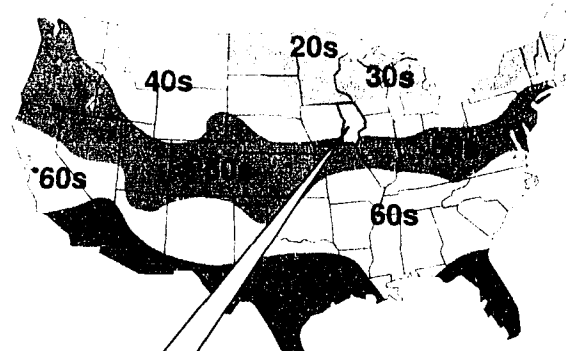


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Pet porker seeks new home

Pork Chop, a Belle Plaine family's tiny pet pig, is no more than a foot high and weighs about 20 pounds. He's clean and great with people. But he has to find a new home. Rasdal column, page 1B.

Molestation case

Trial begins for C.R. man

A Jones County jury will begin hearing evidence this morning against Dee Jay Radeke of Cedar Rapids, who is accused of sexually abusing a 7-year-old girl May 31. Details on page 3B.

Mather murder

Re-enactment to be on TV

A re-enactment of the 1991 murder of Tom Mather was staged Monday near Springdale. The depiction, which will be televised Wednesday night on KCRG-TV (Channel 9), was conceived in the hope of finding the killer. Details on page 1B.

Holiday alternative

Hawks on Copper Bowl list

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TOMORROW

Name to remember

That's Homer Screws

Homer Screws of Iowa City has a name you don't forget. That helped him as a professional soccer player in Germany and Atlanta. Now he's in Iowa, coaching other soccer players. Neighbors in Wednesday's Gazette.

DHS caseloads too high?

Audit: State risks lawsuits; Agency: Just streamlined

By Rod Boshart

Gazette Des Moines Bureau

DES MOINES — Iowa Department of Human Services officials may want to look at hiring more field employees to ease spiraling workloads that pose potential litigation concerns, a state audit said Monday.

However, the department responded that the higher

workloads reflect streamlining and technological efficiencies. It disputed audit contentions that recent government downsizing efforts may be placing the state "at risk."

State Auditor Richard Johnson issued an 18-page report indicating that workloads for DHS service workers have increased by 53 percent over a seven-year period ending in fiscal 1992 while income maintenance employee workloads jumped by 43 percent during the same period.

For fiscal 1992, the DHS was operating at workload levels of 199 per service worker and 206 per income

maintenance worker. The number of cases assigned to a particular field worker multiplied by each case's weight makes up that employee's workload.

Those levels compared with optimum workloads of 130 per service worker and 145 per income maintenance worker established in 1985. For the current fiscal year, the workloads have increased again to 208 per service worker and 213 per income maintenance worker.

Johnson recommended that DHS officials evaluate

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Fertilizer of their prayers?

Pastor reports faster growth

By Val Swinton

Gazette Northeast Iowa Bureau

UTTENBERG — The Rev. Karl Goodfellow may have found a replacement for fertilizer.

Prayer.

Goodfellow, pastor of the United Methodist churches in Guttenberg and McGregor, conducted experiments this year in which youngsters in both churches prayed over a small sampling of corn and soybeans while other samples grew without prayer. In almost every sample, the prayed-over corn and beans grew faster than the plants that had no prayer. In some cases, the results were dramatic.

One sampling of beans grew 214 percent higher than the unprayed-for beans. A sample of corn grew more than 59 percent higher than an identical sample without prayer.

Growing conditions were close to identical: same soil, same amount of water, and light and the seeds came from the same sack. Each experiment lasted 10 days to two weeks.

In one experiment though, the prayed-over beans actually grew more slowly, by nearly 15 percent.

The mixed results have left Goodfellow perplexed and unsure whether all results can be attributed to prayer.

There are other variables, he noted, including different kids doing the praying.

"I believe the kids I've had from one week to the next are not a consistent group to deal with," he said. "There's



Gazette photo by Val Swinton

The Rev. Karl Goodfellow of Guttenberg displays two pie tins of corn that were part of an experiment to test the effects of prayer on plants. In almost every sample, Goodfellow found that prayed-over corn and beans grew faster than the plants that had no prayer.

lots of different energy levels that exist."

There also might be a difference in the quality of individual seeds, he noted.

IN ANOTHER experiment, the kids have prayed for the plants to grow more slowly, and that happened, too.

In one sampling of beans, the group that received no prayers was 139 percent taller than the corresponding group that received grow-slow prayers.

In each experiment, the kids prayed once, either for seeds or water that was used on them.

Goodfellow, a firm believer in the power of prayer, said

the experiments have a positive effect on his young charges.

"The kids have gotten to the point that when they pray, they expect to see results," he said.

Goodfellow is not through. Next spring, he'll enlist support of 10 to 15 families to pray over more plants. He also would like to enlarge the experiment to involve different churches that have a variety of approaches to prayer to see which works best.

And he would like to convince seed corn companies that use a more scientific approach to allow him and his congregations to pray over test plots.

Americans moving less often: Census

By Dale Kueter

Gazette staff writer

We may think America is on the fast track, but new Census Bureau data shows that mobility of Americans continues to slow down.

While one out of six Americans (about 17 percent) moved from one residence to another between March 1990 and March 1991, the mobility rate was the lowest since the early 1980s.

"The overall trend in mobility has been downward over the last 40 years," says Diana DeAre, author of the Census Bureau's new report.

"Annual moving rates of 20 percent and more during the 1950s and 1960s were followed by lower rates of about 18 percent during the '70s and '80s."

Mark Grey, anthropologist at the University of Northern Iowa, believes geographic mobility is tied to upward economic mobility. "There are not as many people moving up the economic ladder these days."

Grey notes that the 1950s and 1960s were boom days in the U.S. economy. "My dad moved 14 times, usually because it meant better pay."

DeAre said most of the decline in mobility is due to a drop in the rate of interstate moving. She said 60.5 percent of all movers stayed within the same county, while another 19 percent of the total movers stayed within the same state.

The 17 percent rate of residence change translates into 41.5 million people age 1 year and over. The rate was 17.9 percent in the previous year.

The new census report showed these other data:

- Of the nation's four regions (see chart), only the northeast had a consistent pattern of net out-migration to other regions.

- Black and white homeowners moved at similar rates. White renters moved at a higher rate.

- Persons in their 20s had the highest mobility with 35.3 percent of those 20 to 24 years old moving, and 32.6 percent of those 25 to 29 moving.

No data for specific states are available. However, data based on reports from moving companies showed 50.8 percent of Iowa's interstate moves were outbound during 1991.

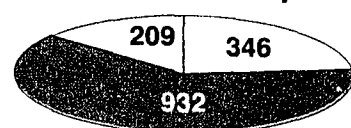
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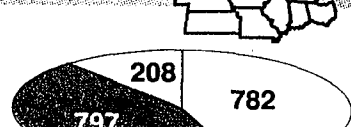
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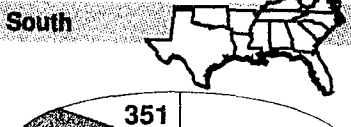
Northeast



Midwest



South



West



Source: Census Bureau AP/Wm. J. Castello

U.N.: Blockade Yugoslav ports

Western nations' frigates in area

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The Security Council voted last night to authorize a naval blockade on the Danube River and the Adriatic coast to tighten economic sanctions on Yugoslavia. It said force could be used to back up the blockade.

The council cited Chapter 7 of the U.N. Charter, which it has used to enforce embargoes and bans on international weapons trade with Iraq and Libya.

The resolution, passed 13-0, prods Bulgaria and Romania to patrol the Danube, which flows along their borders. But it wasn't immediately clear to what extent Western or other governments were willing to get involved in enforcement of the sanctions.

NATO and the European Community's Western European Union each have five frigates along the Adriatic, but they were previously not authorized to inspect vessels.

"I think we should move from surveillance to enforcement," Willem van Eekelen, the Dutch secretary-general of the Western European Union, said Monday in Helsinki.

China and Zimbabwe abstained from voting because they felt the Serb-led government in Belgrade had no real control over the Bosnian Serbs, whose acts have been most sharply attacked by the international community.

"The Security Council must adopt firm measures to deal with the problem," said Russian Ambassador Yuli Vorontsov. "Bosnia-Herzegovina has been devastated."

The Security Council consists of five nations with veto power — the United States, Russia, China, Britain and France — and 10 nations without a veto that serve two-year terms: Austria, Belgium, Cape Verde, Ecuador, Hungary, India, Japan, Morocco, Venezuela and Zimbabwe.

Serbian forces occupy 70 percent of Bosnia. Most of the rest is held by Croat militias.

'Gridlock is over,' say Clinton, top Democrats

Baltimore Sun

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — President-elect Bill Clinton and Democratic congressional leaders declared an end to governmental gridlock Monday as they promised swift action on the nation's problems after Clinton takes office Jan. 20.

Clinton hailed a "new era of cooperation and action in our nation's capital," while House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt proclaimed, "Gridlock is over, and cooperation and teamwork have begun."

They spoke at a news conference also attended by Vice President-elect Al Gore, Speaker of the House Tom Foley and Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell. They had met Sunday night at the governor's mansion to discuss goals and lay the groundwork for Clinton's first post-election trip to Washington Wednesday and Thursday, during which he will meet with President Bush and members of Congress.

The president-elect offered evidence that he and Congress will work together by considering a compromise on the line-item veto, which would give

Clinton the power to cut certain items in a spending bill.

During the campaign, Clinton said that he would seek the line-item veto to control spending. But Monday he expressed interest in a watered-down version of the veto proposed by Foley. Under the compromise, Congress could vote to override a veto of a spending item in a bill by a simple majority of both the House and Senate instead of the two-thirds majority that is required to override normal vetoes.

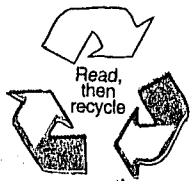
Despite concern about the deficit, Clinton said he still "would like" to provide a middle-class tax cut he pledged during the campaign. "And I think the American people will be much more willing to accept the argument that all have to sacrifice and contribute over the long run if they believe we're starting from a fair tax system, and I don't believe we are today."

Clinton told reporters he also is sticking to his controversial commitment to promptly end the ban on gay people serving in the military.



AP photo

Speaker of the House Tom Foley, D-Wash., looks over the shoulder of President-elect Clinton during a news conference Monday in Little Rock, Ark. Appearing with congressional leaders, Clinton pledged "a new era of cooperation and action."



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CEDAR RAPIDS

Local UFO expert on TV

■ A Cedar Rapids writer will appear Thursday on "Good Morning America" during a four-minute segment filmed last month at the scene of an alleged 1947 UFO crash near Roswell, N.M.

Kevin Randle, 43, said producers of the ABC program informed him the segment will air after 7:30 a.m. Thursday. "Good Morning America," which is focusing this week on the Southwest, is aired locally on KCRG-TV (Channel 9) from 7 to 9 a.m.

Randle co-wrote "UFO Crash at Roswell" with Donald Schmitt, co-director of the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies. He was interviewed in Roswell along with a public information officer who announced the UFO crash, a local mortician and a person who handled debris from the crash, all of whom allege a government cover-up surrounding the incident.

Yuletide exhibit to open

■ The Linn County Historical Society will open a holiday exhibit, "Old Time Yuletide" on Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the museum. Handmade toys and homemade gift items common in this area in the past make up the exhibit. A handmade dollhouse will be available for silent auction until Dec. 6 and the free exhibit will be on display through Jan. 31. Museum hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, 1 to 4 p.m. weekends.

MARION

Linn-Mar forum tonight

■ The Linn-Mar school board will hold a public forum on the merger issue at 7 tonight in the Linn-Mar High School auditorium. There will be a presentation and a question-and-answer session.

Voters in the Linn-Mar and Marion Independent school districts will vote Nov. 24 on whether the districts should merge.

HARPERS FERRY

Escapee back in prison

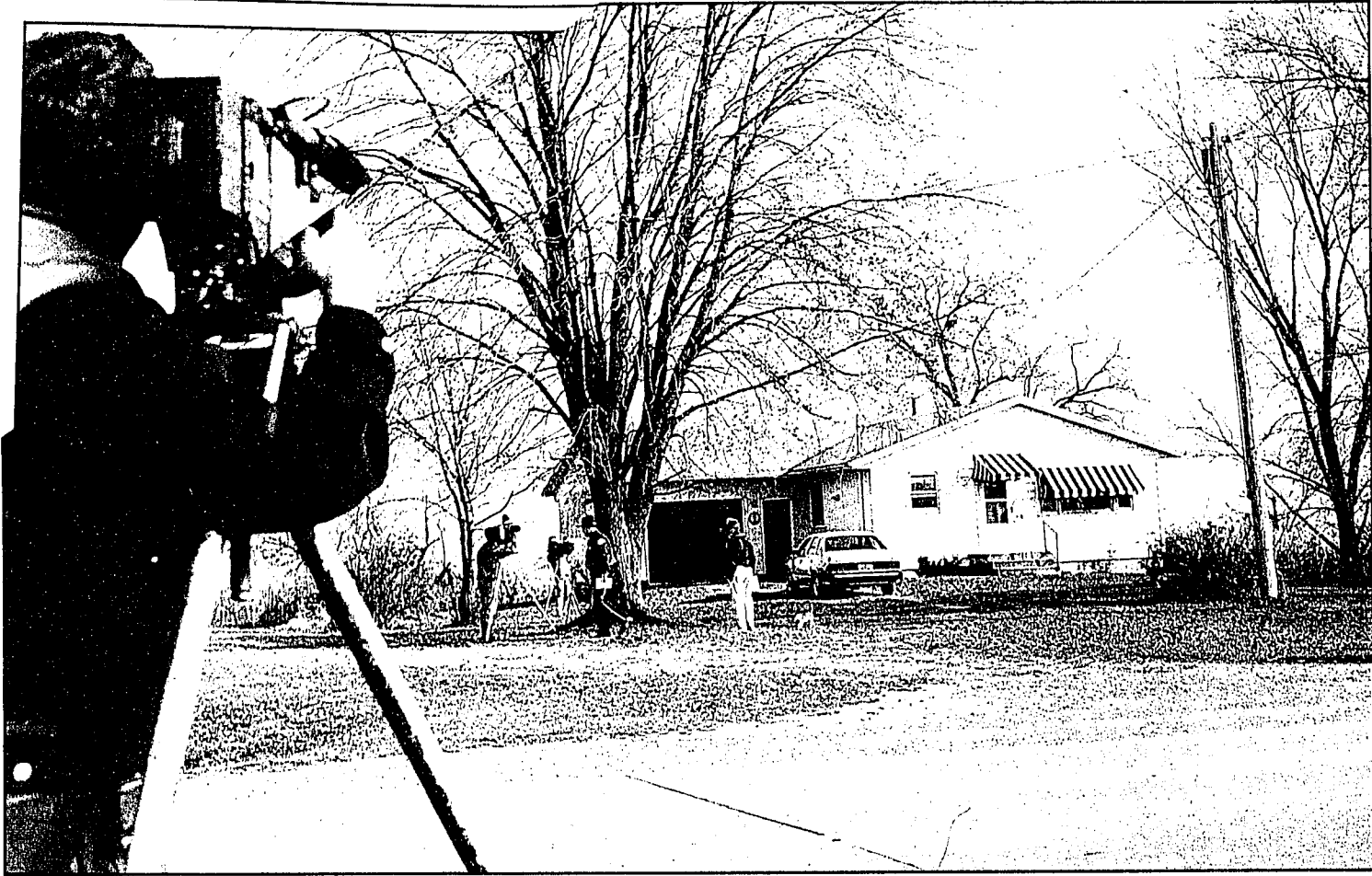
■ An escapee from Luster Heights prison camp was back in custody at the Iowa Men's Reformatory in Anamosa last night. He was arrested by Allamakee County officers about 15 hours after his escape Sunday.

Allamakee County authorities said Christopher Joseph Cooklin, 24, walked away from the prison camp near south of Harpers Ferry about 4 a.m.

Cooklin was arrested about 7:15 p.m. on County Road X-42, about six miles northwest of Harpers Ferry, after a concerned citizen reported that a man walking along the county road might be the escapee. A deputy located and arrested Cooklin without incident.

Reformatory Warden John Thalacker said Cooklin, who is from Creston, now faces escape charges.

He had served about six months of a combined five-year sentence for third-degree theft in Adair County and conspiracy to commit a felony in Union County when he escaped Sunday, Thalacker said.



Gazette photo by Dave Gosch

Television cameras were on the scene Monday at the former rural Springdale home of Tom Mather. A re-enactment of the events surrounding Mather's 1991 murder will air on KCRG-TV (Channel 9) at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. A KCRG crew filmed the re-enactment Monday.

Re-creating a murder

Will TV depiction help solve '91 Mather case?

By Dave Gosch

SPRINGDALE — Authorities and the news media descended on the former home of Tom Mather on Monday, just as they did more than a year ago when he was murdered.

This time, authorities are using the electronic media in the hope of finding Mather's killer by re-enacting the events surrounding the crime.

Filming for the half-hour show, "Who Murdered Tom Mather?" took place Monday afternoon at the home where Mather and his wife, Dawn, lived when the crime took place Sept. 30, 1991. The show will air at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday on KCRG-TV (Channel 9).

Dawn has told authorities that Mather, 32, was shot once in the head by a mysterious intruder. She was able to escape to a nearby farmhouse, where she had the Cedar County Sheriff's Department summoned to the scene.

The Mathers' former home, which now has different occupants, is on County Road

X-40 about a mile north of the West Liberty exit off Interstate 80.

Division of Criminal Investigation agent Ken Sandy said Monday that the show would reveal the existence of a blue car that was identified as being at the scene around the time of the murder. The blue car previously had not been mentioned publicly by authorities.

"It's a real key to us," Sandy said about the late-model Pontiac Grand Am.

A white car also was seen by witnesses. Sandy indicated that the blue car was seen around the time that the white car was sighted.

A man wearing brown coveralls and carrying an object over his shoulder also will be featured in the show.

SANDY SAID viewers should pay careful attention to the blue car and the sequence of events while watching the show. Sandy didn't reveal the chronology of events, which is being saved for Wednesday night's program.

"We believe there's another person involved that we don't know about," Sandy said.

Cedar County Sheriff Keith Whitlatch said shows such as "Unsolved Mysteries" and

Tom Mather



Crimestoppers television re-enactments gave him the idea for Wednesday's show. He hopes it will "trigger something" in people's memories.

Whitlatch said the intent of the show differs from "Unsolved Mysteries."

"We wanted to do something for informational purposes, not for entertainment," he said.

Whitlatch didn't tell reporters at the scene Monday about everything that would be on the program.

"As you see it unfold, you'll see why we believe there are other people (involved)," said Whitlatch, adding that viewers may be reminded of something the killer has told them during conversations.

Most of the footage was shot outside the former Math-

Sheriff Keith Whitlatch



er home with only a brief scene showing the position of Mather's body inside the house.

THE ACTORS portraying the people at the scene were volunteers. Whitlatch said Dawn Mather was not asked to participate.

The woman playing the part of Dawn Mather hopes the show will help find the killer.

"That's the reason I'm doing it," said the woman, who asked that her name not be used.

Cedar County dispatcher Dan Conrad played the part of Tom Mather. He took on the role partly because "I'm a little bit gullible."

"This is my first acting experience," he said.

This little piggy's on the market, looking for a new home

BELLE PLAINE — Little C.J. Wilson's pet scoots along the floor, rubs a wet nose against this visitor's warm leg, wags his little tail and grunts like a pig.

Which, needless to say, didn't surprise me since Pork Chop is a pig. A pygmy pig of the Vietnamese potbellied variety.

"I wike him," says C.J., 3, as he strokes Pork Chop's wiry white and pink skin. Pork Chop reciprocates by nuzzling his flat pink snout against C.J.'s stomach.

"But he has to go," says C.J.'s dad, Joe. "We can't keep him in the house."

C.J. nods, understanding that Pork Chop needs a new home because he just isn't adjusting to the Wilson household.

"I wouldn't even think about letting him go if we didn't have this problem," Joe says.

THE PROBLEM: Pork Chop, once housebroken, can't seem to control himself in the house. He must be kept in a cardboard pen in the garage, where he can use a cardboard litter box. With winter approaching, that just won't work, so Joe has decided to sell the little guy.

"I'd like to get as much as I can for him," Joe says, "but I'd rather see that he gets a good home, someone who wants to take care of him instead of..."

Well, instead of putting an apple in his mouth and popping him into the oven. Or turning him in to ham and bacon and, if you'll excuse me, pork chops.

Pork Chop was born about three months ago near Tama. He originally was purchased by Gary

Cates of Keystone, who owned him for six weeks. Gary sold him to Joe because Pork Chop became just a little too curious for his own good.

"I just hated to get rid of him," Gary says. "But my wife didn't want him around anymore."

THAT DECISION came after Pork Chop knocked over a clothes-drying rack, forcing Gary's wife to rewash clothes. But, while Pork Chop was around, the Cates family enjoyed his antics.

In the living room, he would root around among couch pillows, tossing them into the air and balancing them on his nose.

When kids played tag, Pork Chop would chase around the yard with them as if he knew when he was "it."

Like a fullback breaking through the line, Pork Chop would charge into a freshly raked pile of leaves, causing a leaf-shattering explosion.

He loved to eat hot cakes with butter, Fruit Loops and Cheerios.

He'd shake hands. He'd close his eyes and swoon when scratched behind the ears. He'd flop on his side when rubbed on his stomach.

Pork Chop was just like any pet dog or cat. He was even housebroken at the Cates household.

"He never ever went in the house," Gary says. "We just didn't have enough time to spend with him."

Joe figures Pork Chop may not have been able to adjust because he shares the house with the family cat, Abby. And Joe's wife, Cyndie, said if one or the other has to go it would be the pig.

"Hey, he's really a good pet," Joe says, cuddling Pork Chop, whose little tail switches rapidly back and forth. "He's just like a small dog."

On all fours, Pork Chop is no more than a foot high. He weighs probably 20 pounds and won't grow to any more than 25 pounds or so. He eats regular, vitamin-enriched pig feed and drinks plenty of water. As long as there are no mud puddles around, he stays clean. He's great with kids and adults.

IN FACT, when Joe took Pork Chop to work one day at Raleigh Johnson Motor Co., everybody



Gazette photo by Dave Rasdal

C.J. and Joe Wilson play with Pork Chop, their pet Vietnamese potbellied pig, outside their Belle Plaine home.

crooned over him as he slipped and slid around the showroom floor.

Joe says he'll part with Pork Chop for \$125, which is as much as \$100 less than such pigs sold for a year ago. And Joe's price includes feed and a feeder. If interested, call Joe at (319) 444-2163 during the day.

This Pork Chop may be a little more expensive than your usual Iowa Chop, but, hey, he's sure a lot more fun.

Dave Rasdal's column appears Tuesdays and Sundays in The Gazette.