

## Vision Iowa: Public forum in C.R. tonight

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a total of \$1.5 billion in direct investment will have been made once the local matching funds are figured in, he said. Communities with grants will spend another \$750 million for ancillary development such as hotels, he added.

Gartner said nothing that could discourage the Cedar Rapids committee as it works over the next year to come up with a grand idea worthy of a large Vision Iowa grant.

He said cities that sit on a river — most large ones do — have an advantage because a river is something a project can embrace.

He suggested that applied to modest Cedar River in Cedar Rapids as much as to the Mississippi River at Dubuque, the site of what he said was his favorite Vision Iowa project to date.

"I think they have recaptured the river," he said.

Gartner singled out Ron Corbett, president of the Cedar Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce, for the city's decision in

May to drop out of the race for Vision Iowa funds until it had a better idea for a project.

"That got him huge credibility with the Vision Iowa board," Gartner said.

He predicted that Cedar Rapids will duplicate Dubuque's effort in approaching the Vision Iowa board one day with a project that is "well-thought out."

Gartner had less-sure predictions for two Coralville projects in front of the Vision Iowa board.

Gardner's reaction to the Iowa Child rain forest/aquarium project is one that has dogged it since Des Moines industrialist Ted Townsend first suggested it for Des Moines, then Cedar Rapids and now Coralville: Where will the money ever be found for it?

Gartner did some quick math and figured that the scaled-back, \$230 million project would need to raise at least \$110 million in private donations to go with any large state and federal grants.

"(Raising those private funds) would be a miracle," Gartner said.

Gartner said a second Coralville project — a \$63.2 million convention center/hotel — also has "some question marks: It has no county money and no private money to date and includes a novel bonding plan that needs review."

He said the project stands on its own independent of the Iowa Child project and cannot be "a stalking horse" for the larger project.

Gartner admitted that maybe not all the projects funded by the Vision Iowa board seem like visionary ideas.

What is visionary, though, he said, is the way those in a community have learned how to work together to get a project funded.

Gartner also said he has been surprised to see how few counties are using their bonding capacity to fund projects.

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## Murder: DNA technology did not exist 20 years ago

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was on an evening walk Oct. 20, 1981, down a dirt road south of the Knollridge Garden Apartments, where she had lived for several months.

She was found dead Oct. 23, 1981, naked from the waist down. Her hands were bound behind her back and her mouth and eyes were covered with tape.

Johnson County Attorney J. Patrick White would not say specifically why the Klotzbach case took five years to prosecute after the DNA match was made.

"It was a combination of reasons," including a complicated investigation, efforts to make sure the evidence was solid, and Dodd's remaining behind bars, White said Wednesday.

White said the role of DNA technology was critical in the Klotzbach case.

Prior to DNA testing, investigators were limited to using saliva to discover a perpetrator's blood type — A, B, O, or AB, said Michael Peterson, a criminologist supervisor at the DCI who specializes in DNA.

But this was only effective in eliminating suspects, he said.

Law enforcement officers worldwide started using DNA in the mid-1980s, Peterson said. When the Iowa DCI started doing the matches in 1995, they could identify a perpetrator with certainty of one in 1 million, Peterson said.

New technology, added in 1997 or 1998, lets the DCI identify a DNA match that has less than a 1 in 100 billion chance of being wrong, he said. The Earth's population is about 6.2 billion.

"Since it is available today,

## Unsolved murder cases

Here are some of the unsolved murder cases still pending in Eastern Iowa:

■ 2001: Timothy Becker, 42, rural Iowa City. Found at rural mobile home, 4494 Taft Ave. SE, dead of multiple blunt-force injuries to the head.

■ 2001: Tyrone Gilbert, 21, Cedar Rapids. Found fatally shot in the abdomen on front porch at 412 15th St. SE, Cedar Rapids.

■ 1999: Frances Bloomfield, 57, Iowa City. Believed strangled, bound with pantyhose and wrapped in plastic bound with duct tape.

Motorist found body in a ditch about a half-mile south of Rockford, Ill.

■ 1999: Willie Junior Brooks, 49, Cedar Rapids. Found fatally shot in the head at 400 block of 15th Street SE, Cedar Rapids.

■ 1999: Judith Weeks, 44, Cedar Rapids. Body, nude from the waist down, found in the back yard at 1319 Second Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids, with a wound to her forehead caused by a bladed object.

■ 1999: Jamar Maggett, 19, Chicago. Shot in the head and chest while standing in the 1400 block of Fifth Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids. Jury

acquitted Paul Gilbert, 18, of Cedar Rapids in the slaying.

■ 1997: Traci Evenson, 22, Cedar Rapids. Found suffocated in her apartment at 438 Ninth Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids.

■ 1996: Laura Van Wyhe, 21, Iowa City. Found barely alive along northeast Missouri highway but died in an Illinois hospital.

■ 1996: Donna Lee Marshall, 37, Iowa City. Died the day after she was found shot in the head at her Iowa City mobile home.

■ 1995: Susan Kersten, 38, Iowa City. Badly burned body found south of Iowa City in the charred remains of her car.

■ 1982: Denise Fraley, 30, Cedar Rapids. Feared murdered but never found.

■ 1979: Michelle Martinko, 18, Cedar Rapids. Fatally stabbed while in her car, which was left at Westdale Mall, Cedar Rapids.

■ 1975: Jane Wakefield, 26, Iowa City. Presumed murdered but never found.

■ 1972: Lynn Schuller, 26, Cedar Rapids. Presumed murdered but never found.

Source: Gazette files

## Lawsuit: Cheney has refused requests

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"The president will strongly promote that right, and fight for that right in court, and the White House expects to prevail," Fleischer said.

Cheney has been refusing the GAO's requests since May and said this week that he wants to "protect the ability of the president and the vice president to get unvarnished advice from any source we want."

Cheney's office told the GAO

in January that he and his aides had six meetings with representatives of Enron, the politically wired energy company that collapsed in bankruptcy in December.

The GAO originally made a broad demand for minutes and records from the task force, but in August narrowed that to a request to the names of attendees as well as the dates, locations and subjects of meetings.

White House officials have continued to portray the request as intrusive. The GAO has said it will keep the information confidential.

Bush said on Monday that a GAO victory could hamper his consultations on topics from stem cells to the war. "I view the GAO ... as an encroachment on the executive branch's ability to conduct business," he said.

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