

Iowa's  
Newspaper  
of the  
Year

# The Gazette

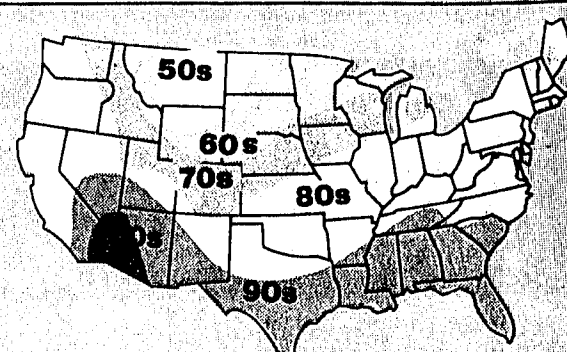
VOL. 107, NO. 243

THE GAZETTE/CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

IOWA TODAY  
**Saturday**  
September 9, 1989

FINAL EDITION

50 CENTS



**EAST IOWA'S WEATHER:** Cloudy today and tonight, with rain and thunderstorms in spots. Highs 68-78; lows 50-58. See 10B.

## TV Vision



Gerald McRaney and Shanna Reed  
in 'Major Dad'

### Fall TV preview

Witches, nuns, inner-city teachers, cute families and buddy cops

#### PLUS . . .

- Jackie Mason's sitcom
- What PBS has planned

## BASEBALL SCOREBOARD

N.L.	Astros 5 Giants 2	Royals 6 Twins 0
Cardinals 11 Cubs 8	Dodgers at Padres, late	Rangers 3 Orioles 1
Reds 5 Braves 1	A.L.	Brewers at Mariners, late
Phillies 4 Expos 3	Indians 5 Blue Jays 4	Red Sox at Angels, late
Mets 7 Pirates 2	Tigers 7 White Sox 5	Yankees at Athletics, late

## INSIDE

### IOWA TODAY

■ Dubuque Republican Wayne Moldenhauer formally announces his candidacy for Iowa's 2nd District representative. **Page 2A.**

■ It was a race to the finish line for two Eastern Iowa sisters who wanted the same name for their babies. **Page 2A.**

■ The name game in the Cedar Rapids parks commissioner election is officially under way. **Page 5A.**

■ Concerns over vandalism by Spanky's bar patrons will be aired in a hearing next week. **Page 5A.**

### MONEY

■ Unhappy buyers of new Oldsmobiles will be able to return the cars for full credit. **Page 6B.**

### SPORTS

■ Mike Hlas comments on Iowa athletes' legal problems. **Page 1B.**

## INDEX

Abby . . . . .	11A	Legals . . . . .	12A
Births . . . . .	14A	Money . . . . .	6B
City Briefs . . . . .	9B	Movies . . . . .	11A
Classified . . . . .	1-14C	Outdoor . . . . .	5B
Comics . . . . .	10A	People . . . . .	10B
Crisscross . . . . .	11A	Religion . . . . .	9A
Crossword . . . . .	10A	Sports . . . . .	1-4B
Crypto-Quote . . . . .	3C	Stocks . . . . .	7-9B
Deaths . . . . .	14A	Today . . . . .	5A
Editorial . . . . .	6A	TV . . . . .	Tab
Farm . . . . .	9B	U.S.-World . . . . .	3A, 12A
Horoscope . . . . .	10C	Weather . . . . .	10B
Iowa News . . . . .	A		

### TODAY'S CHUCKLE

Some people have moral fiber, others just have moral roughage.

## Brutal killing claims 'a good spirit'

By Dale Kueter  
Gazette staff writer

Brian Lee Schappert was a quiet, even shy, young man with a respect for all living things.

His gentle nature and his easy ways, friends and family members say, make his brutal death even more difficult to accept.

David Schladetzky knew Brian at Washington High School. Like everyone else, he was shocked to learn that the 22-year-old Coe College senior was dead, murdered in cut-throat fashion early Friday by someone who robbed the convenience store where he worked.

"He had a good spirit," said Schladetzky, a senior at the

**"He was an easy-going fellow with a good outlook who just wanted to get on with his life."**

**David Schladetzky  
Former classmate of victim**

University of Iowa. "He was an easy-going fellow with a good outlook who just wanted to get on with his life."

Brian worked the 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. shift at the Kum & Go convenience store at 2743 Mount Vernon Rd. SE. He had been employed there two years while going to college during

the day. Acquaintances said he liked the job.

Friday the store was closed out of respect for Brian and his family.

"He was a tremendous employee," said John Byrne, director of operations for the Kum & Go chain. "We're greatly saddened by his death, and we hope

and pray that the individual or individuals responsible will be apprehended quickly."

Brian, who was single, worked the overnight shift alone, a common practice at most convenience stores.

"We thought this was a secure area of Cedar Rapids," said Byrne. "The Hy-Vee store next door is open 24 hours. The area is well-lit, and there is a lot of traffic past this area."

But no one at Hy-Vee or any other 24-hour business nearby noticed anything unusual early Friday at Kum & Go. And no one in the apartment building

■ Please turn to 13A: Victim



**Brian Lee Schappert**  
Remembered as quiet, shy

## Police hunting suspect, van

### Knife missing in convenience store murder

By Lisa Ann Williamson  
Gazette staff writer

Cedar Rapids Police are looking today:

- Looking for a man seen in the area of a southeast-side Kum & Go store early Friday, shortly before the body of clerk Brian Lee Schappert was found in a pool of blood.

- Looking for an older white van seen in the vicinity at about the same time.

- Looking for the large knife that was used to kill Schappert, a Cedar Rapids college student, during an apparent robbery.

- Looking for anyone with information that might aid investigation of the case.

According to police, Schappert, 22, of 1715 Memorial Dr. SE, was found lying near the storeroom of the Kum & Go store, 2743 Mount Vernon Rd. SE, where he was an assistant manager.

He was pronounced dead at the scene at about 3:30 a.m. Assistant Police Chief James Barnes said his throat had been slashed.

"We believe the motive was robbery," Barnes said. "Money was taken from the cash drawer and from the safe in the storeroom."

Investigators spent Friday interviewing people in the area. Late in the day, they released a composite sketch of a man seen in the area at the time of the



The sketch above shows a man sought for questioning in the murder of a clerk at the Kum & Go store (right) on Mount Vernon Road SE.

murder who is wanted for questioning.

Detective Lt. Frank Engrav described the man as a white male, in his 20s, approximately 6 feet tall, 170 pounds, with shoulder-length dark brown hair, and two to three days' growth of beard. He was wearing a dark sweater and jeans.

Engrav said it was unclear whether the man was connected with a white van also seen in the area. The van is possibly an early 1970s model and has no side windows.

A preliminary autopsy conducted Friday revealed Schappert also suffered two stab wounds to the back, which punctured his right lung. Lacerations on Schappert's hand indicated he had tried to grab the

knife, Barnes said.

Barnes said the crime apparently occurred between 2:30 and 3 a.m. "We talked to two people who had gotten gas at about 2:30 and had talked with Brian," he said.

The body was found shortly after 3:15 a.m. by cab driver Thomas Cress of Center Point, who had stopped to buy gas at the Kum & Go, as he does several times a week.

"I was waiting for the gas pump to be activated. When it wasn't, I went inside to find the clerk," Cress told The Gazette.

Cress said he was horrified when he saw the body surrounded by blood. "First I was frightened by the sight of the body, then I was afraid the perpetrators might still be in the



**Ex-President Reagan**  
Reported in good spirits

area. I ran to my cab, locked the doors, and radioed the dispatch to call police."

Barnes said he did not believe the incident was related to a robbery attempt at a Marshalltown Kum & Go just 1½ hours later, although a knife was used in that incident too.

"The incident in Marshalltown apparently involved a pin knife. We are looking for a larger knife," he explained.

Kyle Krause, vice president of Krause-Gentle Corp., which owns 140 Kum & Go stores in six Midwestern states, said the murder was the first in the company's 30-year history.

There have been robberies at all five Kum & Go stores in the Cedar Rapids-Marion area, but never any serious injuries, said

Krause in a telephone interview from his office in West Des Moines.

Krause-Gentle Corp. has offered a \$5,000 reward for any clues that could lead to the arrest of those involved.

Krause added that the compa-

■ Please turn to 13A: Murder

### Dangerous occupation

Convenience store clerks talk about their fears after brutal murder, **page 13A.**

## Reagan recovering after brain surgery

ROCHESTER, Minn. (AP) — Former President Reagan underwent successful brain surgery Friday afternoon for removal of fluid that apparently resulted from his horseback riding accident two months ago, his spokesman said.

"President Reagan is conscious and recovering in his room, where he is comfortable and in good spirits," said spokesman Mark Weinberg.

Weinberg said the hourlong surgery, performed at St. Marys Hospital by a team of Mayo Clinic surgeons, went "without complications." The 78-year-old former president "will be carefully monitored, although no

further treatment is anticipated," he said.

The fluid on the right side of the brain — blood that accumulated over a period of time — was found during a routine examination at the Mayo Clinic, Weinberg said. Fluid on the brain can cause pressure that can damage or kill brain cells.

Although Reagan "has not experienced any symptoms," physicians had advised the fluid be removed in a routine procedure, Weinberg said.

He said the surgeons made a "small burr hole" in Reagan's skull and drained a collection of fluid.

■ Please turn to 15A: Reagan

## Oelwein downpour: 1-in-100-year event

From Gazette staff reports

Oelwein's rainfall late Thursday and early Friday is supposed to happen less than once every 100 years, said State Climatologist Harry Hillaker.

Yet the 7.19 inches that fell between 10:30 p.m. Thursday and 1:30 a.m. Friday at Radio Station KOEL, which is the reporting station for the state climatologist, will probably not make the Oelwein record book because part of it will be recorded as Thursday's rainfall and part as Friday's, Hillaker said.

The record rainfall in Oelwein is 6.05 inches recorded on July 17, 1968.

"It was supposed to happen less than once every 100 years," Hillaker said. "So it was certainly unusual to get that much."

The rainfall, accompanied by generous amounts of thunder and brilliant displays of lightning, flooded the Oelwein High School, causing classes to be canceled Friday.

Assistant Principal John Youngblut said rain poured through ventilators and under doors, leaving water standing 6 to 8 inches deep in some hallways. In the boiler room, which is on a lower level, water was 2 feet deep.

■ Please turn to 15A: Rains

## Linn GOP chairman running for C.R. mayor

By John Kirsch  
Gazette political writer

Linn County Republican Party Chairman Chris Contard formally kicked off his long-shot campaign for Cedar Rapids mayor Friday, saying he wants to end the "politics of exclusion" in city government.

Contard announced his candidacy at Jane Boyd Community House to underscore his campaign theme of opening up government to the public.

"City government doesn't work for any of us unless it works for all of us," said Contard, 40,

president of a plastics recycling firm. "For too long, a select few have called the shots and neglected Cedar Rapids' greatest resource — its people."

Despite the long odds he faces in trying to unseat incumbent Mayor Donald Canney, who is expected to seek an 11th term, Contard said he believes he has a good chance of winning.

"I'm a serious guy," said Contard, who is making his first bid for public office. "I'm not a flake. I'm not here because I'm trying to make a name."

Contard said Canney has a good grasp of the

mechanics of governing but lacks the ability to bring people together.

"He (Canney) has bridged spans of water. He has not bridged spans between people. That's where I'm coming from," said Contard.

Contard's campaign manager in the non-partisan city election is Democrat Connie Clark, president of the Hawkeye Labor Council and a caseworker for the Iowa Department of Human Services.

"I believe in Chris," said Clark. "As far as

■ Please turn to 15A: Contard



**Chris Contard**  
"I'm a serious guy"

**COMING TOMORROW / High school seniors: Start college search now**

# Murder puts store clerks on edge

## Frequent target of violent crimes

By Dave Gosch

Gazette Eastern Iowa reporter

Working the graveyard shift at a convenience store can be "kind of scary," says Lorrie Henecke.

"You're more conscious about your money in the drawer and who's in the store. I worked graveyard all winter and I asked to be taken off it," said Henecke, now an assistant manager at a Hiawatha Kwik Shop.

The uneasiness described by Henecke was echoed Friday by other convenience store clerks and operators who were reminded of the dangers of working alone at night by the robbery and murder of Cedar Rapids Kum & Go Store clerk Brian Schappert.

Convenience stores are a favorite target of robbers, both here and across the country.

Cedar Rapids police report that 13 convenience stores have been robbed in the city in the past year.

Nationally, convenience store robberies climbed 16 percent last year and are up 36 percent since 1984, according to FBI Uniform Crime Reports. Convenience store holdups account for 6.4 percent of all robberies committed, according to the FBI.

Those numbers, combined with Friday's incident and the memory of the April 19 murder of Keystone convenience store clerk Gloria Stout, put people in the business on edge.

Scott Swore, owner of Scotty's Convenience Store, 5011 Duffy Dr. NE, sees closing early as one key to discouraging crime.

"We close at 11 p.m.," said

Swore. "We try to secure as much volume between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. without having to risk my life or the lives of my employees."

Keeping only \$50 in the cash register is another way Swore tries to make the store less attractive to robbers. But he says people desperate enough to rob a convenience store aren't worried about getting a lot of money.

"Either they're going to buy drugs or they have to get out of town," he said.

Swore tells his employees they should hand over the money and not to try to delay or intimidate a robber.

Daniel Wolf recently quit working at CR Refuel, 201 Eighth Ave. SE, because he was threatened by an ex-employee of the company while working at night.

He said minimum wages aren't worth the risks of working late at night.

"The entire time I worked at CR Refuel, I did not feel that safe. I never got the feeling that there was any safety system preventing that guy from putting a bullet or a knife in me," he said.

Joanne DeLong and her husband Jerry operate the two CR Refuels. She said they have been fortunate that no robberies have been attempted at their stores.

"We close at 2 a.m. and open at 6 a.m.," she said. "I think it eliminates a lot of that. Most convenience store robberies take place at 3 in the morning."

DeLong, who works days at one of the CR Refuels, admits that working the graveyard shift is not her preference.

"It is a different situation, I'll tell you that," said DeLong. "It's one of those places I wouldn't want to be working alone. I think it depends on the individual."

## Murder: \$5,000 reward offered

■ From page 1A

ny is mourning the death of an excellent employee. Brian had been employed at the store for about two years, Krause said, and usually worked second or third shift.

"All our employees in that area are shaken. They've lost a co-worker and a friend," he added.

Krause said the 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. shift typically is staffed by one person, but usually there is a steady flow of customers who work second and third shifts at area factories.

For their safety, clerks are told to keep only a small amount of money in the cash drawer and to drop the rest in a locked box, he added.

Krause said the store at 2743

Mount Vernon Rd. SE will remain closed until after Schappert's funeral, which has been set for 11 a.m. Monday at First Lutheran Church. (See obituary on page 14A.)

This is the fourth murder in Cedar Rapids since November 1988 when Matt Pusateri was shot as he sat in his cab on the southwest side of the city. His murderer has not been found.

Larry Waller was stabbed by his wife Victoria during a domestic dispute April 15 this year. Victoria Waller is awaiting trial.

Jeffery Hass will stand trial Oct. 9 for the strangulation death of Leah Wara in May 1989. His trial has been moved to Davenport in Scott County.

## Colombia crackdown slows down cocaine

From Gazette wire services

WASHINGTON — Large air shipments of cocaine from Colombia to staging areas near the United States have slowed to a crawl since the Colombian government began its crackdown on the nation's drug industry, officials of the Customs Service and other federal agencies said Friday.

Those officials, in Miami, Los Angeles and other main smuggling centers, said the reduction held the promise of creating at least a temporary shortage of cocaine and its smokable derivative, crack, particularly in the larger cities of the United States.

They cautioned, however, that so much cocaine is already stored in sites near the U.S. border that only a very long halt in new shipments is likely to crimp supplies on the streets, the end of a long and complex supply line.

In New Orleans, meanwhile, President Bush told the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce that the nation is fighting for "its very soul" in the war on drugs.

And on Capitol Hill, drug czar William Bennett threatened to resign Friday if Congress makes major changes in the president's drug control program.

"I don't have to have this job," Bennett declared at a Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing.

Ralph Lochridge, a spokesman for the Drug Enforcement Admin-

istration's regional headquarters in Los Angeles, said in an interview, that the drug dealers in the United States have "a problem, temporarily, with getting dope into the United States."

But he added: "Who knows what's already in the U.S.? Nobody really knows."

Lochridge and others credited the Colombian government's anti-drug assault, launched a little more than two weeks ago, with the slowdown in smuggling. Military forces have swept through rural areas and the government has seized hundreds of aircraft

A result of the efforts, he said, is the significant snarling of the network of planes, helicopters, pilots, mechanics, and fuel suppliers that the smugglers need to ship large quantities of cocaine out of Colombia. Some 80 percent of the drug that reaches the United States is supplied by Colombia.

"They have to move their product from laboratory sites to landing facilities," said Kenneth Ingleby, special agent in charge of the Custom Service's San Diego district office.

"People are on the run, and they're having problems doing that. They're also having problems with aircraft being available at landing sites to load the product and bring it up here."

## Victim: 'He was very tender'

■ From page 1A

just south of the store heard anything out of the ordinary.

"Except when the police came," said one apartment resident. "Except when the ambulance came."

Brian had not been an outstanding student at Washington High School, and when he graduated in 1985, friends weren't sure if he would go on to college.

"I was really surprised when I heard he was attending Coe," said Schladezky. "Getting into Coe is no small feat."

Brian's parents, Arnold and Laura Schappert, live at 1715 Memorial Dr. SE — only seven blocks from where their son worked and died.

Arnold is employed at Rock-

well-Collins; Laura drives a bus for the Cedar Rapids Community School District. Another son, Darrin, 20, is a student at Lincoln Technical Institute, Des Moines.

Brian couldn't afford to go to college right after high school. He took what jobs he could get for a year before entering Coe in the fall of 1986.

"We had to push him in high school," his mother recalled Friday. "But when Brian got into college, he just took off. He has had a 'B' average the whole time at Coe."

Brian was pursuing a double major in history and political science. "He really hadn't decided

what to do in the future," his mother said. "But he was intent on graduating next year."

Fred Willhoite, chairman of the political science department at Coe, had Brian in two classes. "I just talked to him Wednesday about being a student assistant in our department. That was still hanging fire."

"We're all stunned," continued Willhoite. "I find it hard to believe, but I guess these things can even happen here."

Willhoite said Brian had improved a great deal as a student. "He was a hard worker. Considering the job he held and time outside school, he did remarkably well in school."

"I didn't know him real well," said Chris Richards, a Coe classmate from Northfield, Ill. "But Brian was always friendly, and a conscientious student."

Schappert had been dating a girl for two years, his mother said. "She is like one of the family. She is in shock just like the rest of us."

"Brian was quiet. He was thoughtful. I know this is his mother speaking, but I don't think he could hurt anything. He sometimes chewed people out for killing bugs, anything that had life."

"If it had life, Brian didn't think there was any reason to destroy it. He was very tender."

## Eastern Iowa man killed in accident at Texas Army base

A Mechanicsville man, Mitchell James Mullan, was one of two soldiers killed Thursday afternoon when a Bradley personnel carrier overturned at Fort Hood, Tex., during a routine maintenance operation.

Private first class Mullan, 19, had been stationed at the base near Killeen, Texas, since March after entering the Army in August of 1988.

Born Aug. 19, 1970, at Manchester, he moved to Mechanics-

ville at an early age and graduated from Lincoln High School, Stanwood, in May of 1988.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Colleen and Chuck Svoboda, and his father, Jon Mullan, all of Mechanicsville; a sister, Kellie Zimmer of Mechanicsville; two brothers, Vance Zimmer of Fort Benning, Ga., and Justin Mullan of the home; and his grandparents, Betty Johnson, and Glen and Arlene Svoboda, all of Mechanicsville.

Arrangements are pending at Horner-Morgan Funeral Home, Mechanicsville, where a memorial fund has been established.

Specialist Glenn T. Chamberlain, 21, of Dayton, Ohio, was also killed in the accident. A third soldier was thrown clear when the vehicle overturned and was unhurt.

"The soldiers were operating the Bradley during a routine maintenance operation," an Army spokesman said on Friday. "They

could have been doing anything from a road test to perhaps moving the vehicle from one site to the other."

The accident is under investigation.

All three men were assigned to 2nd Armored Division of the 3rd Mobile Armored Corps. Fort Hood is the largest armored training installation in the United States with about 39,000 soldiers on the base.

# GREAT FALL *Harvest* SAVINGS



**Sale \$54.99**

Catalina® Jackets For Men  
Quality All Purpose Jacket Reg. \$75



**Sale \$52.50-\$71.25**

Pacific Trail® Outerwear 25% OFF  
Boys' Sizes 8-20 Reg. \$70-\$95



**Save \$70**

Cricketeer® Suit For Men  
Classic Styling Reg. \$295-\$325



**Sale \$24.99**

Pinpoint Dress Shirts 100% Cotton  
Button down or spread collar. Reg. \$36

# ARMSTRONG'S

Sale Prices through  
September 16

DOWNTOWN CEDAR RAPIDS

CALL TOLL FREE IN IOWA 1-800-582-3131

SHOP SUNDAY. NOON TO 5 PM.



## DEATHS / LINN COUNTY

**Brian L. Schappert**, 22, of 1715 Memorial Dr. SE, was killed Friday. (See story on page 1A.)

He was born March 2, 1967, at Cedar Rapids. He graduated from Washington High School in 1985 and was a senior at Coe College, where he was majoring in history and political science. Mr. Schappert worked part time for Kum & Go and formerly worked for Cedar Rapids schools in the transportation department. He was a member of First Lutheran Church and active in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts.

Survivors include his parents, Arnold and Laura; and a brother, Darrin, all of Cedar Rapids.

Services: 11 a.m. Monday, First Lutheran Church, by the Rev. Richard Jensen of First Lutheran Church and the Rev. Paul Widen of Valley View Baptist Church. Burial: Cedar Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday in Cedar Memorial Funeral Home and after 10 a.m. Monday in the church. The casket will be closed before the service. A memorial fund has been established.

**Paul B. Gard**, 93, of 3440 12th Ave. SW, died Thursday in his home after a long illness.

Born Oct. 12, 1895, at Cedar Rapids, he married Alice Green and she died in 1942. He then married Fern Plows June 21, 1947, at Morrison, Ill. Mr. Gard was co-owner of Reliance Manufacturing Co. and Gard Brothers Lime Spreading. He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and NRA and had served in the Army during World War I.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Richard of Cedar Rapids and Leslie of Huntsville, Ala., a stepson, Charles Plows of Mesquite, Texas; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside services: 3 p.m. Monday, Cedar Memorial Park Cemetery, by the Rev. Gail Hawhee of Salem United Methodist Church, with military rites conducted by American Legion Hanford Post 5. Burial: Cedar Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday in Cedar Memorial Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

**Richard J. Walsh**, 79, of Phoenix, Ariz., formerly of Cedar Rapids, died Sept. 1 in his home after a sudden illness.

Born in 1910, at Cedar Rapids, Mr. Walsh was an iron worker at Chicago and a member of the Chicago Local Ironworkers Union for many years.

Surviving are two sisters, Sister Mary Catherine Walsh of Dubuque and Nellie Nolan of Denver, Colo. Services and burial were Friday at Phoenix.



**Clara Marie Houle**, in her 90s, of Central City, died Thursday morning in her home following an extended illness.

She married "John" Houle in 1922, at Marshalltown. Mrs. Houle was a teacher for many years. She had lived in the Central City area for 25 years and was formerly of Washington, D.C.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Clyde of Hayward, Calif.; a daughter, Barbara Lewis of Saybrook, Ill.; four grandsons and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside services: 1:30 p.m. Monday, Lafayette Cemetery, rural Alburnett, by the Rev. Robert Lawrence of Alburnett Christian Church. Friends may call from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday and 9 a.m. to noon Monday in Murdoch Chapel, Center Point.

**Stanley H. Nelson**, 83, of 3103 First Ave. SW, died Thursday morning in St. Luke's Hospital following a long illness.

Born Nov. 28, 1905, at Atkins, he married Echo Kolsto April 20, 1933, at Cedar Rapids. Mr. Nelson farmed near Atkins for over 40 years.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Lee of Cedar Rapids and Gordon of Atkins; a daughter, Lois Longfield of Walnut, Ill.; a brother, Myron of Montebello, Calif.; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services: 11 a.m. Monday, Turner Chapel West, by Elmer Linkenback. Burial: Cedar Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may call from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday and after 9 a.m. Monday in the chapel.

## SERVICES

**Ruth K.C. Barker** — 9 a.m. today, St. Patrick's Catholic Church, by the Rev. Ivan Nienhaus. Burial: St. John's Cemetery. Arrangements by Brosh Chapel.

**Caroline "Carrie" Kreinbring** — Graveside, 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Lisbon Cemetery, Lisbon, by the Rev. Burton Harger of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Mount Vernon. Mrs. Kreinbring, 93, died March 16 in Hallmark Care Center, Mount Vernon. Arrangements by Morgan Funeral Home, Mount Vernon.

**Thomas B. Stribling** — 11 a.m. today, Cedar Memorial Chapel of Memories, by the Rev. B.J. Weber of New York Fellowship, New York City. Inurnment will be at a later date in Greenlawn North Cemetery, Springfield, Mo. Friends may call after 10 a.m. in the chapel, where the casket will be closed before the service.

**Hilda M. Tucker** — 10 a.m. today, Murdoch-Linwood Chapel, by the Rev. Robert Gull. Burial: Linwood Cemetery.

Sunday. Memorials to St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

## MECHANICSVILLE

**Pfc. Mitchell James Mullan**, 19, died Thursday of injuries suffered in an accident that afternoon at Fort Hood, Texas. (See story on page 13A.) A May 1988 graduate of Lincoln High School, Stanwood, he joined the Army in August 1988.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Colleen and Chuck Svoboda, and his father, Jon Mullan, all of Mechanicsville; a sister, Kellie Zimmer of Mechanicsville; two brothers, Vance Zimmer of Fort Benning, Ga., and Justin Mullan of the home; and his grandparents, Betty Johnson and Glen and Arlene Svoboda, all of Mechanicsville.

Arrangements are pending at Horner-Morgan's. A memorial fund has been established.

## VINTON

**Cecil R. Fry**, 86, died Thursday evening in Virginia Gay Hospital following a brief illness. He and his wife, Leola, operated the Fry Funeral Home at Vinton, founded by his father in 1907, until the mid-1960s.

Survivors include his wife; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

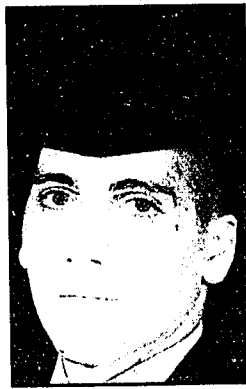
Services: 2 p.m. today, Wesley United Methodist Church. Burial: Evergreen Cemetery. Friends may call from 8 to 11 a.m. at Phillips' and from noon to service time at the church. A memorial fund has been established.

## WAUKON

**LaVonne Stuckman Hill**, 62, of Garden Grove, Calif., formerly of Waukon, died Wednesday in Hacienda Convalescent Hospital, Long Beach, Calif., following a lengthy illness. She had worked as a beautician in her early life.

Survivors include two sons, Greg of Garden Grove and David of Yorba Linda, Calif.; a daughter, Terri Hill of Seattle; two brothers, Robert Stuckman and Victor Stuckman, both of Waukon; and five grandchildren.

Services: 10 a.m. Monday in The Brothers Mortuary, Long Beach, and 1 p.m. Wednesday in Salem United Church of Christ, rural Waukon. Burial: church cemetery. Friends may call after 4 p.m. Tuesday at Martin's.



## Report: Teachers help kids cheat on standardized tests

NEW YORK (AP) — Educators desperate to demonstrate excellence are helping students cheat on standardized tests, contributing to scores in 48 states that are misleadingly "above average," a report charges.

At the same time, test security in virtually all states remains "totally inadequate," according to "The 'Lake Wobegon' Report: How Public Educators Cheat on Achievement Tests."

The cheating, which includes teachers and principals coaching students on test questions, giving students more than the allotted time to take tests, and even altering answer sheets, is contributing to inflated scores, the report charges.

All but two states — Louisiana and Arizona — are reporting "above average" or inflated scores, according to the 50-state survey. Those states recently started using new tests.

Eighty-three percent of 5,143 elementary school districts and 73 percent of 4,501 secondary school districts surveyed are reporting standardized achievement test scores above national norms, according to the report.

The study was conducted by Friends for Education, an educational watchdog group headed by an Albuquerque, N.M., physician, John Jacob Cannell. It was funded by a \$25,000 grant from The Kettering Family Foundation in Dayton, Ohio. A draft of the report was obtained by the Associated Press.

Cannell made headlines in November 1987 with a report documenting that students were scoring "above average" on standardized tests in all 50 states at that time.

That report asserted that scores on such "norm-referenced" tests — designed so that only half those taking it should score above the 50th percentile — were artificially high largely because the norms were not being updated often enough by test publishers.

The resulting overly bright picture of student achievement became labeled the "Lake Wobegon Effect," after author Garrison Keillor's mythical Minnesota town where "all the children are above average."

## C.R. educator links abuses, fear for jobs

By Kurt Rogahn

Gazette education writer

The head of testing for Cedar Rapids Community Schools says abuse of standardized testing is more likely where tests are used to put teachers' and administrators' jobs on the line.

Robert Ziomek, district director of research and evaluation, also cautioned that John Jacob Cannell, author of the "Lake Wobegon" report that criticizes such testing, tends to use "flowery rhetoric." For that reason, his words must be weighed carefully, Ziomek said.

But Ziomek said he believes Cannell's real message is not that testing is bad, but that the tests are badly used.

Ziomek said the tests are most valuable as an instructional tool, not as an account-

bility device.

He said the people who most likely responded to Cannell's advertisements for educators willing to talk about cheating "are the ones placed in special places where the tests are used to make or break a teacher or administrator's career."

In Iowa, administration of the tests is voluntary, so educators don't feel the same pressures as in those other states, Ziomek continued. However, he speculated that the pressure could rise "when the state goes to its 'Report Card,'" a proposed district-by-district comparison of test scores across Iowa.

In Cedar Rapids, Ziomek said, "I know we adhere to the time frames (specified in test instructions) and the testing is carefully monitored."

Test publishers have responded that it's expensive to re-norm tests as frequently as critics like Cannell demand. They say the improved scores, in fact, show that schools are getting better. And they defend their tests as useful tools to identify pupil or group strengths and weaknesses.

Those tests, taken by students in all 50 states, include the California Achievement Test, the Stanford Achievement Test, the Metropolitan Achievement Test, the Science Research Associates Test, the Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills, and the Iowa Test of Basic Skills.

Cannell's allegations were largely confirmed in 1988 by a U.S. Department of Education-sponsored follow-up study.

Many states have heaped on new standardized test requirements during the 1980s as part of the drive for higher school standards. Teachers, principals and school administrators have found

themselves under pressure to make their schools, and themselves, look better through higher scores.

In some states, teachers' careers can now be made or broken and school districts can be subject to state takeover partly on the strength of standardized test scores.

"These tests that were once used only as instructional aids now assess class achievement, school achievement, and district achievement through student's scores," the report said.

Howard Carroll, a spokesman for the National Education Association, the nation's largest teacher union, said the union hadn't seen the report and couldn't comment on it directly.

Scott Thomson, executive director of the National Association of Secondary School Principals, said: "We do have educational malpractice, let's not kid ourselves, just as we have medical malpractice."

## CONCERT REVIEW

## Great White gives exciting show

By Lisa Ann Williamson

Gazette staff writer

A crowd clad in ripped and faded blue jeans and T-shirts was out in full-force at the Five Seasons Center last night, where both the volume and energy levels were sky-high in anticipation of Great White and Tesla, but the energy waned as the rocking crowd had to sit through 25 minutes of a local band called Badlands.

It seemed only the first three rows of "standees" enjoyed this set, but it was obvious they had come to party no matter what.

Finally, Great White leaped onto stage to begin what Geffen Records publicists touted "the finest precious metal tour yet this summer."

## VITAL STATISTICS

## BIRTHS

## ST. LUKE'S

Sept. 7 — Jody and Doug Bass, 271 Brentwood Dr. NE, a son; Karen and Patrick Sperflage, Hopkinton, a son.

Sept. 8 — Tina and William Freese, 4980 Harbet Ave. NW, a son; Janice Taylor-Rawson and Richard Rawson, Homestead, a son.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Christopher M. Blasen, Dubuque, and Kristen K. Ingraham, Cedar Rapids. Matthew P. Marth and Mary I. Means, Minneapolis, Minn. Joseph E. Brooks, Ottumwa, and Jill M. Mahoney, Cedar Rapids. Michael A. Beltz, Cedar Rapids, and Shonda K. Patrick, Mount Sterling, Ill. Kenneth D. Beranek and Deborah A. Benson, Randall J. Jaeger and Sandra K. Clemen, Roger E. Hinton and Terri L. Wilcoxson, Frank K. Gaffney and Nancy L. Wolter, Daniel E. Parvin and Angela D. Crumes, Patrick E. Ferguson and Sue E. Carnicle, Terry L. Wooldridge and Wanda A. Dayton, all of Cedar Rapids.

## DISSOLUTIONS

Darlene Dorothy Curtis and John Clayton Adams, Patricia A. and Arvin N. Parrott, Linda M. and Serge L. Sisler II, Laurine Grace and Robert Allen Magee, Darla Jean and Ben Wade Arbuckle.

## DEATHS / EASTERN IOWA

## CLERMONT

**Fritz P. Lauer**, 85, retired farmer, died Wednesday in Good Samaritan Center, West Union, after a short illness.

Survivors include two daughters, Lorraine Monroe of Castalia and JoAnn Monroe of Earlville; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services: 11 a.m. today, West Clermont Lutheran Church. Burial: God's Acres Cemetery. Friends may call from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at Clermont Funeral Chapel. Schutte's, Postville, in charge of arrangements.

## DECORAH

**Jalma Hippe**, 87, died Friday in Winneshiek County Memorial Hospital after a short illness. She had been a nurse's aid.

Survivors include a daughter, Irene Johnson of Decorah; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services: 11 a.m. Monday, Decorah Lutheran Church. Burial: Lutheran Cemetery. Friends may call after 2 p.m. Sunday at French & Balik's and one hour before service time Monday at the church.

## IOWA CITY

**Mabel E. Carson**, 76, of Anchorage, Alaska, formerly of Iowa City, died Tuesday in Anchorage General Hospital after a short illness.

She was born April 1, 1913, in Johnson County. Miss Carson owned and operated a women's ready-to-wear apparel shop for 40 years at Soldotna, Alaska, retiring in 1979.

Surviving are a sister, Blanche Klein; and a brother, George Lacina, both of Iowa City.

Services: 1:30 p.m. Monday, Callahan's, by the Rev. David Hitch. Burial: St. Stanislaus Cemetery, rural Hills. Friends may call from 1:30 to 8 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home, where a parish rosary will be recited at 2 p.m. Sunday. A memorial fund has been established.

**Joseph P. Donohoe**, 87, of 320 S. Dubuque St., died Thursday in Beverly Manor Care Center following a brief illness.

Born Feb. 26, 1902, at Holbrook, Mr. Donohoe farmed for many years east of Iowa City and in the Cosgrove area, retiring in 1967. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and a 50-year member of Catholic Order of Foresters.

Surviving is a sister, Beatrice Meade of Iowa City.

Services: 10 a.m. Monday, St. Patrick's Catholic Church, by the Rev. Robert Busher. Burial: St. Michael's Cemetery, Holbrook. Friends may call after 2 p.m. Sunday at Donohue-Lensing's, Iowa City, where a rosary will be recited at 7 p.m.

## 9 face drug charges in Muscatine

MUSCATINE — Nine people were arrested during a drug investigation into cocaine sales in Muscatine area Thursday, according to the Muscatine County Sheriff's Department.

A sheriff's spokeswoman said that over a several month period members of the Sheriff's Department, the Muscatine Police Department, the Iowa Divisions of Narcotics Enforcement and Criminal Investigation and the FBI used more than \$15,270 to purchase drugs.

Much of the cocaine purchased

was between 66 and 99 percent pure with a street value of more than \$37,000.

Arrested were Gabriel V. Caradoza, 23; Larry C. Staats, 25; Francisco M. Billegas, 32; Jose L. Mancivais, 25; Steven R. Young, 33; Timothy S. Keller, 27; Arnaldo Perez, 23; and Jose Martinez Jr., 19; all of Muscatine.

All were charged with at least one count of delivery of a controlled substance, cocaine. All are in the Muscatine County Jail, except Keller, who posted bond, the spokeswoman said.

Also arrested was Genaro Ruiz, 18, of West Liberty. He was arrested on a failure to appear warrant from Muscatine County.

A warrant for James A. Weigand, 23, address unknown, was also issued in connection with the investigation, the spokeswoman said.

For current CD Rate information on CITYLINE, call 363-7000, category 1800.

## ILLINOIS LOTTERY

DAILY GAME: 3-1-8

PICK FOUR: 5-1-4-1

LITTLE LOTTO: 12-13-16-28-31

6 of 54 JACKPOT: \$7 million



Flowers for all occasions Since 1909

John E. Lapes

Convenient Downtown Location 308 3rd Ave. S.E. 365-0511