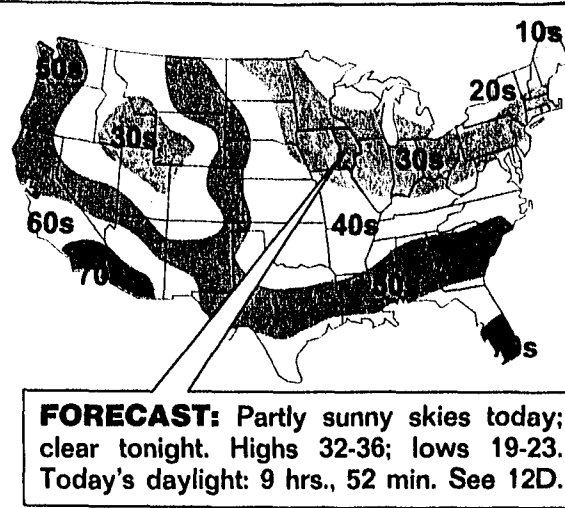




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Deaf students in Cedar Rapids may consider Julie Peitersen as a role model. The school district's deaf resource person, 25, is teaching kids at Garfield, Franklin and Kennedy schools what it's like as a deaf adult "in the real world." Details on page 1B.

Brotherly love
WinterFest medallion found
Three brothers will share \$1,000 for finding the Cedar Rapids WinterFest medallion. Joe Jenney, 27, of 210 27th St. NW, Cedar Rapids, pulled it Monday morning from a recess in a water fountain in a riverfront park at First Street and Third Avenue West. The medal was wrapped so well in tape, it looked like a bomb, he said.
Jenney will split \$900 with his brother, Jim, who was with him. Brother Jeff will get \$100 for driving them to the site.
The first clue to the hiding place was given Sunday, the second on Monday. Nick Gearhart, executive director of the Greater Downtown Cedar Rapids Association, said organizers had hoped the medallion would be found later in the week to build excitement for the three-day WinterFest, which starts Friday.

Brainy
10-year-old in college
Masoud Karkehabadi is light years ahead of TV's "Doogie Howser, M.D." The 10-year-old pre-med student, who wants to be a brain surgeon, plans to enroll at the University of California in the fall. Details on the Back Page, 12D.

Sweet victory
Hawkeye wrestles back win
Call it a classic win for Tom Brands. The Iowa wrestler fell behind to Alan Fried of Oklahoma State but rebounded for a 15-9 victory at last night's National Wrestling Coaches Association All-Star Classic. Overall, Iowans won five of six matches. Details on page 1D.

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TODAY'S CHUCKLE
Some of these entertainers on the come-back trail ought to be shown the go-away road.

TOMORROW
Credit cards
There is a difference
It does make a difference which credit card you use, so shop around. And don't overlook your own bank. Susan Bondy on Money on Wednesday.

Robbery captured on video

By Rick Smith
Gazette staff writer
After Kum & Go clerk Brian Schappert was murdered in Cedar Rapids in 1989, Marion city leaders insisted that convenience stores install surveillance cameras. All did by mid-1990.

On Monday, an armed robber of the Coastal Mart became the first Marion bandit memorialized on film.

And detectives couldn't wait to get the tape to TV stations. Much of Eastern Iowa's viewing audience had a chance last night to help identify the skinny robber in his 20s who pulled a long-barreled revolver from blue coveralls and demanded cash from a female clerk.

"It's not every day you get a video of somebody committing a crime," Marion police Capt. Joe Neuhaus said Monday afternoon. "Somebody's going to know him. He'll surface."

Neuhaus characterized the robber as calm and collected,



A video surveillance camera caught a robber in the act at the Marion Coastal Mart.

as "being around the horn."

Marion detectives gave other area law enforcement agencies their own private showing of the video before last night's evening news.

Neuhaus said the robber — white, 5-feet-10 to 6 feet tall, 150 pounds — walked into the Coastal Mart, 501 Seventh Ave., Marion, about 6:25 a.m. Monday.

The videotape captured the white-capped robber as he sneaked on a pair of sunglasses for disguise. Once inside, the robber pulled a revolver

out of zipped-up, blue coveralls and stuck the gun in the female clerk's face.

He asked for money, told the clerk to forget the coins and asked for large bills under the cash drawer. The clerk said there weren't any large bills. He took the bills handed him and headed east on foot.

Neuhaus said it is rare for a convenience store to have much cash accessible to the store clerk. Robbers of the

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Welsh strikes back, files 6 complaints

By Rod Boshart
Gazette Des Moines Bureau
DES MOINES — Former Senate President Joe Welsh broke his silence Monday to charge that he is being "tried in the press" for political reasons and vowed to continue fighting the allegations and misinformation.

Welsh also denied that the six ethics complaints he filed against other senators were intended to be a threat, and he characterized blackmail allegations by others as being "out of line."

"I'm concerned that this thing is growing more and more political. It's been political from the very beginning," the Dubuque Democrat said in a floor speech to a crowded Senate chamber.

"I think this issue has escalated and escalated to where this legislative body is finding itself simply unable to deal with the issues that need to be dealt with."

Also Monday:

• Senate Minority Leader Jack Rife, R-Moscow, filed a new complaint against Welsh, alleging he tried to influence legislation that would have benefited the Iowa Trust Fund and that he used his position to influence public officials to invest in the fund while employed as a salesman for the fund's management firm.

• Senate Ethics Chairwoman Jean Lloyd-Jones, D-Iowa City, pledged to her colleagues she would "do whatever it takes to clean this up." The panel reopened the Welsh case after public outcry with the 4-2 decision to drop the probe last week after Welsh resigned as Senate president.

• Gov. Terry Branstad asked for a "full and complete and thorough public review" of the allegations against Welsh and expressed concern that it would be difficult for lawmakers to tackle important budget issues until the controversy is

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Trucking exec charged with stealing bond money

By Rick Smith
Gazette staff writer
Rod Wright, owner of the failed Hawkeye Refrigerated Services Corp. trucking company of Cedar Rapids, was charged Monday with first-degree theft for allegedly converting bond money posted by truckers to his own use.

Cedar Rapids police detective Don Potter said he believes Wright, 50, misused at least \$35,200 of drivers' money.

Each owner-operator driving for Hawkeye, said Potter, was required to post a \$1,500 performance bond to be used in case of unnecessary damage to equipment.

Some drivers, caught off guard when the company folded in December 1990, apparently went to police when Wright did not return the unused portions of their \$1,500 bonds.

Potter said state law details how an owner must handle bond money.

At the time the company folded, some of the Hawkeye drivers also attacked Wright for deducting money from their paychecks for health benefits for months but spending the money elsewhere.



Rod Wright

Wright's trucking company was known for its

flashy black trucks with the big golden hawkeyes and the slogan, "Pride in Excellence," on the side.
Wright also has been visible in Cedar Rapids through his racing company, Rod Wright Racing.
Currently vice president of operations at RPK Transportation Inc. in Cedar Rapids, Wright filed personal bankruptcy last August, claiming \$8.2 million in debts.

Wright presented himself to the Cedar Rapids Police Department Monday afternoon to be charged. He was released after promising to make an initial appearance in court at 8:30 a.m. next Monday. First-degree theft is a Class C felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

Wright said Monday he was eager to explain his side of the case, but deferred comment to his attorney, John Wagner of Cedar Rapids. "There may be creditors who lost money, but certainly there was never any criminal intent," said Wagner.

Shopping center plan near Lindale revived

By Lonnie Zingula
Gazette City Hall reporter
Prime retail property near Lindale Mall — once a victim to the sluggish economy — may be home to a shopping center by autumn, under plans announced Monday by a St. Louis developer.

Anthony Sansone Jr., president of Sansone Investment Co., said his firm has obtained an option to purchase 20 acres at Collins Road and Northland Avenue NE from the David E. Linge family and estate.

City Council approval of a revised site development plan and commitments from tenants are all that is needed to make

Northland Square a reality.

"With some luck, we may be able to begin construction this spring," Sansone told The Gazette. "We would like to see no more than a six- to eight-month construction period."

Sansone said financing, which has stood in the way of some of the other proposed shopping centers, is in line for the development.

He said particulars of the property made the project too enticing to ignore, even during a stale retail development climate. The location next to Lindale, along well-traveled Collins Road and amid the highly populated northeast side, were

all attractions.

At 228,000 square feet, the proposed development is 12,000 square feet larger than its predecessor on the site, the proposed-but-never-built Clock Tower Square. It would have 66 fewer parking spaces, although the new proposal exceeds zoning requirements by 71 spaces.

Linge's widow, Audrey Linge Ovel, and her new husband, Jerry Ovel, said the agreement with Sansone differs from one with Des Moines developer Richard Davis in that the land would be sold for the development. The Linge family would have retained a limited part-

nership in Davis' Clock Tower.

Sansone declined to identify prospective tenants with which he is negotiating and said none has formally signed leases.

Venture Stores Inc. of suburban St. Louis, a division of The May Department Stores Co., was identified as the main anchor of Clock Tower while negotiating for a second store at one of three proposed west-side strip malls. None of the four developments have been built, although sources said Venture remains interested in opening a Cedar Rapids store and would be a natural for Northland.

Bush 'stops the presses' over health

Washington Post
WASHINGTON — The White House issued an extraordinary "stop the presses" order Monday on President Bush's fiscal 1993 budget documents to permit rewriting of the section detailing his health care proposal after congressional Republicans strenuously objected to the proposal.

According to White House Chief of Staff Samuel Skinner, the objections emerged "in the normal consultative process" with congressional Republicans undertaken by Office of Management and Budget Director Richard Darman.

The problem, officials said, stems from Darman's rewriting of the "introductory segment" of the budget. An administration official said the 70,000 budgets already printed will not have to be totally reprinted but will be revised "with our version of white-out."

TV coverage

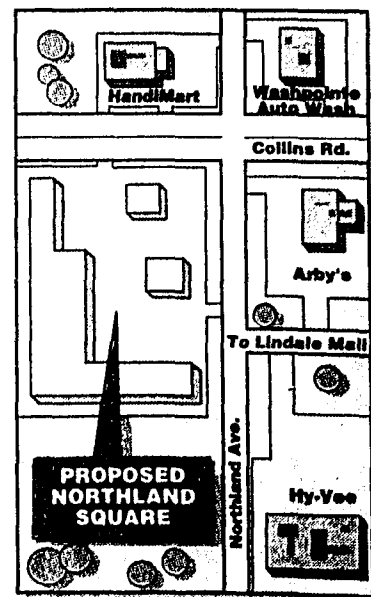
Live television coverage of President Bush's State of the Union address tonight at 8 has been scheduled by ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN and C-SPAN.

According to officials, many Republicans were concerned about requiring employees to pay taxes on some part of their health benefits over a certain level and with plans to charge the well-to-do more for Medicare. There were also concerns that the plan did not adequately address health care for the poor. But officials said the major concern was that congressional Republicans had been led to believe they would be consulted before details were finalized.



Gazette photo by Robin Trimarchi

Digging in
Jill Clark, 10, watches her sister Erin, 13, and friend Sarah Jedlicka, 12, kick snow out of a mountain of plowed snow in front of the Boy Scouts of America office and Rockwell International Headquarters on Collins Road NE. The girls were playing in the snow Monday on a day off from school. It was an in-service day.



Gazette map by Greg Good

Welsh: 'Accident waiting to happen,' Rife says

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resolved.

• Branstad and lawmakers said they were deluged with complaints last weekend over the handling of the probe into Welsh's role as salesman for Institutional Treasury Management of Irvine, Calif. The investment firm is implicated in the \$75 million Iowa Trust scandal.

Lloyd-Jones said the ethics panel planned to reconvene Wednesday to consider the complaint against Welsh and to remove the public's "cloud of suspicion" in hanging over Democrats and Republicans.

"What is at stake here is far more than a few individual political careers. It is the faith that the people of Iowa have always had in their government," she said.

Welsh complained Monday that many of the charges being leveled against him have come through misinformation leaked to the media rather than a bona fide investigation. As one example, he denied reports that he had prepared ethics complaints against 14 senators.

Welsh said he was "not inclined to step down" as Senate president and did so against the advice of his attorney "for the benefit of the body to move on."

Rife said he filed his second complaint against Welsh on the final day of eligibility to keep the "window from closing" on answers to public questions relating to Welsh's role in the Iowa



AP photo

State Sen. Joe Welsh, D-Dubuque, gestures Monday as he tells the Senate he will fight a renewed ethics investigation of him. Welsh also levied conflict-of-interest charges against six Iowa senators.

Trust scandal and the probe surrounding it.

"Everybody knew this Capitol complex was an accident waiting to happen, and it finally happened," Rife said.

However, Senate Majority Leader Bill Hutchinson, D-Audubon, questioned Rife's political

motives in keeping the Welsh probe ahead of the budget and other pressing issues on the 1992 agenda.

"The thing that is so troublesome is that it took Senator Rife almost two months to get around filing a complaint," he said.

"That leads me to believe that he was playing politics, stretching it out to tear this Senate down a brick at a time and then to sit back and fret about what's happening to the institution when he was using a jackhammer on it."

that restrict use of chemicals and fertilizers because she has a financial interest in Twin State Engineering and Chemical Co.

• Sen. Mary Kramer, R-West Des Moines, should vote on legislation affecting her employer, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Iowa. Kramer said she takes a leave of absence during the session and takes no health or pension benefits from the state.

• Sen. Berl Priebe, D-Algona, should vote on legislation relating to his interest in horses and dogs. Priebe's disclosure forms do not list any interest in racing animals. Welsh declined to elaborate on the allegation.

• Sen. George Kinley, D-Des Moines, should disclose more information on PMK Inc., a corporation that owns race horses. Kinley later said the corporation has never raced its horses in Iowa.

• Sen. Jean Lloyd-Jones, D-Iowa City, should vote on issues and funding relating to the Iowa Peace Institute. She is on the institute's board.

Welsh also said he had raised a conflict of interest issue with the Senate Ethics Committee because its independent counsel, Patrick Roby of Cedar Rapids, has a law partner who represents Marion in Iowa Trust litigation.

Lloyd-Jones, chairwoman of the Senate Ethics Committee, previously had denied any wrongdoing based on Welsh's allegations. The others took similar postures Monday.

She said Welsh's documents are being treated as valid complaints, and that she and Drake will seek replacements to serve on the panel when their complaints come before the committee.

Welsh targets deny doing anything wrong

By Rod Boshart

Gazette Des Moines Bureau

DES MOINES — Six senators named in ethics complaints filed Monday by Sen. Joe Welsh, D-Dubuque, denied any impropriety and expressed some relief that the allegations have been made public.

"They don't amount to a hill of beans," said Sen. Richard Drake, R-Muscatine, one of the six. "I don't feel guilty of anything."

Sen. Maggie Tinsman, R-Bettendorf, said she was surprised by Welsh's allegations. "I resent having my reputation tarnished. I'm glad this came out and I don't believe I've done anything wrong."

The senators have 10 days to respond to the allegations lodged against them with the Senate Ethics Committee.

Welsh, who resigned as president of the Senate last week in the face of an ethics probe into his role in the Iowa Trust Fund scandal, took to the Senate floor Monday afternoon to summarize what he considered to be questionable relationships of other senators.

"These complaints were never intended to be a threat, but were a legal defense being prepared for this case," Welsh said.

"I'm sorry to disappoint the press and perhaps some of the public: They do not deal with sex; they do not deal with graft; they do not deal with bribery," he added. "They were meant to point out the problems of the citizen Legislature."

Welsh questioned whether:

• Drake should be voting on matters relating to his farm operation or the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, an organization of which he is a member.

• Tinsman should be voting on environmental issues or bills

Astronauts get 1 more day in space

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA on Monday ordered Discovery's crew to spend an extra day in space to conduct more experiments, but promised to keep the workload light.

"It's pretty minimal," ground controllers assured the astronauts, who have been hustling ever since reaching orbit Jan. 22.

The seven astronauts were supposed to return Wednesday. Landing was rescheduled for 10:09 a.m. CST Thursday at Ed-

wards Air Force Base in California.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has extended shuttle flights only 10 times before, eight because of bad weather at landing sites or technical problems. The two others were stretched for scientific reasons.

NASA was able to lengthen the mission because Discovery's astronauts used less electricity and water than expected during the first five days of flight.

Citizens' ethics panel formed

By Rod Boshart

Gazette staff writer

DES MOINES — Two Democrats announced Monday they have formed a bipartisan citizens review panel to examine all rules, laws and policies governing the Legislature and recommend changes by March.

House Speaker Bob Arnould of Davenport and Senate President Michael Gronstal of Council Bluffs said the 12-member Reform Committee on Government Ethics and Policies would conduct a "thorough, fair and impartial" study aimed at restoring public faith in state government.

The evaluation would include the executive branch of government and would focus on conflicts of interest, disclosure of income sources, campaign finance reform, salary and expense payments, gift laws, ethics codes, relationships with lobbyists and

the size and structure of the Legislature, they said.

However, Republican leaders blasted the approach as premature until ethics complaints pending in the Senate are resolved, and flawed because Democrats are selecting the citizens who will serve on the committee.

"This in itself becomes a cover-up. This is another step of the issue," said Senate Minority Leader Jack Rife, R-Moscow. "How do you fix the problem until you know what the problem is?"

House Minority Leader Harold Van Maanen, R-Oskaloosa, said the panel cannot be considered non-partisan because Republicans are not involved in formulating the membership. He added that just because a committee makes recommendations is no guarantee that they will become law.

Gronstal said the review panel

has nothing to do with the ethics complaint pending against Sen. Joe Welsh, D-Dubuque, nor the six that Welsh lodged Monday. Rather, it is aimed at averting similar situations in the future, he said.

The Democratic leaders said former Supreme Court Justice Mark McCormick and former Lt. Gov. Art Neu have agreed to co-chair the committee.

The panel is slated to report back to lawmakers by March 25 so they can act on the recommendations before adjourning, Arnould said.

Gotti denies labeling ex-aide 'a rat who lies'

NEW YORK (AP) — Reputed mob boss John Gotti angrily told a federal judge Monday he had nothing to do with posters scattered around the city depicting a former right-hand man as a rat.

"I don't do these things with this flier baloney," Gotti told U.S. District Judge Leo Glasser, who is presiding over his trial on murder and racketeering charges.

The letter-size handbills depict a huge rat with Salvatore "Sammy Bull" Gravano's face and the words: "Epitome of a rat who lies: Sammy 'The Liar' Gravano." They have been plastered onto utility poles and left on car windshields.

Gravano was Gotti's underboss, cellmate and co-defendant until November when he turned against Gotti and agreed to testify against him.

Lawyers are expected to begin interviewing potential jurors Wednesday.

Robbery: Captured on video

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businesses, he theorized, were often drug users in need of any amount of cash for drugs.

The armed robbery is Marion's first in recent months. They have become something of a common event in that time in Cedar Rapids.

Neuhaus didn't know if the video cameras were keeping robbers away from Marion or if news of the cameras would keep them away in the future.

"The cameras should be a deterrent. But we'll have to let the robbers decide for themselves."

He said the Marion Police Department became convinced of the value of the video camera after a Marion Laundromat owner, tired of repeated acts of van-

dalism at his business, turned up one day at the police station with the tape — from his hidden camera — of delinquents tearing up his place. Arrests followed.

"It sure slowed things down there," said Neuhaus.

Unlike Marion, Cedar Rapids hasn't ordered cameras installed in stores after Schappert was murdered on Sept. 8, 1989. Instead, the Cedar Rapids Police Department conducted a workshop and suggested that cameras were among crime-prevention measures stores should consider. Some Cedar Rapids stores have installed the cameras.

Schappert's murder is unsolved.

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