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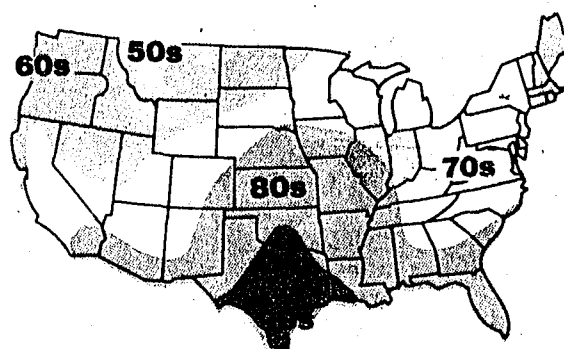
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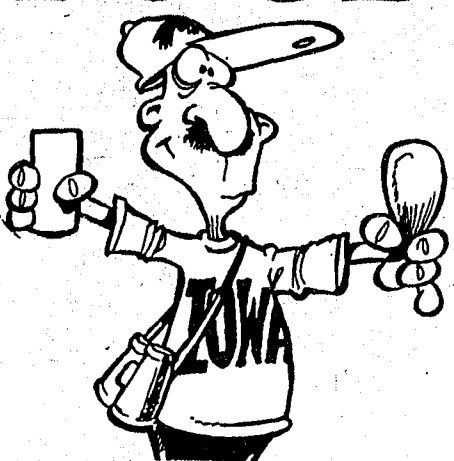
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TODAY'S CHUCKLE

The difference between learning to drive a car and learning to play golf is that when you learn to play golf you don't hit anything.

Devastating Hugo heads for Bahamas

More than 20 feared dead; Puerto Rico coast hit hard

Washington Post

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Hurricane Hugo slammed the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico with heavy rain and winds of 125 mph Monday before turning northwest toward the southern Bahama Islands. Unofficial counts placed the death toll in the Caribbean area at more than 20, with thousands reported homeless.

The full extent of damage could not be determined immediately because much of the northern Caribbean, from Anguilla to San Juan, was left without electric power or telephone service. Most news about stricken areas came from amateur-radio

operators and a special radio network linking mayors on Puerto Rico to the governor's office.

Officials at the National Hurricane Center here, emphasizing that forecasting a hurricane's path is tricky, said Hugo could touch land between Florida and North Carolina by Friday.

In eastern Puerto Rico, four persons were reported killed and the storm destroyed most buildings and homes after an intense evacuation effort, according to Jaime B. Fuster, the island's resident commissioner in Washington.

Fuster said almost all of the island's agriculture had been wiped out, including "fruits such as bananas intended for the European market and coffee which was ready to harvest." Many roads and bridges washed away, he added.

■ Please turn to 11A: Hugo

The darkness at 1:45



Gazette photo by Chris Stewart

A Merchants National Bank employee stands at the door to turn away customers during the downtown power failure Monday afternoon. Without power for its electronic systems, the bank could not conduct business.

Downtown outage still mystery

From Gazette staff reports

The search is continuing for the source of a power outage Monday afternoon that paralyzed parts of downtown Cedar Rapids.

Iowa Electric Light and Power Co. spokeswoman Colleen Reilly said the outage most likely was the result of a failure within an underground distribution system.

The failure occurred somewhere between IE's Sixth Street NE power station and Fourth Avenue SE around 1:45 p.m., she said.

Although that path leads through road construction areas downtown, Reilly said, "We're pretty certain no one dug into cable because they probably would have told us about it."

Although generally confined to a radius of only a few blocks, the half-hour outage proved powerful.

Victims included the City Hall, Linn County Courthouse, Federal Building, Police Department and Five Seasons Center.

Also hit were Merchants National Bank, Telecom*USA, Ce-

dar River Tower, and The Gazette.

Emergency power generators helped some victims minimize the effects of the outage, including computer and phone operations at Telecom*USA, 500 Second Ave. SE.

"We didn't miss a beat," Telecom*USA executive vice president Jim Huffman said. Battery-operated power kicked in immediately, while diesel-operated generators kicked in eight seconds

■ Please turn to 11A: Outage

Hostage-taker acting out Stephen King plot?

McKEE, Ky. (AP) — An armed teen-ager apparently acting out the scenario to a Stephen King novel stalked into a high school classroom and took 11 classmates hostage Monday. After a daylong standoff, he released them all and surrendered.

No one was injured in the confrontation, which began about 9:50 a.m. EDT and ended at 6:35 p.m., police said. The youth fired two shots, one at the ceiling of the classroom and another at a window, state police said.

The teen-ager, whose only request to police was to speak to his father, told his hostages he did not want to hurt anyone. The final two hostages were freed shortly after 5 p.m., and the youth gave up an hour and a

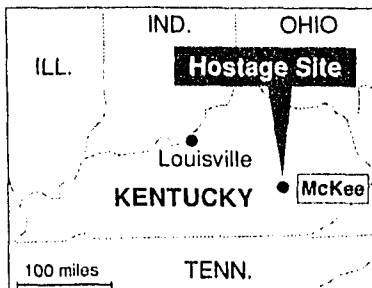
half later, authorities said.

The hostage-taker was identified by police as Dustin Pierce, a 17-year-old senior at Jackson County High School who was described as a good student.

Police said they were unsure what charges would be lodged against Pierce. He was taken to a juvenile holding center in the Clay County Jail in nearby Manchester. McKee is a town of 250 people about 50 miles southeast of Lexington in the Appalachian foothills.

"He was unbalanced," said state police Detective Bob Stephens, who negotiated with Pierce throughout the day at Jackson County High School. "He was a confused young man. He was a young man looking for somebody to help him."

Throughout the day-long ne-



AP

gotiations, Stephens said he feared Pierce would try to kill him since he seemed to be carrying out the scenario of the Stephen King thriller "Rage," which he had been reading.

During a search of Pierce's room at home, police found a paperback copy of the book, in which the lead character is shot by police. The book's plot deals with a youth who holds a classroom of students hostage. Police also found papers Pierce had written that made references to dying at 9 o'clock.

■ Please turn to 11A: Hostages

Canney announces bid for 11th term as mayor

By Rick Smith

Gazette staff writer

Ten-term Mayor Don Canney announced his candidacy for reelection Monday afternoon, saying the next two years will be "crucial" to Cedar Rapids' future — a future "I want to be a part of."

At a news conference in his third-floor City Hall office, Canney, 58, outlined a campaign platform based on "booming" economic times in Cedar Rapids over the last seven years.

Canney, who said he is the longest-serving active mayor in U.S. cities of more than 100,000 population, labeled as his first priority the creation of more jobs "to help those who are underemployed or unemployed."

"While our economy is stable

and growing, we must not relax our effort. On the contrary, we must redouble our attack to ensure we do not slide backward," Canney said.

He called for programs to help existing employers expand while attracting new business to the city. He said the city should focus on adding manufacturing and processing jobs, because for every one of those, nine jobs are added in the service and retail sectors.

Besides more jobs, Canney called for improved water and pollution control systems and more moderate-priced housing to accommodate a growing city.

He said the drilling of five new wells this winter and

■ Please turn to 11A: Canney

COMING TOMORROW / 'Penny' stocks can cost you big bucks



Cedar Rapids Mayor Don Canney announces to reporters gathered in his City Hall office Monday that he will seek re-election.

Canney: 'So many things going'

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construction of a new water purification plant and well field by 1993 will serve residential expansion to the west and industrial expansion to the south.

Other priorities outlined by Canney included:

- A local attack on illegal drugs using resources from "The National War on Drugs."

- A continued push for creation of "The Avenue of the Saints," connecting St. Louis and St. Paul, by Interstate 380 through Cedar Rapids, and for the routing of Amtrak rail passenger service through Cedar Rapids.

- An ongoing study of alternative methods of handling and disposing of garbage.

- Continued efforts to "dress up" downtown, while planning for eventual expansion of the downtown to the south.

In seeking his 11th term, Canney said he expected to defeat any opponent, including announced candidate Chris Contard, chairman of the Linn County Republican Party.

"I always run with the idea of winning," he said.

Canney said he never seriously considered not running, and has no plans to make this his last term if he wins.

"It's just so exciting. We just have so many things going," the mayor said.

Saying the city "has rebounded rather dramatically" from recession in the early 1980s, Canney rattled off supporting statistics: the creation of 12,000 new jobs in that period, a present all-time high 92,000 jobs in the city, and an unemployment rate of 3.5 percent. Construction, real estate and retail sales are "booming," he added.

Canney says he'll study convenience store cameras

By Rick Smith

Cedar Rapids Mayor Don Canney said Monday he will study a proposal made by Marion officials to require surveillance cameras in all-night convenience stores.

The proposal, which Marion Mayor Vic Klopfenstein and the Marion City Council will discuss at their informal meeting today, came in the aftermath of the vicious knife murder of convenience store clerk Brian Schappert early Sept. 8 in a Cedar Rapids Kum & Go store.

"I think that certainly makes a lot of sense, any method whereby you can lend greater protection," Canney said of the camera idea. Having more than one person on duty during night hours might be another possibility, he suggested.

"I think we want to look at it. There may be other areas to look at as well. But it certainly seems to make a great deal of sense to have some type of additional security."

The ordinance being proposed in Marion would apply to at least four stores. The cost is estimated at less than \$2,000 per store.

Klopfenstein noted Saturday that use of a surveillance camera led to the arrests of juveniles accused of vandalizing a Marion laundromat.

Although the camera can help police solve crimes, he said he would like to see it used as a crime deterrent in 24-hour convenience stores.

"To put it bluntly," the mayor said, "Cedar Rapids is on a roll."

Canney said the economic gains are not the work of one person, but are the results of a philosophy that "teamwork" involving government, business, labor, utilities and education works best for the growth of a city.

Canney said he would not rank the last two years at City Hall as his most difficult. The term has been marked by discord between Public Safety Commissioner Bob

Jaeger and the rest of the council over the firing of Police Chief Gary Hinzman.

"I can recall other periods of concern involving the police chief," Canney said. "Nobody really likes for those conditions to exist. Certainly not the mayor. But it seems like every so often we go through that at the police department."

Canney said his most difficult years as mayor were 1982 and 1983, a time he characterized as one of layoffs and plant closings.

Hugo: Most buildings destroyed

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Fuster said his information came from a radio hookup through Andrews Air Force Base in Washington to the office of Gov. Rafael Hernandez Colon in San Juan. He said each of the island's mayors was contacted.

Fuster said he was told that islands and small towns on the eastern coast essentially were destroyed. He estimated that about 90 percent of buildings and other structures were blown down, with the most severe damage in Fajahido.

When Hugo reached the island's central mountain range, much of its force was dissipated, and San Juan escaped similar devastation, he said. Severe flooding was reported in the San Juan area, but most structures remained standing, he added.

Amateur-radio reports monitored at the National Hurricane Center indicated that Hugo's force was devastating.

In Guayama, in southern Puerto Rico, an operator reported that six people died, some from electric shock when they came in contact with downed wires. An operator in a San Juan suburb reported winds of 120 mph and said stores were looted.

From tiny Culebra, a Puerto Rican island midway between Puerto Rico and St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, came reports that 80 percent of homes were destroyed and that many of the 2,000 residents had fled into dense mangroves for shelter. Four bodies and more than 100 boats

were reported washed ashore.

In the Virgin Islands, according to amateur-radio reports, between half and 80 percent of homes on St. Croix were destroyed. An operator in St. Thomas reported that work crews had started clearing debris but that at least five days would be needed to restore electric power and telephone service.

In Washington, spokesman Bill McAda said the Federal Emergency Management Agency had received a brief message from an Air National Guard unit in St. Croix telling of devastation on that U.S. island.

The report from the 285th Combat Communications Flight bluntly said: "Initial assessment after Hurricane Hugo: We need help. St. Croix devastated by Hugo. 90 percent of buildings damaged, 70 destroyed. No power. No phones. No outside (communications)."

The airport control tower was said to have been destroyed and the runway heavily damaged but repairable. McAda said FEMA has received "very sketchy information" from the region and had been unable to contact either the Virgin Islands or Puerto Rico late Monday.

Hugo's first landfall came late Saturday in Guadeloupe, a French island, and it struck Montserrat, a British island, early Sunday.

Reports from Montserrat said that at least six people were killed, that virtually all of the 12,000 residents had lost their

homes and that the island's hospital was destroyed. One radio operator reported that all 200 students at the island's American University of the Caribbean were safe but had no water or shelter.

On Guadeloupe, the airport control tower was blown down, the Federal Aviation Administration said. Other reports said that most roads were blocked and that roofs were blown from most buildings.

Hugo's itinerary read like that of a cruise ship, with calls at St. Kitts, Nevis, Dominica, Antigua and St. Martin.

At 7 p.m. CDT Monday, Hugo's center was about 110 miles northwest of San Juan, near latitude 19.8 north and longitude 67.1 west. Its winds were near 115 mph, and it was moving to the northwest at 12 mph.

According to forecasters' computer analysis of the storm and surrounding weather patterns, Hugo is expected to move northwest through the Bahamas. The eye should be about 50 miles north of Grand Bahama Island, or about 70 miles east of the Florida coast, by 2 p.m. Thursday, forecasters said.

Robert Case and other hurricane specialists are watching a low-pressure trough centered over the Appalachians. If the trough develops as expected into a strong low-pressure system and moves south, Case said, it could to pull Hugo ashore Friday between Cape Canaveral and the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

Outage: Generators help some

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later, he said.

Those without emergency generators, however, became helpless.

"The computers are off and we're all running around losing our minds," Linn County Attorney Denver Dillard said from the courthouse.

MERCHANTS NATIONAL Bank, Second Avenue and Third Street SE, locked its doors. "With no lights, no phones and no computers, we couldn't give our customers full service," MNB assistant vice president Teel Salanon said.

Although power was restored to most buildings within approximately 30 minutes, the damage lingered for those whose computer systems didn't appreciate the interruption.

Computers at MNB and SCI Financial Group, 200 Second Ave. SE, needed an extra hour after power was restored before kicking back in.

Mike Lehner, SCI's vice president of information services, said the effect of business lost because of the outage is hard to gauge.

Some may be made up today, he said, while "some of it's gone forever."

In addition to computers, the outage knocked out telephones, copiers, and "everything you take for granted," Lehner added.

He noted the "biggest hit to the company" probably came from losing all communication with the outside world for nearly two hours. With communications equipment out of service, brokers couldn't receive or fill customer orders.

TRANSACTIONS WERE being done by hand at Handimart, 501 Sixth St. SW. The convenience store also served as a neighborhood information center, according to manager Dave Toft.

"Everyone calls down here on the phone, wanting to know if the power is off here, too," he said.

As he spoke, another handful of neighborhood people walked in. Toft remarked that he expected to do quite a bit of business with the power off.

The store couldn't dispense pop

from the fountain, but bottles from the cooler were still cold. The last gasoline sale took place just before the lights went off.

Toft couldn't tell how much gasoline had been dispensed, and he was counting on his customers to come back and settle up later.

Public schools apparently weren't affected, although the Educational Service Center, 346 Second Ave. SW, lost power.

Power was lost at St. Patrick's Elementary, 509 A Ave. NW, but classes continued as normally as possible, according to Principal John Krumbholz. Windows let in the necessary light, he noted.

"The kids aren't affected as much as the teachers, when they want to run some copies off or use the computer," Krumbholz said. He'd been using the computer himself when the outage hit, and wasn't sure how much work he'd lost.

"The pleasant side of this is, the telephone has stopped ringing," he added, referring to console-style phones that run on electricity.

Tuition: Help for U of I library

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THE REGENTS will begin tuition discussions when they meet at UNI in Cedar Falls Wednesday and Thursday. The board will adopt the new tuitions in November.

This year's tuition vote should provide some added interest because the only three regents to oppose tuition hikes the past two years have left the board. Those regents were Dr. Percy Harris of Cedar Rapids, Jacklyn Van Ekeren of Monroe and Bass Van Gilst of Oskaloosa.

Even so, several sitting board members said as early as last fall that they would not look favorably this year upon any tuition recommendation that included an increase above the inflation rate.

According to the regents' staff proposal, an undergraduate from Iowa would pay \$1,904 to attend the U of I and ISU and \$1,886 to attend UNI next school year. A non-resident undergraduate student would pay \$6,300 at the U of I, \$6,238 at ISU and \$4,850 at UNI.

Graduates from Iowa would pay \$2,254 at the U of I and ISU and \$2,096 at UNI. Non-resident graduate students would pay \$6,568 at

the U of I, \$6,502 at ISU and \$5,346 at UNI.

The additional tuition revenue will add almost \$6.3 million to the universities' general funds, regents staffers said. The additional money would be used to improve computerized student services and, at the U of I, for library services, staffers said.

Tuition for non-resident students at the U of I would increase more than at ISU and UNI because of high demand and the need to raise money for the library services, said R. Wayne

Richey, the regents' executive director.

ISU is losing out-of-state students and UNI likely would lose students if its non-resident tuition were increased 5.3 percent, Richey said in a memo to the regents.

Richey said undergraduate resident tuition at the U of I, ISU and UNI ranks seventh each time when the Iowa universities are compared with groups of 11 universities that have similar missions, programs and sizes.

Hostages: Officers feared suicide

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At one point during the day, "he said it'll all end at nine," Stephens said. Pierce's sole demand throughout was to talk to his father, Stephens said.

"He hasn't seen his father, my understanding, since he's 4 years old," Stephens said.

Pierce's father, who was not identified, was on his way to McKee from Delray Beach, Fla., when the student released his last two hostages and surrendered.

"He never would commit to why he wanted to talk to his father," Stephens said.

Psychologists and FBI experts who assisted Stephens pored over "Rage" during the day and relayed its details to the negotiators. After reading the book and Pierce's notes, "We thought suicide was what we'd have to deal with at the end," Stephens said.

Stephens said he pressed to end the standoff before the 9 o'clock time mentioned in the notes. He said Pierce never threatened to harm anyone else.

Pierce, who released his hostages throughout the day in exchange for items such as food, soft drinks and cigarettes, "said he wasn't going to hurt nobody," according to Craig Eversole, a classmate who was held but released. "He said he wasn't going to shoot nobody."

Police Trooper Ed Robinson said the hostage-taker was armed with a shotgun, a .357-caliber Magnum revolver and "some type of automatic pistol." Eversole identified the other weapons as a .44-caliber Magnum and a 12-gauge shotgun.

Robinson also said the teenager apparently had held one hostage overnight — the son of school Principal Betty Bond. He said the two boys arrived at school in the younger Bond's red pickup, and it appeared that the armed youth had been holding the principal's son since the night before.

It was not clear why the youth took over the classroom. Authori-

ties described him as a newcomer to the school who was living with his grandparents, but some students said they had known him for years.

State Police Capt. John Lile said the boy's parents are separated.

Eversole, a 15-year-old junior, said he was in the classroom when the armed youth came through the door.

"He never said nothing," Eversole said. "He shot the ceiling and told the teacher to leave and let two rows of students leave. . . . He didn't say nothing, why he was doing it or nothing."

Later, Pierce fired another shot, blowing out a classroom window to allow Bond, the original hostage, to get an AM-FM radio and telephone, Lile said.

First Responders seek state grant

By Sarah Strandberg

Gazette correspondent

DECORAH — The seven Winneshiek County First Responder groups will receive a total of \$16,301 to purchase new equipment if an application endorsed by the county supervisors Monday is approved by the state.

According to Darwin Melcher, director of the Winneshiek County Ambulance Service, lottery funds have already been allocated by the Department of Health to counties on the basis of total population, rural population and total square miles in the county.

He said the county should

receive the money by Nov. 1. Winneshiek's seven First Responder organizations will match the lottery funds dollar for dollar to buy non-disposable equipment.

Melcher said three groups are interested in purchasing a defibrillator machine, which provides shock treatment to attempt to restart the heart.

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