

Obituaries

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BROOKLYN

Oma Ormiston, 80, died Friday, Feb. 4, 2000, in Grinnell Regional Medical Center of a heart attack. Services: 2 p.m. today, Watts Funeral Home, Montezuma. Burial: Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 2 p.m. today at the funeral home.

There are no immediate survivors.

ELDORADO

Ronald Grafenberg, 83, died Thursday evening, Feb. 3, 2000, in Good Samaritan Home, West Union, following a long illness. Arrangements are pending at Burnham-Wood Funeral Home, West Union.

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Tumey retrial nears completion

By Rick Smith
Gazette staff writer

TIPTON — The retrial of Dean Tumey is coming to an end here with a prosecutor insisting that Tumey "knows too much to be innocent" and the defense urging jurors not convict the wrong man just to close a 19½-year-old case.

Lawyers began their closing arguments Friday afternoon and will complete them Monday before the Cedar County jury here begins to decide if Tumey murdered Sandra Jo Pittman, a 17-year-old Davenport female, on Sept. 17, 1980.

A first jury in the first-degree murder case was unable to reach a decision. It voted 7-5 to acquit before giving up Oct. 1.

Tumey, 54, is accused of strangling and beating Pittman to death and leaving her body at a rest stop along

Highway 30 west of Clarence.

Tumey, who was 35 and on disability for mental illness at the time, was acquainted with Pittman because they both lived for a short time in a Davenport rooming house.

Central to the case is a confession Tumey allegedly gave to an Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) agent and former Cedar County Sheriff Keith Whitlatch in 1990 in Fairfield.

"Dean Tumey knows too much to be innocent," prosecutor Alan Ostergren thundered Friday afternoon at the start of his closing argument to the jury.

The confession, which authorities say is a paraphrased account of Tumey's admissions in 1990, correctly mentions what Pittman was wearing at the time of her death, how her dead body was laid uncovered in the rest area and that she was strangled.

Defense attorneys Brad Norton and Brian Fairfield of Lowden have said the confession is in words Tumey would not have used, includes only information

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that authorities made public in the first hours after the murder, and is not signed by Tumey.

Tumey, who has suffered from paranoid schizophrenia since the early 1970s, confessed to get attention to and to get admitted to the hospital, defense attorneys have said.

That delusions and psychosis of his mental illness have long dogged Tumey is not in dispute, prosecutor Ostergren, assistant Muscatine County attorney, told the jury Friday.

However, just because a person thinks the CIA is chasing him doesn't mean that he can't honestly admit to a murder, Ostergren said.

Defense attorney Fairfield told jurors that certain things in the purported 1990

confession don't square with what the murderer did to Pittman.

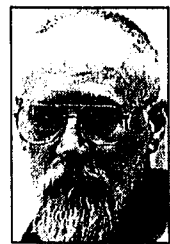
He said Tumey's alleged confession says he strangled her with his hands, when ligature marks also were apparent on her neck. The confession also says it was raining when Tumey allegedly laid Pittman's body in the rest area, though her clothes were dry when her body was found by railroad workers a few hours after her death, Fairfield said.

Prior to the first trial, Tumey told the prosecution's psychiatrist that he did not kill Pittman, but watched as three others did.

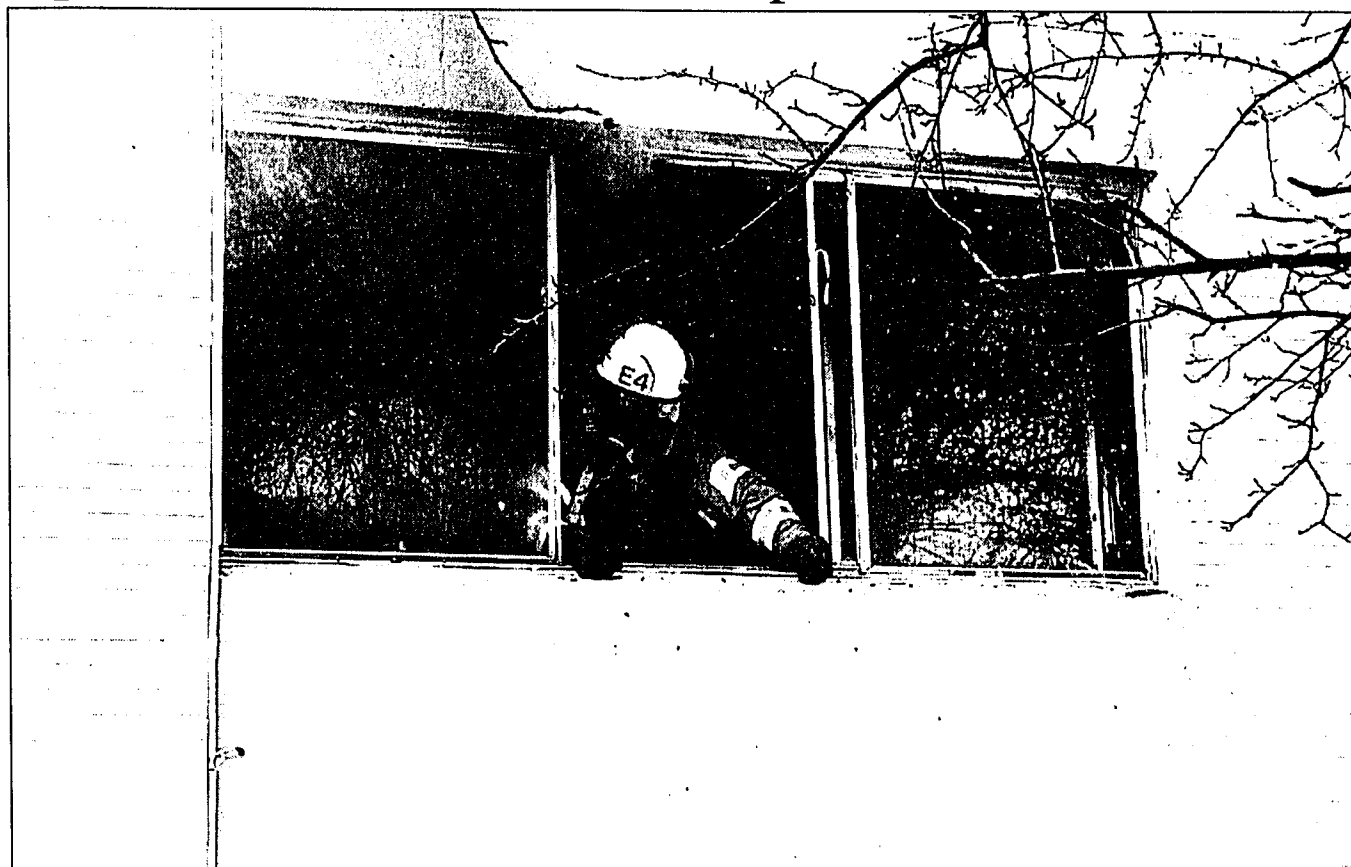
The defense has suggested that several others in Pittman's circle, including a boyfriend at the time who asked associates how to kill her, could have committed the murder.

Fairfield asked why Tumey, a suspect from the start, hadn't been arrested earlier if the case against him is so strong.

"Don't convict the wrong man just to close a DCI file," he told the jury.

Dean Tumey
Being retried

Apartment burns in Cedar Rapids



Gazette photo by Cecelia Hanley

A Cedar Rapids firefighter peers from an apartment window in the Spring Park Complex, where a fire broke out Friday afternoon. The fire at 1635 Park Towne Lane NE was confined to the second-floor apartment where it began, according to Fire Department spokesman Dave Koch. The apartment sustained extensive fire and smoke damage, and there was minor smoke damage in the hallway. There were no injuries. A smoke detector awakened at least one tenant sleeping in an adjacent apartment, Koch said. The fire was reported at 1:27 p.m.

Gang leader pleads guilty to charges

CEDAR RAPIDS — The reputed leader of the Shotgun Click street gang has pleaded guilty to drug and weapons charges, U.S. Attorney Stephen J. Rapp said Friday.

David Heard, 21, of Cedar Rapids, pleaded

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guilty to possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and possession of a sawed-off shotgun in furtherance of drug trafficking.

The charges were based on items seized from Heard's residence. Officers executing a search warrant found cash, a loaded .22 caliber revolver, a loaded sawed-off shotgun, more than 700 grams of marijuana and a \$700 case.

Heard was identified as the leader of the Shotgun Click street gang last September during the trial of Paul Gilbert. Gilbert was tried and found not guilty of the May 10, 1996, shooting death of Jamar Magett.

Heard's sentencing will be April 24. He faces a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison and \$500,000 in fines.

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DAILY NOTEBOOK

TEL-US POLL

To answer today's question, call CITYLINE, 363-7000 or 337-7000, and enter category 1111 until 5 p.m.

Yesterday's question:

Iowa currently has a no-fault divorce law. Do you support continuation of this law? (47 responses)

YES: 32% NO: 68%

Today's question:

What's your level of satisfaction with education available in area public schools: High? OK? Low?

TEL-US is a non-scientific sampling of public opinion.

TODAY/Feb. 5, 2000

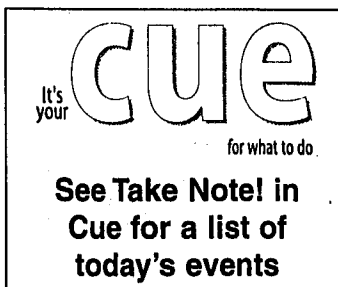
ENTERTAINMENT

Entertainment events in CUE.

RECYCLING

Cedar Rapids drive-through recycling site, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Public Works complex, 1201 Sixth St. SW.

Marion recycling, 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., 195 35th St.



LOTTERIES/ FRIDAY, Feb. 4

IOWA LOTTERY

\$100,000 CASH GAME: 6-20-22-27-28
CASH 4 LIFE: 14-63-82-94

IOWA/ILLINOIS PICK 3

9-0-8 (ILLINOIS PICK 3 EVENING)

ILLINOIS LOTTERY

PICK 3 MIDDAY: 1-7-2
PICK 4 MIDDAY: 7-4-3-0
LITTLE LOTTO: 11-12-16-18-21
6-of-48 JACKPOT: \$9 million

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

MERCY

Feb. 3 — Tabitha and Steve Kopp, 17 Summer Circle NE, a son; Cheryl and Jeff Harding, 2940 Meadow Glen St., Marion, a daughter.

Feb. 4 — Julie and Frank Rohlena, Norway, a son.

ST. LUKE'S

Feb. 1 — Amy and John Sturms, 1520 Eighth Ave. SE, a son.

Feb. 2 — Cynthia and John Huber, 2020 Belmont Parkway NW, a son; Stacey and Scot Lammers, Manchester, a son.

THE LOG

Information for The Log is collected by The Gazette from public safety agencies in Eastern Iowa.

Linn County

DRUNKEN DRIVING CHARGES

The following people charged with drunken driving are listed with date and place of arrest.

Jerry L. Lown, 31, 3340 Circle Dr. NE; Thursday at First Avenue and 12th Street SE.

Bryan V. Miller, 20, 310 S. 15th St., Marion; Friday in the 900 block of Seventh Avenue in Marion (second offense).

Cameron C. Kolkmeier, 34, 13 Glenbrook Dr. SE; Friday in the 1100 block of Collins Road NE (second offense).

ASSAULT CHARGE

Keith A. Smith, 32, 1011 14th Ave. SW, charged with assault causing bodily injury (domestic abuse, penalty enhanced); accused of choking his wife, Mildred Smith, Thursday at their residence.

William L. Beltran, 46, 1608 C Ave. NE, charged with assault causing bodily injury, and Dobra A. Jackson, 46, same address, charged with assault while displaying a dangerous weapon; he is accused of punching her in the face and she is accused of cutting him on the hands, arms and legs with scissors, Thursday at their residence.

Mark C. Vasey, 40, Walker, charged with assault causing bodily injury; accused of grabbing Cindy Brislawn, same address, by the neck and punching her in the side of the head on Thursday.

Marla J. Traver, 28, 333 13th St., Marion, charged with assault causing bodily injury; accused of scratching and biting her husband, Corey Traver, Thursday at his residence at 1176 44th St., Marion.

BURGLARY CHARGES

Adam F. Giubka, 17, 700 41st Ave. SW, charged with third-degree burglary; accused of breaking into a parked vehicle on Jan. 22.

Billy R. Hanover, 37, 3802 E Ave. NE, charged with second-degree burglary; accused of breaking into an apartment at 906 C Ave. NW on Wednesday.

Johnson County

DRUNKEN DRIVING

Benjamin J. Trickey, 21, 1618 11th Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids; arrested on suspicion of drunken driving Friday at 2:05 a.m. at Clinton and Jefferson streets, Iowa City.

NEWS BRIEFS

Tribal death cancels craft demonstrations

■ CEDAR RAPIDS — Meskwaki demonstrations on yarn-weaving and bead-making that had been scheduled today at the History Center must be postponed, center officials said Friday.

The event, which was to showcase yarn-weaving by Doneta Wanatee and bead-making by Nadine Big Bear, was canceled after the death of a member of the Meskwaki tribe.

Tribal custom calls for a mourning period of four days. The demonstrations will be rescheduled.

Kirkwood band seeks musicians

■ The Kirkwood Community College Concert Band has openings for area musicians from middle school age through adult.

The band performs in fall and spring concerts as well as for selected campus events, according to Kirkwood Instrumental Music Director Timothy Feldkamp.

Concert Band repertoire includes classical, novelty and

march music along with other styles. Composers featured include Holst, Holsinger, Sousa, King and Anderson.

Middle school and senior high school students can earn precollege credits by performing in the band.

Rehearsals are Thursday evenings at 7 in Cedar Hall Room 375 on the main Kirkwood campus.

For more information, call Feldkamp at 398-5598.

Street construction projects prompt closings

■ CEDAR RAPIDS — Construction projects are scheduled to close two Cedar Rapids streets this month.

E Avenue NW will be closed just west of 27th Street starting Monday for a box culvert replacement and channel improvement project. Construction is expected to last until mid-March. Drivers will be asked to seek alternate routes. The project is estimated at \$230,000.

Construction on the Boyson Road bridge over Dry Creek is slated to begin Feb. 14. Boyson Road will be closed between Council Street and Robins Road, except to local traffic. Traffic

will be rerouted to Northbrook Drive. The bridge will be closed for six months for the \$750,000 project.

Outdoor rinks closed because of unsafe ice

■ CEDAR RAPIDS — The Lou Dennis outdoor ice rink and the lagoon at Jones Park are closed to skaters because of unsafe ice.

Julie Sina, city recreation director, said the city's two other outdoor rinks at Bever and Arthur parks are open. Those are ground rinks that have liners, allowing the ice to harden.

Recent cold spells mixed with warm days and then snow, mean the ice in an area like the lagoon doesn't have a chance to become solid, she said.

Red Cross schedules 2 February blood drives

■ Grant Wood Area Chapter of the American Red Cross will conduct two blood drives this month.

The first is scheduled Feb. 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Old Capitol Mall in Iowa City.

The second will be Feb. 14, Valentine's Day, from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the chapter office, 3601 42nd St. NE.

Loftin: Theft charges to be dismissed

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extortion and theft. The extortion charge accused him of delivering a letter to Ferentz on Aug. 21, threatening to speak negatively about the Iowa football program, to engage in mudslinging, to claim that NCAA violations had occurred in the program and to provide confidential information to opposing teams.

The theft charge accused Loftin of stealing playbooks from the Athletic Department.

Those charges will be dismissed as part of the plea agreement.

Spies said Loftin owes a debt to the community and is prepared to apply his skills in the community service. Loftin received a deferred judgment, meaning that if he meets the requirements of the probation, the charge will be expunged from his record.

White told Robinson the state believes Loftin is guilty of the

original charge of extortion but determined that the plea agreement was appropriate because Loftin voluntarily entered counseling and apologized to Ferentz and the rest of the Hawkeye coaching staff and team.

Spies and Loftin declined comment after the hearing.

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