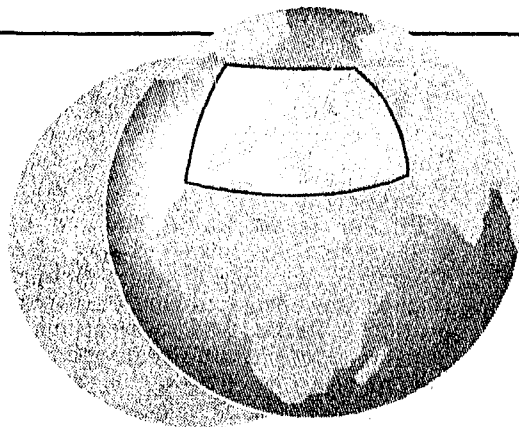




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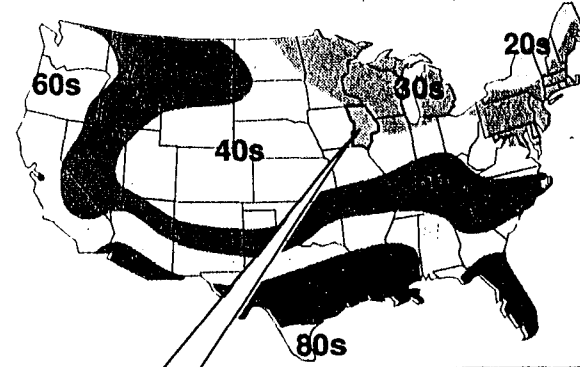
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## MURDERED MISSING UNSOLVED

# Struggling to let go, yet hold on

Loved ones of victims search for balance

By Rick Smith and Jeff Burnham  
Gazette staff writers

There's the furry bedspread, the futuristic lights, the metallic, pink-and-red-and-silver-colored wallpaper in a geometric design.

Michelle Martinko's bedroom, a place of her own, youthful design, today is exactly as it was Dec. 19, 1979, the day the 18-year-old Cedar Rapids resident was murdered in her car and left at Westdale Mall.

The room is not intended to be a shrine, just a fond memory.

"I mean, she is with me every day," confides Michelle's mother, Janet.

Janet Martinko never did care for the look of her daughter's room.

But she says she has never been able to tire of what the room represents: that early attempt at inventiveness by a creative teen-ager with the full promise of life ahead of her.

A murderer's knife ended Michelle's plans for a career in interior design before they had a chance to flower beyond the bedroom walls.

And her death, Cedar Rapids' most-famous unsolved murder, left a mother and father to become prototypical loved ones of someone lost to an unsolved crime.



Janet Martinko has preserved daughter Michelle's room just as it was the day a murderer took the 18-year-old's life.

Gazette photo by Chris Stewart

In that role, Janet and Albert Martinko share much in common with family members and friends of other victims in the 11 unsolved murder and missing-person cases that were examined in The Gazette last week.

They don't want to forget even as they labor to let go of

an obsession with remembering.

They don't want the public to forget even as it is forgetting, or has forgotten.

But most of all, in the end, they can't figure why such awful crimes remain unsolved.

They can't visualize it. They just don't see how the person

who has axed or stabbed or strangled or shot someone to death could be passing others in an aisle at a grocery store or maybe singing next to someone in the church choir.

"It's just terrible they haven't found the person," says

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# Lawmen say new approach may solve mysteries

By Rick Smith

Keota Town Marshal Doug Bell's body was a sad sight as it lay along a road outside of town in June 1976.

He was 22, less than robust, a community college student by day, a cop for all of 60 nights.

On his final night, a murderer wrestled Bell's service revolver from him, unloaded its six bullets into him, reloaded and fired again. He then kicked and

kicked Bell's body and face with steel-toed boots.

"It tears your heart apart seeing someone like that on the side of the road," says Mike Marlin.

Marlin, special agent of the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) who investigated the homicide, says he still can see Bell lying there.

The murder might be a mystery today, says Marlin, but for a unique approach to the investigation that permitted him

to do nothing for 18 months but fight the case to a solution.

IN TIMES OF tighter state budgets — times like now when the DCI no longer can afford the luxury of allowing agents to devote extended time to a single homicide investigation — Bell's murderer, Eddie Don, the son of the then-Keokuk County medical examiner, might never have been convicted, says Marlin.

In fact, Marlin, acting supervising

agent in the DCI's Cedar Rapids office, is willing to venture out on this politically sensitive limb:

The unsolved September 1991 murder of Tom Mather in Springdale in Cedar County likely would be solved if the DCI could afford to have three or four agents on the case, instead of the one agent working it now.

DCI Assistant Director John Tinker

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# U.S. didn't heed Iraq aid abuses

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration ignored evidence that a \$5 billion American aid program for Iraq was riddled with bribery and that food intended for hungry Iraqis may have been traded for weapons, according to classified government documents and interviews.

Beginning in 1989, administration officials learned that Saddam Hussein's regime had demanded millions of dollars in bribes from American exporters of commodities, the documents indicate. The commodities had been sent to Iraq as part of a food aid program underwritten by the U.S. government.

Senior administration officials, including Secretary of State James Baker, were warned of such abuses in fall 1989, but still pushed through \$1 billion in new government loan guarantees to allow Iraq to buy more agricultural products, classified documents show.

Two administration officials said that the warnings culminated in a highly classified intelligence report in July 1990 — a month before Saddam's troops overran Kuwait. The report said that a Jordanian entrepreneur heavily involved in the U.S. aid program also was assisting Iraq's covert arms-procurement network, according to the officials who read the report.

AT THE same time, Iraq threatened to stop making payments on \$2 billion it owed on previous loans guaranteed by the United States unless new aid was approved, according to classified records.

Despite the intelligence findings and the Iraqi threat, documents show that the State Department and the White House National Security Council continued to seek the release of a final \$500 million in aid for Baghdad.

# 1 killed, 4 hurt on icy roads

From Gazette staff and wire service reports

Icy roads in Eastern Iowa on Saturday were blamed for an accident in which a rural Brandon man was killed and two others were seriously injured, authorities said.

A Maquoketa woman and a rural Miles boy were seriously injured in other accidents. An early spring storm dumped up to a half-foot of snow on northeast Iowa on Saturday, spawning many accidents.

Clifford Priebe, 67, of rural Brandon, was killed Saturday morning west of Rowley on Buchanan County Road D-47.

According to the Buchanan County Sheriff's Department, Priebe was eastbound on D-47 at 8:30 a.m. when William Weber, 45, of Rowley, lost control of his

westbound pickup, skidded and crossed the center line into the path of Priebe's pickup. The trucks collided in the eastbound lane, killing Priebe and seriously injuring his granddaughter, who was his passenger, and Weber, authorities said.

The granddaughter, Danielle Francois, 5, of Rowley, suffered head and back injuries. She was taken by ambulance to People's Memorial Hospital in Independence and transferred to St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids. She was reported in serious condition last night.

Weber, who suffered head injuries, was flown by LifeFlight to Covenant Medical Center in Waterloo. He was listed in critical condition.

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Rep. Dave Nagle



Rep. Jim Nussle



# 'Hot' race predicted in new district

By John Kirsch  
Gazette political writer

Democrat Dave Nagle and Republican Jim Nussle will compete this year in a hotly contested race in northeast Iowa's 2nd District.

The two congressional incumbents were placed in the new, 21-county district under reapportionment.

"It will be one of the hottest races in the country," said Peverill Squire, a University of Iowa political scientist.

The 48-year-old Nagle, who is completing his third term in the House, brings more experience to the race than the 31-year-old Nussle, who narrowly defeated Democrat Eric Tabor in 1990 to win his first term in Congress. Nagle, first elected in 1986, represents the old 3rd District and Nussle the former 2nd District.

Squire said he expects Nussle to portray Nagle as too liberal

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Gazette photo by Todd McInturf

# It rained on her parade

Czech Princess Tamara Chadima, 15, of Fairfax, waves at the crowd during the St. Joseph's Day Parade on Saturday afternoon in the Cedar Rapids Czech Village. She is the daughter of George and Joanne Chadima.

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## TOMORROW

### Magnifique!

Monet is heralded

Claude Monet, the French impressionist painter, inspired an evening of art, culture, music and food at Marion High School recently. Youth Plus in Monday's Gazette.

### TODAY'S CHUCKLE

Love at first sight can usually be cured by a second look.



# Answers elusive in many murders, disappearances

The 11 unsolved law enforcement cases that The Gazette has examined over the past week, are among more than 100 unsolved murders and disappearances in Iowa over the last 20 years. Following are summaries of other notable unsolved cases involving Eastern Iowans.

## Ronald and Stanley Anderson

PHOENIX — Was it merely coincidence that two Eastern Iowa brothers were murdered in Phoenix seven years apart?

Former Anamosa resident Stanley Anderson was strangled to death in his Phoenix residence in January 1983. Ronald Anderson of Coralville was killed in a Phoenix hotel room in April 1990 on a trip to see his son.

Phoenix police said they found no connection between the murders.

Contacted recently by The Gazette about the cases, Phoenix police spokesman Leo Spellopolous said there have been "no arrests, no suspects, no nothing."

"There wasn't a lot of evidence at either crime scene and there were no witnesses," he said.

Family members declined to comment.

## Lance DeWoody

OAKDALE — Lance DeWoody's body was found Aug. 13, 1985, in a picnic shelter on the north side of the University of Iowa's Oakdale campus.

An Olin native, DeWoody had been living north of North Liberty and working as a laborer in an Iowa City area plant.

His murder is like so many unsolved Iowa murders: Sgt. Terry Koehn, detective at the Coralville Police Department, says he has one prime suspect in the case who knew DeWoody and who continues to live in the Iowa City area. In the last two months, a new clue brought a new round of work in the case, Koehn says.

He won't say why he thinks DeWoody died, or how many gunshots hit him.

## Maureen Farley

CEDAR RAPIDS — Maureen Farley had been missing for eight days when her body was found Sept. 25, 1971, in the trunk of an abandoned car in a wooded ravine near the southwest edge of Cedar Rapids.

Farley had been struck on the head with a blunt instrument and died of a skull fracture. She was reported missing Sept. 20, 1971, after failing to report for work. She had moved from Sioux City to Cedar Rapids to be closer to her husband, David Farley, an inmate at the Iowa Men's Reformatory in Anamosa.

Family members say there were and still are several suspects in the case, but that there have been no developments in recent years.

## Sean Freese

MONTICELLO — Police say either a freak accident or suicide killed Sean Freese. But his mother believes Freese was murdered.

Freese had been strangled to death when his body was found in his car inside the garage of his Monticello home Sept. 6, 1991. He was in the driver's seat, with the seat belt wrapped around his neck. The keys were in the ignition but the car was not running.

Monticello Police Chief Burt Walters has ruled out murder because "there was no proof showing

**Ages:** Stanley, 42; Ronald, 43  
**Hometown:** Stanley formerly of Anamosa; Ronald of Coralville  
**Classification of cases:** Murder  
**Date of murders:** Stanley, in January 1983; Ronald in April 1990  
**Place of murders:** Phoenix, Ariz.

**Age:** 22  
**Hometown:** North Liberty  
**Classification of case:** Murder  
**Date of murder:** Body found Aug. 13, 1985  
**Place of murder:** Body found in picnic shelter at Oakdale

**Age:** 17  
**Hometown:** Cedar Rapids  
**Classification of case:** Murder  
**Date of murder:** Between Sept. 20 and 25, 1971  
**Place of murder:** Body found in southwest Cedar Rapids

**Age:** 21  
**Hometown:** Monticello  
**Classification of case:** Accident, suicide or murder  
**Date of death:** Body found Sept. 6, 1991  
**Place of death:** Body found in his car at his home

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someone else had done it."

There also was nothing to show that the seat belt accidentally got wrapped around Freese's neck. That would seem to leave only one explanation, but Walters agrees with the family that Freese was hardly suicidal.

Freese's mother believes her son was killed over his involvement in a burglary ring a few years ago. She said he confessed to one of the burglaries but refused to finger the others who were involved. She believes the others became concerned that Freese would change his mind.

## Amos Jellison

BLAIRSTOWN — Word around town was that Amos Jellison preferred to squirrel his savings away at home rather than at the local bank. The rumor cost him his life, says Benton County Sheriff's Department detective Pete Wright.

Jellison was beaten to death late Aug. 2 or early Aug. 3, 1981, in his mobile home here. Robbery was the motive, but no stash of cash was there to take, says Wright.

Wright says he has a suspect in the case.

## Kenny Johnson

DUBUQUE — The 1987 rape and murder of runaway Kenny Johnson still haunts the town of Dubuque.

The troubled youth ran away from a Dubuque school for the behaviorally disturbed Oct. 8, 1987. Johnson's body was found 36 hours later in a remote section of Maus Park on Dubuque's south side, on a sandy beach of a Mississippi River backwater.

He had been strangled and there was evidence of sexual abuse. Draped over the body was a piece of orange carpet. Police hoped a witness, perhaps remembering the brightly colored carpet, would come forward, but none ever did.

Police speculated Johnson was killed by a pedophile, but have never located any solid suspects.

## Lynda Manuel

ANAMOSA — Lynda Manuel vanished after finishing the evening shift June 27, 1978, at what then was Bud's Super Value grocery. Her skeleton was found April 8, 1979, in a ditch along a gravel road near Fillmore in southern Dubuque County. A cause of death could not be determined, but she likely died soon after her disappearance, the medical examiner said at the time. The case is considered a homicide.

Anamosa Police Chief Richard Stivers said psychic Greta Alexander even was contacted in a last-ditch try for leads in the case.

"It should have been solved," said Stivers. "We had our suspects. But we never had evidence to make the case."

**Age:** 75  
**Hometown:** Blairstown  
**Classification of case:** Murder  
**Date of murder:** Aug. 2 or 3, 1981  
**Place of murder:** Jellison's home

**Age:** 14  
**Hometown:** Dubuque  
**Classification of case:** Murder  
**Date of murder:** Between Oct. 8 and 10, 1987  
**Place of murder:** Body found near Mississippi River on the south side of Dubuque

**Age:** 18  
**Hometown:** Anamosa  
**Classification of case:** Murder  
**Date of murder:** Between June 27, 1978 and April 8, 1979  
**Place of murder:** Skeleton found in Dubuque County ditch

Those suspects continue to live in the Anamosa area, he said.

## Dick McKinney

CEDAR RAPIDS — Dick McKinney, a deputy U.S. marshal from Cedar Rapids, was shot to death just after being robbed while he was on-duty in a southeast-side Cedar Rapids alley in the wee hours of the morning on July 20, 1972. A grand jury later indicted five people in the murder. Four eventually pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and have long since served their prison time.

But the fifth person, Harry Reese, now 42, was never found — and apparently has since been cleared from his alleged role in McKinney's murder. Reese, also known as "Dirty Harry," reportedly lived in the Davenport and Chicago areas and eluded authorities for years after the murder.

Then, in March 1986, the warrant for Reese's arrest was dismissed at the request of Assistant U.S. Attorney Bob Teig of Cedar Rapids. Contacted recently by The Gazette, Teig at first denied having anything to do with the case and later refused to discuss his reasons for wanting the warrant dismissed. He also declined to answer whether Reese is still alive or whether Reese is being protected as a witness in an unrelated federal case.

McKinney's widow and a son did not know the warrant was dismissed until it was brought to their attention recently by The Gazette.

Also, the order to dismiss the warrant was signed by U.S. District Judge Edward McManus — himself an acquaintance of Dick McKinney's who cited the relationship when he disqualified himself as the trial judge in 1973. McManus could not be reached for comment.

## Sandra Pittman

CLARENCE — Sandra Pittman was a "runaway-throwaway" from Davenport when her body was dumped at the Highway 30 rest area one mile west of Clarence on Sept. 17, 1980.

She died from a blow to the head with a blunt instrument, maybe a pipe or a tire iron, says Cedar County Sheriff Keith Whitlatch.

The murder happened less than a week after the Amana ax murders, but investigators doubt the crimes were related, though all the murders involved blows to the head.

Whitlatch says he leans toward the theory that an acquaintance killed Pittman. One suspect is in a mental institution, he says. The dumping of the body is an aspect of the murder that keeps open the possibility of a serial killing, adds Whitlatch.

## Charlie Plucar

LUCERNE — Robbery was the motive, too, for the murder of Charlie Plucar in his home 3 1/2 miles south and east of here, says Benton County Sheriff's Department detective Pete Wright.

Plucar, a semi-retired handyman, was shot twice in the head with a small-caliber gun either late June 21 or early June 22, 1977. He was found on the kitchen floor with his hands tied behind him.



**Age:** 46  
**Hometown:** Cedar Rapids  
**Classification of case:** Murder  
**Date of murder:** July 20, 1972  
**Place of murder:** Southeast Cedar Rapids



**Age:** 17  
**Hometown:** Davenport  
**Classification of case:** Murder  
**Date of murder:** Sept. 17, 1980  
**Place of murder:** Body found at rest area near Clarence

**Age:** 74  
**Hometown:** Rural Benton County  
**Classification of case:** Murder  
**Date of murder:** June 21 or 22, 1977  
**Place of murder:** Body found in Plucar's home

Wright says he has a suspect in the case, who now is living out of state. There has been investigative time spent on the case in the last month, adds Wright.

## Matt Pusateri and Brian Schappert

CEDAR RAPIDS — The murders of cab driver Matt Pusateri on Nov. 12, 1988, and convenience store clerk Brian Schappert on Sept. 8, 1989, were different and they were alike.

Different: Pusateri was shot while in his parked cab, and Schappert was stabbed to death as he worked at the Kum & Go store, 2743 Mount Vernon Rd. SE.

The same, says Assistant Police Chief Bruce Kern, in several ways: both victims were "good kids"; the motive in Schappert's case was robbery, and that most likely was the motive in the cab shooting; and there is the possibility that in each case the young man died because he recognized the robber and could have identified him to police.

## Dennis Stastny

CEDAR RAPIDS — The body of Dennis Stastny was pulled from the Cedar River in Cedar Rapids on Aug. 11, 1977. He died of a stab wound to the heart, but opinions differ on whether the death was suicide or murder.

A bloody hunting knife was found in the bedroom of Stastny's nearby apartment, and a trail of blood led out of the apartment, but stopped at an outside staircase. Then-Assistant Police Chief Jim Barnes at the time said he believed the wound was self-inflicted and that someone later carried Stastny to the river and dumped the body in.

But Linn County Medical Examiner Percy Harris disagreed, saying he thought someone else had stabbed Stastny. Contacted recently by The Gazette, Harris said he has no physical proof to back up his belief that Stastny was murdered, which he described as a hunch.

## Naomi Wilson

CEDAR RAPIDS — Why would a woman walk away and leave her house, her car, a good job and friends and family who love her? That's the puzzle behind the disappearance of Naomi Wilson, 1618 13th Ave. SE. The single woman disappeared April 12, 1981. Her car was found two days later in the K mart parking lot, 2727 16th Ave. SW.

Foul play has long been suspected, but police found little if any evidence indicating what happened to Wilson. There have been no developments in the case for years.

Repeated attempts by The Gazette to reach Wilson's family were unsuccessful.

— Rick Smith and Jeff Burnham

**Age:** Pusateri, 26  
**Hometown:** Cedar Rapids  
**Classification of case:** Murder  
**Date of murder:** Nov. 12, 1988  
**Place of murder:** In his parked cab in southwest Cedar Rapids

**Age:** Schappert, 22  
**Hometown:** Cedar Rapids  
**Classification of case:** Murder  
**Date of murder:** Sept. 8, 1989  
**Place of murder:** Convenience store in southeast Cedar Rapids

**Age:** 30  
**Hometown:** Cedar Rapids  
**Classification of case:** Murder or suicide  
**Date of death:** Body found Aug. 11, 1977  
**Place of death:** Evidence suggests at his home

**Age:** 32  
**Hometown:** Cedar Rapids  
**Classification of case:** Disappearance  
**Last seen:** April 12, 1981

## Loved ones: Families and friends learn to cope and live own lives

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Janet Martinko of her daughter's murderer.

## Helping to forget

If the Martinko murder is Cedar Rapids' most-famous unsolved crime, Noreen Gosch of West Des Moines is the most-famous loved one of Iowa's most-famous victim of an unsolved crime.

In the decade since her newspaper-carrier son, Johnny, was abducted, the act of smiling at times has seemed improper alongside the pain of not knowing whether she'll ever see him again, Noreen Gosch says.

But this night she is smiling, even chuckling a little, as she tells a story about an invitation mailed to her a few years back.

"It was from a lady whose dog had just passed away," Gosch recalls. "She said there would be a funeral at a pet cemetery and

*"It's always bothered me deeply that I didn't go out there that night. But if I had been there, would I have been able to prevent the murder, or would I have been laying there with Ron?"*

**Dale Laver, friend of Ron Novak**

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wondered if I would consider coming.

"I didn't know her from a box of rocks! I sent her a sympathy card telling her I wouldn't be able to make it."

Once again, the story has helped her forget the once-frantic and still-fruitless search for her son.

"I miss Johnny a lot," she explains. "But it doesn't overshadow every minute of every day. I couldn't allow it to."

## What if . . .

There have been more than 100 unsolved murders and abductions in Iowa in the last 20 years, and behind each one lingers family members and friends forced to find an elusive balance between survival and obsession to know the truth.

For Dale Laver, finding the balance is particularly difficult. His best friend, Ron Novak, was murdered in his rural Center Point home the night of Dec. 23, 1983, and Laver still wonders what would have happened had he been there that night as he had planned.

"We were practically brothers," Laver says. "To have somebody snatch a brother away

from you like that, it hurts."

Extreme cold forced Laver to stay home in Cedar Rapids. His phone calls to Novak's home that night went unanswered. The next night, while watching television news, he learned Novak had been bludgeoned to death with a golf club and two hammers.

"It's always bothered me deeply that I didn't go out there that night," Laver says. "But if I had been there, would I have been able to prevent the murder, or would I have been laying there with Ron?"

"When I think about the murder, all I see is darkness. The facts are clouded, the clues are few and I don't know who to trust anymore."

## Faith brings peace

Howard and Nancy Heckle say they have found a balance since their 11-year-old son, Guy, disappeared from a Boy Scout outing Feb. 3, 1973. Investigators believe the boy probably drowned in the Cedar River or its backwater. Still, the Heckles of Cedar Rapids don't rule out an abduction.

The family's peace of mind comes in part in knowing that many, many people searched

long hours in trying to find their son, either alive or dead.

"The family will be forever thankful to this community and outsiders for helping with the search," says Nancy Heckle.

With no new developments in years, she and her husband talk openly and calmly about their son's disappearance, confident that the answer will come sooner or later.

"Being Christian helps," says Howard Heckle. "Nancy and I believe with every fiber that we've got that we'll see Guy again, whether it's on this earth or up in heaven."

## 'Broken hearts'

Finding the balance hasn't come as easily for the Missouri family of Denise Fraley, who disappeared from Cedar Rapids the night of Sept. 11, 1982.

In fact, Fraley's sister, Linda Plowman, attributes the poor health of parents Nadine and Ordie Stark to "broken hearts" over the disappearance, what they suspect was murder.

In recent weeks, Plowman was reluctant to dig up the past, fearing her parents' health could not bear it.

But that changed when Nadine Stark told daughter Linda: "If your Dad has to die and he could know something might possibly be resolved on this, he would die a happy man."

## Living with memories

A loved one's unsolved murder changes a family's life forever.

*"Nancy and I believe with every fiber that we've got that we'll see Guy again, whether it's on this earth or up in heaven."*

**Howard Heckle**

er, but the cliché often is true: Life does go on, says Independence farmer Kevin Klotzbach, who lost his sister to a murderer on Oct. 20, 1981, in Coralville.

Klotzbach doesn't trust people less because of Vicki's murder, nor does he lock his doors on the farm any more than before.

"I still have the same kind of small-town mentality of believing in people, just like Vic did," says Kevin. "I haven't forgotten her. You never do. You learn to live with what happened."

There are unsolved cases in Eastern Iowa that for one reason or another — fewer investigative leads, for instance — have not gotten a fresh airing in The Gazette's unsolved crime series of the last week. Today, in an accompanying story, there are short reminders of 15 of the others.

But still, there has been no mention of Kathy Dick's uncle, Paul Knockel, who disappeared from Dubuque in 1990, or of countless other sad or frightening stories that have touched the state in recent years.

It's not, of course, that these other stories are not important.

"It's frustrating how the police aren't able to help," says Dick, of Marion. "It's understandable; they receive so many missing reports every week."

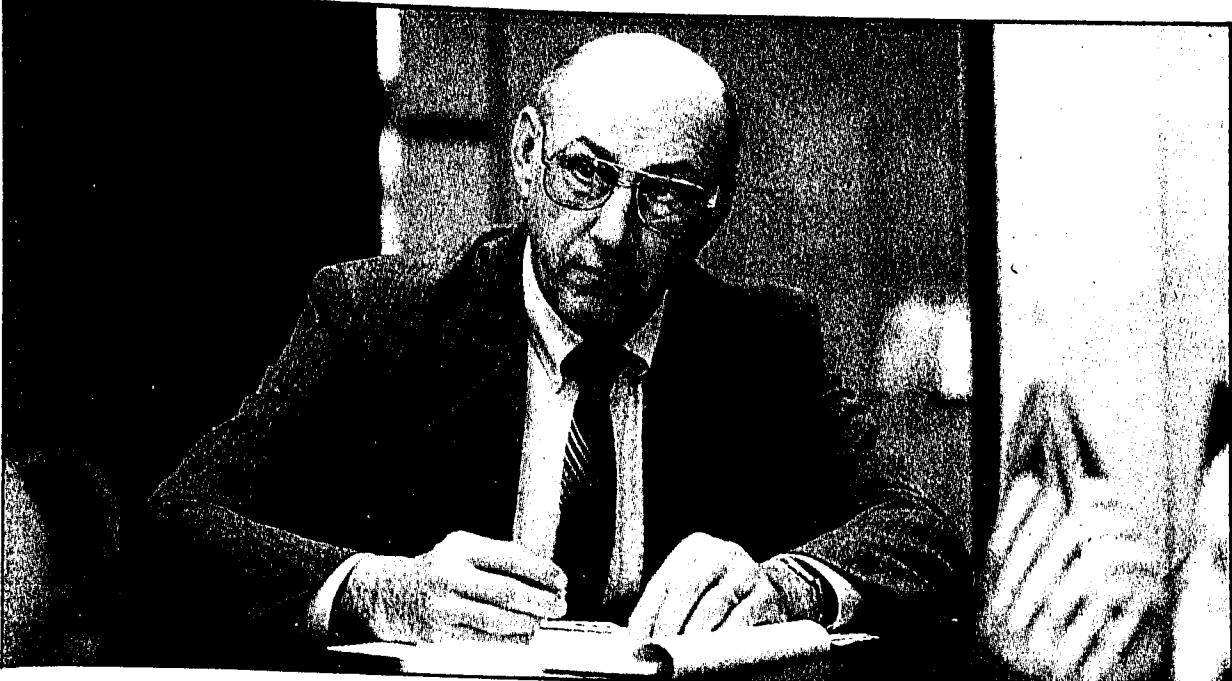
Her request of the popular TV show, Unsolved Mysteries, has been rejected, and it has caused her to wonder if yet another TV show focusing just on missing people might not be "a blessing."

"Otherwise, there is nothing you can do," says Dick. "Nothing, but sitting around, thinking about him as a million thoughts race through your mind. Maybe this happened, or maybe this . . ."

*"I haven't forgotten her. You never do. You learn to live with what happened."*

**Kevin Klotzbach, brother of Vicki Klotzbach**





Gazette photo by Chris Stewart

Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation Assistant Director John Tinker says increased funding would help the agency investigate unsolved crimes.

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calls that "speculation," but he does add this: that two and maybe three agents would be working the Springdale case if "holding the budget line, if not downsizing" was not now the rule in state government.

Marlin says he has read The Gazette's series of stories this past week on unsolved murders and disappearances.

And with the series ending, Marlin finds himself asking, "Is this it? Is this all there is?"

Marlin wants some of the unsolved cases solved. And to do that, he says, it's going to take more than stories in a newspaper.

"I'd hate to see the Springdale case in the paper 10 years from, still unsolved," he adds.

### DCI seeks help

Marlin wants two things that Tinker says the DCI now is seeking from the Iowa Legislature and Gov. Terry Branstad:

- Funding to hire 15 officers, called gaming enforcement officers, to help oversee Iowa's riverboat gaming industry. That would free 10 of the 20 DCI special agents — all higher-paid than the "GEOs" and with resumes often loaded with specialized crime school training — to return from current assignments on the boats to homicide and other investigations. Twenty of the DCI's 49 special agents now are on the boats, and others must fill in sometimes on weekends. (Tinker thinks this legislative proposal might pass.)

- A \$75,000 appropriation so the DCI crime lab can gear up to provide DNA testing of criminal evidence by 1995. Currently, the DCI must screen DNA-test requests from Iowa law enforcement agencies, and then use the FBI lab for the test, a slow process. And the FBI typically does not accept cases older than 1989. That fact likely will force the Coralville Police Department and Johnson County Attorney's Office, for instance, to seek the test at a private lab, at a cost of a couple thousand dollars, in its

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effort to solve the 1981 murder of Vicki Klotzbach. (Tinker is less sure the Legislature will fund this proposal).

Marlin also asks the Legislature and Branstad not to forget the 1976 murder of Keota town Marshal Doug Bell, not solved until 1979. He wants them to realize the success that can come from a small, special unit of agents devoted full time to solving aging, unsolved homicides and other heinous crimes.

Tinker notes that North Carolina and Minnesota are two states with such approaches, and he agrees Iowa has had its success in the past with the technique.

"It's a good idea, but we don't have the resources to do that now, so we're not doing it," says Tinker. "Hopefully, in the future we will be able to do some of those things again, when hopefully our resources pick up."

### Mysteries forever?

Michael Campion, assistant superintendent for the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, says his agency has three agents looking at old cases, with the guiding principle that "not every homicide can be solved."

Some cases will remain mysteries forever, says Campion, because the crime scene may not have been mined well for evidence or the criminal may have been careful not to leave clues behind.

"But I don't know that until I study (the old cases). And I want to make sure there aren't any unsolved ones that can be solved," he says.

His agents now are looking at

four homicides they think might be solvable.

Iowa has gone in a different direction. No one seems to be talking about homicide cases not getting solved. And that irks Marlin.

"Since murder is the most vicious crime that can happen out there, I think we should devote more time to it," says Marlin.

But he is not optimistic about getting his way. His budget agenda, he knows, is only one of many in tight times.

Maybe a television show that would force the public to view an autopsy or two would open the public wallet, he says.

"After you witness a couple of autopsies you get saddened by these crimes," says Marlin. "When you're the public, you don't see them. You forget about them."

"If they could see, they'd care."

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for the district, and Nagle to present himself as a majority congressman who is able to do more for the district than a minority member such as Nussle.

The two have clashed over issues such as funding for the Avenue of the Saints between St. Paul, Minn., and St. Louis, Mo. In Eastern Iowa, the superhighway will run on Highway 218 and Interstate 380.

Nussle has been a leader in pushing for full disclosure of all members of Congress who bounced checks at the House bank. Last year, he wore a paper bag over his head on the House floor to protest the bank scandal.

Nagle disclosed Friday that he wrote four checks that exceeded his balance at the House bank between November 1989 through June 1991, for a total of \$610.

He said he had an explanation — deposits were not immediately posted by the bank — but no excuses.

The bank, which was closed last fall after the congressional check-bouncing scandal broke, never notified Nagle that he was overdrawn, and it never returned any of the checks for lack of funds. All four checks were written for cash.

Arthur Miller, a U of I political science professor, said Nagle's problem checks could give Nussle a issue in the campaign. But Miller said the relatively small amount of money involved and the fact that Nagle was not informed of the problem likely would limit any advantage to Nussle.

"I don't think he's going to get much out of it," said Miller.

One check was returned to Nussle because he forgot to sign it. He has declined to disclose the amount of overdrafts in his private account. Nagle revealed that he had two overdrafts in personal accounts.

Nagle, of Cedar Falls, recently announced his candidacy for the 2nd District. Nussle, of Manchester, has filed candidacy papers but has not yet formally announced.

Nagle brings 14 of the 16 counties from his old 3rd District into the new 2nd District. In that group is Nagle's home base of Black Hawk County, which includes Waterloo, the district's largest city.

But he lost the Democratic bastion of Johnson County to Republican Jim Leach of the 1st

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District and Marshall County to Republican Jim Ross Lightfoot in the 3rd District. Nagle carried both counties in his first race in 1986.

Nussle lost Linn, Jones, Cedar and Clinton counties under reapportionment. However, Tabor carried all four counties in 1990.

Heavily Democratic Dubuque County, home of Dubuque, the district's second-largest city, remains in the new 2nd District. Nussle's pro-life abortion position struck a responsive chord with the county's conservative Democrats and he narrowly won the county in 1990.

Cerro Gordo County, home of Mason City, the district's third-largest city, could be a key battleground because neither candidate has run there before. Sixth District Rep. Fred Grandy, a Republican, carried the county in his first race in 1986. But Democratic Sen. Tom Harkin also won the county in his 1990 re-election contest against Tom Tauke.

Voter registrations are almost evenly divided in the district between Democrats, Republicans and independents, with Democrats having a slight edge.

Nagle raised \$150,895 in the last six months of 1991 and ended the year with \$121,029 in the bank. Nussle raised \$118,741 in the same period, ending the year with \$60,819 on hand.

Nussle spent \$466,259 in 1990. Nagle spent \$345,154 in 1990 to win re-election without opposition.

Nagle, former chairman of the Iowa Democratic Party, serves on the House Agriculture Committee and the Science, Space and Technology Committee.

Nussle serves on the House Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Committee, the Agriculture Committee and the Select Committee on Aging.

Voters in the new 3rd District, which spans southern Iowa, are expected to choose between Lightfoot, currently representing the 5th District, and Secretary of State Elaine Baxter, a Democrat.

Leach is opposed by Democrat Jan Zonneveld of Cedar Rapids, who ran unsuccessfully in the old 2nd District in 1990. Cedar Rapids was shifted from the 2nd to the 1st District under reapportionment.

## SNOWFALL

City	Inches
Clermont	2.0
Decorah	5.0
Dubuque	6.0
Manchester	1.5
Monona	3.5
Oelwein	1.0

Source: KCRG-TV

## Weather

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The Jackson County Sheriff's Office said Jaia Rosenfels, 21, of rural Maquoketa, was seriously injured in a collision on Highway 62 east of Maquoketa.

Rosenfels was driving west at 11:15 a.m. when she lost control of her car on the snow and ice and slid sideways into the east-bound lane, investigators said. Her car was struck broadside on the passenger side by a car driven by 62-year-old Richard Steiner of rural Maquoketa.

Rosenfels was taken to University Hospitals in Iowa City, where she was listed in serious condition last night. Steiner was treated and released.

Three people were injured in a two-vehicle accident Saturday morning, one-eighth of a mile east of Preston on Highway 64.

According to the Iowa State Patrol, Mikel McDermott, 17, of rural Preston, was eastbound on Highway 64 at 10:30 a.m. He approached a slight curve in the road, lost control of the vehicle and slid on snow. The rear of the car slid to the right. A west-bound car driven by Gordon Leader, 31, of rural Miles, crossed the center line. The two vehicles collided.

Leader's son, James Leader, 3, was taken to Mercy Hospital in Davenport with head injuries. He was listed in critical condition last night.

McDermott was treated at Samaritan Health System in Clinton and released. Gordon Leader was treated at Jackson County Public Hospital and released.

The National Weather Service said snowfall in the heart of the storm ranged from 2 inches to 6 inches in a swath from Cresco through Decorah.

Cedar Rapids received about a half-inch of rain but no snow.

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