

Iowa Roundup

Ray released

MARSHALLTOWN (UPI) — Gov. Robert Ray Saturday was released from the Marshalltown Area Community Hospital following successful eye surgery Friday to correct a cataract.

Dr. John Graether gave the 53-year-old governor a clean bill and said there were no complications in implanting an artificial lens in Ray's right eye. The doctor said Ray should be fully recovered in six to eight weeks.

The cataract disease causes the lens of the eye to become opaque, interfering with vision. The doctor said part of Ray's lens was removed during the operation.

Graether said Ray would not be able to read or do any heavy lifting that might disturb the wound for about two weeks.

Ray is expected to return to Marshalltown for checkups in about one week and again in about a month.



Gov. Ray

In a statement, police said the robbery-homicide occurred between 9:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Police did not say what, if anything, was taken in the crime.

The death was discovered by Barbara Woods, the tavern owner.

Authorities were seeking a white male in his early 20s for the death. He allegedly was carrying a revolver.

Holiday shopping tips

DES MOINES (AP) — Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller has some tips for Christmas shoppers that could save time and money.

To avoid some of the most common problems, Miller said customers should check the store's policy on returns, should read the fine print when buying gift certificates and do business with established merchants.

"There is no state law that requires the store to refund, exchange or credit merchandise that is returned," he noted. So customers should check the store's policy ahead of time.

Concerning gift certificates, Miller said customers should check to see if the store will exchange the certificate for cash and whether there is a deadline for using the certificate.

And the attorney general said customers should be particularly cautious about buying from one-time vendors.

"My advice is, usually don't," he said, since temporary merchants may not stand behind their products.

Cutler eyes race

WATERLOO (AP) — Lynn Cutler has announced the formation of a Cutler for Congress Committee, though she has stopped short of formally announcing her candidacy for the 3rd District congressional seat.

"There is a lot of excitement about my campaign and a real eagerness to work throughout the district," Cutler said in a news release Saturday.

The Waterloo Democrat lost to Rep. Cooper Evans, R-Iowa, for Iowa's 3rd District seat in 1980 and was subsequently chosen as the executive vice chairman of the national Democratic Party.

She had indicated she would not seek the congressional seat again, but has changed her mind in the wake of reapportionment. The remap, approved by the Legislature last summer, could make it easier for a Democrat to win in the district, which has been controlled by Republicans for generations.

Don Hoth of Waterloo will head the campaign committee. Other members are Rachel Fulton of Waterloo and William Sueppel of Iowa City.



Lynn Cutler

Buchanan chase

INDEPENDENCE — Thomas H. Tegler, 19, of Independence was arrested Friday night by Jesup police and Buchanan County deputies following a 20-mile, high-speed chase.

The chase began west of Littleton at 9:35 p.m. when Tegler was clocked on radar at 73 mph, according to the Buchanan County sheriff's office. Speeds later reached as high as 95 mph, officers said.

In addition to two counts of speeding, Tegler was charged with attempting to elude a law officer, ignoring a stop sign, reckless driving and two counts of making an unsafe turn. He was held overnight in the Buchanan County Jail.

Clinton killing

CLINTON (UPI) — Police said George Leonard, a clean-up man, was killed early Saturday during a robbery at The Inn, a tavern on the southwest side of the Mississippi River city.

It was the second murder in Clinton this year. Leonard, of Clinton, was in his mid-50s and worked at the tavern.

3 suspensions

DUBUQUE (AP) — Dubuque County Sheriff Leo Kennedy has notified three deputies they will be suspended because they entered the American Legion Club in Epworth on Nov. 15. The deputies say they will appeal the suspension.

Sgt. Richard Kruse was given a two-day suspension without pay and William Boge and Tim Horsfield received one-day suspensions.

Reportedly, one of the deputies noticed a light in the club about 3 a.m. and concluded that people were inside drinking. The door was locked, but the deputies allegedly used a pen knife to slip the lock.

No one was inside.

Fifteen bottles of liquor were seized. Authorities said the club has only a beer license.

Shooting probe

RATHBUN (UPI) — Appanoose County Sheriff Ronald Powell says he will ask County Attorney Ed Anesty to impanel a grand jury to investigate the shooting of a 15-year-old youth by a Centerville police officer early Saturday.

Powell identified the officer who wounded the youth as Marion Zemo, the Centerville assistant police chief.

The unidentified teenager, who was listed in stable condition Saturday night at a Centerville hospital, was shot in the leg during a scuffle with police as he was arrested as a suspect for the theft of a car and a pickup truck.

Powell said the shooting was accidental. The youth, from Monroe County, was taken to a Centerville hospital for treatment. Powell added that the shooting was unfortunate, but he said he feels a district court grand jury would clear Zemo of any wrongdoing.

Squad car stolen during arrest fight

NEW ALBIN — While scuffling with a man he was trying to arrest early Saturday, New Albin Police Chief Earl Mitchell looked up to see his squad car being stolen.

The car was abandoned two blocks away, and suspects still were being sought Saturday.

The incident began at 2:15 a.m. Saturday, in a parking lot off Highway 26, Mitchell said in a telephone interview. The police chief was attempting to cite a man for making beer available to minors when the individual walked away and got into a car.

Another man then stepped between Mitchell and the suspect, Mitchell continued. "During the struggle with him, he fell down, and when he came up, he came up swinging," he said.

Mitchell said it took 10 minutes to get the handcuffs on the man, identified as Daniel Curran, 21, of New Albin.

"When I looked up while I was trying to get the cuffs on Curran, I saw my squad car moving away," Mitchell said. Moments later, two Allamakee County deputies arrived.

"I had my walkie-talkie with me, and I told the deputies to go after my car. The radio was on in my car, and whoever was in there must have heard that we knew where my car was. So they pulled over, got out and fled. They moved it two blocks from where they picked it up."

The suspects still were being sought Saturday, as was the man Mitchell had been trying to charge with making beer available to minors.

Curran was charged with public intoxication, interfering with official acts and assault. He was held overnight in the Allamakee County Jail.

Mitchell suffered a few cuts and bruises in the scuffle with Curran, he said.

C.R. helicopter plays role in arrest of robbery suspect

Police said Saturday the city's helicopter played a key role Friday night in the arrest of a robbery suspect.

Charged with first-degree robbery was Robert E. Redmond, 25, of 1420 Oakland Road NE. He was charged in connection with the holdup at 9:40 p.m. Friday of the Daniels Grocery, 901 Oakland Road NE.

Redmond was being held Saturday afternoon in the Linn County Jail. Bond for his release was set at \$10,000 in a Linn District Court appearance.

Police Sgt. Bill Serbousek gave the following account:

Employees of the Daniels Grocery were robbed by a man carrying a handgun at 9:40 p.m. Within a minute, the city's police helicopter was overhead, and officers in the helicopter observed someone leav-

ing the store by the back door. When officers shined a searchlight from the 'copter, they saw the figure run to a nearby house and hide under some bushes. But he didn't remain there.

With the searchlight still on him, the suspect ran from the bushes toward Daniels Street. At about the same time, officers on the ground sealed off the area. Officers in the helicopter saw the suspect back-track, then run behind a second house, where they lost sight of him.

Officers from the ground units checked the street and found a man hiding under a car in the 900 block of Daniels Street NE. The man later was identified as Redmond.

"It was a coordinated effort between the helicopter officers and those officers in the ground units," Serbousek said.

New I-380 plan approved for Waterloo, Cedar Falls

DES MOINES (AP) — The Federal Highway Administration, agreeing with officials from Waterloo and Cedar Falls, has decided to change the portion of Interstate-380 proposed for those cities.

Details of the new plan, according to Rep. Cooper Evans, R-Iowa, call for a divided, multi-lane highway through downtown Waterloo and two beltways extending around the north and south edges of Waterloo into Cedar Falls.

Funds that would have been used to construct the urban section of the highway, which local leaders said was inadequate, will now be re-

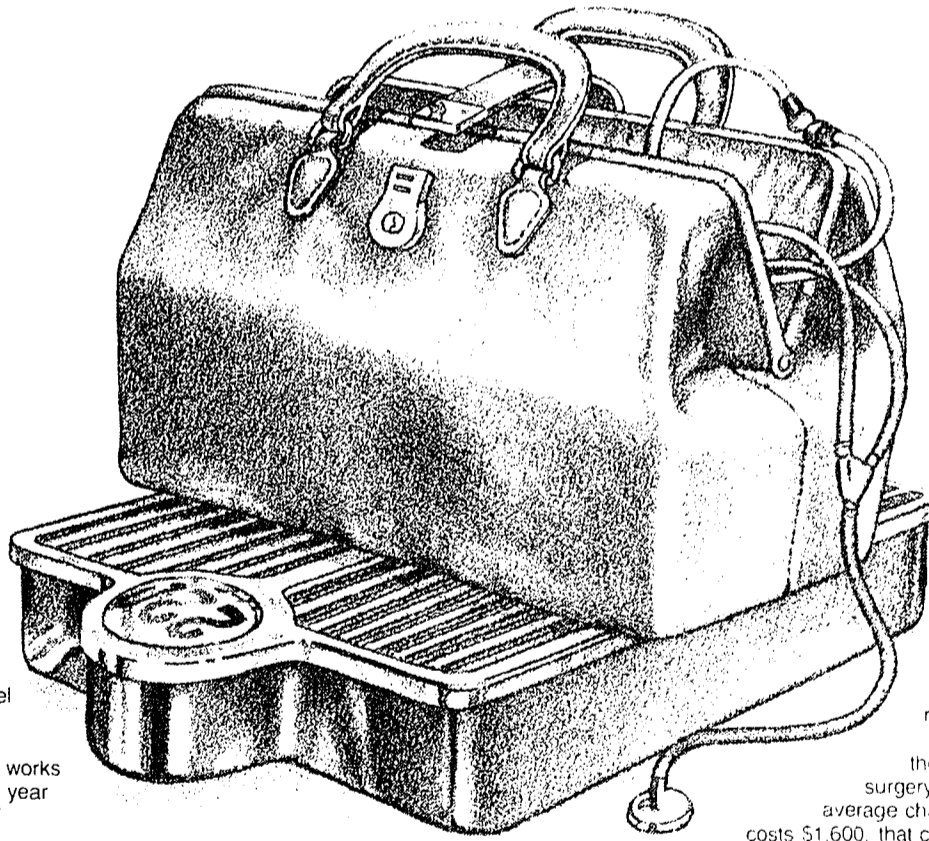
leased for the new plan. Mayors of the communities involved and Iowa Department of Transportation officials pressed their case in a visit with federal officials in September.

As a result of the federal decision, \$4 million in discretionary funding will be released.

"I think our meeting bore fruit," said Evans. "The Federal Highway Administration was obviously influenced by the arguments put forth by the two mayors."

"This extra money would make the difference between getting I-380 to Waterloo in 1985, rather than 1986."

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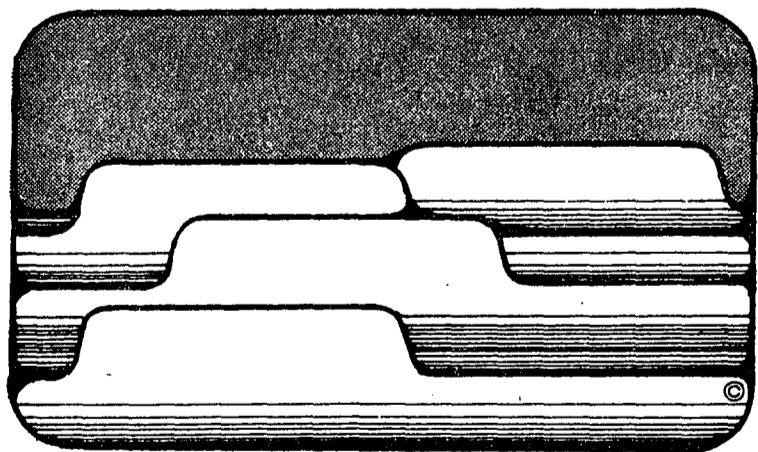
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