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Eastern Iowa carries a torch for Olympic flame

By Val Swinton
Gazette staff writer

Cedar Rapids landed an Olympic plum Sunday when the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games announced the city would be an overnight stop for the 1996 Olympic Torch Relay.

The flame will pass through Cedar Rapids, Iowa City, Waterloo, Cedar Falls and Keokuk on its way through Iowa in May 1996. The exact route has yet to be determined.

Matt Paul, assistant to the Cedar Rapids mayor, said the overnight stop will attract a crowd larger than that brought in by RAGBRAI and would be a public

relations bonanza for Cedar Rapids.

"It's a great opportunity for us to showcase Cedar Rapids and Eastern Iowa to the rest of the nation and, in fact, the rest of the world," he said.

National and international media will accompany the torch relay in a 30-vehicle convoy that includes three semi trailers full of equipment and material, he said.

Cedar Rapids has allocated \$10,000 out of the hotel-motel tax fund to pay for the event, which will include a parade that

FYI

- The 1996 Olympic Torch Relay travels through 42 states and Washington, D.C.
- The flame is carried by 10,000 torchbearers.
- It travels an average of 182 miles a day; 14 miles per hour; 13.5 hours a day.
- Each runner will carry the torch about one kilometer.

will pass through all quadrants of the city.

City officials found out last week they had been tabbed for an overnight stop, the only overnight stay by the torch relay in Iowa. The torch relay is tentatively scheduled to arrive at 9 p.m. May 30 and depart about 8:30 a.m. the next day. The city withheld an announcement until an official announcement was made by the Olympic committee on network television on Sunday.

Iowa City officials said they would have a brief meeting at 9 a.m. today to

■ Free 1996 Olympic Torch Relay route maps are available to consumers from the Coca-Cola Co. by calling 1-(800) 4-96-COKE.

discuss the torch relay. Margaret Filber, who chairs the Iowa City organizing committee, said it is appropriate the torch should pass through Iowa City during Iowa's sesquicentennial year and she said she hopes the Iowa City route will include the Old Capitol.

United Way chapters are playing an integral part in the torch relay and the United Way of East Central Iowa is in charge of planning the Cedar Rapids event.

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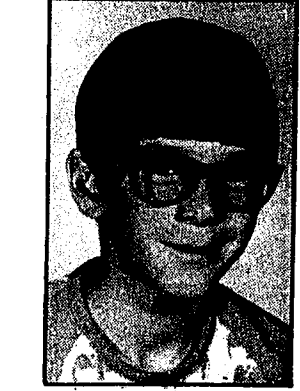
MISSING PERSONS

Guy Heckle has been missing for 22 years.
Jodi Huisentrut has been missing about a month.
As time passes, leads run into dead ends. Hope fades. But the need for answers remains.



Gazette photo by Chris Stewart

Nancy and Howard Heckle of Cedar Rapids hope that someday the remains of their son will be found.



Guy Heckle
Missing since
Feb. 3, 1973

"Very few days go by that I don't think of him. But you have to get on with your life."

Howard Heckle of Cedar Rapids, Guy's father

GUY HECKLE 'Not knowing is hard'

By Cindy Hadish
Gazette staff writer

Howard and Nancy Heckle know the agony of searching for a missing loved one.

The Cedar Rapids couple, whose son disappeared 22 years ago, say they sympathize with the family of Jodi Huisentrut, as the search for the missing newswoman approaches the one-month mark.

"It seems we're living in perilous times," Howard said. "I just can't help but feel for her folks. I know what they're going through."

Huisentrut, an anchor for Mason

City television station KIMT, has been missing since June 27. Police believe she was abducted.

The Heckles, 1505 48th St. NE, said watching the progress of Huisentrut's case through the media brings to the forefront memories of their son's disappearance.

Guy Heckle — 11 years old at the time — disappeared Feb. 3, 1973, on a Boy Scout outing near Toddville.

His jacket was discovered snagged on a log in the Cedar River. No

■ Turn to 6A: Heckle

JODI HUISENTRUIT Case reaches critical point

By Cindy Hadish

As the search for missing newswoman Jodi Huisentrut nears the one-month mark, it joins other long-term cases in Iowa that remain unsolved.

"We're still in limbo," said News Director Doug Merbach of KIMT-TV in Mason City, where Huisentrut worked and is still listed on the daily schedule. "There's been no resolution. . . . You just feel like a puppet on a string."

■ Impact on local anchors, 2B

Because of Huisentrut's reputation for reliability, teamed with evidence found near her car after she did not show up for work at 4 a.m. June 27, authorities almost immediately investigated the case as an abduction.

Of the thousands of missing per-

■ Turn to 6A: Huisentrut



Jodi Huisentrut
Missing since
June 27, 1995

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U.N. combat unit sent to Sarajevo

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — In a new get-tough approach, the United Nations ordered the first combat unit from its rapid reaction force to Sarajevo on Sunday to take out any rebel Serb guns firing at peacekeepers.

The order came after Bosnian Serb shells killed two more French peacekeepers and wounded four others. But the deployment was delayed when Bosnian army commanders said it would interfere with their own military operations.

In Belgrade, generals from the United States, Britain and France delivered an ultimatum to Bosnian Serb commander Ratko Mladic, warning that any attack on the eastern U.N. safe area of Gorazde would draw airstrikes.

The envoys also told Mladic that attacks on four other remaining "safe areas" in Bosnia "cannot be tolerated," said White House spokesman Mike McCurry.

The ultimatum was designed to give the Bosnian Serbs formal notice of an allied plan, approved Friday in London, to take tougher action against Serb aggression, specifically in Gorazde.

White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta, on CBS' "Face the Nation," urged Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., who has led efforts in Congress to lift the arms embargo on the Bosni-

an Muslims, to put off a vote on the issue. Panetta said that, if the arms embargo bill "came to the president in a kind of straight, unilateral lift form, the president would veto that, and I think we could sustain it."

About 800 British and French troops were ordered into Sarajevo, along with heavy artillery. An advance party left Sunday evening, but the main convoy remained in the central town of Vitez, about 40 miles from Sarajevo.

More shells were fired on government-held parts of Sarajevo, killing at least two civilians, wounding 11 more and leaving streets deserted. There were no plans to use the rapid reaction force to protect civilians in the capital from Serb fire.

Rebels also stepped up an offensive on another "safe area," the northwestern enclave of Bi-hac, forcing government soldiers and refugees to flee. And the Muslim enclave of Zepa in the east was shelled for a third straight day.

There was no NATO response. A huge explosion rocked the Serb stronghold of Pale, just outside Sarajevo. A NATO plane had earlier flown over the town, but U.N. and NATO officials denied any bombing raids had been carried out.

Word that the new force was coming seemed to have little effect on the Serbs, who attacked "safe areas" all weekend.

For updates on this story call 363-7000 or 337-7000, category 2522.

DEA agent opens fire at topless bar

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal drug agent's bachelor party at a topless nightclub turned violent early Sunday when he got into a gunfight with bar managers over a \$5 cover charge.

When it was over, bridegroom Pete Sinclair, a Drug Enforcement Administration agent, was hospitalized in fair condition with two bullet wounds, and Ritz Cabaret owner Stavros Fotinopoulos was hospitalized in poor condition after taking five bullets from Sinclair's 9 mm pistol.

Sinclair, 28, was aboard a rented bus with 40 members of his bachelor party when they made Ritz Cabaret their "third or fourth" stop of the night, police spokesman Fred King said.

When the party was told of the \$5-per-person cover charge, the revelers began returning to the bus, King said. But Sinclair lingered and got into an argument with Fotinopoulos, 38, and the club's manager, Lynn Clayton Turner, 39.

Sinclair fired first, and his gun is missing, said Donald Ferrarone, DEA agent in charge in Houston.

Turner grabbed another 9 mm pistol and shot Sinclair twice, police said.

A team from Washington flew in to conduct an investigation of the incident, which may violate the agency's policy for agents who carry guns.

BRIEFLY

Top-heavy housing market
A shortage of affordable housing in northeast Iowa has officials seeking solutions. Details on page 1B.

Incomes slip, problems grow
Though Iowa remains one of the best states for children, a report finds some problems on the rise. Details on page 5B.

C.R. district publishes wages
Gross wages for employees of the Cedar Rapids School District for the last fiscal year. Legal notices, page 5D.

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Heckle: Cedar Rapids boy disappeared in February 1973

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other trace of him was ever found. Theories that he drowned or was abducted have never been proven.

The Heckles say that other than having their son back alive, the most they could hope for is for someone to find his remains.

"Not knowing is very hard," Nancy said. "The chances of him being alive... We have to be realistic."

They vividly recall the day Guy disappeared, on the first evening of the Boy Scout outing. It was a mild February, but a snowstorm inundated the area during the search.

"The river was up. There was some flooding," Nancy said. "The ice was breaking up so there was open water."

Members of the Boy Scout troop conducted their own search until the Sheriff's Department was called in shortly after.

Hundreds of volunteers — many of whom the family did not know — eventually combed the area. The river was extensively dragged.

Law enforcement authorities

at the time said if Guy was in the area, he would have been found.

For more than a year, the couple conducted their own search for Guy.

"We had a boat," Howard said. "We'd go out after work every day, and weekends."

Howard, 65, now retired from Iowa Electric, said he spends his time "tinkering around the yard." Nancy, 63, continues to work as a registered nurse at Mercy Medical Center.

Their daughters, ages 12 and 13 when Guy disappeared, live out of state.

A wall in the home where the Heckles have lived since 1959 is covered with photos of grandchildren, and the couple usually keep a photograph of Guy displayed in the same room.

"Very few days go by that I don't think of him," Howard said. "But you have to get on with your life."

For years, the couple kept Guy's room the same as it was when he disappeared. They finally turned it into a spare bedroom after giving away most

of his toys and clothing.

They keep a Boy Scout shirt, similar to the one he was wearing when he disappeared.

Guy would be 33 now. Neither of his parents is sure what he would look like today.

"The picture in my mind is always as he was — a little boy," said Howard.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children may help in that aspect.

Scanning photos of Guy as a boy and of Howard into a computer, the Arlington, Va., agency is developing a digitalized picture that will show what Guy might look like today.

Guy is also still listed as a

missing person with the Linn County Sheriff's Department and on the National Crime Information Center computer.

Knowing the case remains alive offers hope to the couple that one day they will know what happened to their son.

Hope has also come through their faith in God, they said.

While Nancy was already a Christian, Howard said he converted to Christianity while searching in the woods for his son.

"I was not a believer before," he said. "(Being a Christian) has given me the assurance that I'll see him again someday. That's enough."

Huisentruit: Missing a month

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son cases reported to Iowa law enforcement agencies each year, most — 58 percent in 1994 — are resolved within one week.

Wendie Nerem, operations coordinator of the Missing Person Information Clearinghouse, said as of July there were 432 active cases listed with the Des Moines-based agency.

Last year, of the 9,784 missing person cases in the state, 88 percent were resolved within one month of being reported.

Huisentruit's case is nearing the 30-day breaking point after which few cases are solved, but friends and authorities remain hopeful she will be found.

"We come into work every day with the attitude that this could be the day we find her," said Mason City Police Chief Jack Schlieper.

KIMT-TV, where Huisentruit worked as a morning anchor, has been swamped with requests for photos and footage, Merbach said.

Even national media have reported on the case.

"I don't think the case would've gotten the same attention as someone who works in a job that's less visible," Merbach said. Female reporters may be especially empathetic to the case, he said.

Schlieper said the widespread publicity helped bring 1,000 tips to his office.

As of last week, Mason City police investigators, along with FBI and Division of Criminal Investigation officers, were pursuing about 100 leads.

But the investigation is moving into a long-term mode, Schlieper said.

"Initially, you throw all the resources you can muster into an investigation," he said, but now only a core group — about 10 to 12 officers on a given day — works the case.

Running out of leads is a problem that many long-term missing person cases encounter.

IN CEDAR RAPIDS, several cases are at a standstill because officers have nothing to go on, said detective Joel Kessler of the Cedar Rapids Police Department.

The department keeps files on cases such as Naomi Wilson, who was last seen April 12, 1981. If she disappeared of her own accord, Wilson, 32, who had a reputation for reliability, walked away from a house, car, job and family.

Unless new information is received, officers do not actively investigate such cases, Kessler said.

Barbara Elms was the longest-running of four adult cases listed on the department's active missing person list in July. The 50-year-old Cedar Rapids woman, who had a history of leaving for days at a time, vanished Aug. 25, 1993, without a trace.

Kessler said many missing persons reports are of people who disappear voluntarily.

"They might have marital problems or they're fed up with their job or their family... and they just pick up and leave."

Most missing person cases are juveniles, many of whom are runaways.

Statewide, 512 adult missing persons have been reported so far this year, and 4,678 juveniles.

In Cedar Rapids, 24 juveniles were reported missing as of July.

Linn County has had no new missing persons reported this year, but cleared eight cases in 1994, most of which were runaways, said Lt. Dave Knott of the Sheriff's Department.

The latest lead in Huisen-

People with information about Huisentruit may call Crime Stoppers at 1-(800) 383-0088.


truit's case involved a mid-1980s, white Ford Econoline van that was spotted at her apartment complex the morning she disappeared.

Schlieper said officers tracked down tips on 300 to 400 vans, plus 600 vans that were checked through vehicle registrations.

Schlieper said the van may lead police to information about Huisentruit's abduction, but the owners are not necessarily suspects.

A reward fund for information in Huisentruit's case has grown to \$30,000.

Huisentruit, a former KGAN-TV reporter in Cedar Rapids, is blonde, 5 feet 3 inches tall and weighs 120 pounds.



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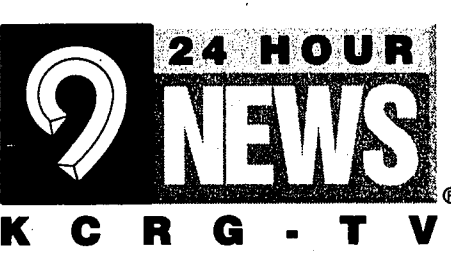
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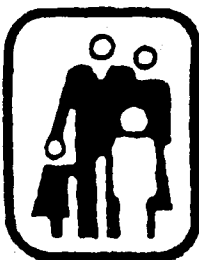
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Initially, each tinnitus sufferer should be examined by an otolaryngologist or an otologist, to determine if there is a medical condition causing tinnitus for which treatment could be prescribed.



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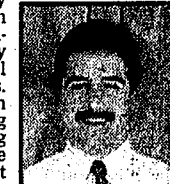


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