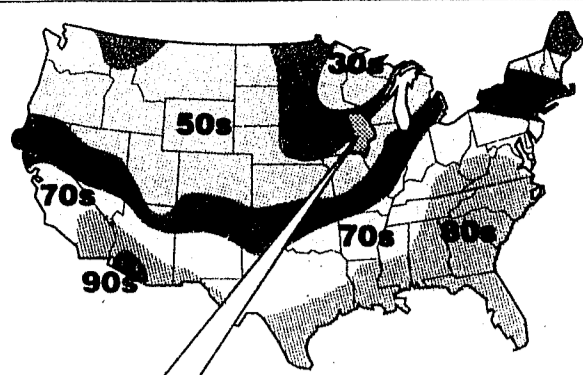


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City, board study library move

The Marion Library Board and city officials have agreed to form a five-member committee to examine whether the Marion Carnegie Library should be moved to Mentzer Elementary School...

Condition improves
Robbery-assault victim 'fair'

Hospital officials have upgraded the condition of an elderly Cedar Rapids woman who was assaulted, robbed and left for dead March 22.

Blanche Gloe, 81, of 505 36th St. NE, was reported in critical condition after police found her injured in the office of the apartment house she owns and manages at 1344 Second Ave. SE.

Officials at St. Luke's Hospital are listing her in fair condition, adding that she "was not responding," investigators said.

St. Luke's is not commenting to the press on Gloe's condition at the request of her family.

Dwight Murray, 30, a parolee on the lam from Texas who apparently had been staying with one of Gloe's tenants, has been charged with first-degree robbery and second-degree burglary in the incident.

He is in Linn County Jail on \$240,000 bond, awaiting trial on the felony charges.

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C.R. house valuations hiked 14%

By Tom Fruehling
Gazette staff writer

Cedar Rapids owners of low- and medium-priced houses face the largest percentage increases in assessed valuation under new statements sent out by the City Assessor's Office.

Owners of high-priced homes, on the other hand, are seeing the least dramatic increases.

City Assessor Rick Ellars said the 1991 property valuations, which were mailed to Cedar Rapids residents late last week, reflect current conditions in the local housing market.

Because there is greater demand for houses in the low and middle range, they are selling faster and going up in value. Sale of upscale homes, meanwhile, has dropped from two years ago.

Ellars said the largest increase under the latest residential equalization process was 15.84 percent, while the lowest was 5.29 percent. All residential properties have risen in valuation, Ellars said, and the aggregate increase was 14 percent.

Two years ago, when home values were last adjusted, valuations of high-priced houses rose more than 23 percent.

Ellars said expensive homes were in great demand two years ago. But now, lower interest rates have encouraged more first-time buyers to move into houses on the lower end of the price scale.

Ellars said a higher assessed valuation does not necessarily mean higher property taxes. The latest valuation will be used for taxes due in September of 1992 and March of 1993, and the tax levy for that period will not be set until next year.

Homeowners who want to contest their valuations may file appeals with the Assessor's Office between April 16 and May 6. The City Assessor's Office is on the fifth floor of City Hall.

L.A. chief reinstated - for now

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Police Chief Daryl Gates won a court order Monday allowing him to return to work temporarily while a judge considers a deal he struck with the City Council to stay on permanently in the aftermath of a videotaped police beating.

Gates filed a lawsuit to get his job back. Civil rights groups moved to block his reinstatement in a flurry of courthouse filings a week after the Police Commission ordered him to take a 60-day paid leave.

Superior Court Judge Ronald Sohigian didn't rule on whether the City Council has the right to overrule the Police Commission.

Sohigian scheduled a hearing for April 25.

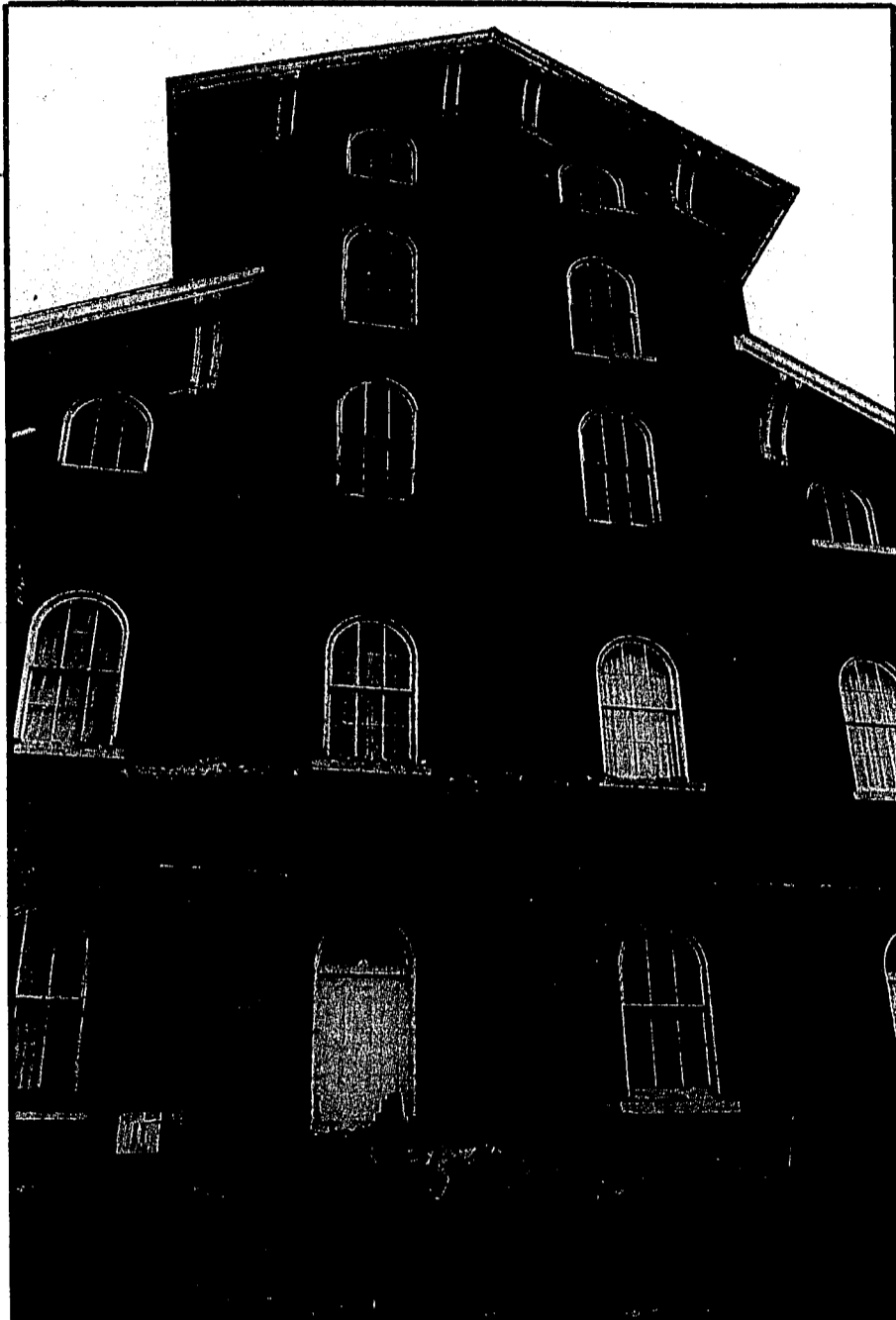
In the lawsuit, Gates' attorney, Jay Grodin, asked for an injunction to block the Police Commission's suspension. He also demanded unspecified monetary damages.

Minutes later, the Urban League, Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the Brotherhood Crusade filed a taxpayer lawsuit seeking, among other things, an injunction barring the City Council from overturning Gates' suspension.

The City Council voted Friday to settle Gates' lawsuit immediately, before it was filed, by reinstating him today.

The civil rights groups contend there is a conflict of interest on the part of the city attorney and asked that he be removed from advising on the case. They also asked to intervene in Gates' lawsuit.

Bricks blown from wall



Gazette photos by Annie O'Neill

High winds that ripped through Independence Monday afternoon stripped many of the bricks from the Old Flour Mill's facade, leaving the wood structure exposed.

Winds blow bricks off Independence mill wall

By Dave Rasdal and Donna Lee Olson
Gazette staff writers

Fierce winds that swept across northeast Iowa Monday afternoon shaved bricks off part of a historic mill in Independence.

Winds clocked at 80 mph there at 2:15 p.m. also toppled large trees and wrapped bits of metal debris around traffic signs, witnesses said.

The Buchanan County city appeared to bear the worst of the storm. Neighboring counties also experienced high winds, followed by rain and pea-size to larger hail, according to county emergency management directors.

Independence workers blocked off the area in front of the mill soon after the winds eased. The aim was to guard the crowd of post-storm sightseers in case more bricks tumbled from the wood facade, said Don Parrish, Buchanan County disaster services director.

Brick facing from the top three stories on the front of the mill crumbled to the ground, revealing the wooden structure underneath.

"I'm just worried about what's left hanging there," Parrish said.

The wind swept through Independ-

ence so fast that if you blinked, you might have missed it.

But the damage left behind was evident as bricks toppled like dominoes from the five-story, 124-year-old mill along the Wapsipinicon River and First Street. The mill is on the National Register of Historic Places.

"The wind came up real quick," said Mark Hickey, an employee at the Super Valu store across the street from the mill. "It came up real fast and it just blew through and then it was calm again."

"It was raining really hard," he added. "We saw a sign in the middle of the road at first, and then we looked closer. It was what happened to the mill."

"It just kind of peeled the bricks right off," said co-worker Shelley Stanek.

The landmark mill, built in 1867, has been the subject of fund-raising efforts by the Buchanan County Historical Society, which has been working to make other repairs on the mill. Jasper Riskedahl, president of the society, was out of town all day and wasn't aware of the damage until contacted by The Gazette Monday

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Steve Sands and his children, Becky and Michael, clean up the debris Monday afternoon, after high winds blew down a large limb in their front yard on Highway 150 near Rowley.

Baker tells refugees aid on way

Some Iraqi Kurds claim Saddam still on attack

From Gazette wire services

BORDER POST 49, Iraq — Secretary of State James Baker waded into a sea of Iraqi refugees Monday to promise them that emergency aid is on the way, but he could not deliver what most of them really want: the overthrow of Saddam Hussein.

Standing on a rocky hillside 40 feet inside Iraq's northern border, overlooking a mountain valley choked with the makeshift tents and cooking fires of an estimated 30,000 people, Baker said: "It's up to the international community as a whole to do something about this tragic crime against humanity, and that is what we intend to do."

But refugees and relief workers, noting that almost no food or medicine has reached the swelling camps so far, complained that the promised aid was inexplicably slow in coming. Some Iraqis expressed anger at the United States for failing to crush Saddam's regime; others said their only hope now is permission to resettle their families in the West.

A Kurdish rebel group said Monday that Iraqi helicopter gunships have been firing on Kurdish refugees as they try to flee, and one guerrilla leader said a whole village had been wiped out by Iraqi forces.

Kurdish rebel leader Masoud Barzani charged that Iraqi troops had rampaged through Kara Henjir, a village near the northern oil center of Kirkuk, killing the entire population of 2,000 to 3,000 people.

The report could not be confirmed independently.

No sooner did Baker step out of his Land Rover on the Turkish side of the border and walk across a muddy dirt road to survey the scene on the Iraqi side than a desperate crowd pressed around, eager to tell him of their plight.

"Please, Mr. Baker," cried a man in English, "I want to talk to you. . . . You've got to do something to help us."

"Our children are suffering from hunger and starvation," pleaded the man, Sam Timathwes, 30, an Assyrian Christian from the oil city of

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Government urges watching kids' cholesterol

From Associated Press and Gazette staff reports

WASHINGTON — The government laid out specific recommendations for the first time Monday on how children should follow a low-fat, low-cholesterol diet, saying it could reduce their risk of heart disease later in life.

"This is the major cause of death in adults in this country and we should not miss the opportunity to prevent the disease from beginning in children," said University of Iowa professor Dr. Ronald Lauer, chairman of the expert panel that drafted the recommendations.

The guidelines for youngsters are the same as those recommended for the general population, but federal officials are placing new priority on children. The guidelines call for limiting saturated fatty acids to 10 percent of calories, limiting fat intake to no more than 30 percent of calories and holding cholesterol to 300 milligrams a day.

The panel also recommended that children from families with a history of premature heart disease or high cholesterol have their blood cholesterol levels tested.

That would result in testing about 25 percent of children and adolescents, or about 14 million youngsters. About half of those tested would need follow-up attention, mainly through special diets, the panel said.

Dr. Larry Mahoney, an assistant professor of pediatrics at the U of I, said the proposed testing guidelines came partially



Dr. Ronald Lauer
Panel chairman

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COMING TOMORROW/Animal transplant joke not funny, Dear Abby says