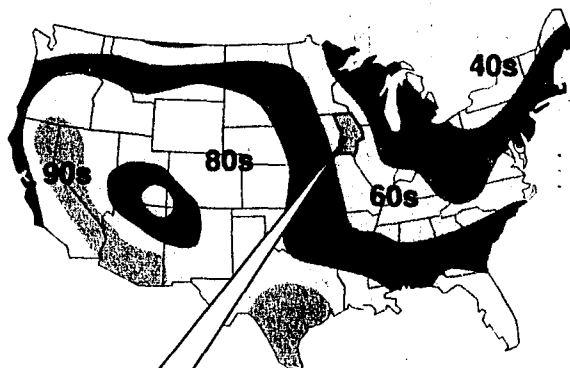


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Blue Jays 9, Brewers 6  
Rangers 11, Athletics 6  
Royals 3, Indians 2

**NATIONAL**  
Rockies 5, Giants 3  
Braves 6, Astros 3  
Expos 7, Marlins 1  
Pirates 9, Phillies 1  
Mets 1, Cardinals 0 (17)  
Reds 8, Padres 0  
Cubs at Dodgers, late

## BRIEFLY

### Quake hits India

500 people may be dead

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — A powerful earthquake devastated villages in southern India before dawn Thursday. As many as 500 people could be dead, the chief minister of the state of Maharashtra told the United News of India. The worst-hit area was Killari, a village of 10,000 people, where 80 percent of the buildings collapsed, a district official said. The quake, which registered 6.4 on the Richter scale, occurred at 3:56 a.m. about 400 miles east of Bombay.

### C.R. candidates

Gazette forum is tonight

The candidates for streets commissioner and parks commissioner in Cedar Rapids will air their views tonight at a forum sponsored by The Gazette. Details on page 1B. Candidates answer questions, pages 3B and 4B.

### Best believe it

Gill's tune is year's tops

Vince Gill's "I Still Believe in You" won song of the year last night at the Country Music Association's 27th annual awards. Details on page 10A.

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### TODAY'S CHUCKLE

Advice: when you become addicted to commercials.

## TOMORROW

### Classical snobbery

Harmonica player takes aim

Snobbery is killing classical music, says Robert Bonfiglio. As a harmonica player, he wants to counter that. He says that in Mozart's day, classical music incorporated pop melodies. He plays with the C.R. Symphony this weekend. Weekend! in Friday's Gazette.

# Tip revives '89 murder probe

Parents of C.R. clerk  
receive call about van

By Rick Smith  
Gazette staff writer

One phone call can come so out of the blue, with such bright promise, that it stirs hope of solving a seemingly unsolvable murder.

Arnold and Laura Schappert of Cedar Rapids got that kind of call in recent days, in this anniversary month, four years after their 22-year-old son, Brian, was stabbed to death in a late-night robbery at the Kum & Go convenience store, 2743 Mount Vernon Rd. SE,

where he worked.

The Sept. 8, 1989, murder, brutal and senseless, left a legacy of sorts. It led to the installation of surveillance cameras in all-night businesses, first in Marion, later in Cedar Rapids.

But the murder's solution has proven elusive.

"It's as if we hit a cement wall," police detective Sam McClurg said Wednesday of the investigation.

A van that a witness placed at the store near the time of the murder has been among the crucial leads in the case, police have said.

And the call to the Schapperts last Thursday, from an anonymous woman, was about a van she felt might be involved.

Arnold Schappert said the caller talked to his wife for quite a long time, detailing why she thought the van might be the one witness had seen and why its owner might have been the murderer. The caller told Laura Schappert that she knows the van owner and knows that he had frequented the convenience store where the murder took place, said Schappert.

Schappert characterized the caller as "very sincere" but said she stopped just short of revealing her name or the specifics of the possible suspect.

"But she promised to call detective McClurg

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Brian Schappert  
Stabbed to death

## Combine efforts



Gazette photo by Linda Kahlbaugh

Ron Biefeldt (left) and Rowe Blissard examine an ear of corn and watch a combine demonstration Wednesday at the Farm Progress Show. The two central Illinois farmers, who came to the show for the day, got to see some of the equipment demonstrations that were postponed Tuesday because of wet ground at the Amana Outdoor Convention Center. The show continues today. More photos on Back Page, 16C; stories on page 8A.

# Obesity's costs: Poverty, loneliness

Study finds women  
bear heavy burden

BOSTON (AP) — Science confirms what overweight people already know: Obesity can be a heavy burden, especially for the young, who face a high risk of being poor and single as they grow old.

And while life can be difficult for overweight men, hefty women seem to suffer more in terms of money and love, researchers found.

Compared with other women, those who are overweight during their teens and early 20s:

- Are 20 percent less likely to get married.
- Have household incomes that average \$6,710 lower.

- Are 10 percent more apt to live in poverty.
- Average four months less schooling.

The researchers blame discrimination for the differences.

"I don't think this will come as news to obese people," said Dr. William Dietz of New England Medical Center, one of the researchers. "They are freely discriminated against."

For males, obese young men are 11 percent less likely to get married, and their family income averages \$2,876 lower.

"Being fat has always meant being downwardly mobile, especially for women. Society discriminates against people of size," said Karen Stimson, director of Largesse, an

organization that fights "sizism."

The study, published in today's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine, was based on a random sample of 10,039 people ages 16 to 24. They were surveyed in 1980 and 1988.

The researchers compared the 370 most overweight people to the rest. The women in the heavy group averaged 5-foot-3 and 200 pounds; the men 5-foot-7 and 225 pounds. The researchers estimate that more than 1.1 million young Americans are that large.

One important reason for overweight women's lower household incomes is that they are often unmarried. This accounts for about half their lower average family incomes.

## Therapist: Jessica is doing well



Jessica Schmidt

"Chatters away on Cara's lap"

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — The therapist who supervised visits before Jessica was transferred from a Michigan couple to her parents in Iowa says the girl is doing well in her new surroundings.

"I want to affirm the Schmidts as the good parents they are," said Lucy Biven, a child psychoanalyst who supervised visits by Dan and Cara Schmidt with Jessica at Jan and Roberta DeBoer's home before her transfer to the Schmidts.

"I am in touch with them on the phone often and have lengthy conversations with them," she said. "Lots of times, Jessi is sitting on Cara's lap chattering away."

Biven said she decided to speak out after watching the critical portrayal of the Schmidts on Sunday in an ABC-TV movie about the cus-

tody fight. She said the Schmidts have not needed an Iowa therapist who is ready to help ease Jessica into her new life with the couple and their 3-month-old daughter, Chloe.

"Her adjustment has been so unexpectedly good that I give the Schmidts and the DeBoers a lot of credit," Biven said. Biven said she plans to visit the Schmidts next month in their Blairstown home.

Last week, M. Kathryn Miller, director of the Youth Law Center in Des Moines, asked a Benton County District Court judge to hold a hearing to assess if the Schmidts are tending to Jessica's psychological needs.

## No rolling for Stone Man

Fayette boulder to stay in ditch, tourism council says

By Val Swinton

Gazette Northeast Iowa Bureau  
Stone Man will stay in the ditch. The Executive Committee of the Fayette County Tourism Council decided last week that in light of the opposition to moving him, this historic four-foot-tall boulder will remain in the west ditch of County Road M two miles west of Fayette and just north of Highway 93.

"A lot of people had hoped he would stay where he is, and we're happy to leave him there," said Tourism Director Ollie Pleggenkuhl.

A group of concerned citizens had approached the tourism council in July, suggesting the boulder be moved to the Fayette County Tourism Center in Fayette where it could be protected from the elements and more tourists could see him.

The Fayette County Tourism Council considered moving Stone Man but said public opinion would be the determining factor. And it has been generally negative. Neighbors of Stone Man and members of the Kil Kare Klub, a local service organization whose predecessors built a cement base for Stone Man in 1929, published a letter in

several local newspapers arguing against moving him.

Pleggenkuhl said she received several letters opposing the suggested move.

"We had a couple that were nasty. They were kind of mean," she said. "Most, though, were very kind, just saying they would feel bad if it was moved."

Stone Man has been in the area for more than 100 years. He served as a landmark and message board for farm families in the late 19th century and may have been a boundary marker for teamsters driving horse-drawn wagons of supplies from Dubuque to Fort Atkinson, according to a history prepared by Levern and Jo Ellen Knight of Fayette.

It may even have been a boundary marker for the Neutral Ground, a 40-mile-wide strip of land established in 1833 to protect Winnebago Indians from hostile tribes.

The tourism council has scheduled a meeting for 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Sumner Cafe to discuss preserving Stone Man where it stands. Pleggenkuhl said she hoped opponents of moving the boulder would attend to offer suggestions on how it could be protected from the elements and how tourists could be drawn to its location.

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## Murder

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the next day," said Schappert. As of last night she had not. "Maybe she's afraid. Maybe she doesn't want to get involved," he said.

The phone call is the first like it the Schapperts have fielded since the first weeks after the murder. After nearly four years, now this.

"It has kind of got us thinking again," said Schappert.

Both he and McClurg on Wednesday encouraged the woman to call the Detective Bureau.

"I'd just like to hear what she has to say," said McClurg. "Maybe she can help, maybe she can't."

McClurg termed the call to the Schapperts "unusual" and said it has him hopeful the caller holds a vital tip that can get the murder investigation moving ahead.

**WITHOUT A NEW** lead, all detectives hold are theories, admitted McClurg. And those range the gamut: from itinerant robber to an acquaintance-robber who killed after Schappert recognized him.

"You just never know," said McClurg. "We've kicked around a hundred scenarios."

Schappert believes his son was acquainted with his murderer.

Two weeks before the murder, Brian Schappert, a Coe College senior, had been promoted to assistant manager at the convenience store and been given the combination to the store's safe, his father said.

The promotion excited Brian, and that exuberance, said his father, may have spilled over to friends and acquaintances, including the detail about having the safe's combination.

Brian's body was found near the store's open, emptied safe.

Four years after a child is murdered the parents do not put the crime behind them, said Schappert.

**IN THAT TIME**, he said, his initial desire for revenge has given way to a hope his son's murderer yet will be brought to justice.

"I've kind of put the hate part behind," said Schappert. "... But someday, before I die, I hope I know who did it, and I see him in the witness box trying to argue his way out of it. There might still be a little bitterness there, I don't know."

Schappert said he has never stopped driving well out of his way to scrutinize a van that looks something like the one a witness placed at the murder scene.

According to Schappert, one witness led police to the owner of a white van, who admitted being near the store and seeing a brown van there about the time of the murder.

## Explicit

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the regents would write their own policy for the U of I. Rawlings told them that is a possibility. The regents also could accept the U of I vote unconditionally, order faculty to try again or impose the policies approved at ISU or UNI, he said.

Regardless, faculty should consider the policy on its merits, Rawlings said. "I, myself, would prefer that the faculty senate not take the regents' reaction at all into account when deciding whether or not the adopt the policy," he told the senate before it voted.

Still, the regents have the final say over what the U of I policy should be, Rawlings said.

Some faculty supporting the postponement said they wanted to leave the door open for future discussion rather than reject the policy altogether. Faculty Senate President Jerald Schnoor said some faculty are unsure how the policy would be interpreted.

"Yes, I'm concerned about the public," Schnoor said. "And I think that we will need to go back to the regents and try to explain our position."

Three new regents have joined the board since February. The regents' Berenstein said he is unsure how much that will affect the reaction to the U of I decision.

One of those new regents is Thomas Collins of Cedar Rapids. "I'm really trying to get more information right now so that I can respond to it," Collins said Wednesday. "I don't want to just knee-jerk react to it."

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## Gill gets 5 awards; Willie wins hearts

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Vince Gill captured five trophies at the Country Music Association's annual awards show last night, but Willie Nelson won the audience's heart as he was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Gill, 36, received the entertainer of the year award, ending Garth Brooks' string at two straight, and the best male vocalist award.

His impassioned version of "I Still Believe in You" was voted song and album of the year, and he was among 11 country stars who shared the vocal event of the year award.

Nelson, who shunned his trademark T-shirt, jeans and bandanna for formal attire, received a prolonged standing ovation as he was inducted into the country Music Hall of Fame.

"I really thought you had to die to get here," he said. "So I went ahead and dressed up just in case."

Nelson, 60, sold Bibles and vacuum cleaners before his career as a singer and songwriter took off. On Wednesday, he became the 54th person inducted into the Music Hall of Fame.

Alan Jackson, who was nomi-

nated in seven categories, second only to Gill's eight nominations, won for best single and music video for "Chattahoochee" and was one of the 11 who shared the event of the year award.

Mary-Chapin Carpenter won her second straight award as top female vocalist.

Brooks, who had been nominated in four categories this year, claimed only one honor, his share of the vocal event award.

The duo Brooks & Dunn, who have helped inspire the country dance craze with hits like "Boot Scootin' Boogie," won vocal duo of the year.

Diamond Rio was voted best vocal group for the second straight year and singer Mark Chesnutt was chosen Horizon Award winner for most promising.

Fiddler Mark O'Connor, whose repertoire ranges from classical to country, won instrumentalist of the year.

Others who shared the vocal event award for "I Don't Need Your Rockin' Chair," were Chesnutt, Travis Tritt, Joe Diffie, Pam Tillis, T. Graham Brown, Patty Loveless and Clint Black.

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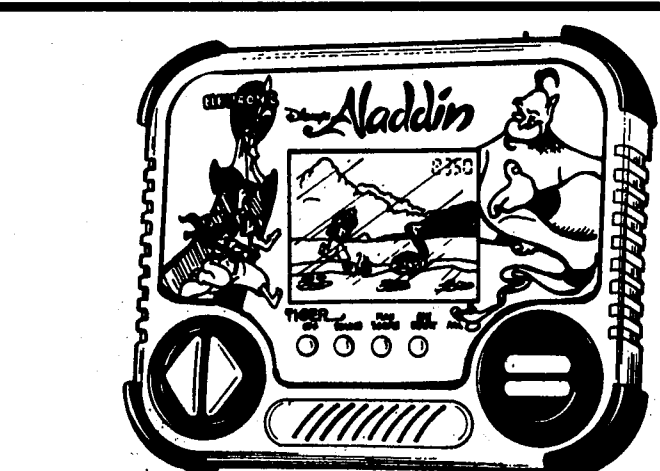
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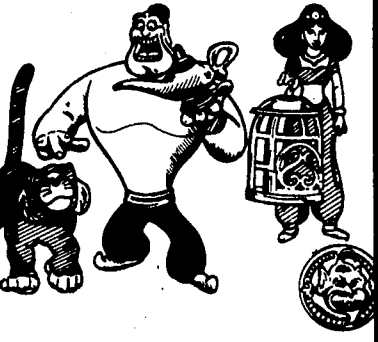
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