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Snyder family got daughter back after long legal battle

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BASEBALL SCORES

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Phillies 6 Cubs 5	Brewers 11-2 Indians 0-6	Mariners 8 Rangers 1
Pirates 2 Mets 1	Yankees 3 Orioles 2	Athletics 4 Royals 0

BRIEFLY

Reason to cheer

Student recovers from injury

University of Iowa cheerleader Amber Schwarz has one thing that sets her apart from her teammates: an 8-inch scar on her right leg from a high school accident. The healing process has been "an eye-opening experience," she says. Details in *Neighbors* magazine.

Charity run

5K to benefit cancer exam

Sandy Knight of Cedar Rapids wanted to provide funds for women who couldn't afford a mammogram. A 5K run — which is dedicated to Knight, who died of breast cancer — will help. Details on page 3C.

More but less

Layoffs higher than planned

More state employees have been laid off than originally targeted, a legislative report says. Details on page 8C.

Old name returns

Soviet city change official

ST. PETERSBURG, U.S.S.R. (AP) — This former home of Russian czars formally regained its old name Tuesday. The city's 5 million residents voted in June to change back to St. Petersburg from Leningrad, the third change since Peter the Great founded the city as his "window to the West" in 1703. City Council spokesman Alexander Veratin said the change will cost \$21 million.

Crayola Classic

Retired colors get reprieve

EASTON, Pa. (AP) — The number of colors in the Crayola crayon rainbow has increased again, after adults demanded a return to raw umber and lemon yellow. Binney & Smith Co. retired those two, blue gray, green blue, maize, orange red, orange yellow and violet blue last year, but announced Tuesday they'll be back through the end of January in a collector tin packaged with 64 other crayons for \$6.99.

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TODAY'S CHUCKLE

Most people's lives are like a TV show. It's not much good, but they're too lazy to get up and change it.

IE asks for rate increase averaging 6%

By George C. Ford and Lonnie Zingula
Gazette staff writers

Customers of Iowa Electric Light and Power Co. likely will see their electric bill go up over the next 90 days.

The Cedar Rapids-based utility announced Tuesday that it has filed a petition with the Iowa Utilities Board to increase prices for electric service by about \$18.9 million or an average of 6 percent for all rate classes. The three-member utilities

board must approve any rate increase before it can take effect.

For the typical residential customer, the monthly bill would increase by about \$2.98 if the full request is approved, according to Colleen Reilly, IE manager of corporate communications.

The Iowa Utilities Board is expected to rule on the company's request by Aug. 1, 1992. IE has proposed that interim prices go into effect Oct. 31, but the board can alter the interim rate proposal and delay its collection for up to 90 days.

PROPOSED IE RATE HIKE

	Current Monthly Rate	Proposed Increase	Percentage Increase
Residential	\$64.35	\$2.98	4.6%
Farm	\$113.63	\$6.38	5.6%
Commercial	\$214.68	16.21	7.6%
Industrial	\$8,057.72	\$515.12	6.4%
Street Lighting	\$299.76	\$37.12	12.4%

Source: Iowa Electric Light and Power Co. Gazette graphic

Murder manhunt into Linn

By Lyle Muller
Gazette staff writer

The search for the man who shot and killed Thomas Mather near Springdale on Monday moved north into Linn County last night after a reported sighting in a Lisbon cornfield.

Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation agent Ken Sandy said authorities were searching the area on the east edge of town after a man closely matching the description of the suspect was spotted about 8 p.m.

The manhunt continued throughout Tuesday, although Sandy said the Lisbon effort was the first large-scale sweep since early morning. The suspect is described as white, about 30, 6 feet tall, with a slender-to-medium build, collar-length light hair and no facial hair.

He was wearing blue jeans, a blue-jean jacket and white tennis shoes when seen fleeing the murder scene on foot, authorities said.

"There are obviously a lot of people that match that description in this area," Sandy said. "They felt strongly enough about the description (in Lisbon) to send some people up there and check it out."

As authorities searched for Mather's killer, friends and neighbors in the victim's small Cedar County community were wondering why someone would kill the Springdale native who moved into his parents' home with his bride last year.

Mather, 32, was killed in his home 1 1/2 miles northeast of Springdale by an intruder Monday night, Cedar County authorities said. His wife, Dawn, escaped uninjured.

Mather died of a gunshot wound to the head, State Medical Examiner Thomas Bennett said last night, but Cedar County authorities would not elaborate on the circumstances.

Friends and neighbors described Mather as a friendly hard worker always ready to smile or burst into his distinctive high-pitched laugh.

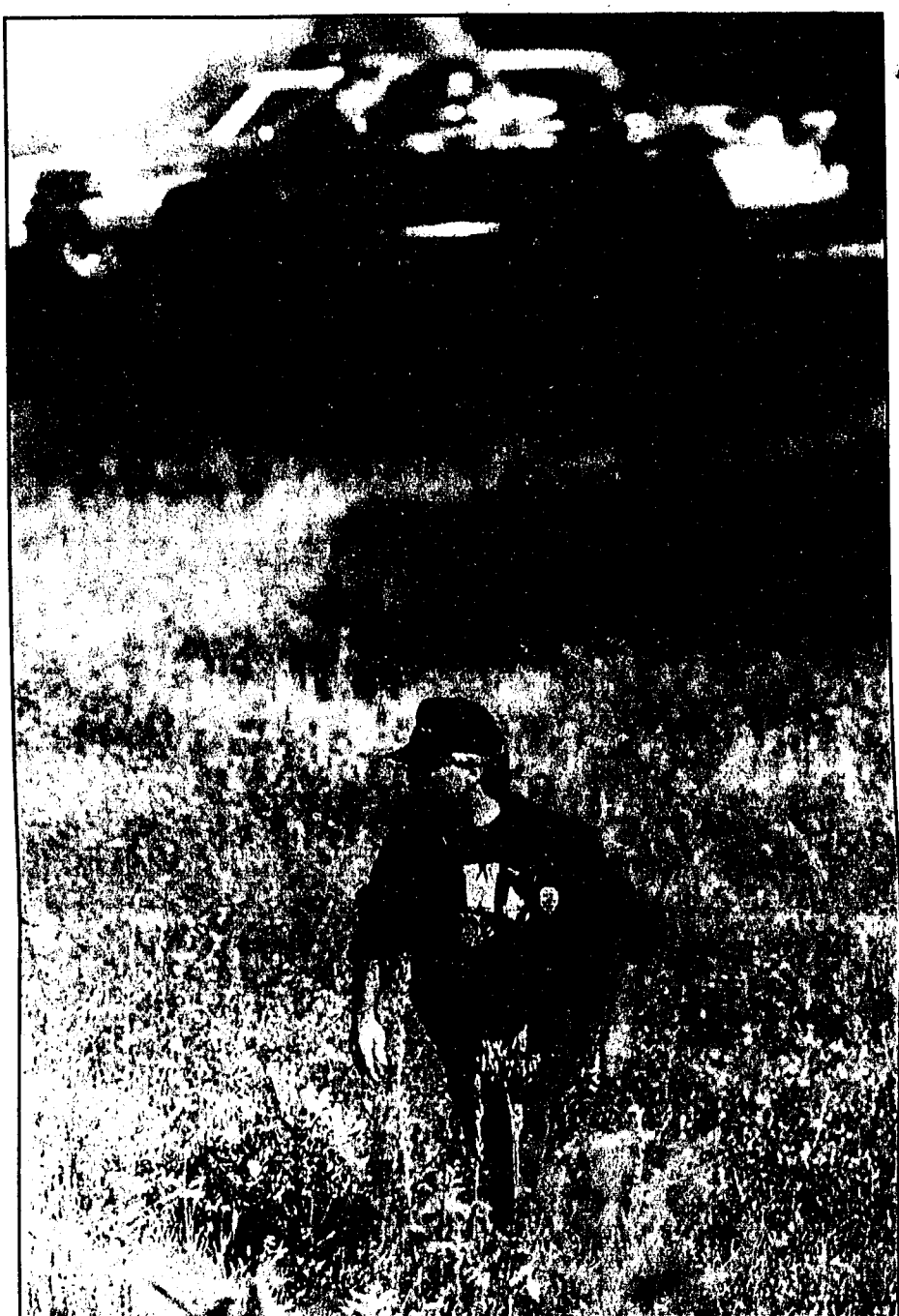
"He never had an enemy," said David Beranek, Mather's best man when Tom and Dawn were married Aug. 4, 1990.

Beranek and his wife, Amy, were with Dawn Mather at University Hospitals, Iowa City, when Dawn learned of her husband's death at 11 p.m. Monday. Dawn went home with the Beraneks after hospital officials released her.

She was recovering but did not want to talk to reporters, Beranek said.

DCI agents were at the Mathers' house Tuesday, seeking clues that would tell them who the killer is.

The Mathers' night of terror began about 9 o'clock. They were watching television when a man armed with what is believed to be a six-



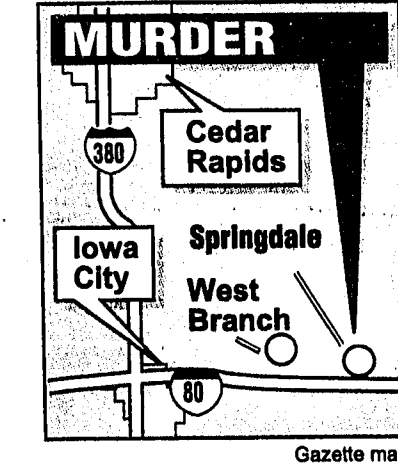
West Branch Police Chief Dan Knight searches for evidence Tuesday near the Springdale house where Thomas Mather was killed Monday night.



Dawn Mather
Fled to get help



Thomas Mather
Slain at home



Gazette map

Abuse of teachers 'shocking'

Area's teachers not surprised

By Kurt Rogahn
Gazette education writer

School executives expressed shock Tuesday at a national report that says 14 percent of Iowa teachers have been physically attacked by students and 72 percent have been verbally abused.

But teachers weren't so surprised, saying the statistics reflect changes in society.

The statistics, issued Monday by the National Education

■ Iowa report released, 6B

Goals Panel, date from 1988. In addition to physical and verbal abuse, 76 percent of Iowa teachers have complained of robbery or theft and 82 percent have reported vandalism of school property.

Those statistics seem "outrageously high," said Ralph Plagman, principal of Cedar Rapids Washington High School. Reported incidents of physical abuse of teachers last year hit "one or two, tops," Plagman said. The figure on robbery or theft "seems just way out of balance to me."

Even when behavior-disorder classrooms are taken into account, the statistics seem high, said Austin Mueller, director of special education for Cedar Rapids Community Schools. Mueller dealt with six or eight physical abuse situations last year.

The statistics seemed more realistic to Wendie Riniker, a preschool teacher at Garfield Elementary and president of the Cedar Rapids Education Association. Violence and abuse are increasing in schools, even at the elementary level, she said, blaming the growing problems on a lack of nurturing and good parenting.

Evelyn Bronson, life skills teacher at Marlon High School and president of the Marion Education Association, said she was saddened by the statistics. "And when I read them, I said, 'That's true. They're all

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Suicide raises questions about hunting accident

By Val Swinton
Gazette Northeast Iowa Bureau

Mark Herrig was so distraught over the death of his hunting partner and lifelong friend that he took his own life Tuesday.

Jackson County authorities initially reported Herrig's friend, William Joseph Berendes, 31, accidentally shot himself Sunday when he fell on his .22-caliber hunting rifle. But Herrig's suicide raises the possibility that the bullet that killed Berendes came from Herrig's rifle.

Herrig left a suicide note, prompting authorities to send both guns to a laboratory to determine which weapon killed Berendes.

"He gave his version in the note," said Jackson County

Sheriff Robert Lyons. "We still have no reason to believe it isn't an accident."

Lyons refused to disclose the contents of the note.

"They were close friends," he said. "They both were raised in the same neighborhood. They both were raised in St. Donatus. They both just happened to be living in Dubuque."

Herrig, 34, was found in his car about 7 a.m. Tuesday by Harold Miller Jr. on a farm Miller was renting. The farm is near the scene of Sunday's shooting.

Herrig died of a gunshot wound to the head. Berendes died of a gunshot wound to the chest suffered about 9:30 a.m. Sunday while the men were squirrel hunting.

Scandal out of the bag

Nussle uses paper sack to unmask 'Rubbergate'

By David Lynch
Gazette Washington reporter

WASHINGTON — "It's time to unmask this institution," Rep. Jim Nussle, R-Iowa, said Tuesday, removing a paper bag from his head.

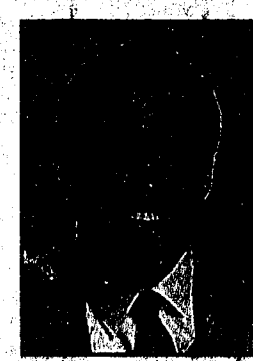
"It's time to expose the check-writing scandal I like to call Rubbergate," he said on the House floor. "It's time to bring honor back to this institution."

Last week, Nussle and other freshmen Republicans demanded that House Speaker Thomas Foley, D-Wash., release the names of House members who have bounced checks at the House bank.

A recent General Accounting Office audit of the bank found that in a six-month period in 1990 members wrote 4,325 checks that they were not able to cover, but the House-run bank covered the checks, sometimes for as long as a month, resulting in interest-free loans.

At a press conference last week, Nussle said that when he ran for Congress he "used to get up and say 'They did this' or 'They did that.' Now I have to go back home and say 'We did this.' Many of us want to wear a paper sack with eyeholes in it."

That's what he wore as he approached the microphone Tuesday afternoon to make his speech. Acting Speaker G.V. Montgomery, D-Miss., later advised Nussle that "displays" should be cleared with the House before being incorporated into a speech.



Jim Nussle
Paper bag on head

COMING TOMORROW/ One renegade cancer cell has big impact

Murder: Search expands to Linn

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shot revolver entered their house through the garage, said friends and neighbors close to the family.

The Mathers did not know the man, sources said. One source said the assailant was naked when he entered the house, although Cedar County Attorney Lee Beine declined to confirm or deny that.

Dawn escaped to neighbors who live across the highway less than a quarter-mile away. They called authorities and tried to calm her.

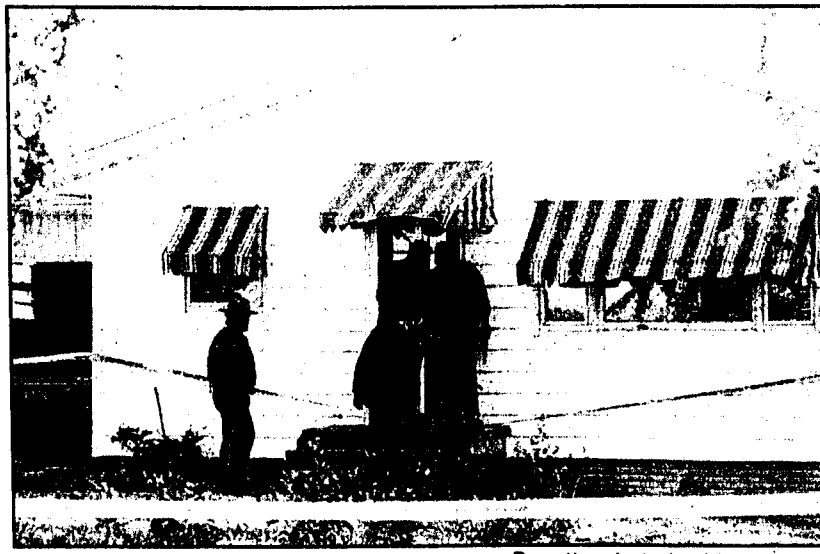
Mather was unable to get away, authorities said. He was shot and killed in the house and pronounced dead at the scene by Cedar County Assistant Medical

Examiner George Utley.

Fifty officers and two police dogs from 11 law enforcement agencies searched the area. After dawn, they scoured through farm fields — some with standing corn — farm buildings and culverts within a four-mile radius of the Mathers' home but found no one.

Mather was a custodian at the University of Iowa's Carver-Hawkeye Arena. His wife is from Urbandale but graduated in 1989 from the U of I with a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

Mather's parents are longtime Springdale-area residents Stewart and Mildred Mather.



Gazette photo by Lisa Powell

Investigators for the state Division of Criminal Investigation and officials from Jones and Cedar counties inspect the Springdale house where Thomas Mather was killed Monday night. The search for the killer continued last night.

Murder changed life in Springdale

By Lyle Muller

Gazette Johnson County Bureau
SPRINGDALE — Life in this Cedar County village of 100 people changed dramatically when Tom Mather died, neighbors and friends said.

"Before tonight, this was typical small-town Iowa: nothing really happens here," Jim Farmer said, standing on his porch as Monday night yielded to the early hours of Tuesday.

"We would just as soon it stayed that way."

Unincorporated, Springdale is on County Road F-44 about four

miles east of West Branch and just north of Interstate 80. It is a community where people know each other, or their parents, because most grew up there.

Tom Mather did. Dawn, his Urbandale bride of one year, was a newcomer, but people welcomed her into the community, friends said.

The community's anchor is Springdale United Methodist Church, where Farmer served coffee and cookies to law enforcement officials through the dark hours of Tuesday morning and congregation members came

to help later in the day.

For many people, church was the last place they saw Mather. He was there Sunday, when Dawn joined the choir and sang with it for the first time.

"Tom was real proud that she was singing in the choir," said Jo Leighty, who grew up five miles north of Springdale and moved to town 27 years ago.

"Outside of losing Tom, I think the other thing that I think the community's going to lose is the sense of security," she said.

"I always felt this was the best

little community to raise your family in. And you didn't have to have your doors locked at night."

Jack Sines, who rents a house in town from Mather's parents, said, "They're going to start locking their doors at night."

Cedar County Sheriff Keith Whitlatch said he understands the concerns floating around.

"I, myself, live out in a rural area," he said. "It's a concern for everyone, particularly in rural areas. But this could happen in town, also. I'm sure everybody is going to be more cautious for a while."

Violence: Teachers note increase

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going up, and that's too bad."

Conditions in schools have changed in the 20 years she's been teaching, she said. "I've seen a lot more disrespect for teachers."

The educators said definitions may be the key to the disparity of views between teachers and administrators.

For example, what constitutes verbal abuse? An obscenity muttered as a student storms out the classroom door? Disrespectful

language to a teacher?

"It depends on your perspective," Bronson said.

Plagman said Washington teachers probably know of thefts at the school, "but I can't remember the last time a teacher had anything stolen of their personal property." So does being aware of a theft constitute "complaining of theft" for the national survey?

Riniker said administrators may not have an accurate han-

dle on abuse because teachers sometimes give students several chances to change their behavior before referring them to administrators. She also suggested that many incidents go unreported because teachers fear it will adversely affect their performance evaluations.

Bob Bostwick, superintendent of College Community Schools, criticizes society for not doing enough prevention.

"We wait until kids have a drug problem, then we try to teach them about drugs. We wait until people are in trouble and then we build more prisons," he said.

"I think we're a remedial society. We don't want to resolve our problems at lower levels, where it's cheapest to do."

Sonny launches Senate campaign

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sonny Bono, mayor of Palm Springs and former half of the pop duo Sonny and Cher, announced Tuesday he's running for U.S. Senate.

Bono, a Republican, said he

will do his best to establish credibility, even though he acknowledges his candidacy will spark one-liners on the late-night talk shows.

"It's no joke," Bono said at a news conference.



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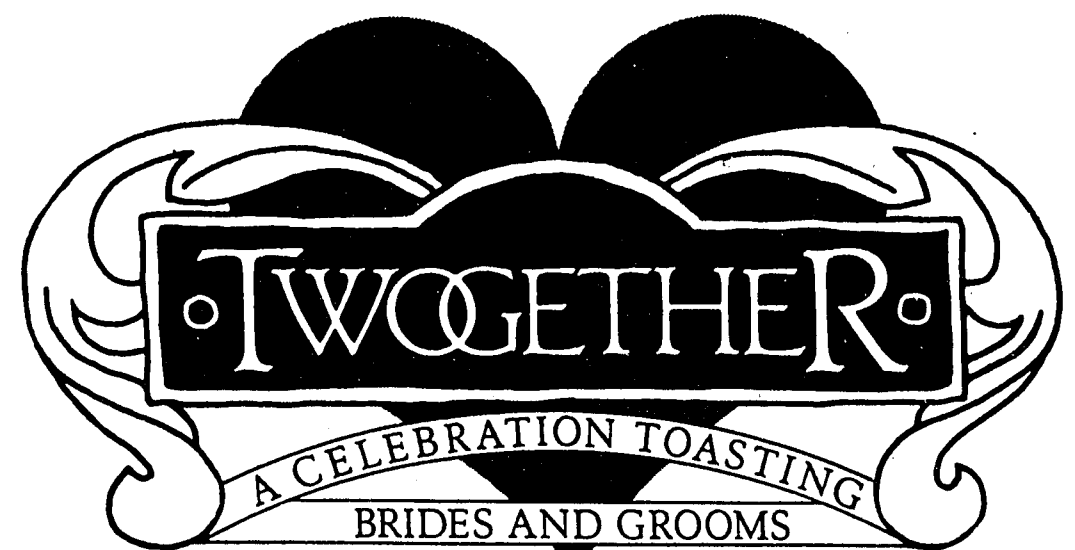
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