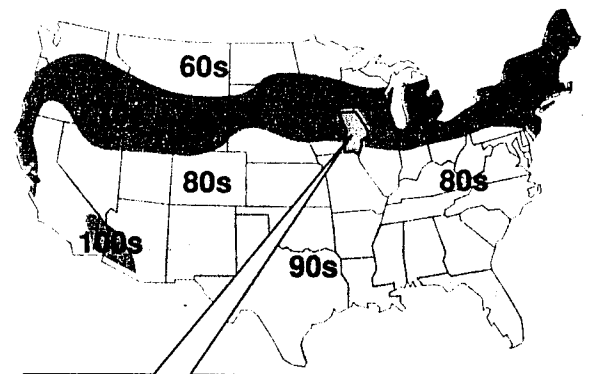




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Olympics is goal of Manchester's Hank Markin

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Yankees 16, Orioles 4
Twins 8, Mariners 4
Brewers 7, Indians 3
Blue Jays 5, Royals 0
Rangers 6, Red Sox 1
Athletics at Angels, late



NATIONAL

Braves 7, Dodgers 5
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Phillies 2, Mets 1
Expos 6, Cardinals 1
Astros 2, Reds 0
Padres at Giants, late

BRIEFLY

Trail time

Bike path half-built
The Lisbon half of a bike path dubbed "the boardwalk" was completed at the end of last month. The rest of the trail, reaching Mount Vernon, should be finished by Oct. 9. Details on page 1B.

Humble Jim

ISU Coach: Hawks too good
Iowa State football coach Jim Walden is happy with his team, he said, but the Cyclones are overmatched, overmatched and overmatched. The coach doth protest too much, methinks. His column, page 1C.

Silver lining

Accidental deaths down
CHICAGO (AP) — Even the recession has a silver lining: With fewer people working last year, fewer died in accidents on the job and on the road, the National Safety Council said Tuesday. The private, non-profit group said the economy pushed the 1991 U.S. accidental death toll to its lowest level in 67 years. Alan Hoskin, the council's chief statistician, said there was a historical link between economic downswings and accidental deaths due to decreases in recreational travel and recently hired workers.

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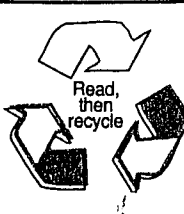
TODAY'S CHUCKLE

Life is like a game of cards: by the time you learn how to play, you're already lost in the shuffle.

TOMORROW

TB coming back

New strains resist drugs
Contagious and incurable, tuberculosis was the top cause of death as America entered the 20th Century. Streptomycin changed all that in 1951. Now, new drug-resistant strains are putting TB in the spotlight again. Health & Science in Thursday's Gazette.



Mixed results in light votes

C.R., College Community keep status quo; Marion, Linn-Mar add new faces

By Kurt Rogahn
Gazette staff writer

School maintenance levies and incumbents won renewal in the Cedar Rapids and College Community school districts Tuesday, and new faces will join Linn-Mar and Marion school boards.

Turnout was light all through Linn County: Only 8,126 people voted, or 9 percent of those eligible, said Linn Auditor Linda Langenberg. Top turnout was

North Linn (23 percent); lowest was Center Point (3 percent). All returns are unofficial.

RON OLSON, vice president of the Cedar Rapids Community school board, bested challenger Jeff McQuiston, who campaigned on the board's need for a west-sider and supporter of vocational-technical education. Olson, who received 3,005 votes to McQuiston's 1,924, didn't interpret results as a vo-tech referendum.

"Obviously, that was a topic," Olson said, "but I can't say it was an issue." He felt voters wanted someone with experience as the district heads into a tough year involving budgets and boundaries.

Board member Dennis Kral was unopposed with 3,980 votes.

■ What vote means to Linn-Mar, Marion, 3B

The Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (former schoolhouse levy) garnered 80 percent approval in Cedar Rapids (3,787 "yes" to 907 "no") and 61 percent in College Community (241 "yes" to 151 "no"). There is no tax increase: It's a renewal.

COLLEGE COMMUNITY voters also returned Kris Ruprecht to the director district 5 seat over challenger Ben Ternes, 211 to 185. "It was tight," Ruprecht said, "but I'm glad Ben got involved. I'd like to see more people get involved in the school dis-

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Slain clerk liked nights despite warnings

Sunrise silhouette



Gazette photo by J. Scott Park

The sun rises Tuesday behind ADM Corn Sweeteners in southwest Cedar Rapids.

Beaten to death; robbery report called unfounded

By Val Swinton

Gazette Northeast Iowa Bureau
TRIPOLI — A 22-year-old convenience store clerk who was beaten to death early Monday morning had been urged by her family to quit her all-night job at a Highway 63 truck stop, said the father of her boyfriend.

"She liked the night shift," said dairy farmer Jim Wolf, whose son Al dated Rhonda Knutson for three years. The younger Wolf and Knutson lived together nearly two years on an acreage a mile west and a mile south of Tripoli.

Knutson's body was found inside the Williamstown Store about 4:45 a.m. Monday. The state's medical examiner Tuesday ruled that she had died of head injuries apparently suf-

Rhonda Knutson

"Liked night shift"



Bush seeks \$7.6 billion for storm relief

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — President Bush asked Congress to approve an extra \$7.6 billion in disaster assistance in the wake of Hurricane Andrew, calling Tuesday for bipartisan support of the measure even though it is certain to bloat the federal budget deficit.

Most of the money would be earmarked for the areas of South Florida and Louisiana that were devastated by the cataclysmic storm two weeks ago. The proposal includes financial aid for victims of Typhoon Omar in Guam.

Bush, initially criticized for responding too slowly to the needs of the hurricane victims, announced the emergency aid program last week, saying the federal government would underwrite 100 percent of the cleanup costs rather than the usual 75 percent.

The storm, by most estimates the costliest natural disaster in U.S. history, resulted in the deaths of at least 40 people and the destruction or damage of more than 80,000 homes.

While conceding Tuesday that the aid package would place "a large financial burden" on the federal treasury, Bush called the "personal and human need . . . even more staggering."

"Our country must be able to answer the cries for help," he said.

He designated the full \$7.6 billion as an emergency request, a move that would exempt it from the tight spending caps imposed by the controversial budget accord of 1990.

United Fire terms Andrew company's largest loss ever

From Gazette staff reports

United Fire & Casualty Co. of Cedar Rapids said Tuesday it expects to pay out about \$7.5 million in direct and reinsurance claims as a result of Hurricane Andrew damage in Louisiana — the largest loss in the history of the insurer.

In a letter to shareholders and stockbrokers, United Fire Chairman Scott McIntyre Jr. said the claims are expected to reduce after-tax earnings by "slightly" more than \$1 per share.

"Andrew is without a doubt the largest loss your company has ever experienced," he said.

Although noting that the claims figures are estimates, McIntyre said the company is confident it can handle the loss.

United Fire stock ended Tuesday at \$39.50 per share, unchanged from the close of trading Friday.

McIntyre said direct claims — written on policies sold either by United Fire or its subsidiary, Lafayette Insurance Co. — are anticipated to involve about 2,500 claims for about \$12 million. The company's catastrophe reinsurance coverage will pay for everything above \$3 million.

In addition to the direct losses, United Fire will sustain losses from the reinsurance it has assumed from other companies. Although reinsurance losses are slow to be reported and more difficult to estimate, United Fire is estimating reinsurance losses at about \$4.5 million.

United Fire posted a net profit of \$5,230,000, or \$1.09 per share, for the second quarter, which ended June 30, compared with a net loss of \$198,000 in the same quarter of 1991. For the first six months of 1992, net profit soared to \$8,662,000 from \$2,016,000 in the first half of 1991.

Zywicki memories bring tears, questions

By Dave Gosch
Gazette staff writer



Tammy Zywicki
"First to help"

GRINNELL — Memorable vignettes of Tammy Zywicki's life were offered during Tuesday morning's memorial service, but an equally moving one was told afterward by a man who doesn't attend or teach at Grinnell College.

Grinnell resident Jerry Simmons, 44, who uses a wheelchair, attends all the soccer games at the college.

He remembered when Zywicki, who played soccer for Grinnell,

came to his assistance when his wheelchair got stuck in the mud last fall.

"Back then, I had a manual wheelchair," Simmons told The Gazette. "I got stuck, and the first one to help me was Tammy. We were very close friends since that time. She's just a real close friend that I'm going to miss."

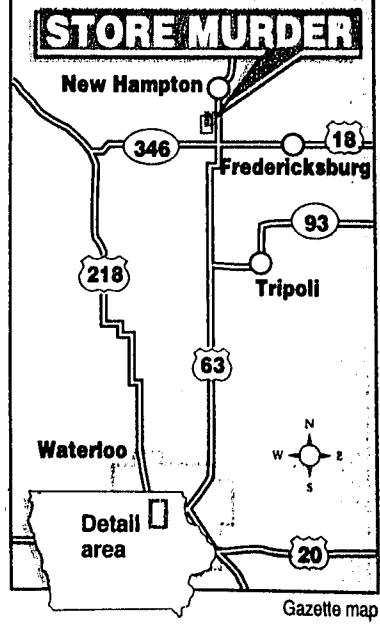
Many people are going to miss Zywicki, whose body was identified Thursday as the victim of a brutal stabbing. She had been missing since Aug. 23, when she reportedly was last seen talking to

a truck driver near her disabled car on Interstate 80 about five miles east of La Salle, Ill.

About 700 people were estimated to have attended the memorial service at Herrick Chapel on the Grinnell campus. So many attended that chairs and a sound system were set up for the overflow crowd outside the chapel.

Private services were held at the same time Tuesday in Evesham Township, N.J. Zywicki's parents live in Marlton, N.J.

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Gazette map

Zywicki: 'Mourn her death, remember her life'

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Many of the mourners outside the chapel wept with bowed heads as classmates, faculty and staff members remembered Zywicki's life.

Andy Hamilton, director of sports information at Grinnell, said Zywicki had a positive effect on those around her. Zywicki worked with Hamilton as a sports photographer.

"She was able to keep people loose when looseness was needed," said Hamilton, adding that there was never a nervousness or tenseness when Zywicki was in a room.

College Chaplain Dennis Haas delivered a forward-looking message in the face of the tragedy.

"How does one respond to such travesty? Some say let's go on. Others say it's God's will," said Haas. "I say life must go on even though we don't understand it."

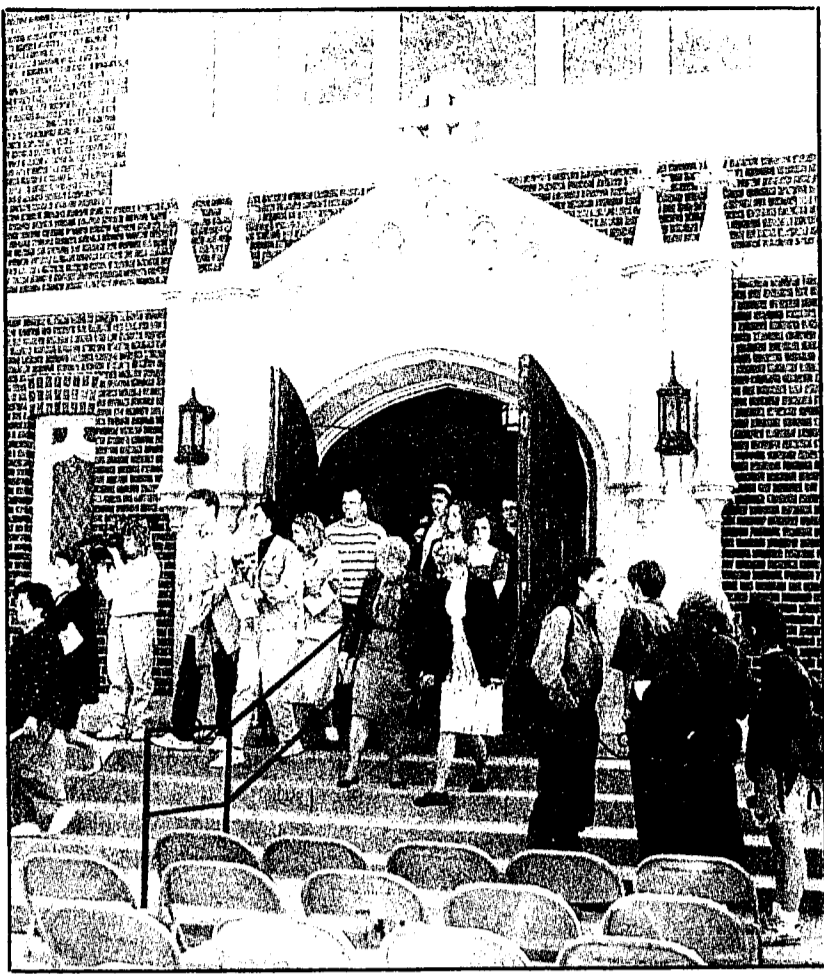
Following the service, some of Zywicki's friends gathered outside the chapel. They hugged each other and sobbed over their loss.

The Rev. Haas told The Gazette that Zywicki's murder had had an effect on the majority of the 1,250 Grinnell students.

"Even those who didn't know Tammy knew Tammy's friends and that just spreads. Hopefully, the healing will spread," he said. "We must mourn her death and remember her life."

Dean of Student Affairs Tom Crady said counseling and support will continue to be provided by the college for the students dealing with their grief.

Once the body found in Mis-



Gazette photo by Dave Gosch

Mourners leave a memorial service for Tammy Zywicki at the Grinnell College chapel Tuesday.

souri was determined to be Zywicki, Grinnell students changed the focus of their search for her to finding the killer.

Fliers describing the truck driven by the last man seen talk-

ing to Zywicki have continued to be circulated.

"We need to find the person who did this," said Crady. "And (Zywicki's) parents want the students to focus on that."

Knutson: 'It isn't safe anywhere anymore'

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School. Her parents recently moved to Charles City.

Al Wolf could not be reached for comment Tuesday. He spent much of the day talking to detectives and helping make funeral arrangements, his father said.

Ironically, the younger Wolf, 29, met Knutson, 22, at the truck stop about three years ago. While driving a milk truck for a local creamery, Al Wolf developed a friendship with Knutson because he often stopped there for snacks, his father said.

Friends of the couple in the Tripoli area described Knutson

as friendly and outgoing, a woman not the least bit intimidated by her boyfriend's hobbies of motocross racing and demolition derbies.

"If Al wanted her to get a little grease on her hands to do a certain job, no problem," said Al Schweer, a Tripoli dairy farmer who knew the couple. She even competed.

Jim Wolf said Knutson outlasted his son in a figure-eight race in Nashua recently. Figure-eight racing is a combination of stock-car racing and demolition derby.

Among the battered cars

parked in Al Wolf's driveway was a jet black vehicle with the name "Knutson" stenciled in bold white letters above the rear window.

Knutson's death, combined with the murder of Grinnell College student Tammy Zywicki, has left people like Schweer shaking their heads in bewilderment.

"It isn't safe anywhere anymore," he said. "Who can you trust and where can you be where you feel safe?"

Elections: New faces in Marion, Linn-Mar

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district." Unopposed were Dale LeFebure (348 votes) and Norman Zahradnik (351).

Marion voters gave Virginia Folkers a fourth term and picked Donald Norton over incumbent Cynthia Schneider. Totals: Folkers, 182; Norton, 169; Schneider,

148; and challenger Mark Gillette, 142.

Linn-Mar voters returned Paula Grady and gave James Green a seat. Totals: Grady, 525; Green, 518; former board member Eldon Wohlleben, 276; and challenger Stephen Hershner,

248.

Board newcomers Norton in Marion and Green in Linn-Mar campaigned on the need for more communication between the Linn-Mar and Marion boards.

German minister proposes cutting subsidies for refugees

BONN, Germany (AP) — The nation's top finance official suggested Tuesday reducing subsidies to stem the influx of refugees, the target of a wave of anti-foreigner violence that has embarrassed the government.

"One starting point would be limiting . . . social assistance for asylum-seekers" so that fewer would be inclined to come to Germany, Finance Minister Theo Waigel said during a parliamentary debate on the 1993 federal budget.

Germany has one of the world's most liberal asylum laws, and a record 280,000 refugees — all fed, clothed and sheltered by the government — have entered the country this year.

The wave of neo-Nazi attacks on foreigners in eastern Germany is partly due to the tide of refugees, and partly because of economic hardship in the formerly socialist region. But recently the anti-foreigner sentiment has spread west.

At the start of the session, Parliament Speaker Rita Suessmuth denounced the violence, saying "every slap in a foreigner's face is a slap in our own face."

"Every stone that flies through the window of a home where refugees are living also flies through our own window," she told lawmakers.

But Suessmuth urged legislators to tighten immigration laws — a long-standing demand of her conservative Christian Demo-

cratic Union.

Waigel also called on western Germans to forgo pay raises for up to three years in order to free corporate funds for investment in the east.

Bitterness toward asylum-seekers has grown as the German economy stalls under the financial strain of unification. This year alone, the country will probably spend \$128 billion on overhauling the eastern economy.

Parents at the Forest Elementary School in Hamburg kept their children home to protest against 40 ship containers being set up in the schoolyard to house newcomers.

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