

## CORRIDOR

### Iowa City man faces robbery charge

CORALVILLE — An Iowa City man faces a charge of second-degree robbery in connection with a bank robbery in Coralville last month.

Larry Colton Pate, 42, of 2105 Western Rd., Iowa City, is accused of entering U.S. Bank in Coralville on Sept. 20 and presenting a note demanding cash and fleeing from the bank with an undisclosed amount of cash.

Pate was taken into custody Friday near the Iowa City Ground Transportation Center. He is currently in the Johnson County Jail awaiting an initial appearance on the robbery charge.

Pate has previously pleaded guilty to multiple drunken driving charges as well as for driving on a barred license, according to Iowa Courts Online.

### Voter's guide provides election information

The Gazette & KCRG-TV9 have teamed up to produce an online voter's guide to let you see where candidates in Nov. 2 general election stand on the issues.

The guide can be found at [www.easterniowaelections.com](http://www.easterniowaelections.com) and allows you to compare responses from the candidates on a variety of issues. You can compare the candidates side-by-side as well as choose the candidates you intend to vote for. The guide also includes information on judges and area ballot issues.

The guide includes candidates seeking federal, state and county office throughout a 22-county area in Eastern Iowa.

A print version of the guide will be published Oct. 12 and details federal and select state and county races.

# Rally rolls into C.R.

Fireball Run raising awareness of missing kids

By Justine Scatarella  
The Gazette

**C**EDAR RAPIDS — The Fireball Run, a cross-country road rally that raises awareness for missing children nationwide, drove into Cedar Rapids on Friday.

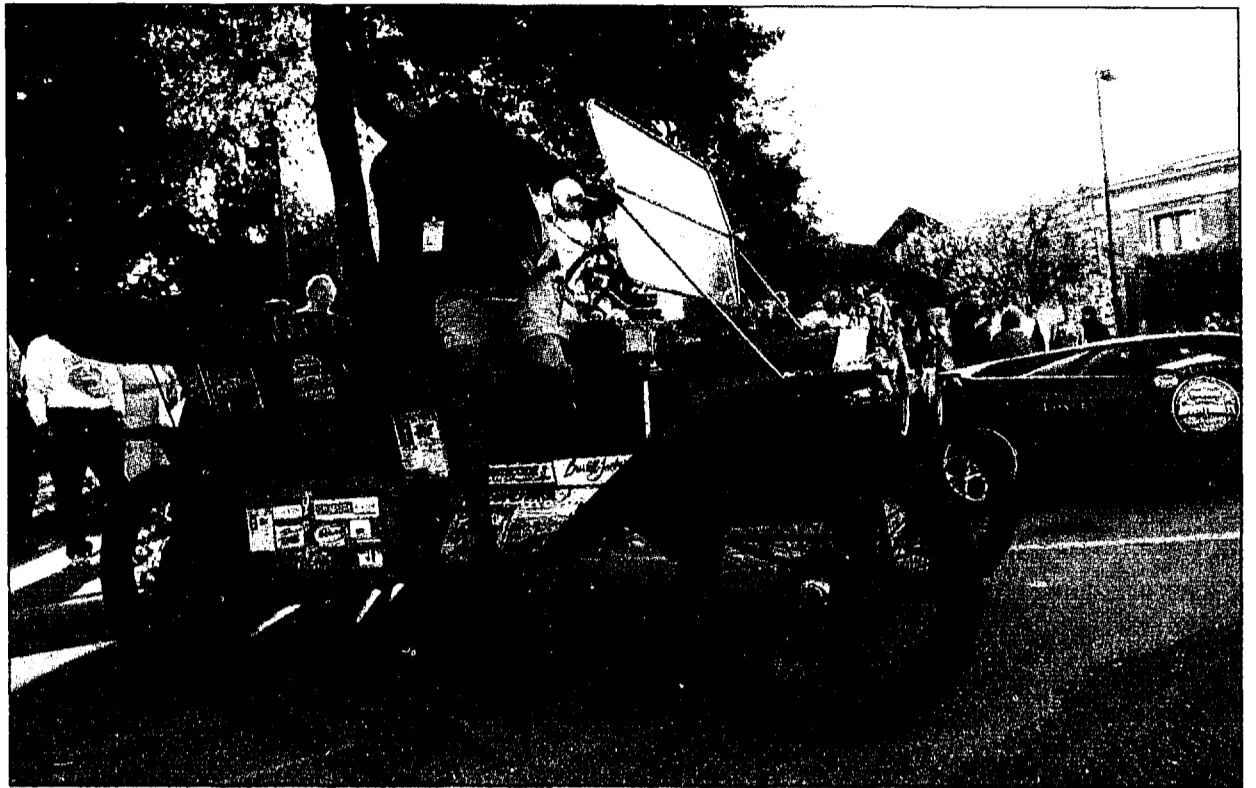
Specialty cars of all sorts, including a 1909 T-Model Ford and the DeLorean from "Back to the Future", were parked at Greene Square Park during a celebration to welcome the participants.

"The Fireball Run is part Amazing Race, part road rally, and all heart," said Randy Kuehl owner of Randy Kuehl Honda, the presenting sponsor of the Cedar Rapids leg of the race.

The Fireball Run started on Sept. 23 in Henderson, Nev., outside Las Vegas. Cedar Rapids was the final stop before the participants reach the finish line today in Galena, Ill. Teams score points during the 10-day rally by solving clues and accomplishing missions across the country. Team Cedar Rapids is lead by Bart Woods of Primus Construction and Pete Lammers of European Motors. Driving a 2006 Audi S4, they represent Erin Pospisil, a Cedar Rapids teen who has been missing since 2001.

"We can't let the missing children of our nation fade from our attention once the headlines are gone. This event will help return the focus on Erin, as well as on every missing child across the country," Kuehl said.

Before arriving at Greene Square Park, the teams visited the corn maze at Bloomsbury Farms and participated in a challenge. They also visited Four Oaks, one of the rally's beneficiaries, as well as several



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Dr. Robert Fisher of the Los Angeles-based team Zen Commanders exits the 1909 Ford Model T Southern Widetrack he is driving with Dr. Scott Anderson (not pictured) in the Fireball Run as they arrive at Greene Square Park in Cedar Rapids at the end of the Friday leg.



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other area locations.

Mayor Ron Corbett is scheduled to wave the green flag

around 10 a.m. today at Greene Square Park for the last leg of the rally.



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ABOVE: Diane Stull from Orlando, Fla., dives at a pig Friday at Bloomsbury Farm in Atkins. Contestants had 30 seconds to pick up a pig which would gain points for their team.

LEFT: Pete Lammers (left) and Bart Woods show judges their photos as the day's points are tallied at Greene Square Park. Teams had to take photos of various stops in the Cedar Rapids area, including flood markers and finding a farmer in a corn maze.

# Panel favors Kirkwood area sites for animal shelter

By Rick Smith  
The Gazette

CEDAR RAPIDS — A new city Animal Care and Control operation looks like it is headed to a spot on or near the Kirkwood Community College campus.

An 11-member Animal Shelter Site Selection Advisory Committee on Friday afternoon unanimously gave the go ahead for the city to conduct a benefit-cost analysis on three potential sites, though committee members only expressed preferences for the site on the Kirkwood campus or the one near it.

The Kirkwood site is located on 76th Avenue SW east of Kirkwood Boulevard SW. The site near the college is located west of C Street SW and just south of Highway 30 along Bell Drive SW. And the third site is at Jacolyn Drive SW and 16th Avenue SW.

Scott Olson, a commercial Realtor who is helping a city consultant on the project, told the advisory committee that all the sites are empty lots with owners willing to permit the city's Animal Care and Control operation to be located on the property. Olson said both the Kirkwood site and the Bell Drive SW site have covenant issues that will need to be resolved before a shelter can be located there.

For instance, he said the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which will help fund the new shelter to replace the city's flood-ravaged one, will want the city to own the land on which the shelter is built. Olson

said he thought Kirkwood would be willing to sell the site on its campus to the city with the provision that the college is able to buy it back if the use on the site changes.

The City Council now is scheduled to approve the advisory committee's action Oct. 12.

Nicholas Ruden, project manager for Ryan Companies US Inc., said the plan is to provide FEMA with the benefit-cost analysis on the three sites by the first day of November. FEMA's review will identify the

least-costly site, and that cost is the amount of money that FEMA will provide to the city no matter which site the City Council finally chooses. Ruden said FEMA's decision could come by the end of November or early December.

Ruden said FEMA also will conduct a benefit-cost analysis on the former site of the city's animal shelter on Old River Road SW, but Ruden said the old site, which would require the raising of roads, is not cost-effective.

Ruden said a "stake-

holders group" did preliminary work on finding a site, and initially came up with 16 prospects. The list then was whittled down to six, and Ryan Companies' review resulted in the recommendation of three sites. The Site Selection Advisory Committee on Friday agreed with Ryan's recommendation.

The stakeholders group was looking for a spot that was at least three acres in size, was closer to the center of the city and was near main thoroughfares. The group

also evaluated sites based on public visibility, ease of access, neighborhood compatibility, topography and current tax-assessed values.

At the meeting Friday afternoon, Tammy Stern, the advisory committee chairwoman, suggested that one of the three finalist sites, the 16th Avenue SW one had poorer accessibility than the two other sites because of all the traffic lights on 16th Avenue SW.

Some on the committee liked the Kirkwood site, some the Bell Drive SW

site, and some both sites.

City Council member Don Karr, who is on the advisory committee, noted that Linn County has decided not to participate in funding the new shelter. City Council member Kris Gulick added that Linn County's participation in the shelter could change.

Committee member Craig Rathje said he hoped that the city would make sure it purchased sufficient land so the shelter could expand.

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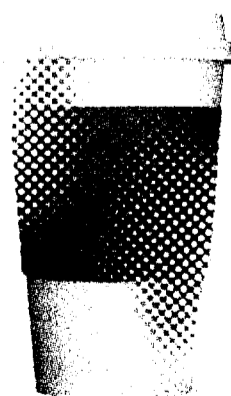
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