



Birkel shows the skull to a table of West Des Moines kids. From left are Elena Soto, 8, Daniel Soto, 10, Natalie Dean, 10, Jordan Postma, 11, and Hanna Slusinski, 10.



Annalise Marsiglio, 6, of West Des Moines recoils as Birkel shows her plastic skull, which the students used to learn about dental identification.



Jim Birkel checks to see how close the students have come to recreating the face of their suspect.



Selena Folkerts, left, shows a drawing of the criminal to Daisee Olson. Both are 9 and live in West Des Moines.



West Des Moines kids try to determine what kinds of powders Jim Birkel has given them.