

# GRASSLEY TOPS CANDIDATES IN FUNDS RAISED

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Third District Republican Congressman Charles Grassley is no conservative when it comes to campaign financing.

Figures on file at the Iowa Secretary of State's office indicate Grassley has gathered a war chest of \$166,105 to finance his reelection drive.

Grassley's treasury far exceeds that of any other Iowa congressional candidate, and is more than two and one-half times the money gathered by his opponent, Democrat Steve Rapp. Although Grassley has amassed a huge reelection fund, he had spent only \$50,594 as of Oct. 1, according to his report. That left him \$115,511 to spend in the closing month of his campaign. Rapp had received a total of \$59,359 and had spent \$51,805 as of Oct. 1, according to his reports.

The biggest spender to date has been Republican Jim Leach, who is trying to unseat Democratic Congressman Ed Mezvinsky in the First District in southeastern Iowa.

Leach reported that he had received \$130,595 as of Oct. 1, and had spent \$122,388. Leach, a millionaire Bettendorf businessman, is also the only candidate to report substantial contributions to his own campaign. Leach had given \$17,950 to his campaign as of Oct. 1.

Leach had outspent Mezvinsky by more than \$44,000 at the time the reports were filed. Mezvinsky reported receiving \$87,381 and spending \$78,297.

The least costly congressional campaign was being waged in the Fourth District.

Democratic Congressman Neal Smith had gathered \$30,788 for his reelection bid, more than half of that amount coming from a fund-raising

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dinner held earlier this year in Des Moines. Smith had spent \$11,794 as of Oct. 1.

Smith's challenger, Republican Charles Minor, had received \$10,403 and spent \$5,369 when the reports were filed. More than 80 per cent of Minor's money came from the Iowa Republican State Central Committee.

### Low-Budget Campaigns

In northwest Iowa's Sixth District, both candidates have run rather low-budget campaigns to date. Democratic Congressman Berkley Bedell had received \$55,071 and spent \$37,814.

Bedell's opponent, Republican Joanne Soper, had received \$42,098 and had spent almost all of it — \$41,040 — when the reports were filed.

In the Fifth District, the candidates are locked in a tight spending race. Democratic Congressman Tom Harkin had received \$102,656 and spent \$83,304 when he filed his report. His challenger, Republican Ken Fulk, had gathered \$97,210 and spent \$82,944 during the same period.

It is a widely held tenet of American politics that a challenger must outspend an incumbent in order to win.

That is the pattern being followed by both challengers in eastern Iowa districts. In the Second District, Republican Tom Riley had spent \$75,008 as of the filing deadline, about \$9,000 more than Democratic Congressman Mike Blouin.

Blouin had spent \$65,997 of his \$70,927 campaign treasury, while Riley had spent all but \$463 of his \$75,471.

The campaign finance reports also testify to the influence wielded in congressional campaigns by special interest groups.

Only Republican Leach has refused to accept money from any company or union political action committee (PAC). Leach has accepted organized group money only from his own party. He reported that he had received \$5,000 from the Republican National Committee, \$4,000 from the National Republican Congressional Committee and \$15,000 from the Iowa Republican State Central Committee.

Mezvinsky received money from his

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# Beef swings too far

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of another slow-moving semi that had just pulled out of a rest stop. That truck spilled some of its load, live beef cattle, which had to be rounded up in the darkness Wednesday morning. The accident is still being investigated.

party organizations, including \$5,000 from the Iowa State Democratic Party and \$3,000 from the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. And the congressman received contributions from a wide range of other special interest groups, including the Northwestern Officers Trust Account (\$1,000), the Coal Miners PAC (\$500), Title Industry PAC (\$500), International Ladies Garment Workers Union PAC (\$700), the National Education Association PAC (\$3,000), the United Auto Workers V-CAP (\$5,000), the Buildings and Trades Department Political Education Fund (\$1,000), the AFL-CIO Iowa COPE (\$5,000), the Committee for Low Cost Electrical Energy (\$1,000) and the National Committee for an Effective Congress (\$2,611).

Democratic incumbents Mezvinsky, Blouin and Harkin all received \$500 from the Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Congressional Fund. O'Neill is running for speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

### Wide Range

Grassley's money came from an equally wide range of special interests, on the other end of the political spectrum.

Grassley received money from the Constructive Congress Committee (\$250), the Title Industry PAC (\$500), Employee Rights Campaign Committee (\$500), Retail Grocers PAC (\$100), American Cyanamid Co. PAC (\$200), National Conservative PAC (a total of \$750), Business-Industry PAC (\$2,000), American Medical PAC (\$2,500), Iowa Medical PAC (\$5,000), Skelly PAC (\$250), Committee for Survival of a Free Congress (\$1,000), the Construction Survival Club (\$500), Central Soya PAC (\$300), and Breadpac (a bakers' lobby, \$1,500).

Grassley, Fulk, Harkin, Smith, Blouin and Mezvinsky all received money, in varying amounts, from the Illinois Fund, operated by Deere and Co.

Republicans Grassley, Riley, Fulk and Soper were the beneficiaries of money left over from the campaigns of defeated GOP congressmen Wiley Mayne and William Scherle.

### Electric association asks for rate increase

The Register's Iowa News Service MOUNT PLEASANT, IA. — The Southeast Iowa Cooperative Electric Association has asked the Iowa Commerce Commission for a 14 per cent increase in their rates. The increase, if granted, would take effect Nov. 15 and would raise the average monthly bill by \$3.23 a month.

### Chip to Missouri

ST. LOUIS, MO. — Chip Carter, 26, son of Jimmy Carter, will campaign in eastern Missouri Friday.

# BCI ASKED TO AID IN FUNDS PROBE

By MARGARET ENGEL  
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SIoux CITY, IA. — State Auditor Lloyd Smith Wednesday asked Woodbury County Atty. Zigmund Chwirka to call in the Iowa Bureau of Criminal Investigation to try to determine what happened to funds and equipment apparently missing from a Sioux City alcoholism center.

A recent state audit indicated that \$487,000 cannot be adequately traced and that \$2,250 worth of equipment owned by the American Indian Council on Problem Drinking and Drug Addiction apparently is missing.

The agency, which was started in 1974, was closed Oct. 1. The Iowa Division on Alcoholism suspended funding for the center in June after inspectors had termed it a "misadventure into treatment."

Jeff Voskans, head of the Iowa Division on Alcoholism, said 68 per cent of the center's funds was spent on overhead and only 11 per cent on treatment. "Someone's getting gyped," he said.

Voskans also said two of the center's board members — Norm and Karen Mackey — are related to John Mackey, a former member of the Iowa Alcoholism Commission. Smith said that situation should not have existed.

John Mackey was removed from the state commission by Gov. Robert Ray last month because he had missed more than three consecutive meetings.

# Handicapped children sought, aid available

A State Department of Public Instruction (DPI) project entitled "Child Find" is seeking to identify handicapped persons ranging in age from infancy to 21 years who are eligible for special education assistance.

Emphasis is being placed on the location and identification of the severely and profoundly handicapped, and the pre-school handicapped, according to Mark Feustel, special education consultant for the DPI.

"Children may receive the educational and support services they need if they are brought to the attention of their resident school district and Area Education Agency and are found to be handicapped," Feustel said. "Programs and services now are available to help them achieve their fullest potential."

The "Child Find" project is being implemented through Iowa's 15 area education agencies and 449 community school districts.

# Iowa City doctors elected to medical group posts

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE REGISTER  
LAS VEGAS, NEV. — Dr. Roger A. Simpson of Iowa City was elected second vice-president of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology when the group convened here recently. Other officers include Dr. C. M. Kos, executive secretary-treasurer; Dr. Frederick C. Blodi, secretary for ophthalmology, and Dr. Brian F. McCabe, secretary for otolaryngology, all of Iowa City.

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# Testifies Scovel room broken into earlier

By NICK LAMBERTO  
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The owner of the building where the body of Mary Ann Scovel was found last Apr. 15 testified in Polk County District Court Wednesday that the apartment where she lived had been broken into earlier and that some keys were apparently missing.

Donald LaPorte, 36, the owner of the building, also said the locks were not changed on the apartment after the break-in.

### Calvert Charged

Jeffrey Robert Calvert, 22, who lived in the apartment next door to Scovel at the time of the strangulation slaying, has been charged with murder in connection with the death.

LaPorte said a previous tenant had reported a break-in at the apartment before Scovel, 18, and Terry Lee Lively, 27, moved in about Mar. 15.

He also testified that the front door lock on the apartment occupied by Calvert apparently had been broken sometime before Calvert moved out.

Calvert and his wife, Patricia, moved to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester E. Calvert, at 3213 Forty-eighth St. shortly after the slaying. The elder Calvert is president of Calvert Realty, Inc.

Under cross-examination by Lawrence Scalise, a defense attorney, LaPorte testified it was possible to get into Scovel apartment through a kitchen window. And he said there had been complaints about "people peeking into apartments" there.

### Talked to Daughter

Everett Scovel, 46, of 4320 N.E. Twenty-seventh st., father of the slain girl, testified that he talked to his daughter on the telephone sometime between 4:35 p.m. and 4:50 p.m. on the day before her body was found.

He said his daughter did not have a telephone in her apartment.

And Eloise Ann Stewart of 1328 E. Twenty-ninth St., the mother of Calvert's wife, testified that she was

with her daughter and Calvert from about 6 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. that day.

Although he has not testified at the trial, Emmanuel Laesina, the deputy Polk County medical examiner who performed an autopsy, has said he believed Scovel was slain sometime between 6 and 7 p.m. on that day.

Des Moines Police Sgt. Gerald R. Limke told the court that he took photographs of the dead woman, but he conceded there could be distortions in the enlargements used as court exhibits because the pictures had not been taken from measured distances or angles.

Limke also said there were no fingerprints taken at Scovel apartment until the day after the body was discovered. He said none of Calvert's fingerprints was found in the apartment.

Earlier, Lively, 27, of 1434 Harding Road, testified he had discovered Scovel's body when he returned home from work about 1 a.m. Apr. 15.

He said both the front and back doors of the apartment were locked, and that a fire door between his apartment and the Calvert apartment next door was locked only on the Calverts' side.

Police Lt. Frederick Carson testified that a kitchen water faucet was running when he arrived at the apartment, and that water had filled the sink and overflowed, spreading to the living room and bathroom.

### Heard Nothing

Carson said he tried to rouse the occupants of the apartment next door and, after gaining entrance to the apartment, found Mrs. Calvert in bed. He said she told him she had heard nothing from the Scovel apartment.

The jurors were sworn in Wednesday morning and Judge A. B. Crouch excused one of them — Cindy Laughlin — "for personal reasons" Wednesday afternoon. Laughlin was replaced by alternate Anita Gustafson.

The other jurors are Ruth Abuhl, Nancy Morris, Terry Lee Marsh, Charlotte Kraai, David Shirk, June Mogensen, Mabel McDaniel, Maxine Cross, Henry Clark, Allie A. Plude and Nathaniel Gilbert. The only remaining alternate is Richard Treman.

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