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Mon'ter Glasper
Iowa basketball player



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(Iowa Today)

'94: All in all, not a bad year



Dave Barry, 6-7A

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FORECAST

| TODAY | MONDAY |
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| Flurries possible early then mostly cloudy | Partly cloudy and cool |
| High 16 Low 10 | High 25 Low 5 |
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East Iowa seers see into 1995

What's ahead? More sightings of Elvis and Newt

By Dave Rasdal
Gazette staff writer

Do you know what day it is? Of course. It's the day for prophecies, predictions and prognostications.

Flip through the months of "Glen Epstein's 1995 Calendar of Country Knowledge & Extraordinary Americana" and learn that, on April 2, we'll all spring ahead. Not on our hands, but on our wristwatches. For that's the day we lose an hour of sleep by turning our clocks forward, but gain an hour of evening sunshine.

The Iowa City calligrapher's 11th annual calendar also skips a few years to prophesy that "By the year 2000, the average drag from a cigarette will cost \$1.43."

At 10 puffs per cigarette, a 20-cigarette pack will cost \$286. No doubt \$285 of that will be taxes.

As long as we're in Iowa City, turn to the phone book yellow pages to find listings for five psychics — predicting the future for clients in Davenport, Rock Island, Chicago, Waterloo and, yes — you know this is coming — Iowa City.

Psychic Readings by Donna of Iowa City provides private and confidential readings and advice on a variety of topics, from career to love.

So, what does Donna Williams think 1995 will bring?

"It's difficult to focus on the world or the state," she says. "It's much easier to focus on one person. That's what I do."

Still, Williams, who has been a psychic for a dozen years, took a look at her community. She predicts "a big corporation will be coming in by December of '95," "that the economy will be growing," that Iowa City will experience "more peace than this year" and that "it seems to become more well-known; people will be talking about it."

Maybe that additional publicity will relate to the precinct caucuses, which arrive in a mere 12 months. Obviously, party politics promises particularly provoking pasturage for the pundits.

Gazette sports columnist Mike Hlas, who feeds on such frenzy, forecasts that "Bob Dole and Phil Gramm will bump into each other in Belle Plaine while both are campaigning for the Republican presidential nomination, and the result will be a

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

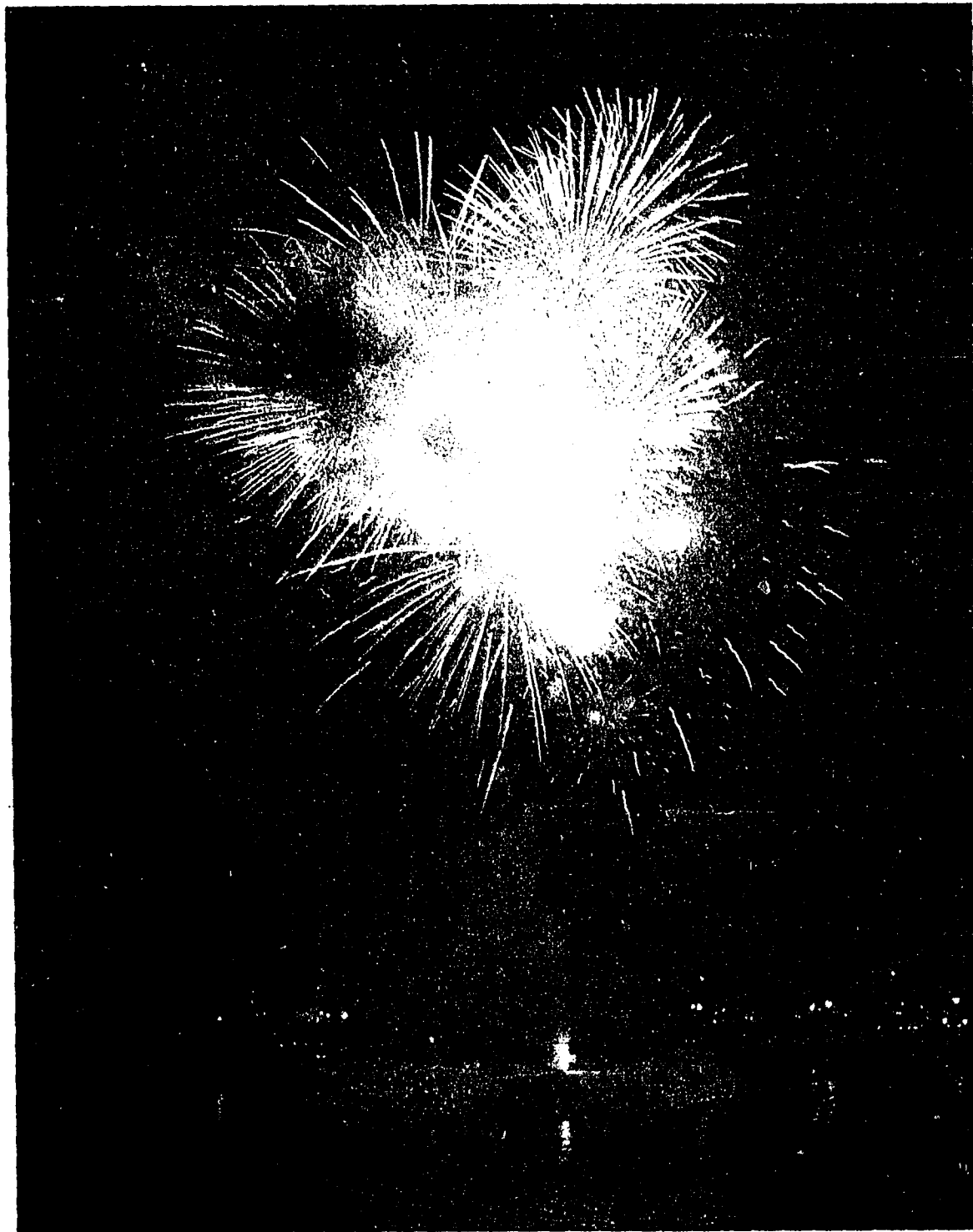


Photo by Michael J. Hamill, Gazette Intern

Fireworks light up the Cedar Rapids sky last night to signal the kickoff of First Star Eve and help usher in the new year. The display was launched from Mays Island in the Cedar River by the Atomic City Shooters of Palo. Story, photos on 15A.

Homicide was C.R.'s 6th in '94

Police to ask for arrest warrant in stabbing death

By Douglas Neumann
Gazette staff writer

The stabbing death of Elonda Lacey marked the sixth homicide in Cedar Rapids in 1994, tying the city's highest number of murders in a single year since 1991.

Police have solved four of the 1994 homicides and last night appeared confident the Lacey slaying soon would be solved.

Police Chief Bud Byrne said detectives are prepared to request an arrest warrant for a suspect in the case. Detectives declined to release the identity of the suspect until a warrant is signed this morning.

Byrne noted that the six homicides in the city and most other

homicides in Eastern Iowa have not been random acts of violence, but have resulted from personal disputes.

Because of that, he said, the murders should not cause residents to fear for their safety.

"There really doesn't seem to be any interwoven pattern between any of them," Byrne said. "These are incidents that happened between people, and there's really not a whole lot the community or the police can do about that."

He noted that crime and violence are increasing in most cities.

"It speaks of a more violent society," Byrne said.

Lacey, 21, was killed Friday afternoon in an upper apartment at 1577 Second Ave. SE. Police were called to the scene when an unidentified man

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Hairdresser arrested in abortion clinic slayings

NORFOLK, Va., (AP) — A melancholy, Scripture-quoting student hairdresser was arrested minutes after shots were fired at an abortion clinic Saturday and charged with spraying deadly gunfire through two clinics in suburban Boston a day earlier.

John Salvi III was arrested near the Hillcrest Clinic. The building was hit 23 times but no one was injured.

He faces two first-degree murder charges in the attacks Friday in Brookline, Mass., and a

Relatives of victim say she knew the risks, 3A

charge of firing into an occupied building in the attack in Norfolk, which is more than 600 miles from Boston.

The clinic was open at the time, with two guards posted in the lobby. The gunman pumped bullets into the lobby's windows about 11:30 a.m., authorities said.

When police pulled the suspect over about three blocks from the clinic, he tossed a .22-caliber semiautomatic weapon out the truck window as officers surrounded him, police

John Salvi III
Faces 2 1st-degree murder charges



spokesman Larry Hill said.

Police linked Salvi, 22, to a handgun, ammunition and a receipt from a Salisbury, Mass., gun shop that were found in a duffel bag dropped at one of the Brookline clinics.

Salvi's co-workers at the Portsmouth School of Hair Design in New Hampshire, where he was studying to be a beautician, recall his gloomy air, the picture of a fetus he had on the back of his pickup and his habit of quoting from the Bible.

For updates on this story call 363-7000 or 337-7000, category 2523.

Russian troops attack Grozny

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Russian ground forces launched a ferocious assault on the Chechen capital and broke into the city Saturday. Heavy artillery and rocket fire set many buildings ablaze, including the parliament.

The government of the rebel republic claimed it had repelled what it called the long-expected Russian storming of Grozny.

But Russia's military said Saturday night that its troops controlled the railway station and many of the Chechen government's buildings in Grozny. It promised to continue what it characterized not as a storming, but attempts to disarm rebel fighters, Russian news agencies reported.

The New Year's Eve attack marked one of the bloodiest days in the Kremlin's 20-day-old offensive in the secessionist republic. A group of Russian lawmakers visiting Grozny went on Chechen TV and urged Russian President Boris

Yeltsin to "stop the bloodshed."

The assault appeared to come from at least two directions, north and southwest. But it was hard to pinpoint the action — smoke from at least nine fires burning at the Lenin oil refinery and in the industrial district turned the city as black as night soon after the attack began in late morning.

By midafternoon, the picture was chaotic. Heavy machine-gun and rifle fire resounded through downtown Grozny. Firefighters were heard in the central, northern and southwestern parts of the capital. Russian Sukhoi fighter-bombers swooped overhead.

One Russian bomb struck a prison in the capital and killed 26 prisoners, a Chechen spokesman told the Moscow Echo radio station.

For updates on this story call 363-7000 or 337-7000, category 2524.

Tax-cut fever to sweep new Legislature

By Rod Boshart

Gazette Des Moines Bureau

DES MOINES — Fred Grandy is exiting Iowa politics probably having done more to shape the Iowa Legislature's agenda than anybody who has never served at the state Capitol.

A year ago state lawmakers were mopping up the last traces of red ink from the state's protracted budget deficit battle when the Sioux City Republican arrived from Washington with a case of tax-cut fever.

The condition spread in epidemic proportions throughout the 1994 election season. Virtually all 150 members of the 76th General Assembly are arriving

at the Capitol for next week's start of the 1995 session with some plan to reduce taxes.

The session-long challenge now for Republicans who control the House and Democrats who hold a majority of Senate seats is to square campaign promises with the state's budget realities, bridge philosophical gulfs and find a common denominator among various proposals to relieve Iowans' income- and property-tax bur-

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dens.

"You can't cut all the taxes of this state, and I think that's where the reality starts to come in," said Senate President Pro Tempore-elect Tony Bisignano of Des Moines.

"When you isolate the issues, then we start to divide ourselves as to how we choose to go that path, and I think that's going to be the difficult part of this year," he said.

Annual state tax collections

are expected to top \$4 billion for the first time, and projections call for net revenues to exceed spending by nearly \$1 billion over the next four years. Gov. Terry Branstad said it is incumbent on lawmakers to carve out tax reductions early this session to head off a feeding frenzy among special-interest groups and bureaucrats anxious to carve up the surplus.

Branstad-led Republicans are pushing a four-year plan to cut state income taxes by 15 percent across all income categories and provide \$78 million in property tax relief by fiscal 1999. The plan

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- Wednesday: Iowa Communications Network, technology and infrastructure.
- Thursday: Welfare and health care reforms, and abortion.
- Friday: Gambling.
- Saturday: Hog lots.
- Sunday, Jan. 8: Crime, the death penalty and prisons.
- Monday, Jan. 9: First day of the new Legislature.