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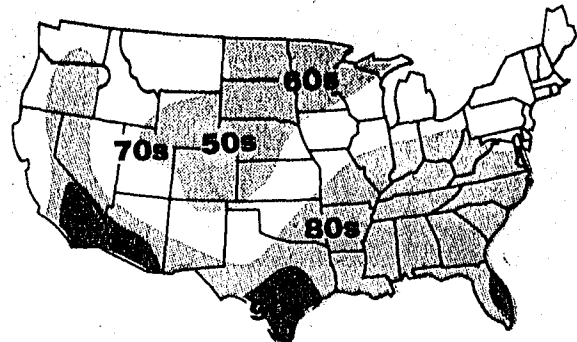
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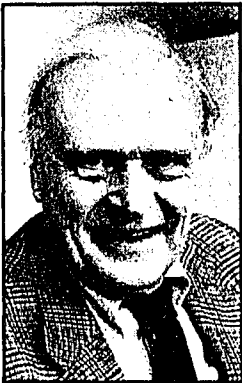
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TODAY'S CHUCKLE

Variety may be the spice of life, but it's monotony that provides the groceries.

Islamic group: Bombed jet

Explosion of DC-10 over Niger kills all 171 aboard

PARIS (AP) — A Muslim extremist group claimed responsibility Wednesday for the downing of a French DC-10 jetliner in southern Niger that killed all 171 people on board.

U.S., French and UTA airline authorities said they believe the plane, bound Tuesday from Chad to Paris, was blown out of the sky by a bomb. A U.S.

team of investigators was to leave later Wednesday for Niger.

Two callers who claimed to represent Islamic Jihad but did not give their own names made their claims of responsibility in separate telephone calls to the airline and to a Western news agency.

Islamic Jihad is among several radical fundamentalist groups in Lebanon believed to be part of Hezbollah, or Party of God, the umbrella groups thought to hold 16 Westerners hostage in Lebanon, including eight Americans.

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College Community draws new students

District proves popular under open enrollment

By Kurt Rogahn
Gazette education writer

The College Community School District may be a surprise winner under the state's new open enrollment law.

It seems to be gaining students from neighboring districts, including the huge Cedar Rapids Community School District.

The numbers aren't huge, but College Community's all-day kindergarten and its day-care programs seem to be the attraction.

College Community offers before- and after-school day care as well as daytime day care for preschoolers. It also has all-day kindergarten. Cedar Rapids offers all-day kindergarten in six schools but not districtwide.

"I've been fielding at least two telephone calls a day (about open enrollment) from the last week in August until last week's

deadline," said Jim Steffen, College Community's business manager.

At Cedar Rapids, about 20 students have indicated interest in College Community next year, said Nelson Evans, an administrative assistant with the Cedar Rapids Community Schools.

Some are high school students who started in Cedar Rapids but whose families have moved from the district, Evans said. But most are in primary grades.

"I think it's carry-over, from people who have been involved in their day-care program," Evans said.

Steffen said five Mount Vernon students also are interested in College Community.

He added that only four families indicated interest in transferring from College Community into Cedar Rapids, and two students are transferring because they are being educated at home and want to participate in Cedar Rapids' home schooling program.

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Faculties back cutting but not killing programs

By Lyle Muller
Gazette staff writer

CEDAR FALLS — Academic programs targeted for elimination at the University of Iowa and Iowa State University should be scaled down in size, but not eliminated, faculty members told the State Board of Regents Wednesday.

"Faculty do recognize the need for change," David Holger,

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president of the ISU faculty senate, said at the regents' monthly meeting here. However, "all the programs recom-

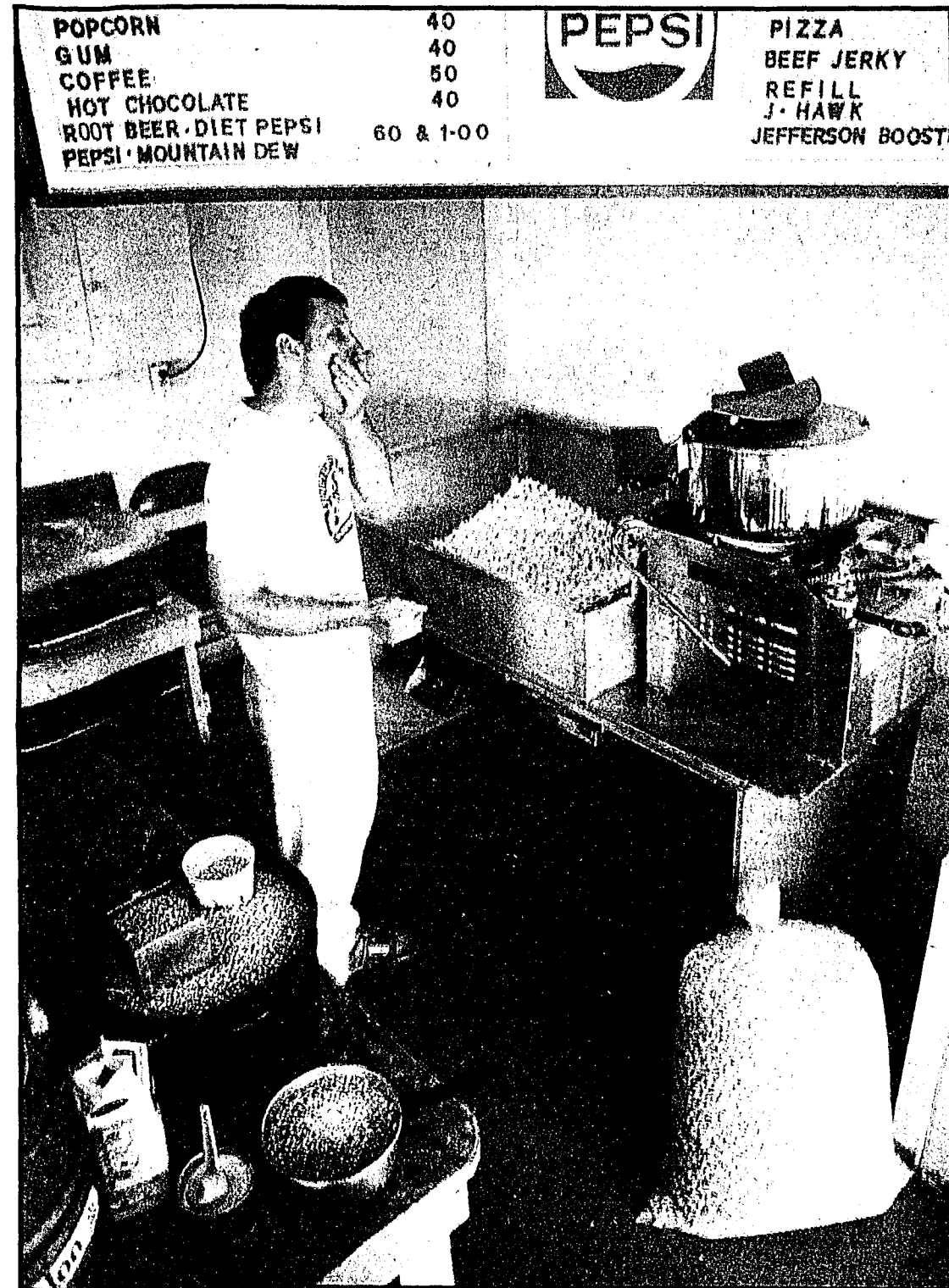
mended for elimination at ISU have high proportions of demand in Iowa."

The regents are to decide next month whether to eliminate academic programs recommended by the consulting firm Peat Marwick Main and Co. The programs were identified by Peat Marwick auditors as providing unnecessary duplication at the U of I, ISU and University of Northern Iowa.

The programs include journalism, industrial engineering and professional education studies at ISU; home economics and materials engineering cen-

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Things are poppin' at Kingston



Gazette photo by Todd McInturf

Roger Jackson of Cedar Rapids taste-tests popcorn that he popped Wednesday at a Kingston Stadium concession stand. Jackson pops the corn on a volunteer basis, rotating with another booster club member every other week. The corn is popped the day before the first weekend football game and lasts through all the games. It takes six hours to pop the 168 pounds of corn.

'Never robbed,' owner spells out 3 security steps

By Rick Smith
Gazette staff writer

Larry Welp says it's no accident that his small grocery store, Jim's Foods, has never been robbed in the 12 years he's owned it.

He ticks off three reasons why:

- Surveillance cameras.
- Keeping at least two employees at the store at all times.
- Closing the store during what he says are "the most dangerous hours," from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.

To prove the wisdom of his precautions, Welp needs only to point to the irony of the murder of Yellow Cab driver Matt Pusateri, who was sitting in his cab in front of a closed Jim's Foods last November at 3 a.m. when he was killed.

In light of the murder Sept. 8 of all-night clerk Brian Schappert at the Kum & Go store, 2743 Mount Vernon Rd. SE, he hopes other store owners and city officials heed his experience.

Welp says up until three years ago he was reluctant to install surveillance cameras because of the idea that they offend and drive customers away.

But now he has a video camera and recorder and a still camera operating at all times, both trained on his cash registers.



Owner Larry Welp poses in front of the video and 35mm cameras that add security at Jim's Foods.

"I'm very protective of my people. My girls especially," he says. "We chose to go with the cameras because of the security and the protection of the employees."

Welp, 42, says the camera system has more than paid for itself in prevention of crimes and in

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Hugo picking up speed; U.S. troops to Virgin Islands

From Gazette wire services

MIAMI — Hurricane Hugo quickened its pace toward the Eastern Seaboard Wednesday as residents gathered supplies and made evacuation plans. In Washington, military authorities met last night and agreed to send about 1,200 Army soldiers to restore order on St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands, torn by the storm and violence that followed.

Armed Coast Guard crewmen also went ashore to help restore order.

The islands' governor, Alexander Farrelly, asked President Bush for help Wednesday in quelling widespread disorder, including looting, that began after Hugo caused extensive damage.

Attorney General Dick Thornburgh ordered 100 U.S. marshals and FBI agents to the island, and Coast Guard cutters evacuated frightened tourists and residents. Bush also authorized troops to help hurricane-damaged Puerto Rico.

Forecasters issued a hurricane watch from St. Augustine, Fla., to Cape Hatteras, N.C., urging coastal residents to begin taking precautions. Hugo picked up speed over open water and could come ashore late today or early Friday.

"I think they're looking at this one with a bit of respect," city spokesman Pat Dowling said in Myrtle Beach, S.C., as radio and TV advisories warned: "Remember the people of Puerto Rico."

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COMING TOMORROW / Weekend! previews 'Les Miz' at Hancher

Regents: Programs scaled back

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ter at the U of I; and doctoral studies in education and undergraduate studies in home economics at UNI.

Faculties at all but one of the targeted U of I and ISU programs have decided to downsize their programs since the Peat Marwick recommendations were made, U of I and ISU officials reported Wednesday.

The U of I College of Engineering has voted to de-emphasize materials engineering and eliminate its Center for Material Research, basically falling in line with what Peat Marwick recommended, said David Vernon, acting U of I vice president for academic affairs.

In addition, the College of

Education faculty has voted to trim its secondary and elementary programs, also in line with Peat Marwick's recommendations, Vernon said.

However, Gerhard Loewenberg, dean of the U of I College of Liberal Arts, said home economics already has been cut at Iowa more than 50 percent the past four years for better efficiency, and no more cuts are needed there.

At ISU, journalism faculty members have decided to scale down their masters and doctoral programs so they focus on scientific and agricultural reporting, said Provost Martin Glick. ISU faculty in industrial engineering and doctoral education programs

also have decided to fine tune the focus of their programs, he said.

But the programs should not be dropped completely, Glick said.

"We do not believe that the specific recommendations on duplication at Iowa State are in the state's best interest," Glick told the regents. "We do believe that the study, along with our long-range planning, has made visible a number of important issues."

Glick also asked the regents to grant ISU six months to develop a five-year plan that fits ISU's mission.

In an interview, Glick said decisions to scale back targeted programs were efforts to meet academic demands efficiently, rather than to make a compromise

that saves the programs from the regents' ax.

UNI officials are to respond today to cuts recommended at their campus in Cedar Falls.

However, UNI Provost Nancy Marlin said Wednesday she does not agree with the Peat Marwick recommendations. Also, UNI officials have indicated that they will fight hard to maintain their doctorate in education and home economics programs.

Peat Marwick made the controversial recommendations after conducting a \$1.25 million efficiency audit of ISU, UNI, U of I and the state's special schools, the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School and Iowa School for the Deaf.

Identities of 2 crash victims are released

The identities of two women killed Tuesday in an accident near West Liberty were released Wednesday. Meanwhile, three other Iowans were killed in separate accidents in north central Iowa.

According to a Muscatine County Sheriff's Department spokeswoman, killed in the accident at 6:20 a.m. Tuesday were Kimberly Ann Law, 18, of Muscatine, and Dorothy Elaine Clifton, 59, of Wilton. The accident happened on Highway 6 about 1½-miles east of West Liberty. The accident occurred when Law fell asleep at the

wheel, crossed the center line, and collided head-on with the Clifton vehicle, the spokeswoman said.

Law was pronounced dead at the scene. Clifton was transported to University of Iowa Hospitals in Iowa City, where she later died.

Miles K. Clifton, 24, of Davenport, Dorothy Clifton son and a passenger in her car, was also transported to University Hospitals, where he was listed in serious but stable condition Wednesday.

Neither Law nor the Cliftons were wearing seat belts, the spokeswoman said.

Cameras

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store safety. An added benefit is that the system captures on videotape thieves passing bad checks.

Welp says times have changed from just a couple of years ago, before he installed his camera system. Back then, he might imagine a robber coming into the store with a gun, but never one that was loaded. Now he can't be assured who or what a person needing drug money might shoot.

"Drug addicts are much more daring," Welp says. "They might be willing to take a chance on armed robbery and murder."

WELP SUPPORTS efforts by the Marion City Council, which is studying a proposed ordinance that would require all-night convenience stores, and possibly other all-night businesses, to install surveillance cameras.

Cedar Rapids Mayor Don Canney has said he also would study the Marion ordinance to see if it might make sense in Cedar Rapids.

While he agrees his store at 812 Sixth St. SW is between the size of a grocery store and a convenience store and so has options unique to it, nonetheless, every all-night establishment could learn something from his experience, he says.

He says he understands supermarkets can stay open all night because employees stock truckloads of groceries at night, but that's not true at a convenience store, where one clerk typically is on hand to clean and wait on customers.

"I wouldn't recommend closing the stores down as much as I would in providing more security geared to personnel. Preventive-type security," he says. "Employees have to feel safe."

For a guide to movies in town, call CITYLINE, 363-7000, category 4200.

Open: Many districts break even

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Many Eastern Iowa school districts are neither gaining nor losing under the state's new open enrollment law, because as many students want to transfer in next year as those interested in transferring out.

But there is not a stampede to participate in the open enrollment program, which begins next fall.

In fact, at a meeting of northeast Iowa school superintendents this week, about half of the two-dozen executives present said they had not had any inquiries about open enrollment.

Some Eastern Iowa school districts reported increased interest in the law after an article in The Gazette last Thursday explained how to meet its deadlines.

But many parents were unaware open enrollment takes not only a year of advance planning, but also a four-year commitment after the transfer.

Last Friday was the deadline for parents to give informal notice to the school district they live in that they may want to enroll their children in another public school district next year.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS noted the transfers they have heard about so far have little to do with education and more to do with convenience — a parent working in another town, the distance to another school, a babysitter, and so on.

At Clear Creek, six families have indicated interest in open enrollment. Some are interested in Iowa City and some in College Community, said board secretary Betty Stratton. Distance appeared to be a factor, she said.

Linn-Mar Superintendent Glen Easterday reported eight students appear to want to transfer out next year, but 15 want to transfer in. Most of those wanting out indicated interest in either Cedar Rapids or Marion, said Easterday.

Marion Superintendent Harold Hulleman reported nine students have indicated they may transfer out next year, seven to Linn-Mar

and two to Cedar Rapids. But Marion already has eight students from other districts attending its schools, from Cedar Rapids, Linn-Mar, Anamosa, Springville, and Alburnett.

Under current law, parents pay out-of-district tuition if their children attended another district. Under the new program, which takes effect next fall, that tuition will be paid by the district where the family resides.

Alburnett Superintendent Robert Rampulla said he'd only had one inquiry from a parent and one from a high school student. "She lives down in the south end of our district, near Hiawatha," Rampulla said of the student. He said he'll have to tell her the letter she sent doesn't qualify, because a parent must write it.

Western Dubuque Superintendent Wayne Drexler said only four families with eight students between them want to transfer out, either to Monticello or to Maquoketa Valley. Another 15 want to transfer in, Drexler said.

Despite more than 50 miles of common boundary with the Dubuque city school district, no one from Western Dubuque was interested in transferring into Dubuque. "But one family on our south end wants to come in from Dubuque," Drexler said.

Some education observers had predicted that the programs in the state's larger school districts would attract students from the smaller ones.

Bombing

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Hezbollah was at the center of a hostage crisis earlier this summer, when Israeli forces in southern Lebanon kidnapped a group member, Shiite Muslim religious leader Sheikh Abdul-Karim Obeid.

Three days after the July 28 abduction of Obeid, the pro-Iranian Organization of the Oppressed on Earth claimed it retaliated by hanging U.S. Marine Lt. Col. William Higgins, abducted while on U.N. duty in Lebanon.

Among the passengers on the French jetliner were seven Americans, including Bonnie Pugh, wife of the U.S. ambassador to Chad, Robert Pugh.

UTA Flight 772 was on a flight from Brazzaville, Congo, to Paris when it crashed Tuesday shortly after making a stop in N'Djamena, Chad. Debris was scattered over a 16-mile expanse of desert about 400 miles northwest of N'Djamena.

The French army, whose troops stationed in neighboring Chad were the first to reach the scene, said the 15 crew and 156 passengers died.

Authorities said indications are that the aircraft was felled by a bomb.

"It exploded at high altitude leaving every reason to believe it was a bomb," said UTA spokesman Michel Friesse. He said it was possible, but less likely, the explosion was due to technical failure.

Hugo: Tourists beg for help

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Since Sunday, Hugo has killed at least 25 people, left thousands homeless and caused hundreds of millions of dollars in damage as it slashed through the northeastern Caribbean with winds of 125 to 150 mph.

Chaos reigned on St. Croix, as police and National Guardsmen joined machete-armed mobs on a post-Hugo looting spree. Gunshots were fired, and ham radio operators heard reports that inmates had either escaped or been released because of prison damage and were looting.

Tourists pleaded with reporters landing on the island to take them off.

"They said, 'Please get food! Please get water! Please help us! They're looting. We've seen police looting. We've seen National Guard looting. There's no law and order here,'" said Gary Williams, a reporter for the San Juan daily El Nuevo Dia.

Bush authorized the Defense Department to send military forces to the island of St. Croix "as necessary" to restore order. Officials had said that as many as three battalions, about 4,500 soldiers, could be dispatched.

The U.S. Coast Guard had six

ships in the area and sent armed crewmen from the cutter Bear ashore to help restore order.

The crew was evacuating "all people from the island who fear for their safety," the Coast Guard said in a statement. A cargo plane was ready to supplement the evacuation if needed.

Thornburgh ordered the 100 marshals and FBI agents to protect federal officials and property, as well as help bolster local law enforcement, said David Runkel, a Justice Department spokesman in Washington.

Bush Wednesday declared the U.S. Virgin Islands a disaster area and a White House spokesman said a similar declaration was expected soon for Puerto Rico.

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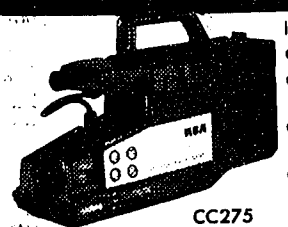
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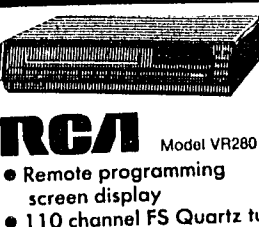
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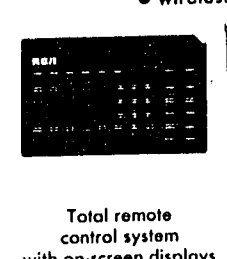
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