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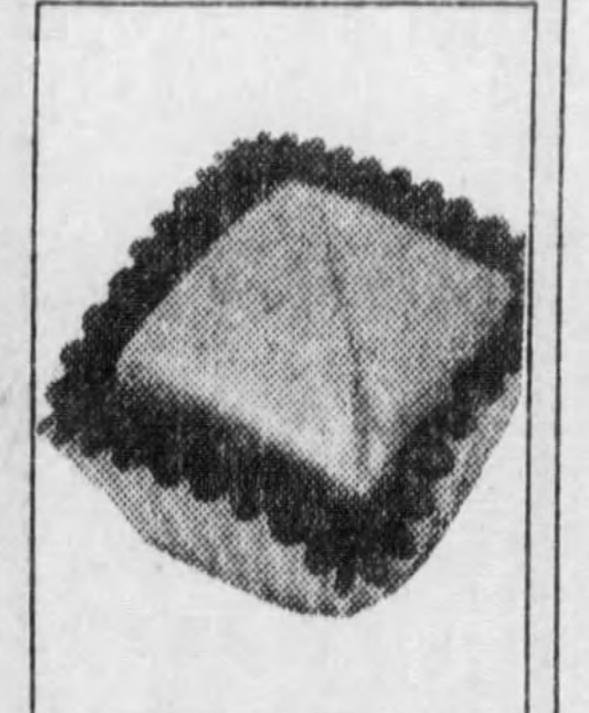
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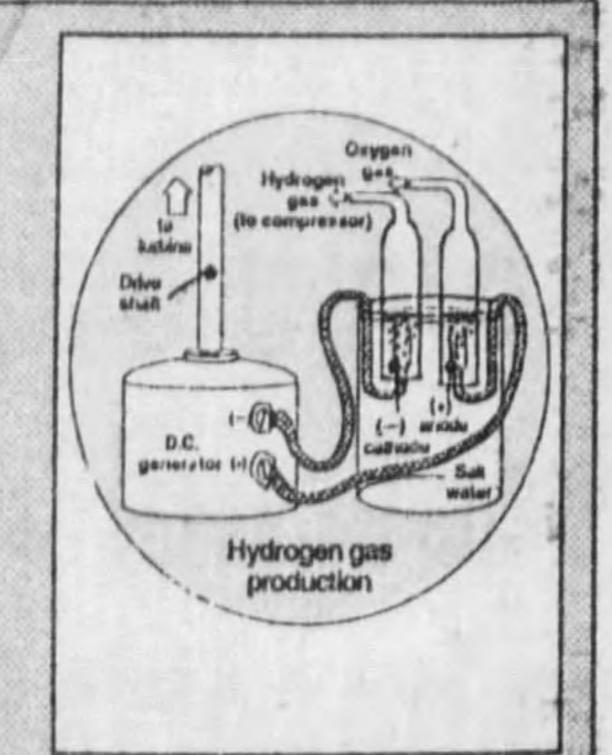
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Move from downtown to NorthRidge suspected

By ANNE WILLETTE

Register Staff Writer Des Moines officials said Wednesday that J.C. Penney Co. plans to invest in the NorthRidge Mall, and they fear the retailer may abandon its downtown store.

Penney pioneered the rebirth of the downtown area by moving into a new store at Fifth Avenue and Walnut Street in 1971. Its departure would seem to confirm merchants' fears that NorthRidge could halt or reverse the rejuvenation.

"That's a confidence factor to me, if Penney were to move," said City Councilman Richard "Ric" Jorgensen, who represents the central business district as part of the 3rd Ward. "That's kind of betting against the downtown."

A spokesman for General Growth Companies, developer of NorthRidge, said he could not confirm or deny reports that Penney has agreed to become a 25 percent partner in North-Ridge and open a store there. "I just don't have any reaction about that subject today," said Douglas Kline.

Larry Biesanz, manager of the downtown Penney store, said he had no information about the company's plans for NorthRidge or his store. Officials at Penney's corporate headquarters in New York and district office in Davenport did not return telephone calls.

\$60 Million Plan

General Growth wants to build a \$60 million, 640,000-square-foot mall near the intersection of Interstate Highway 80 and Northeast 14th Street. The company has asked the city to secure federal money to help with construction costs.

That request has mobilized downtown merchants, who say Des Moines can't support another major mall and that NorthRidge would take shoppers and stores from downtown.

The City Council is expected to vote on the request Nov. 16.

Mayor John "Pat" Dorrian and Councilman Archie Brooks said Wednesday that a Penney subsidiary, J.C. Penney Financial Corp., has agreed to a joint venture in North-Ridge.

Dorrian said he asked Penney for a commitment to stay downtown. "They won't confirm or deny," he said. "They were just completely mute on any kind of answer."

City Manager Cy Carney said General Growth has assured the city that a decision by Penney to open a North-Ridge store would have no effect on the company's future downtown. "The only statement we get is that the decisions are independent and unrelated," he said.

On Target

Dorrian said he also has heard that Target might open a store in North-Ridge, putting the Euclid Avenue Target store in jeopardy.

But Target spokesman George Hite said the retailer has not made a commitment to General Growth and has no plans to close the Euclid store. He added the company is interested in opening another Des Moines store and has been approached by General Growth and several other companies.

NorthRidge's only confirmed tenant is Dillard Department Stores of Little Rock, Ark. The company has agreed to build a 140,000-square-foot store if NorthRidge gets the federal money.

Reports that Penney and Target might abandon their buildings prompted Dorrian to propose a program that would offer grants and loans to distressed retailers. Money would come from NorthRidge's repayment of the federal loan.

Dorrian hopes the program would help current retailers stay in business and new ones set up shop. If Penney left the downtown district, for instance, the money could be used to remodel the building for a new company, he said.

He sees the proposal as a compromise that would give the residents of northeast Des Moines a long-awaited shopping mall and protect businesses in other shopping areas. "I want to be sure that we don't leave anyone high and dry," he said.



Colleges face cutoff in aid for high loan default rates

Secretary William Bennett announced plans Wednesday to terminate student financial aid to colleges and trade schools if more than 20 percent of their former students default on federally backed loans.

Bennett said the new policy, which would not impose sanctions until 1990, was intended to reduce federal payments to cover defaults under the Guaranteed Student Loan program. Defaults account for almost half the \$3.4 billion the government spends on the program, with the rest subsidizing interest rates.

"It's accountability time," Bennett said. He called the current rate of defaults an intolerable, "disgraceful situation" that "will jeopardize future educational opportunities for millions of our students."

According to the Education Department, almost a third of the 7,295

participating schools had default

rates above 20 percent in 1986. For

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Education 533 institutions, the rate exceeded 50

Bennett said most institutions with high default rates were proprietary or profit-making schools that teach such trades as cosmetology, auto mechanics and clerical skills. His department's state-by-state list of all participating schools also showed a disproportionate number of community and historically black colleges, which admit more marginal students, with default rates above 20 percent.

Jerry Nichols, director of the Iowa College Aid Commission, questioned the accuracy of the government's report on Iowa schools, saying some of the reported default rates are substantially higher than suggested by state data. For example, the federal study showed Briar Cliff College with a default rate of 21 percent; Nichols said Briar Cliff students have tradi-

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Iowa's glitzy lottery ticket with its pretty but serious Chinese counterpart.

Lottery ticket-printer sees vast jackpot in China

By BOB SHAW Register Staff Writer

When 1.3 billion Chinese start buy-

ing lottery tickets, Tom Little wants to be the man printing them. "The market is astronomical. It's one-third of the world's population,"

said Little, who brought a group of Chinese officials to Iowa lottery headquarters Wednesday. The Chinese lottery began sales in a single province three months ago, and Chinese officials want American help in their planned expansion throughout the country. Little's com-

pany, Scientific Games Inc., is panting at the prospect of selling up to 10 billion tickets yearly to a population five times that of the United

Zhu Jiangshan, one of the group,

explained through an interpreter why they had come to Iowa: "We are at the beginning. We want to understand different ways of issuing tickets." His title is director of the Department of Raising Funds of the China Social Welfare Lottery Committee.

The demure delegation spoke very little, each of the six men holding his hands behind him and the two women holding their hands in front as they politely watched the computers, phone banks and charts.

The reactions seemed to come from Westerners. When Terry Schooley of Des Moines approached the

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linked to agents' gifts

Reagan picks

By DAVID HESS and ROBERT A. RANKIN

1987 Knight-Ridder Newspapers WASHINGTON, D.C. - President Reagan assembled a five-man task force Wednesday to investigate the causes of the stock market collapse, but urged panel members not to delve into such matters as corporate takeovers and insider trading.

On Capitol Hill, however, some members of the Senate Banking Committee, which opened hearings of its own on the turmoil in the financial markets, argued that takeovers and other "excesses" contributed to the problem and should be investigated.

In naming members of the task force 21/2 weeks after the market's plunge, Reagan indicated that his chief aims were to end uncertainty and restore investor confidence in the

But he made clear, through his spokesman, that he would not favor any recommendations that called for

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a government-imposed restructuring of the market, or for other proposals that might curb the free play of market forces.

"The task force has not been asked to review separately takeovers, matters of corporate governance, insider trading or other topics in the security industry," said White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater. "Nor has the task force been asked specifically to propose new legislation."

Impact of Policies

Fitzwater said the investigative panel would have a free hand to study the impact of government economic policies — such as budget and trade deficits, monetary decisions and existing market regulations — on the market's turbulent performance. The president directed it to report back to him and to the Federal Reserve Board in 60 days.

Reagan had appointed New York investment banker Nicholas Brady to head the panel — known as the President's Task Force on Market Mechanisms — Oct. 22.

The remaining four members, named Wednesday, are James Cotting, chairman and chief executive officer of Navistar International Corp., Chicago; Robert Kirby, chairman of Capital Guardian Trust Co., Los Angeles; Howard Stein, chairman and chief executive officer of the Dreyfus Corp., New York; and John Opel, chairman of the executive committee, IBM Corp., New York. Harvard Business School Professor Robert Glauber was picked to be the panel's executive director.

The banking committee, meanwhile, opened its hearings with testimony from David Ruder, chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Hands-off Approach

Some senators complained that the administration's hands-off approach to market regulation had permitted trading to get out of hand and had contributed to the market's gyra-

Senator Jim Sasser (Dem., Tenn.), noting that Congress' General Accounting Office has long criticized the SEC's policy of letting the market police itself, said the agency now is "enormously under-funded" and incapable of performing fully its regulatory duties.

Senator Paul Sarbanes (Dem., Md.) wondered whether the SEC had the will to clamp down on questionable market practices.

Ruder agreed that his agency was understaffed and underfinanced and that he feared further budget cuts, which he said would be "a disaster." But he commended his employees for helping stabilize the market in the days after the crash.



Kevin Harmon Hawkeyes' leading rusher

Gorbachev: Ease limits on Soviet allies

By PHILIP TAUBMAN 1987 New York Times

MOSCOW, U.S.S.R. - Mikhail Gorbachev, calling for a "more sophisticated culture of mutual relations" among communist countries, said Wednesday that the Soviet Union favored a more flexible approach in its relations with its allies.

In a speech to foreign delegates attending the commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution, Gorbachev said the "arrogance of omniscience" was not an acceptable component of Moscow's relationship with its allies.

He said such arrogance "speaks of a tenacious habit to reject other points of view out of hand."

Shortly before Gorbachev's appearance, a senior Soviet historian told a news conference that a reassessment of the 1968 Soviet intervention in Czechoslovakia was in order. Change Unfolding

The two events gave added momentum to a major policy change in

the Soviet Union's relations with Eastern Europe that has been unfolding in recent months. Easing the rigid control that Moscow tried to exercise over its allies in the decades following World War II, symbolized by the 1956 inva-

sion of Hungary and the 1968 invasion of Czechoslovakia, Gorbachev and his Kremlin colleagues have articulated a more tolerant approach. Moscow's policies toward its Warsaw Pact allies have generally fluctuated between relaxation and tension. At times, the Soviet Union has compelled the East Europeans to parrot its policies; at other times it

has permitted considerable autonomy. Even faced with similar situations. Moscow has acted contradicto-In 1956, for instance, Nikita Khru-

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Ruling spurs U of I probe of star player

By VICTORIA BENNING and JOHN CARLSON

Register Staff Writers University of Iowa athletic officials are investigating allegations

that football player Kevin Harmon accepted money and gifts from a sports agent. The allegations raise questions about whether Iowa could have to

forfeit games in which the senior run-

ning back played during the past three seasons while he might have been ineligible. Harmon leads Iowa this season with 471 yards rushing and five touchdowns and played in the team's

key conference victory last Saturday over Indiana University. Iowa Athletic Director Bump Elliott met with Coach Hayden Fry about

the controversy Wednesday afternoon, one coach said.

Saturday's Game?

Elliott said later Wednesday that the first goal of the investigation is to decide whether Harmon should play in Saturday's game at Northwestern. Elliott said he had no idea yet whether Harmon would play.

"I'm not going to speculate, only because I don't know the extent of the allegations and how it would affect Kevin," Elliott said. "We'll be looking into it immediately."

Contacted Wednesday night, Haron refused to comment.

The disclosure came in articles published in the Atlanta Constitution on Wednesday and today. The articles said an arbitration decision involving Harmon's brother, former Iowa football player Ronnie Harmon, also said

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House chief moves to kill pay raise plan

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) -House Speaker Jim Wright (Dem., Texas) has moved to kill a proposed congressional pay raise that the House authorized last week as part of a deficit-reduction bill, officials said Wednesday.

The Democratic leadership came under harsh GOP criticism for including the 3 percent pay raise in a deficit-reducing tax bill that cleared the House by 206-205 last Thursday night. Democratic vote counters said privately the pay issue cost them 15 votes on the bill.

Wright has told opponents of the raise there will be a separate House vote on the issue next month when Congress takes up the omnibus spending bill for fiscal 1988, said Wright's spokesman, Wilson Morris.

Entrepreneurs are cashing in on teen fascination with suicide

By BART HAYNES

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the single "Suicidal Maniac"? "Now the maniac is here to stay,"

say the lyrics. Welcome to a new American growth industry: cashing in on sui-

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Gesner Mi- About 600,000 10- to 24-year-olds try to kill themselves every year, and 5,121 youths between the ages of 15 and 24 succeeded in taking their lives in 1985, according to the National Center for Health Statistics.

New Phrases

New phrases have popped up in news accounts of the tragedies: cluster suicides, copycat suicides, suicide pacts. Experts who study suicide see the trend as a sad sign of stressful times. But for some entrepreneurs, it's an opportunity for profit.

"It's awfully sick," says Julie Perlman, of the American Association of

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Colleges face aid cut for high student loan defaults

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tionally defaulted on only 5 percent of

their loans.

Among Iowa institutions listed by the government as having default rates above 20 percent are Grand View College and community colleges in Waterloo, Ankeny, Marshalltown, Davenport, Iowa Falls, Ottumwa, Clarinda and Keokuk.

"Defaults are a very serious problem," said Nichols. "But we've been working hard on it already for three years and I think we're making good progress.

This article is based on reports by Knight-Ridder Newspapers and David Westphal of The Register's Washington Bureau.

Nichols said the Iowa schools' overall default rate of 6.4 percent is about

Waterloo leads the state list with a

half the national average.

The Young Cosmetology College in 47 percent default rate. Kim Young, director of Young schools in Waterloo and Cedar Rapids, said the high figure is misleading.

"You're talking about such small numbers that if you have three or four defaults you have very high per-

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centages," she said. Young also criticized Bennett for threatening sanctions against the schools.

"We're doing everything we possibly can to resolve this situation," she said. "Penalizing the school just means hurting the student."

Nichols acknowledged that the proprietary schools' defaults are high, but emphasized that the vast majority of loan defaults occur at two-year and four-year colleges.

According to the federal report, default rates at Iowa's state universities were 11.5 percent at the University of Northern Iowa, 9.3 percent at the University of Iowa and 6.4 percent at Iowa State University. Drake University's default rate was 12.1 percent, the study said.

Over the past eight years the federal government has paid \$34.7 million on defaulted student loans in Iow Nichols said.

Elsewhere, representatives of higher education contended that Bennett's plans to punish colleges were misguided and could make a college education less available to poor, disadvantaged students.

Bennett denied his policy would do that, saying students could simply choose other schools to attend.

"The more you serve low-income, disadvantaged students, the higher the default rate," said Stephen Blair, president of the National Association

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of Trade and Technical Schools. "If

all the schools in the country are

under the 20 percent rule, who is go-

ing to serve the high-risk students?

The reason we've got a higher default

rate is we're teaching more poor

Robert Clodius, president of the

National Association of State Univer-

sities and Land Grant Colleges, part-

ly blamed the Reagan administra-

tion, which has favored student loans

over outright grant programs. "This

is the kind of problem you get into

Dale Parnell, president of the

American Association of Community

and Junior Colleges, said: "To single

out the colleges is kind of like forget-

ting the burglar and penalizing the

store for being so attractive. ... We

don't make the loans. I think it's a lit-

tle easy for the lenders to rely on the

Under the Guaranteed Student

Loan Program, students receive

loans from banks and other financial

institutions, and the government

Bennett said Congress authorized

sanctions on colleges when it reau-

thorized higher education programs

last year. The implementation of

Bennett's policy could depend on

what the president chosen in 1988

thinks of it. That is because a base de-

fault rate would be computed in 1989,

with decisions to suspend, limit or

folks than any other sector."

when you do that," he said.

federal guarantee."

guarantees the loans.

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that Kevin Harmon had received money and gifts from sports agent

Ronnie Got \$54,000

The arbitration hearing, held by the National Football League Players Association, focused on the more than \$54,000 that Ronnie Harmon received from Walters while he was an Iowa player. He now plays for the Buffalo

Arbitrator John Culver, a former U.S. senator from Iowa and now a Washington lawyer, ruled that Ronnie Harmon does not have to repay the money to Walters. He also voided a contract Harmon signed in March 1985 on grounds that Walters and fellow agent Lloyd Bloom violated regulations of the players' union regarding agents.

But the decision from Culver also said Kevin Harmon received \$350 and airline tickets from Walters' agency, World Sports and Entertainment, as he was entering his sophomore season at Iowa.

According to the Atlanta newspaper, National Collegiate Athletic Association enforcement official Dave Didion said that if Kevin Harmon accepted anything from an agent, "It immediately puts him in jeopardy." "We'll Do Right Thing"

Fry could not be reached for comment. But offensive coordinator Bill Snyder said he's confident that the school will take the correct action. "I can't respond simply for the fact

that we have not sat down as a staff and discussed it," Snyder said. "Everything I've heard is hearsay. I can certainly say that we'll do whatever is the right thing to do." Big Ten Commissioner Wayne

Duke told the Atlanta newspaper he would not comment on the possibility of forfeits by Iowa. "We'll look into it," he said. A U of I investigation conducted

earlier this year concluded that Ronnie Harmon had accepted in excess of \$50,000 in his last two years at Iowa. The committee also found that another player, identified as Devon Mitchell, accepted money from Walters and Bloom.

Officials Not Aware

The investigation found that no university official was aware of Harmon's contacts with agents.

David Vernon, a U of I law professor who headed that investigation, would not say whether it explored any contacts between Kevin Harmon and agents. But he said:

"We asked Kevin Harmon if he was willing to be interviewed and he declined that pleasure."

The Associated Press quoted Martin Rausch, an agent who now represents Ronnie Harmon, as saying Kevin Harmon and Mitchell were stranded at the airport in St. Louis and needed money for airline tickets.

"Mitchell, Not Harmon" Mitchell was a Walters client at the time, Rausch said, and he called

Walters for money. Rausch told the AP "it was Devon Mitchell who was requesting the money for himself" and "Kevin Harmon never had anything to do with

Norby Walters or Lloyd Bloom." Bonnie Slatton, a U of I professor and a member of the Board of Control of Athletics, as well as a Big Ten faculty representative, said the football program is unlikely to be punished unless there was evidence that coaches or other officials knew of

contacts between players and agents. "In all past cases involving agents," she said, "both the NCAA and the conferences have determined that unless university personnel were involved with the agents or had knowledge of what was going on between the players and agents, the universities were absolved."

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