2nd murder suspect held, also linked to '94 slaying

By Rick Smith

Cedar Rapids police investigators on Wednesday revealed that they have made an arrest in connection with the murder of an Iowa man who disappeared in February 1994.

They arrested Carlos Dawson Montford – a 20-year-old Cedar Rapids resident – on a charge of first-degree murder.

Montford is accused of stabbing and slitting the throat of Dennis Dawson, 49, in an alley behind the First Avenue Bar in downtown Cedar Rapids on the night of February 2.

Montford surrendered to police Monday afternoon at the Black Gangster Bistro (jog参见act) in Cedar Rapids.

His arrest comes after a year-and-a-half search for Dawson, who had been missing since the night of the murder.

Montford was identified as the suspect after police received a tip from a probation officer.

They believe that Montford burglarized Dawson's home on the night of the murder, then killed him and took his car.

According to court documents based on sworn statements, Montford admitted to taking Dawson's car and to stabbing him.

Montford was also charged with disturbing the peace at the bar where Dawson worked.

A grand jury indictment returned last week charged Montford with first-degree murder, first-degree burglary, and simple assault.

Montford is scheduled to be arraigned in Black Hawk County District Court on Thursday.

Lawmakers agree on school funding

Leaders expect Branstad support for 2-year package

By Rod Boush

State legislators are expected to reach an agreement on a two-year school funding package today, with lawmakers predicting that Governor Terry Branstad will support the measure.

The package includes an increase in the state's education budget of about $844 million, or 3.5 percent, from the current fiscal year.

It also includes a provision to adjust school funding for inflation, which has been a concern for school districts.

Governor Branstad has been pushing for a two-year funding package, saying it would provide more stability for schools.

Branstad's education department has estimated that the increase would result in a net increase of about $844 million in state aid.

The state has been facing a budget shortfall of about $1 billion, and state leaders are hoping the package will help bridge the gap.

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As part of a two-pronged effort with co-workers trying to get tickets Wednesday to the University of Iowa game in the National Invitational Tournament, Marlee House of Cedar Rapids lines up Tickets Master with a cellular phone.

Behind her, co-workers wait in the line at the Five Seasons Center ticket office over the noon hour. Have tried for 25 minutes without success, but her Commerce Clearing House co-worker Glenn Roodfield returned with 10 tickets in hand and announced, “We’re there.” Tickets sold out in 50 minutes. Tournament details, 1C.

BRIEFLY

C.H. bottle sold after 77 years

A 77-year-old C.H. bottle sold in a Cedar Rapids bottling company has been honored by the Iowa Newspaper Association’s top senior journalist: Dorothy.

Details on page 1B.

Spanish named ‘Mr. Football’

Cedar Rapids Polk’s Adrian Aluminum has been named Iowa Newspaper Association’s top senior football player: Daniel.

Details on page 1B.

Younger Canney continues tradition

Kevin Canney says he has never missed the chance to cheer on his native city of Cedar Rapids, where he was a star student-athlete a decade ago.

Details on page 1B.

Ex-postal worker arrested in 4 killings

By Lynne Fourboum

Postal supervisor financial aid

Paper is becoming more common.

Over the past year, the cost of paper has increased. The cost to make paper has increased by 10 percent from about $60 per metric ton to $80 per metric ton. Additional increases are expected within the next few months.

"As the cost of the mail, I couldn’t even hazard a guess," said Gary Berman, a station manager for U.S. Postal Service.

Distributing Black Brothers in the Northeast

For customers, that means the cost of mailing a letter will increase by about $10 per envelope to notebook paper to publications to increase by about $10 per envelope to notebook paper.

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Paper has been increasing as a percentage of the total cost of mailing a letter. By 2020, paper will account for about 50 percent of the total cost of mailing a letter.

It is expected that the cost of paper will continue to increase as postal rates increase.

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Louisiana GOP leapt frogs Iowa caucus

Louisiana GOP Chairman Mike Francis said last night that the caucuses are unanimously scheduled for Feb. 6. The Iowa date is Feb. 2 and New Hamp- shire’s primary is Feb. 9.

Francis said the GOP caucuses also provide the flexibility to reschedule the caucuses in order to ensure Louisiana’s participation in the caucuses.

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