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TODAY	TUESDAY
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TODAY



Yankees pitcher has perfect game

New York Yankees pitcher David Wells shouts for joy after throwing a perfect game against the Minnesota Twins on Sunday. Right fielder Paul O'Neill caught a fly ball for the final out, giving the Yanks a 4-0 victory. Details on 1D.

Don't get caught speechless

Speechwriter Peggy Noonan has some tips for delivering an effective presentation. Details in Accent, 5B.

Produce, people keep markets fresh

The freshness of the produce, such as that of lettuce, and the camaraderie among the vendors and customers can make a trip to a farmers market enjoyable. Details on 1B.

Graphics card probably sufficient

Every part of your computer could be faster, bigger, snazzier, except your graphics controller. Details in Computers, 4C.

'Bomber' scores for Kirkwood

Roman Schooley slugged three home runs in the championship game of the regional tournament for a 13-6 Kirkwood win. Details, 1D.

Bar owner finds his 'happy hour'

Listening and nurturing growth are two components that help make Jim Bell successful at his Iowa City bars, the Deadwood and Ellers Bar & Grill. And when he's not working, he's finding peace on his farm. Details in Business Card on 1B.

TOMORROW

A memorable meal for Memorial Day

We have a true Midwest menu you can share on Memorial Day:
Midwestern Pork Chops with an updated barbecue sauce, Corn Country Squares, Creamy Cabbage Slaw, Doctored Beans, and Red, White and Blue Chocolate Cake. Details in Tuesday's Food section.

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Pakistan insists on nuclear tests



Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif Says only 12 hours are needed to prepare for blast device.

Foreign minister says it's 'a matter of when, not if'

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan will test a nuclear device in response to India's five explosions despite earlier assurances to U.S. officials that no such decision had been made, Pakistan's foreign minister said Sunday.

Other Pakistani officials and a top U.S. envoy continued to deny that the leadership had agreed on whether to conduct its own tests. A U.S. delegation left Pakistan on Saturday saying the government had indicated no "final or irrevocable" decision had been made.

But Foreign Minister Gohar Ayub said Sunday that Pakistan's position had since hardened, sending the strongest signal yet that his country is

- Summit leaders urge Pakistan to sit tight, 3A
- India works to improve nuclear missile systems, 3A

ready to match India in kind.

"It's a matter of when, not if, Pakistan will test. The decision has already been taken by Cabinet," Ayub told The Associated Press in a telephone interview from his rural home in northwestern Pakistan.

"We have taken in view everything and discussed what it will cost us and we will go ahead," he said.

Pakistan has said its decision hinges on how hard the international community cracks down on India for its detonation of the underground nuclear devices last Monday and Wednesday.

Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said Sunday that Pakistan

needs only 12 hours of preparation to explode a nuclear device.

"We will be forced to test... and no one can stop us from doing so," if the international community's response to India is weak, he told reporters outside his home in the Punjab provincial capital of Lahore.

Sharif did not say whether the government had decided on tests. On Friday, he told a U.S. delegation led by Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott that Pakistan was in no hurry to conduct nuclear tests.

Pakistan's information minister, Mushahid Hussain, said the country was still waiting and watching.

"Pakistan has not taken any definitive decisions," he said from Pakistan on CBS' "Face the Nation." "There is tremendous popular pressure in Pakistan for a test."

Out for a drive

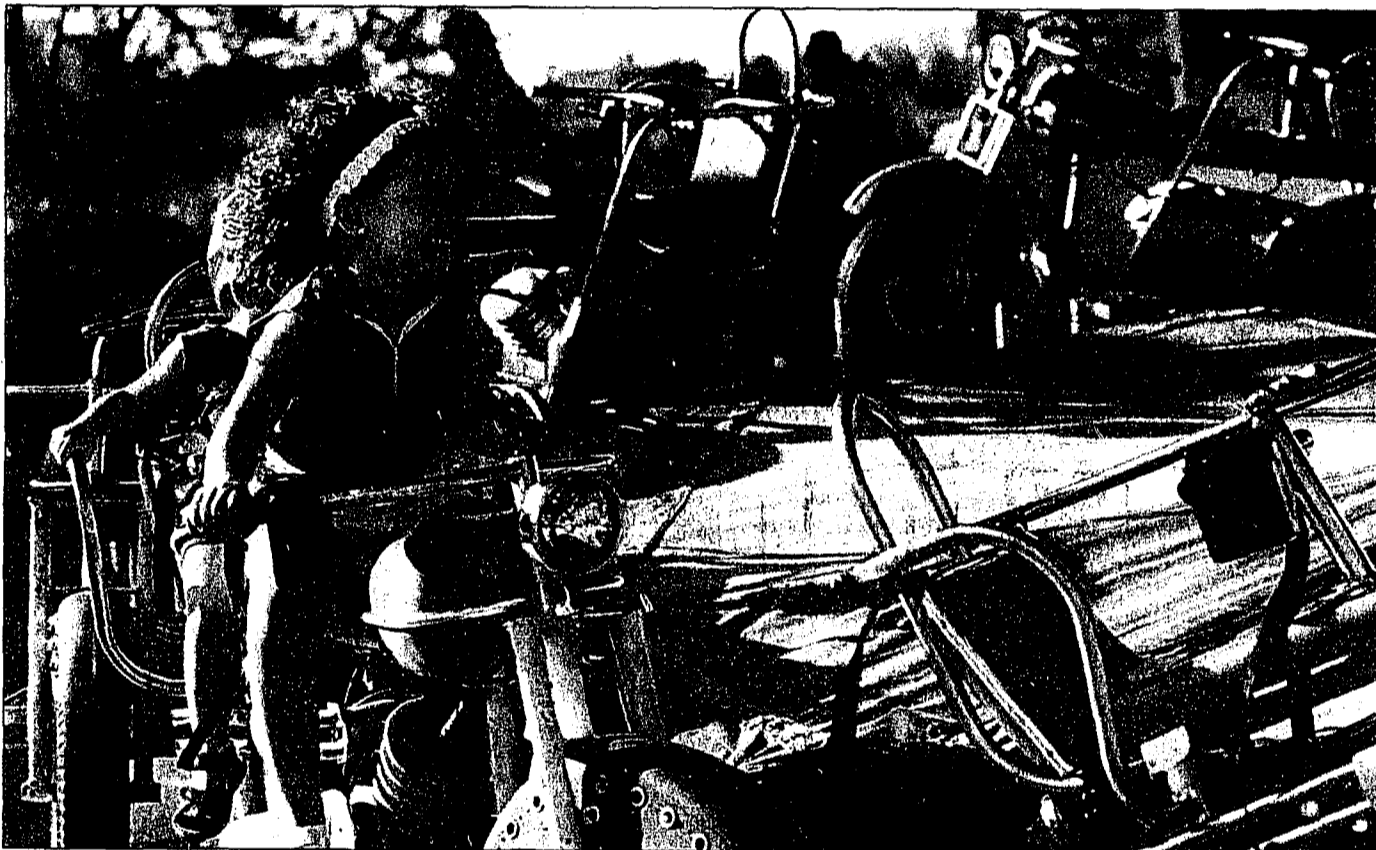


Photo by Kris Reitz, Gazette intern

Karla Castro, 5, enjoys the motorcycle ride at Houby Days in Cedar Rapids' Czech Village on Sunday. Behind her is Matthew Salazar, 2. Both are from Cedar Rapids. The high temperature Sunday in Cedar Rapids was 86.

E. Iowan climbs to Camp 3 with eye on weather

By Lyle Muller

Gazette Johnson County Bureau
IOWA CITY — Dr. Chuck Huss was headed for Mount Everest's Camp 3 last night Iowa time, Monday morning Everest time, while leaders of the expedition he is on assess a cyclone that is building strength 1,500 miles south of Everest at the southern tip of India.

From Camp 3, at 23,500 feet above sea level, Huss and other members of Everest Environmental Expedition '98 were to continue their bid for Everest's 29,028-foot summit as long as the bid is possible.

A British agency's weather forecast on Sunday indicated a cyclone in the Indian region of Madras had a 50 percent to 60 percent chance of striking Everest on Wednesday morning, Matt Gaumer of Iowa City said in a Gazette satellite phone hookup from base camp on Sunday.

"They're combining information received from the weather forecast with their analysis of the weather conditions on the mountain," Gaumer said about Everest Environmental Expedition '98 leaders. "They will continue to ascend as long as they feel like they're safe."

"And as soon as they feel that this storm is coming, and with it much snow and wind, then they'll make a decision to descend. And they'll descend quickly."

The team is at Camp 2, elevation 21,000 feet above sea

level, resting and acclimatizing for the thin atmosphere and subzero cold it will encounter at higher altitudes.

"The Everest Environmental Expedition has decided to move to Camp 3 tomorrow morning (Monday) early," Gaumer said. "And if it's safe, they'll go to Camp 4 (elevation 26,300 feet) the next day. And if it's safe, they'll go to the summit the next day."

Huss, 49, is trying to become the first Iowan to reach Everest's peak.

About 50 climbers on other Everest expeditions went from Camp 2 to Camp 3 on Sunday. They would have made steps in the ice and rock of the mountain's 3,700-foot-tall Lhotse Face, which has fixed rope that climbers need to pull themselves up.

The expedition's Web site (<http://www.EverestEE98.com/>) has removed a post from late last week that said the summit bid would be made Tuesday. It now says no information on a possible summit day will be reported until the expedition leaders issue it.



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'Amazing cleanup'

Hundreds help Washington recover from tornado

By Cindy Hadish

Gazette staff writer
WASHINGTON, Iowa — Visitors driving through Sunday afternoon might have expected scenes of devastation in the aftermath of Friday's tornado that tore through this town of about 7,000 people.

Aside from a few shredded remains of trees and houses that looked like they were under construction, however, Washington on Sunday was nearly back to normal.

"Cleanup is amazingly done," Washington Fire Chief Tom Wide said last night, looking tired but satisfied. "Basically, we took a big disaster and kicked it in the butt in two days."

- Donations, aid welcome in Washington County, 3B
- Insurance expert warns of scam artists following disasters, 3B

Wide was coordinating equipment and legions of volunteers — an estimated 740 total — who helped in the cleanup.

Brush and trees were cleared on Saturday to open the streets, he said. Sunday was dedicated to clearing rubbish from buildings damaged or destroyed by the Friday afternoon tornado.

Damage was estimated at \$6.5 million to \$9 million in Washington County alone.

Tornadoes also touched down in a spotty, northeastern line from the town through the rest

of the state.

At least 25 people were injured and 60 or more homes damaged in Washington.

One of the more seriously injured, Michael Long, 18, who hurt his back when the tornado flipped his car, was discharged from University Hospitals in Iowa City.

There were no fatalities. On Sunday, Merle and Alberta Miller surveyed the damage to their back yard, and, like others in Washington, said they were grateful for what the tornado didn't do.

"We were lucky," Merle said. "They've got the roof back on," Alberta said of the contrac-

■ Turn to 8A: Tornado

Mystery of murder adds to grief

Friends seek closure to death of Iowa Citian

By Steve Gravelle

Gazette staff writer
"It's hard," says Gary Christopherson. "Just the other day I was talking to a mutual friend of ours, and I misspoke and said 'my friend Fran.'"

Christopherson is operations manager for Courage Center, a Minneapolis charity that specializes in rehabilitating people injured in accidents. He worked with Frances Bloomfield, coordinating production of the center's popular Christmas cards created by disabled artists.



Frances Bloomfield Body found in Illinois ditch

"We worked pretty close, and we knew each other before I even came to work here," Christopherson said.

Christopherson says Bloomfield's close friends in Minnesota are learning to deal with

grief and unfocused anger left by her unsolved murder. Making peace with the experience can take years, say two women

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who lost family members to unknown killers.

Bloomfield, 57, was reported missing the morning of Sept. 22, 1997, by her husband, John, who had returned from a conference in France. Frances Bloomfield's red 1994 Honda Accord also was missing.

John Bloomfield, a researcher at the University of Iowa's Cen-

■ Turn to 8A: Murder

Murder: Bloodstains found Iowa City house, garage

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ter for Computer-Aided Design, could not be reached for this story.

Frances Bloomfield's body was found late that afternoon in the ditch along a highway about a mile outside of Rockford, Ill. The Winnebago County, Ill., medical examiner said Bloomfield had been dead for about two days. Neighbors told police they'd last seen Bloomfield outside her home late Sept. 20.

The body was wrapped in dark-colored plastic trash bags. The cause of death was strangulation by ligature — a cord or similar device.

The presumption is that Frances Bloomfield was killed in her home. Detectives found bloodstains in the house and on the floor of its attached garage.

On Nov. 25, an employee noticed a red Honda Accord with no license plates parked in the long-term lot at Newark International Airport in New Jersey. A check of the car's serial number confirmed it was Bloomfield's.

The Bloomfields' neighbors on Wakefield Court in Iowa City said they rarely saw the couple, who moved there in 1995. Instead, Frances Bloomfield stayed close to her friends in Minneapolis, where she is buried.

Christopherson says Iowa DCI agents were in the Twin Cities two weeks ago, interviewing friends of the Bloomfields.

"Everyone's still kind of looking for a little closure, and we're hoping this gets resolved," says Christopherson.

Closure is something Mary Cline of Cedar Rapids is hoping for, too.

"I've been in that condition for 15 years," she says.

Cline's brother, Ron Novak, 24, was found bludgeoned to death in his rural Center Point home Dec. 24, 1983. The murder remains unsolved.

"It's always there," said Cline. "Always. You're very much aware that the people are still out there."

The Rev. Wanda Henry-Jenkins says, "It's almost like having a hole in your heart and being told to live."

Jenkins' mother was murdered in Chicago in 1972. The case remains open.

"There's a sense you can't trust anyone because you don't know who did it," says Jenkins, who has written about her experience and now directs a counseling program out of the Philadelphia Medical Examiner's Office for families of murder victims. "Everybody is a suspect when you don't know who did it."

Jenkins and Cline say their loved ones' unsolved murders left them without a focus for their anger and suspicion.

"You have all of this anger that you have no face to put with," says Cline, an advocate for survivors of homicide victims for Linn County Family Services. "You're trying to make sense of something that absolutely doesn't make sense."

Says Jenkins: "You're mad at everybody, and you turn it on yourself instead of others."

Cline says she's "almost kind of jealous" of members of her support group whose relatives'

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□ **Today:** As investigators look for the killer of Frances Bloomfield of Iowa City, friends are looking for closure on the case. So are relatives of victims of other unsolved murders.

□ **Tuesday:** Despite an eyewitness, the fatal beating of Erin Miller Darnall at her Shellsburg home last September remains unsolved.

□ **Wednesday:** The fatal stabbing of Julie Bell Davis of Marion: Des Moines police admit their investigation is at a standstill.

On KCRG-TV9

□ **Sunday:** The 1988 death of Cedar Rapids cab driver Matthew Pusateri: a classic case that may never be solved.

□ **Today:** Investigators may know who killed Susan Kersten of Iowa City in 1995, but don't have enough evidence.

□ **Tuesday:** The 1978 murder of Lynda Manuel of Anamosa: How investigators solved a 17-year-old case.

□ **Wednesday:** Sheriff is determined to solve the 1992 slaying of Rhonda Knutson of rural New Hampton.

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Tornado: Electricity restored throughout town

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tors who quickly took care of the couple's home. "The whole east side was gone (on Friday.)"

Next door, the home at the corner of East 15th Street and North Fourth Avenue didn't fare as well.

With the roof and front side gone, the house was opened like a dollhouse, with a clear view inside of the walls, empty hang-

ers and shelves. Still, the Millers noted the difference a day made in their neighborhood.

"There were piles of junk all over this morning," Alberta said, looking down the clean street. "We're just thankful for all the good help we've had from families, friends and strangers."

With electricity restored throughout the town by 8 last night, the Millers were one of the families who could move back home.

Red Cross volunteer Gene Hinman of Mount Vernon said many people were staying with friends and relatives.

"It's incredible how the town has opened up places for them," he said.

Hinman noted, however, that many people may eventually have to move out of Washington, unless the apartments and

other dwellings are rebuilt.

Despite the devastation, most of the people he talked to Sunday were in good spirits, Hinman said.

One young couple whose home was leveled found both their wedding rings as they scraped through the rubble, he said.

Red Cross job director Jerry Grant said at least 27 families were helped by the Red Cross on Sunday.

Since Friday, more than 600 meals had been served at the Army Reserve Center where the Red Cross set up its headquarters.

People like Cassie Beal, 22, found diapers, food and other necessities from the Red Cross.

Beal, who has two children, was one of the tenants displaced from low-income apartments that were destroyed on Washington's north side.

Items like a crib for her 5-month-old son and bed for her 2-year-old daughter still were needed Sunday, as well as a more permanent place to stay than her mother's home, Beal said.



Merle Miller
"We were lucky"



Alberta Miller
Contractor fixed house quickly

The Red Cross volunteers helped those in need of food, rent, clothing, car seats and other necessities, Grant said, mostly through store vouchers.

Clothing boxes of food and case upon case of soda pop lined a large garage area of the reserve center.

While Grant said the donations are well-intended, the facility does not have much storage room and the Red Cross system of vouchers can better assist tornado victims with their needs.

Between \$35,000 to \$50,000 was estimated needed to help people in the area get back on their feet, including providing the first month's rent for some victims. "The dollar bill goes quick and we can use it immediately," Grant said of the preferred cash donations. "People get exactly what they need."

About 36 Red Cross workers from across the state had volunteered.

"We haven't had to bring in anybody from other states," Grant said. "That's unusual for a disaster of this size."

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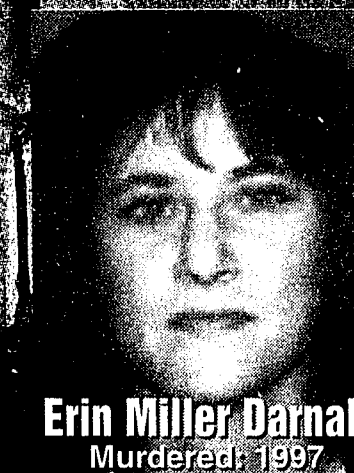
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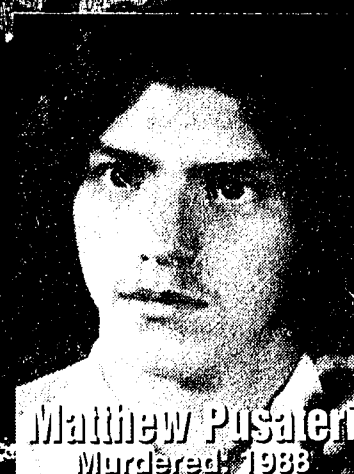


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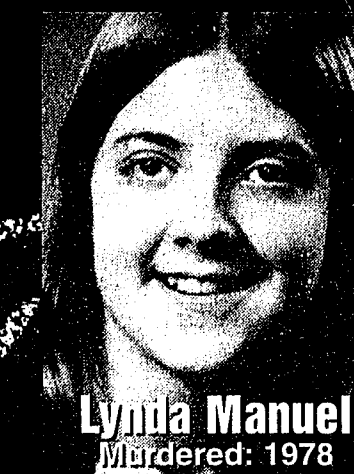
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