee instead of the lungs," Platner said.

Platner is three-quarters through his month of walking with crutches. The next step toward recovery is a month with a cane followed by a month walking on level surfaces. He's confident he'll make a full recovery and continue farming.

"I tell my friends who are still raising hogs, 'Now that I've had knee replacement, I won't ever be in competition with you again,'" he said.

#### FYI

For more information about having a respirator fit-tested or for kits to test for gas levels inside a hog house, contact the Iowa Agricultural Health and Safety Network, based in Sheridan, at (712) 264-6107.

in the Midwest were caused by hydrogen sulfide poisoning associated with hog manure, he said. No fatalities of this type have occurred in the past few years, which leads him to believe that hog producers are now aware of the dangers of the gas.