Brutal killing claims a ‘good spirit’

By Dale Kunter

Gazette correspondent

Brian Scholdeksy was a quiet, easy-going fellow with a respect for all individuals. His gentle nature and his easy-going manner made him a popular and well-liked athlete. He was known for his honesty and respect for others.

Brian was taken to his home at 1:30 a.m. on the morning of his 14th birthday. He was a member of the Cider Rapids Police Department’s youth patrol. He had a reputation for being an excellent athlete while going to college during the day. As a representative of the Cider Rapids Police, Brian was known for his dedication to his job.

Brian was a true gentleman who would always go out of his way to help others. He was loved by his family and his friends. He was a great athlete and a great person. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

David Scholdeksy

Classmate of former classmate of student

Police hunting suspect, Van

By Lisa Ann Williamson

Gazette correspondent

Cider Rapids Police are looking for a man who has been seen in the area of a scholarship award ceremony held at the University of Iowa.

The suspect is described as a white male, 6 feet tall, with short reddish-brown hair, and two to three days of growth of beard. He was wearing a white shirt and a pair of sunglasses. He was also carrying a white umbrella.

A preliminary search conducted Friday revealed that the suspect had also been seen in the area of the time of the murder.

The search for the suspect is continuing.

Reagan recovering after brain surgery

ROCHESTER, Minn. (AP) — Former President Reagan is scheduled to return to his home in the next 24 hours after two months of brain surgery.

President Reagan is in a University of Minnesota Medical Center, where he is undergoing rehabilitation after suffering a stroke in late January.

The surgery, which lasted for more than 10 hours, was performed to remove a large clot from the right side of his brain.

Reagan is expected to recover fully and resume his daily activities.

Ouelvin downpour: 1-in-100-year event

From Gazette staff reports

Ouelvin’s rainfall on Thursday and Friday surpassed the one-year average rainfall total.

On Thursday, the rainfall reached 7.2 inches, which is more than the amount of rain that falls in one year in the area.

On Friday, the rainfall continued to increase, reaching a total of 10.3 inches. This is the highest rainfall total recorded in one day in the area.

The record rainfall in Ouelvin is 6.9 inches recorded on July 15, 1975.

Ouelvin is a small town in the state of Iowa, where rainfall is typically low. However, this year’s rainfall has been unusually high, reaching the one-year average total.

Linn GOP chairman running for C.R. mayor

By John Kirach

Gazette correspondent

Linn County Republican Party Chairman Chris Christenson formally announced his candidacy for the mayor of Coralville, Iowa. He is running as a Republican candidate and is seeking the support of the Republican Party.

Christenson was a member of the Coralville City Council and is known for his dedication to the city.

Christenson is a strong supporter of the Republican Party and is expected to receive the support of many Republicans in the area.

Christenson’s campaign promises have included increased funding for schools and infrastructure, as well as a focus on attracting new businesses to the city.

Christenson has also promised to work closely with the city council and other local leaders to ensure that the needs of the community are met.

Christenson is believed to have a good chance of winning the election. He has been a respected member of the community for many years and is well-liked by the residents of Coralville.
**Victim:** 'He was very tender'

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**Eastern Iowa man killed at Texas Army base**

A Mechanicville man, Mitchell Jones Mullan, was one of two soldiers killed Thursday afternoon when a military air carrier overturned at Fort Hood, Tex., during a routine maintenance check.

Private first class Mullan, 19, had lived most all of his life near Kiliman, Texas, since March after enlisting at Gary in August 1985. Born Aug. 19, 1970, at Mancaster, he moved to Mechanicville at an early age and graduated from Lincoln High School, Steam- wood, in May of 1989. He was the son of John and stepmother, Glenice; stepbrother, Tad Mullan; and stepfather, John Strobel; sister, Kellie Zimmer of Mechanicville; and grandmother, Florence Birthday, of Fort Benning, Ga., and his grandparents, Betty Johnson, and Glad and Donna Mendelssohn, all of Mechanicville.

Arrangements are pending at Hreetherf- Morgan Funeral Home, Mechanicville, where a memorial fund has been established in his name. Contributions may be sent to the private Mullan Fund, 321, of Bayport, Ohio, was also killed in the accident. "We were told that soldier was thrown clear when the lift being loaded collapsed. He was not a combat soldier,"

"I have not been able to reach anyone at the base and he has not been heard from since then. I am not sure if he was on duty that day."

"I don't think he was a combat soldier," said an Army official. "But I don't know for sure."

For more information, please contact the private's family or the local police department.

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**Murder puts store clerks on edge**

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The suspect then fled the scene, and police are searching for him.

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**From Guest Services**

**WASHINGTON** — Large shipments of cocaine from Colombia to staging areas near the United States have slowed since the Colombian government began its fight against the nation's drug industry, officials of the Customs Service and other Federal agencies said Friday.

"We have been working with the Colombian government for some time now," said a Customs official. "We have been able to prevent a lot of cocaine from entering the United States."

"We are working closely with the Colombian government to prevent the drug from entering our country," said a White House spokesman. "We are doing everything we can to stop the flow of cocaine."

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**DEATHS/LINN COUNTY**

Brian L. Schappert, 22, of 115 Memorial Dr SE, St. Cloud, was killed Friday. See story page (for age). D.

**CLERMONT**

Paul B. Gard, 53, of 9420 108th Ave. SW, died Thursday. See story page (for age). D.

Survivors include his parents, Arnold and Lorraine; and a twin brother, Stephen, of St. Paul.

Services: 11 a.m. Monday, First Lutheran Church, by Rev. Chad Meier.

The Rev. Paul Winkler of Valley View Baptist Church, St. Cloud, will officiate.

Friends may call Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. at First Lutheran Church or Monday in the church. Interment will be in the Elmwood Cemetery, St. Cloud. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to 115 Memorial Dr SE, St. Cloud, MN 56301.

A memorial service has been established.

**MECHANISVILLE**

Mrs. Ruth K. Barker — 90, a resident of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, by Rev. Jean Rian, died Sunday.

Survivors include her husband, John, and a daughter, Margaret Wannicks of St. Cloud.

Services: 2 p.m. Monday, the Rev. Donald Hult, St. Basilian Cemetery, St. Cloud.

Burial: Loretto Cemetery, Litchfield.

**DEATHS/EARLY IOWA**

IOWA CITY

Mabel E. Carson, 99, of Johnston, formerly of Ames, died Saturday. See story page (for age). D.

She was born Jan. 18, 1913, in Beaver Dam, the daughter of John and Emma (Wright) Mears. She was raised in Johnston as an only child and attended Protestant Academy.

She married George B. Carson in 1937 in Altoona. She earned her degree from the University of Iowa in 1932 and taught music and art for 20 years in the Johnston school system. She was a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, the Johnston Historical Society, and the Johnston Garden Club.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Myra Blau of Johnston; a son, David Carson of Des Moines; a sister, Gertrude Bradish of Altoona; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery, Johnston. Visitation will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Visser-Beck Funeral Home, Des Moines.

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All were arrested at the same time and are being held at the Muscatine County Jail. They were charged with second-degree drug possession and first-degree possession of a firearm by a felon.

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

By Kurt Rogan

The Center for Research on Education Disparities in Society (CRED) released a study this week that found evidence of widespread sexual harassment, discrimination and abusive behavior on high school campuses.

The study, which surveyed more than 1,400 school districts, found that 87% of respondents said they had experienced some form of sexual harassment, 66% said they had witnessed or been a victim of physical abuse, and 54% said they had been threatened or bullied.

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**Report: Teachers help kids cheat on standardized tests**

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**CONCERT REVIEW**

Great White gives exciting show on Sunday, Dec. 16, at the Capital City Center in Muscatine.

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**Hurricane moves toward Canada**

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**Cigarette smoking rises**

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