



Stocks Broaden Losses Early

New York (AP) — The stock market was markedly lower at midday today, broadening its early losses on the final trading day of the quarter. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials had dropped 14.99 points to 2,431.92 at noon on Wall Street. Declining issues outnumbered gainers by about 5 to 2 on the New York Stock Exchange, with 975 declining, 411 advancing and 426 unchanged. Volume on the Big Board totaled 76.32 million shares in morning trading, up from 73.82 million at the same time Monday. The NYSE's composite index of all its listed common stocks had fallen 1.21 to 171.78. At the American Stock Exchange, the market value index was down 0.86 at 337.82.

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Factory Orders Unchanged During May

Washington (AP) — Orders to U.S. factories for manufactured goods were unchanged in May as a steep decline in military demand offset strength in civilian categories, the government reported Tuesday. The Commerce Department said that factory orders totaled a seasonally adjusted \$200.6 billion in May, matching the April figure. The weakness came from a 14 percent drop in the volatile defense category. Without this decline, orders would have posted a eight-tenths of 1 percent rise in May.

UtilCo Buys Stake in Westwood Energy

UtilCo Group, a subsidiary of UtiliCorp United Inc. of Kansas City, Mo., has closed its \$10 million purchase of an interest in the Westwood Energy Properties Limited Partnership. The partnership is building and will operate a 30-megawatt electric generation facility in Schuylkill County, Pa., which is scheduled to begin commercial operation in July. UtiliCorp is the parent company of Peoples Natural Gas Co. of Council Bluffs.

Lorimar Telepictures Announces Loss

Culver City, Calif. (AP) — Lorimar Telepictures Corp., which last week announced a major restructuring, announced a net loss of \$62.7 million for the fourth quarter ended March 31. The television production company, whose holdings include the public relations and advertising firm of Bozell & Jacobs, said Monday that the fourth-quarter loss included a charge of \$45.2 million related to its home video operation and discontinued operations. For the full fiscal year that ended March 31, the company had a net loss of \$58.6 million.

Japan Unemployment Rate Sets Record

Tokyo (AP) — Japan's unemployment rate was 3.2 percent in May, the highest since such statistics were first compiled in 1953, the government reported Tuesday. The seasonally adjusted rate topped the previous record of 3 percent set in January and April this year, according to the Management and Coordination Agency. In Japan, military personnel and people who work more than one hour in any given week are counted as employed.

Dollar Gains in Europe; Gold Is Mixed

London (AP) — The U.S. dollar posted modest gains against most major currencies in light European trading Tuesday morning. Gold bullion drifted lower in Europe after edging up in Hong Kong. The British pound edged up to \$1.6075 from \$1.6025. The dollar firmed in Tokyo for a third consecutive session, closing at 146.75 Japanese yen, up from 146.58 yen Monday. In later London trading, the dollar was pegged at 146.95 yen. London's five biggest bullion houses fixed a recommended gold price of \$447.10 a troy ounce at midmorning, down from \$448 late Monday. Gold traded at a bid of \$447.25 an ounce in Zurich, down from \$449. Gold closed earlier in Hong Kong at a bid of \$447.98 an ounce, up from \$446.36. Silver bullion traded in London at a bid of \$7.14 an ounce, up 2 cents.



ConAgra Will Transfer 430 To New Omaha Complex

By Alan Gersten
World-Herald Business Editor

ConAgra Inc. will transfer about 430 people from Greater St. Louis and Scottsdale, Ariz., to its new food laboratory and headquarters complex in Omaha that will have 1,000 employees within the next four years. "Their jobs are being transferred to Omaha, and they have the option to move," said ConAgra spokeswoman Lynn Phares. "We're working out the packages now for the employees." She declined to estimate how many employees would choose to remain in the St. Louis area or Scottsdale instead of moving to Omaha. "It's too early to discuss that."

In Scottsdale, ConAgra has a research facility used for Armour products, a division of ConAgra employing about 50. In Ballwin, Mo., which is near St. Louis, ConAgra has a frozen food product development facility employing about 380 people. The duties of both will be transferred to Omaha, and the facilities in Ballwin and Scottsdale closed. In the first phase, employees would be transferred to Omaha when ConAgra's laboratory is completed. ConAgra is currently looking for a site and hopes to make a selection by the end of the summer.

After that, it will take 12 to 18 months to build the laboratory, which will test food products, conduct research on new products and develop and package food products. The laboratory will have about 100 employees. Ms. Phares said about 50 Scottsdale employees would move to Omaha in the first phase and 15 to 20 employees from Ballwin, Mo. By 1991, ConAgra will consolidate its various headquarters to one facility next to the laboratory. This will be a multi-headquarters complex, with different independent operating companies having their headquarters in this facility as well as the overall corporate headquarters. Now ConAgra has its corporate headquarters in the Central Park Plaza and another downtown Omaha location. Consumer Frozen Food Co., a big ConAgra division, is in Ballwin. About 360 more people will move from Ballwin into the new laboratory and headquarters complex. Another 600 will move from the Central Park Plaza and the other downtown location into the new complex. After the Nebraska Legislature passed new legislation creating tax incentives and industrial expansion under LB775, ConAgra chose to stay in Omaha and build its laboratory and headquarters here.

Europe Replaces U.S. as Leading Ag Exporter

Washington (AP) — With relative suddenness, the European Common Market has replaced the United States as the world's leading exporter of farm products, wiping out a 2-to-1 lead enjoyed by American farmers only a decade ago. Part of the reason is the expansion of the trading bloc from 10 countries to 12. Another factor, according to a new analysis by the Agriculture Department, has been monetary policy and exchange rates. "The 12-member European Community passed the United States as the world's largest agricultural exporter in 1986," the report said. It added: "EC exports, buoyed initially by exchange rates that made EC products relatively less expensive, started to rebound as the dollar neared its peak value during 1984 and 1985. As the dollar weakened and world prices fell, export subsidies have permitted increased EC export sales at prices far below internal support levels."

According to the report, the 12 nations exported \$28.1 billion worth of farm commodities last year, compared with \$26.1 billion for the United States. If limited to 10 countries, the Europeans still tied the Americans, the report showed. Comparatively, in 1976, U.S. farm exports were valued at \$23 billion, against \$11.8 billion for the European group of countries. The analysis was prepared by the department's Economic Research Service

Fourth Straight Monthly Increase

Economic Indicators Climb in May

Washington (AP) — The government said Tuesday that its main forecasting gauge of future economic activity climbed seven-tenths of 1 percent in May, the fourth consecutive monthly increase. The advance in the Commerce Department's Index of Leading Indicators followed a revised two-tenths of 1 percent April increase, which had originally been reported as a six-tenths of 1 percent decline. The combination of the healthy May increase and the sharp upward revision in April presented a picture of an economy that appeared to be gathering momentum. Many analysts believe that economic growth will strengthen in the second half of the year following a very weak

April-June quarter. The leading index appears to be providing evidence to support that view. The May increase in the leading index was the strongest since a nine-tenths of 1 percent advance in March. The index has risen every month since a six-tenths of 1 percent drop in January, which was blamed on special factors relating to the new tax laws. The main source of strength in May was a rise in the number of hours worked at manufacturing plants. A decline in manufacturing hours had been the biggest factor holding back the April index. Analysts complained that the April dip in manufacturing hours was a result of a faulty survey taken in a week when

religious holidays reduced the work force. In all, four of the available nine indicators posted increases in May. After manufacturing hours, the largest positive factors were changes in raw materials prices, business delivery times and a rise in plant and equipment orders. Five of the indicators held back the index. The biggest negative factor was a drop in building permits followed by slower growth in the money supply, a rise in unemployment claims, a decline in orders for consumer goods and a drop in stock prices. The various changes left the index at 189.3 percent of its 1967 base of 100. Economic growth, as measured by the gross national product, spurred

ahead at a 4.8 percent annual rate from January through March this year, the fastest pace in almost three years. However, economists said this was overstating the economy's underlying strength because it reflected a large buildup in business inventories which was occurring at the same time that consumer demand was posting a rare decline. These two factors will contribute to an extremely weak GNP growth rate in the April-June quarter with some analysts forecasting the GNP will increase less than 1 percent. But economists believe the economy will strengthen in the second half of the year, but there is dispute about when the turn-around will occur.

ICC Won't Reconsider Railroad Merger

Washington (AP) — The Interstate Commerce Commission Tuesday refused to reconsider the proposed merger of the Santa Fe and Southern railroads, forcing the sale of one, or possibly both, of the western rail lines. The commission, by a 4-to-1 vote, said that it would stand by its decision nearly a year ago not to approve the merger because of potential competitive problems. The decision not to reopen the case came despite a recommendation from the ICC staff that the commission should take another look at the merger because the new proposal includes various agreements with other railroads aimed at easing concerns about competition.

But four of the commissioners said the two railroads' parent company, the Santa Fe Southern Pacific Corp., had made no dramatic changes in its new proposal and that the same competitive problems cited a year ago remain. "What has been termed as new is in my judgment... little more than a change in position. I don't think there's really a change at all," said Commissioner Paul Lamboley. Another commissioner, J.J. Simmons, called the proposed merger "a radical and unprecedented restructuring" of the rail systems in the West that could have unpredictable results. The only vote for re-examining the merger came from Chairman Heather Gradsen. She said the refusal of the

commission to reopen the case represents "a serious and broad threat to the railroad industry and shippers." The ICC ordered Santa Fe Southern Pacific Corp. to produce a plan within 90 days for selling at least one of its railroads within the next two years. After the ICC decision was issued, John Reed, the chairman of Santa Fe Southern Pacific, said no decision has been reached on which of the two railroads the company will sell. He stopped short of ruling out the possibility that both rail lines might be disposed of. Reed said he was disappointed that the merger was rejected and said he had no plans to appeal the ICC decision through the courts. Last month, lawyers for the Chicago-

based Santa Fe Southern Pacific Corp. argued before the commission that the ICC should reverse itself because of a series of concessions made to competing rail lines aimed at assuring continued competition in the two railroads' market areas. Some industry analysts have suggested the parent company, which has large real estate, mineral, pipeline and timber interests, might get out of the railroad business altogether. The Santa Fe's greatest strength is a direct, high-speed line from southern and central California to Chicago. The Southern Pacific, meanwhile, carries a broad array of cargo up and down the Pacific Coast and across the Southwest.

Rejection to Cost U.P. \$97 Million per Year

By Alan Gersten
World-Herald Business Editor

The rejection of the Santa Fe Southern Pacific merger Tuesday could prevent the Union Pacific Railroad from obtaining \$97 million in new revenues. The Omaha-based Union Pacific Railroad had reached an agreement with the Santa Fe Southern Pacific to open the Southern Corridor route for U.P. from California to Texas. But the new trackage rights, which were estimated to add \$97 million to U.P.'s revenues annually, were contingent upon approval of the merger. Tuesday the Interstate Commerce Commission, which had already rejected the proposed merger, refused to reconsider. "This will not have much impact on the Union Pacific Railroad's earnings," said Bruce Remington, an assistant vice president with Kirkpatrick, Pettis, Smith, Polian Inc. "Ninety-seven million dollars is a small amount to the railroad, which will have an estimated \$3.9 billion in revenues in 1987." William S. Cook, chairman and chief executive officer of the Union Pacific Corp., said in a prepared statement, "We supported the merger and were convinced that the trackage rights agreements we reached with the Santa Fe Southern Pacific would have increased railroad competition in the West. "Rejection of the merger will no doubt set in motion new restructuring initiatives involving Santa Fe Southern Pacific. What happens next with the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific could be very important to us, and we will be watching future developments there closely."

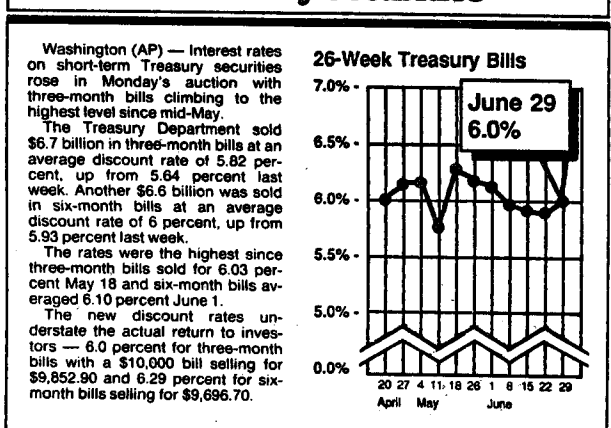
The Union Pacific Corp., based in New York City, is the parent firm and the Union Pacific Railroad is its largest subsidiary. The U.P. was in favor of reopening the merger case because of the Southern Corridor agreement. This would have opened a new market for U.P., permitting the carrier to haul steel, food products and general merchandise. The Santa Fe and Southern Pacific are the only two railroads along the route from Colton, Calif. (near Los Angeles), to El Paso, Texas, and Colton to Lathrop, Calif. (near Stockton). Under the agreement, U.P. would have received rights to use these lines along the Southern Corridor from California to Texas and from Colton to Lathrop, Calif., through the San Joaquin Valley. In return, the U.P. would have agreed to the Southern Pacific track rights over U.P.'s lines between Sierra Blanca, Texas (near El Paso) and Big Sandy, Texas. Southern Pacific would also have received rights or the U.P. would have made arrangements for handling Southern Pacific's traffic between East St. Louis, Ill., and Chicago; and between Bay City, Texas, and Pecos, Texas; and between Wichita and Benedict, Kan. Officials said these rights would give the Southern Pacific a shorter, more efficient route across Texas to the Southeast, improved access to the Gulf Coast chemical plants and a shorter route between the Gulf and Chicago. The U.P. has 21,500 miles of track in 20 states and goes from Chicago to New Orleans, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Seattle. The new agreement would have added 1,230 miles of track and one state — Arizona — to the system.



Rich Janda/World-Herald

Lifting a U.P. Load
Joe Abbott of Weidner-Williams Contracting helps lift materials to the roof of the east building of Union Pacific Railroad's Omaha headquarters to install a new membrane roof. Union Pacific spokesman John Bromley said that the existing roof had some leaks. Other remodeling companies are at work inside, rebuilding offices following the removal of asbestos material, he said. The job should take about five weeks.

Yields on Treasury Securities



Blankenau Drops Out Omaha Investors Purchase Virgin Islands Phone Firm

By John Taylor
World-Herald Staff Writer

A company headed by an Omaha accountant has completed its purchase of Vitelco, the Virgin Islands Telephone Corp., from International Telephone & Telegraph Corp. Another Omaha businessman, Edmund H. Blankenau, who had been involved in initial negotiations to buy Vitelco, apparently dropped out and is not mentioned in a statement announcing the transaction. The statement was issued by Atlantic Tele-Network Co., the purchasing company. ATN said the purchase was completed last Wednesday in ceremonies in Vitelco's executive offices on St. Thomas, in the Virgin Islands. Jeffrey J. Prosser of Omaha, managing shareholder of the accounting firm of Prosser & Prosser, has been named president of Vitelco and chairman of the parent firm, ATN, according to the statement.

John P. Raynor, an attorney who represented ATN in the transaction, said that Blankenau was not a principal in the purchase. He said he was "not at liberty to discuss" the reasons Blankenau had dropped out of the transaction. Blankenau, president of the Omaha-based MidAmerican Long Distance Co., couldn't be reached for comment. The statement said that Prior, who was named chairman of the board of Vitelco, was until recently a managing director and head of the Telecommunications Finance Group of the investment banking firm of Kidder Peabody in New York. Hutton's investment banking division has been active in direct investments in the telecommunications field, the statement said. It was involved in the creation and development of Microtel and SouthernNet, two U.S. regional telecommunications companies using fiber-optic systems for long distance and data transmission for large users.

The purchase price was not disclosed in the statement. John Smolsky, manager of the Omaha office of Prosser & Prosser and a spokesman for Prosser, said Tuesday he did not know the price. Last September, ITT said it had agreed in principle to accept an offer from Prosser and Blankenau. The purchase price was announced as \$100 million. In the latest statement, Blankenau's name was omitted from a list of the three shareholders of ATN — Prosser, Cornelius B. Prior Jr. of New York City and E. F. Hutton LBO Inc., a subsidiary of E. F. Hutton Group Inc.

Besides Raynor, also representing ATN in the transaction was John M. Gilroy. Both are in the Omaha law firm of Gilroy, Raynor, Skudlarek, Rensch & Lee.

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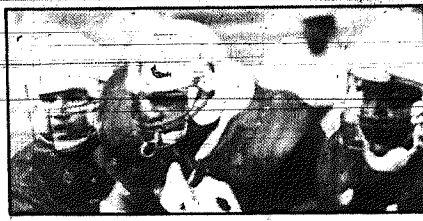
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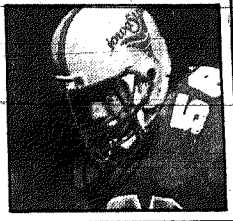


Sports

Oklahoma, NU Ranked 1 and 2 In First AP Poll



Coach's Goal At Iowa State: Win a Game



Good Morning
Omaha-Council Bluffs — Partly sunny today, high 73. Partly cloudy tonight, low 56. Mostly cloudy Monday with chance for scattered showers. High 75.

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More Managers Are Scrambling For Fewer Jobs

By Robert Dorr
World-Herald Staff Writer

Gary Cochran gave three months notice last January that he was quitting as manager of corporate planning for the parent company of Nebraska Methodist Hospital.

"I thought that would be plenty of time to find another job," Cochran said.

When he left April 2, he didn't have a job. After five months of intensive job-searching, he still isn't employed.

"Boy, was I wrong," Cochran said.

Cochran, 41, has joined a growing number of middle-aged managers and professionals searching for work.

Over the past five years, a half-million managers have been thrown on the job market by U.S. companies that have restructured their work forces to cut costs.

In Omaha, job prospects for middle managers seem even bleaker than they are nationally, some observers said.

The Union Pacific Railroad is compressing nine layers of management to five. During the last 19 months, the U.P. has shed 155 managers, technicians and professionals between 40 and 64 years of age in Omaha, railroad figures show.

As veteran managers leave Northwestern Bell, the share of the company's work force 50 and older has dropped from 25 percent five years ago to 16 percent last year.

Enron Corp. left dozens of middle managers scrambling for new jobs when it moved its headquarters to Houston last year.

"Everywhere I go, five Enron people have been there before me," Cochran said. "Those \$70,000 and \$80,000 (a year) people are squeezing out all the \$40,000 and \$50,000 jobs."

Cochran said he has roots in Omaha and would like to stay. His wife, Jill, works as a registered nurse. He plans to start part-time study toward a master's degree in business administration at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Nevertheless, he is looking outside Omaha.

"I've never really had to hunt for a job. This has been a kind of awakening as the weeks have gone by. I've taken a healthy dose of humility," he said.

Not all those leaving the U.P., Enron and other compa-

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A Memorable Handshake at Offutt

At Offutt Air Force Base's annual open house Saturday, Marshall Engstrom, 6, son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. William Engstrom of Offutt, meets Lt. Tom O'Riordan, a B-1B wing commander from Ellsworth Air Force Base in Rapid City, S.D. More on the open house, Midlands News, Page 1.

Iranian Aircraft Resume Attacks Behind Iraqi Border

The Los Angeles Times

Dubai, United Arab Emirates — The air war between Iran and Iraq intensified Saturday, while in the Persian Gulf another convoy of Kuwaiti tankers re-registered under the American flag sailed from Kuwait under the escort of U.S. warships.

The tanker convoy included the Bridgeton, which struck a mine in the gulf July 24 during the first U.S. escort mission.

For the first time in many months, Iran reported air attacks inside Iraqi borders. That could indicate that Iran has been able to put more planes back in the air with the aid of the spare parts that the Reagan administration covertly sold it in an attempt to win the release of American hostages in Lebanon, analysts said.

Iranian strikes have been limited to long-range missile attacks on Baghdad or artillery and rocket bombardments

of Basra and other population centers in the south.

That has been attributed by experts to the difficulties Iran has been having in keeping its U.S.-made planes, purchased before the Iranian revolution, in the air because of a lack of spare parts.

"The Iranian air force has definitely become more active in recent months," one Western expert on the war said. However, he said it was not clear from the Iranian announcement how many

planes took part in Saturday's raid.

In the Persian Gulf, the Bridgeton and three other tankers loaded with oil and gas passed the site 170 miles south-east of Kuwait where the Bridgeton hit a mine, according to The Associated Press.

After the mine explosion, the ship was repaired and declared to be seaworthy by the U.S. Coast Guard, which

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Riverfront Tract Eyed

Omaha Might Condemn Land For ConAgra

By Kevin Collison
World-Herald Staff Writer

The City of Omaha may be asked to use its condemnation powers to help acquire land for ConAgra near the downtown riverfront as part of a redevelopment plan that could include razing some buildings in Omaha's warehouse district.

Mayor Simon confirmed that he has met with businessmen who want the city to condemn property if necessary to assist in assembling land east of 10th Street for ConAgra's \$40 million headquarters and research laboratories.

City funds would not be used to purchase the land.

The mayor said the project could involve the demolition of some of the warehouses east of 10th Street between Interstate 480 and the old Union Pacific station, now the Omaha History Museum, at 10th and Pacific Streets.

"Not all of them (the buildings) would be going," the mayor said. "Quite a few would be saved. We'd like to save as many as we can. It would be esthetically pleasing."

Bart McEvoy, the mayor's chief of staff, said Simon was approached by Michael Yanney, chief executive officer of America First Companies who has been active for years in riverfront development, and Harold W. Andersen, publisher of The World-Herald and chairman-elect of the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce, about a plan to acquire riverfront land for ConAgra.

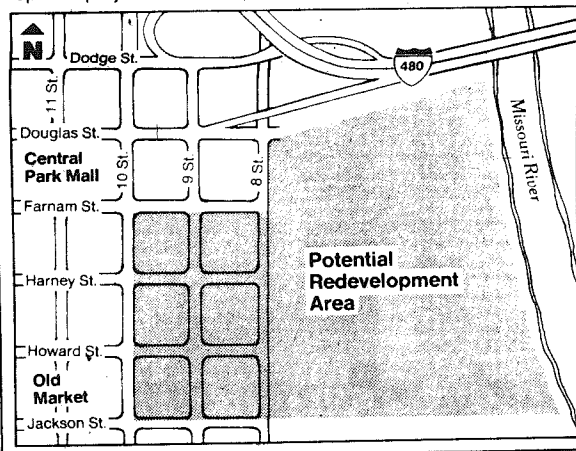
McEvoy said the number of buildings, if any, that would be demolished depends on how much property ConAgra needs to develop its offices and laboratories.

"A series of plans are being developed depending on how much land they

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Downtown Redevelopment Area

Future redevelopment may include extension of the Central Park Mall, \$40 million ConAgra Research Center and other redevelopment projects.



Tom Friel/World-Herald

Shaded area ... includes some buildings that might be razed.

Inside Today



War Veteran Tours A Destitute Nation

Twelve years after South Vietnam fell to the communists, an American war veteran returned this summer as a tourist and reporter. He found the Southeast Asian nation left destitute by decades of war but its people still friendly to Americans. His seven-part series begins today on Global Focus in this section, Page 22.

Moon Rocks Still Revealing Secrets

Scientists say the rocks returned by Apollo astronauts bolster the theory that the moon was formed by collision between Earth and another planet. This section, Page 16.

POPE POLL: As the pope's U.S. visit nears, a poll indicates American Catholics regard him highly but don't always agree with him. This section, Page 15.

LONETREE: Sgt. Clayton J. Lonetree's defense lawyer says he expects the Marine to get life imprisonment. This section, Page 21.

LOAN DEFAULT: Western banks tell North Korea it is in default, the first formal default since the onset of the international debt crunch. This section, Page 23.

Mrs. Dole Reveals Plans To Make Skies More Safe

Charlotte, N.C. (AP) — U.S. Transportation Secretary Elizabeth Dole Saturday announced a plan to make the skies safer by restricting airspace around busy airports and requiring the installation of anti-collision devices in airplanes.

The Federal Aviation Administration is planning soon to propose new rules to create nine new Terminal Control Areas, or TCAs, to increase the number of airports protected by restricted airspace and impose stricter requirements for pilots.

The FAA also has issued a proposal to require the installation in commercial aircraft of a traffic alert and collision avoidance system, called the TCAS II. The system was first proposed in September 1986 by FAA Administrator Donald Engen.

In addition, Mrs. Dole has directed FAA Administrator Allan McArdor to

review the possibility of requiring all aircraft seating more than 10 people to install traffic alert equipment.

Mrs. Dole said the proposals were not a result of the Aug. 16 crash of a Northwest Airlines jet in Detroit.

"It's been a matter of several years. That's not something that's occurred because of the crash," Mrs. Dole said. "This is something that's been in the works."

Speaking at a press conference in Charlotte, Mrs. Dole said no official findings had been released yet for the cause of the Northwest crash.

She said it would be irresponsible to comment on the investigation until the National Transportation Safety Board finished its investigation.

Rep. Robert Wise, D-W.Va., a member of the House Government Opera-

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Soviet Leader Reportedly Set To Visit U.S.

The Los Angeles Times

Washington — Soviet officials have told the United States that Mikhail Gorbachev plans to visit New York in late September to attend the U.N. General Assembly meeting and then expects to go to Washington to meet with President Reagan.

If an agreement is reached beforehand in the now-stalled talks on banning short-range and medium-range nuclear missiles, according to informed officials, the Soviet and American leaders would sign an arms accord in the setting of a full summit conference.

That would be the first U.S.-Soviet summit in the United States since the late Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev met with President Nixon in 1973.

And if Washington and Moscow fail to produce an accord ready for signing by late September, these officials said, Gorbachev is prepared to come to Washington on a lower-level working visit.

No specific date has been set for Gorbachev's trip, and the Soviets have indicated that it could slip to early October, said the officials, who spoke on condition that they not be identified.

Under terms both sides are said to have accepted, if a missile agreement is reached, Gorbachev would extend his stay to about 10 days. His tentative itinerary includes a visit to California, where he would stay as a guest at the president's ranch.

Soviet officials have asked — and the United States has agreed — to allow Gorbachev to visit both an aircraft assembly plant in Southern California and Silicon Valley near San Francisco.

In addition, Gorbachev would visit farms and industrial food processing plants in California's Central Valley and, in one of his few concessions to frivolity, probably tour Disneyland.

If no final arms agreement is reached, Soviet officials have indicated that Gorbachev would shorten his stay and confine it to New York and Washington.

Removal of Half of Brain Lets Children Return to a Whole Life

By Nancy Shulins

Baltimore (AP) — Maranda Francisco stands at the center of a crowded conference room. All eyes and all cameras are on the fidgety 6-year-old, from the tips of her light brown curls to the toes of her new party shoes.

For a few self-conscious seconds, she stares mutely back. Then, with a throat-clearing giggle, on a single intake of breath: "Humpty-Dumpty-sat-on-a-wall," she whispers. "Humpty-Dumpty-had-a-great-fall."

Had she quoted Shakespeare rather than a child's nursery rhyme, the performance by the little girl from Denver couldn't have been more dazzling to her audience of doctors, nurses, parents and reporters.

Half of Maranda's brain, her dominant left hemisphere, the half that is verbal and analytical, is preserved in

Neighborhood hothead became noted brain surgeon. This section, Page 10.

glass jars in a pathologist's freezer, removed two years ago in a feat of surgery known as hemispherectomy.

It is rare surgery for a rare neurological disease: progressive seizure disorders that affect only one hemisphere of the brain and that don't respond to any other treatment. Such disorders can be the result of a stroke, a congenital abnormality, a low-grade tumor, perhaps even a virus.

Beyond the mystery of the disease looms a greater mystery: that of the cure. How can a surgeon remove half of the human brain and yet excise none of the human spirit?

Maranda, along with seven other "hemis" and their families, were back at Johns Hopkins Hospital for four days of mutual support and testing.

The 10-hour operation that took half of Maranda's brain has given her two years without seizures. She is now a



The Associated Press

Please turn to Page 11, Col. 1 Maranda ... surgery has given her two years without seizures.

Omaha May Aid ConAgra by Condemning Property

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need," McEvoy said. "We don't know if they want a 15-, 20-, 25- or 35-acre site."

City Planning Director Marty Shukert said the exact boundaries of the redevelopment area still are unknown. The area could extend as far west as 10th Street, but that does not necessarily mean everything within the area would be redeveloped, he said.

Shukert said ConAgra needs 20 to 25 acres for its project. The eastward extension of the Central Park Mall between Douglas and Farnam Streets and construction of a public park down to the river would take another 20 acres.

ConAgra, Others

He said the city is "trying to put together a project involving ConAgra and other development opportunities" in the area bounded by the Interstate 480 on-ramp at Douglas Street, 10th Street, Jackson Street and the Missouri River.

McEvoy said a plan for redeveloping the riverfront area and acquiring additional property is scheduled to be presented to ConAgra before Sept. 9. He said the redevelopment project also could include setting aside land for a hotel.

"What it will end up is that the entire area will be redeveloped," McEvoy said. "We want to develop a series of plans depending on what ConAgra wants."

McEvoy said Andersen and Yanney told city officials they want to acquire the properties using private funds. In the event a landowner wouldn't sell, however, the city would be asked to condemn the land, he said.

"It's my understanding the city would be reimbursed by a private source if it was forced to condemn," McEvoy said.

Yanney and Andersen could not be reached for comment.

Was So Declared

Ken Bunker, assistant city attorney, said the city can acquire property for a redevelopment project only in areas declared by the city as "blighted and substandard." He said the area in question for the ConAgra project was so declared in 1985.

The next step would be for the City Planning Board and City Council to approve a redevelopment project for the area. The proposed project would be subject to public hearings.

If the project is approved, Bunker said, the private developer or the city could negotiate with property owners to acquire their property. If the city nego-

tiates the acquisition, it hires a real estate appraiser to determine fair market value for the property. If the property owner doesn't want to sell, the city can exercise eminent domain — or condemnation — to take the land.

The city would file an action for eminent domain with Douglas County Court. The court would appoint three real estate appraisers to determine fair market value for the property.

If a property owner disagreed with the market value set by the appraisers, he could appeal to District Court.

McEvoy said the money for acquiring the land would come from a combination of sources including ConAgra and the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce.

ConAgra Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Charles M. "Mike" Harper said Friday that his company is considering the Central Park East area as a location for its expansion.

Central Park East is a 30-acre area just east of the Central Park Mall that has been cleared of buildings near the Missouri River for redevelopment.

About 20 acres are owned by Douglas County and would be used for the park. The remaining 10 acres of cleared land are owned by Glacier Park Co., a subsidiary of Burlington Northern, and are intended for private development.

The warehouses along Ninth and 10th Streets cover about another 10 acres.

Harper said he wants a site large enough to allow a campus environment.

ConAgra does not plan just one headquarters building and one laboratory. He said each of ConAgra's subsidiary companies would have its own major building and accompanying laboratory.

Has Disadvantages

Harper said the riverfront area is attractive to his company, but it has some disadvantages.

He said the site is marred by electric transmission pylons and wires, railroad tracks and what he described as "some big, ugly red brick buildings."

The warehouse buildings, called the Ninth Street Jobber's Canyon, were listed as a National Register Historic District earlier this year, but the city has not declared the area a local historic district.

Shukert said national register status only protects the buildings from demolition if federal funds are involved. Local historic status would prevent any demolition or alteration without City Council approval.

The value of the property in the area east of 10th Street between Interstate

480 and the Omaha History Museum has been estimated to be about \$15 million, a person familiar with the area said.

Simon said that several meetings have taken place with the businessmen mentioned and that ConAgra's concerns about the riverfront area have been discussed.

"We've talked about going in that area and the concerns he (Harper) raised about power lines, railroad tracks and buildings and trying to work out a plan," Simon said. "Maybe there are some (buildings) that will go to condemnation and some won't."

Shukert said whatever happens in the area won't harm the \$11-million renovation of the McKesson & Robbins building currently under way at Ninth

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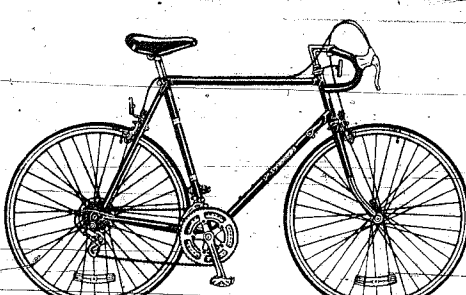
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In 1979, Soviet dancer Alexander Godunov defected in New York.

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3 Agencies Reunited
In Fund-Raising Drive

By Cindy Gonzalez
World-Herald Staff Writer



United Way
/ CHAD

The 1987 United Way/CHAD fund-raising drive is a reunion of sorts for three area health agencies.

Two of the organizations — Nebraska affiliates of the American Cancer Society and American Heart Association — are former members of the Combined Health Agencies Drive.

They severed CHAD ties to become United Way affiliates because United Way could offer them more money, said Curt Gordon, director of CHAD.

Dropped, Recruited

The Omaha area Council on Alcoholism originally was a United Way member but was dropped last year when the council began a bingo operation to subsidize its income. CHAD later recruited the drug and alcohol awareness organization, Gordon said.

The three organizations temporarily are reunited with their former umbrella federations while United Way and CHAD conduct their first joint fund-raising campaign.

The merged drive began Sept. 15 and will end Nov. 17. A goal of \$12.8 million was set.

During the nine-week campaign, United Way and CHAD officials are expected to promote services of the dozen CHAD agencies as well as the 40 United Way affiliates.

Common Problems

The two federations remain autonomous in all other aspects except fund-raising.

"It took a while for the United Way to get used to us and for us to get used to them," Gordon said. "But it's really working well."

Common problems — such as a decreasing contribution base and shortage of volunteers — brought the two together, he said.

But differences still exist and probably never would allow for a complete merger of United Way and CHAD, Gordon said.

He said health-related agencies generally follow a different philosophy from that of social services agencies. An example, he said, are the allocation processes used by United Way and CHAD.

In the United Way, community review panels investigate member agencies and evaluate their contribution to the community. Committee members then recommend how much money should be distributed to that agency.

CHAD allocates its proceeds according to what the donors designate on pledge cards. Gordon said volunteer committees cannot compare or determine the worth of health programs.

Two Are Partners

"How do you equate Cystic Fibrosis research versus research to prevent blindness?" he said.

Although the American Cancer Society and American Heart Association switched to the United Way, they did not adopt the traditional United Way allocation process, said Jeff Rocke.

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Landlady Faces Charge
Of Abusing Woman, 66

Six residents of an Omaha home for the elderly were relocated after charges that their 71-year-old landlady physically abused a 66-year-old woman tenant.

Joseph Nanfuto, administrator of the Nebraska Department of Social Services in Omaha, said all six residents were over age 65. Four have been moved to other boarding homes and two are staying in nursing homes, he said.

They were removed from their boarding home at 8901 Seward St. after their landlady was arrested and charged with felony abuse of an elderly person, officials said.

The landlady, Clara Kugler, lived in the private home with her husband, Albert, and the six residents.

She was arrested after a complaint filed with Adult Protective Services. The victim, Doris M. Bates, told police she lived at the residence the past 10 years and repeatedly has been struck by Mrs. Kugler for things like going to the bathroom or asking for a drink of water.

Mrs. Kugler allegedly hit the woman

with a ruler, her fist and possibly other objects, said police Sgt. Edward Haley.

Mrs. Kugler was described in a police report as being 5-foot-9 and having a heavy build. She was released from police custody after paying 10 percent of a \$2,500 bond, Haley said.

A police officer who went to the boarding house to arrest Mrs. Kugler said the victim's body had visible bruises, scratches and cuts.

Maurice Stander, an officer from the Adult Protective Services section of the Department of Social Services, also was present at the home when police arrived. Stander told police that his office has received other complaints that Mrs. Kugler has abused residents.

Mrs. Kugler's boarding house was licensed by the State Health Department as a domiciliary for eight beds, said Robert Blasey, assistant director of the department's division of licensure and standards.

The facility still is licensed, Blasey said. The department's legal division is investigating the matter further, he said.

A preliminary hearing is set for Oct.

Immanuel Medical Center Invites
Public to Its 100th Birthday Bash

Immanuel Medical Center has issued an open invitation to its 100th birthday party, from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The party will feature bands, orchestras, singers, dancers, magicians, acrobats, puppets and a 3 p.m. ceremony honoring people born at Immanuel Hospital.

There will be historical displays and exhibits related to health care today. The medical center will be open for tours and such health tests as blood pressure and lung function.

Seventy-five birthday cakes are being baked. Refreshments also will include popcorn, cotton candy, snow cones, coffee and soft drinks, according to a medical center announcement.

Free to the public, the party will be held rain or shine. Parking will be available at Roncalli High School and

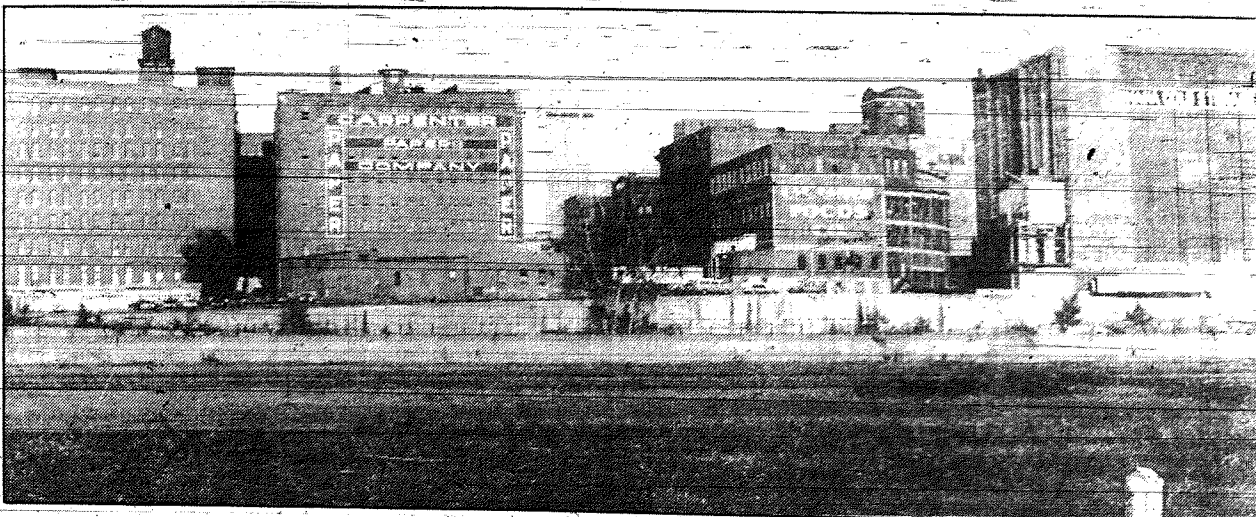
Vickers Inc., as well as Immanuel, with shuttle buses to take people back and forth.

In addition to the party for the public, Immanuel will mark its official Founders Day Oct. 8 with two events.

A centennial park, which has been developed in front of the hospital, will be dedicated at 2:30 p.m. Gov. Kay Orr is expected to be among those taking part in the dedication.

The park is being paid for with donations from employees and friends. It is designed to be used by patients, employees, visitors, residents of Immanuel Village and the Immanuel-Fontenelle Home and children from the child development center.

A 7:30 p.m. banquet at Peony Park will feature a special program on Immanuel's centennial and music by the Louisiana Repertory Jazz Ensemble.



View of Jobbers Canyon facing west... Woodmen Tower peeks through between warehouses. Part of the proposed ConAgra riverfront site is in foreground.

ConAgra Project Tied to Redevelopment

Jobbers Canyon Firms Say Offers Low

By Kevin Collison
World-Herald Staff Writer

Four business owners in the riverfront area designated for potential redevelopment as part of a \$50 million ConAgra project say initial offers to buy their properties are less than what it would cost them to relocate.

"They are being very fair with ConAgra, but they seem to be forgetting the little guys down here who could be forced out of business," said Jerry Fonda, president of the John Day Co.

Relocation Cost

Fonda, who owns buildings at 401, 407 and 410 S. 10th St., said Peschio & Co., working on behalf of the Omaha Development Foundation, has made an "unreasonable" offer for his properties.

"I'm receptive to a reasonable offer based on my relocation cost," Fonda said.

He declined to reveal how much was offered for his properties or how much it would cost to move his business.

In a related matter, the Landmarks Heritage Preservation Commission voted Friday to draft a resolution calling for saving as many as possible of the warehouses in the Jobbers Canyon historic district.

The area, which is a National Register Historic District, extends roughly from Farnam to Jackson Streets, Eighth to 10th Streets. Commission member George Haecker said Omaha should not destroy its historic buildings.

"Omaha sits pretty uniquely on the map of having an intact collection of rich, historical buildings," he said. "It's the kind of architecture that's getting more attention in the nation."

Commission members also noted that city government officials backed the historic designation of Jobbers Canyon

last year.

"It's overly ironic that less than a year later, the same groups are saying it's no longer an important attribute to the city," Haecker said.

The landmarks commission is an advisory group to the City Council. Its members are appointed by the mayor. Its vote Friday was similar to a resolution adopted Wednesday by the State Historic Preservation Board. That board asked that warehouses in the district be preserved.

Rejected by ConAgra

Local landmark commissioners said they support redeveloping the riverfront to accommodate ConAgra and other firms but said the warehouses could be renovated to be part of any redevelopment plan.

Efforts to incorporate buildings of the Jobbers Canyon area into the redevelopment project have been rejected

by ConAgra, city officials said. They said Charles M. "Mike" Harper, executive officer of ConAgra, doesn't want any of the historic buildings to be part of the plan.

The Omaha Development Foundation, an arm of the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce, is working with the city to acquire land in the warehouse district as part of a redevelopment plan for the riverfront area, also known as Central Park East.

Michael Weise, executive director of the foundation, declined to comment on its real estate dealings in the riverfront area.

His comments in regard to Central Park East are not something the general public needs to be privy to, he said.

First-time bids for the area were rejected by the city.

UNO Tower Would Stack Up
Against Those at Other Schools

By John Koopman
World-Herald Staff Writer

If the University of Nebraska at Omaha follows through on its plans to construct a 168-foot bell tower, it will join a large and varied musical group of American campuses and churches.

UNO is considering several options for its proposed bell tower and expects to finish a design soon. University officials are hoping to pour the foundation this fall.

The UNO bell tower is to be 168 feet tall and stand midway between the Strauss Performing Arts Center and the library. Those are the only two certainties about the proposal, said UNO director of university relations Lou Carter.

In comparison, one of the country's tallest bell towers is the 307-foot Sather Tower at the University of California at Berkeley. Constructed in 1979, it has 46 bells.

UNO officials and the bell tower donor, who has asked to remain anonymous until design has been made final, have not decided whether the carillon in the tower should have a computerized chiming mechanism or a keyboard for musicians to play.

John Ellis is the carillonist, or carillon player, for the University of Montana at Missoula. He said he hopes UNO installs a keyboard.

"A carillon is a legitimate musical instrument, not a music box," he said. "There is no substitute for human hands."

Ellis said a true carillon must have at least 23 cup-shaped bronze bells, precisely tuned and arranged by pitch. Carillon bells can each weigh a ton or more.

The bells are rung individually or in concert.

The noise is so loud, Ellis said, that all windows and doors to the keyboard room must be closed during a performance. He said the sound is usually not loud enough to disturb people more than 50 feet away.

"I usually tell students that it's no louder than going to a rock concert," he said. "When I give students tours of the carillon, they usually ask, 'Where are the speakers?' The truth is, the sound from a carillon is pretty much the same today as it was in the 1700s."

Ellis said the use of carillons be-

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Andersens Get Top Honor
From N.U. Foundation

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Lincoln — The University of Nebraska Foundation board of trustees conferred its highest honors Friday on Omaha World-Herald publisher Harold W. Andersen and his wife, Marian, a former president of the foundation board.

D.B. "Woody" Varner, former chairman of the foundation's board, presented the Perry W. Branch Award for Distinguished Service to the couple.

"No two people have done more to advance the cause of the University of Nebraska and the foundation than Marian and Harold Andersen," Varner said. "They have given willingly, enthusiastically, and generously of their time, talent and their personal resources."

"I can think of no one more deserving to receive the Perry Branch Award and I am pleased to present this award to these personal friends and generously deserving alumni of this institution."

The Andersens have been active in campaigns for Nebraska Educational Television, the university's honor student programs, the Nebraska Writing Project and the Lied Center for the Performing Arts.

In honor of his wife's birthday, publisher



Andersen

Mrs. Andersen

donor of the foundation board, Andersen established a distinguished service award in 1961 and a Nebraska Fund pushed the award forward in the name of the parents of the award and fund.

The Andersens have made many donations and have been active in the number of university projects and programs. The World-Herald Foundation is proud to honor them.

All Omaha World-Herald staff and family, Andersen said, were proud to be part of the Omaha World-Herald's 100th birthday celebration. He said the couple had been married 40 years and had four children.

Man in Wheelchair May Serve
Term Under House-Arrest Plan

By James Ivey
World-Herald Staff Writer

A man in a wheelchair may serve his term in Douglas County Jail under a new house-arrest program.

District Judge Ronald Reagan gave Dale J. Lynch 21 of 60 days' probation in Omaha, six months' probation for violation of his probation.

He said Lynch had been playing on his handicap and was a "bad name" in the community.

But Reagan said, "I'm not going to let you go until you're a good name." He said Lynch had been playing on his handicap and was a "bad name" in the community.

Under the program, offenders deemed non-violent are fitted with electronic bracelets and wear them. A computer keeps track of their whereabouts, calling their homes to make sure they stay there.

Boy, 2, Is Rescued;
Lost for Three Days

Mountain View, Ark. (AP) — A 2-year-old boy who wandered into a densely wooded mountain for three days and three nights was found in a small path beside a creek where a searcher heard him cry "Mama."

Timmy Box, the only son of Virginia and Kenneth Box, who are deaf and cannot speak, disappeared Monday afternoon from his grandmother's home on Iron Mountain. More than 200 volunteer searchers hunted day and night in rain and 40-degree temperatures at times, before the youngster was found Thursday.

Timmy was flown to Arkansas Children's Hospital, where he was in fair condition late Thursday.

"He's doing very well," hospital spokeswoman Barbara Muehl said.

Omahan Injured
In Head-On Crash

Two men were injured in a head-on crash on Highway 68 near Highway 160 in Douglas County Sunday.

The crash occurred at about 10:30 a.m. on Highway 68, about 10 miles south of Omaha. The two men, both in their 30s, were driving east on Highway 68 when the crash occurred.

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Snip Up Interview
By Robert McMorris

Escapes Writing Pressure

Omaha-Born Author Teaching

It's something most writers presumably dream about: That great day when they can afford to devote full time to their art.

No more "outside jobs." No more commuting to a workplace away from home.

With four books to his credit, including two published this year, Omaha-born Ron Hansen is approaching that seemingly ideal position. But he's not sure he wants it.

"It's more and more of a dilemma when you 'just write' and do nothing else," he said. "The pressure to put out more and more books is great."

Books written under pressure frequently suffer in quality, the 39-year-old author said.

He is coming around to the notion that he might prefer to write less and instead consider invitations from universities that want him to conduct writing seminars.

"I'm in a position now that I can accept plum teaching assignments with no work," he said. "But that's not the whole story. I have to read a lot of student manuscripts."

Hansen and his wife, Julie, own a home with swimming pool in Tucson, where last year he was a visiting professor of English at the University of Arizona.

This month he will be at Wichita State University as distinguished writer in residence.

He has previously had fellowships at Stanford University and the University of Michigan.

"It's nice to have contact with students," Hansen said. "There's an awful isolation about writing, and it's good to have a break from it sometimes. I think my writing is helped by my teaching. It makes you think about your writing. I like to get the reaction of students. You get immediate feedback to what you're doing."

Hansen's first published titles were two bad-mannered chronicles, "The Desperadoes," a story about the Dalton gang, and "The Assassination of Jesse James." Both were put out by Knopf and both were well received by critics.

In a sharp change of pace, Hansen wrote a children's book, "The Shadow Maker," which was published last May by Harper & Row. The story tells of a little man who steals the shadows of all the inhabitants of a small town, replacing them with other shadows, some of which are defective.

The book was a Junior Literary Guild selection for June. The New York Times called it "one of the notable children's books of the year."

Hansen was primarily an editor for his latest book, "You Don't Know What Love Is." It's a collection of 24 short love stories, one of which he wrote himself.

Finding a publisher for the book was surprisingly easy. "I was still in the process of writing to various writers, asking them to submit stories for



Hansen with this year's publications... a sharp change of pace.

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Relocation Cost Cited

Jobbers Canyon Firms Say Offers Too Low

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development plan say it would remove all the warehouses in Jobbers Canyon except for the McKesson & Robbins building at Ninth and Farnam Streets and the New Idea Building at Ninth and Jackson Streets.

'Incredible Views'

Estelle Schneider, whose firm is converting the McKesson & Robbins building to 135 apartments at a cost of \$12 million, said demolition of adjacent warehouses would be good for her project.

"Very selfishly," she said, "it would be an extraordinary opportunity for our building. Living there would offer incredible views all around."

Although the Jobbers Canyon enjoys national landmark status, most of its buildings are not protected from destruction unless federal funds are involved.

One building, the Fairbanks, Morse and Co. Building at 902 Harney St., also is a local landmark. Any alteration or demolition of the Fairbanks building would have to be reviewed by the City Planning Board and approved by the City Council, city officials said.

Fonda and other owners in the area said Friday that they were concerned that if they couldn't negotiate a price with the foundation, the city would be asked to condemn their properties as part of a redevelopment plan.

Michael Yanney, chief executive officer of America First Companies, and Harold W. Andersen, publisher of the World-Herald and chairman-elect of the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce, have had discussions with Mayor Simon and about the possibility

of the city's stepping in with condemnation if negotiations with owners fail.

Donald Nogg, president of Nogg Paper Co., said the offer made to him for his business was inadequate.

"My only worry is that the Omaha Development Foundation will prevail on city government to designate this a blighted area and condemn it," he said. "I'm in favor of this area being redeveloped, but not in favor of redeveloping it on the backs of eight or 10 businesses being hurt financially. It could put us out of business."

Nogg also declined to reveal details of his negotiations with Peschio and the development foundation.

Dave Powell, president of the Omaha Paper Co., said his offer from Peschio and the foundation was "not even close."

"I told him (Peschio) that if you're going to give land to ConAgra, why don't you offer land to us?" Powell said. "I'm very upset about them taking our building and giving us the choice: 'If you don't sign, the city fathers will condemn it.'"

Mayor's Statement

Warren Daasch, president of Wright & Wilhelm, also said the offer for his building was inadequate. He declined to comment further.

Mayor Simon has said the city will try to ensure that any business in the area will not be forced to leave Omaha as a result of the redevelopment plan.

Fonda said he appreciates the mayor's concern but said the Omaha Development Foundation, not the city, is making the offer for his property.

"If the mayor saw what the development foundation was offering, he may agree with us," he said.



Loneragan Lake is 120 acres in size. . . . Site has been suggested as a wildlife or recreation area.

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Use of Site Up in Air

Papio District to Study Loneragan Lake

By Fred Thomas

World-Herald Staff Writer

The Papio Natural Resources District board will study the possibility of buying Loneragan Lake, which comes up for sale Oct. 20, said Steve Oltmans, Papio NRD general manager.

Oltmans said he did not know if the NRD board would vote to buy the property.

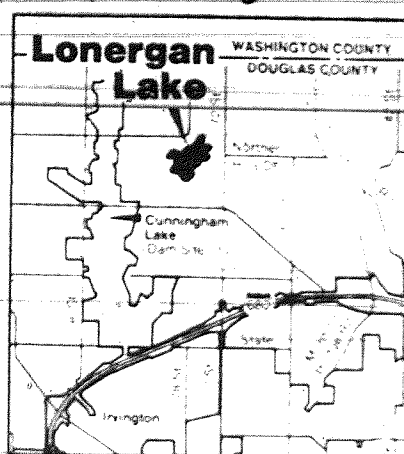
The 570-acre tract northwest of Highway 36 and 72nd Street includes a 120-acre lake.

Two proposed housing developments around the lake have failed. The site has been suggested for use as a wildlife or public recreation area.

HUD to Bid

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development plans to bid \$650,000 for the property at a U.S. marshal's foreclosure sale at 11 a.m. Oct. 20 at the Douglas County Courthouse, said Steve Gage, chief of HUD's loan management and property disposition branch.

The housing department controls the property because of the failure of a housing development backed by a federal loan.



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Loneragan Lake . . . north of Omaha.

When Loneragan Lake came up for sale earlier, some conservation groups suggested the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission or another public agency might buy the lake. Although the commission's state outdoor recreation plan identifies a need for more water-based recreation in the Omaha area, Commission Director Eugene Ma-

honey has not favored buying Lake.

Link by Trail

Some conservationists link Loneragan and nearby Lake by a hiking-bicycling trail.

The Papio NRD bid \$1.6 million for the property in 1977. HUD rejected the bid, saying it was too low.

The property was then sold to developers Ted and Reeder, who changed the name to Coventry and announced a development of 503 home sites, a golf course and business sites.

The development never got started and the Reeders moved to Oklahoma.

Gage said HUD is foreclosing on the Ted Reeder Construction Co. has title to the property. The company is in default of a mortgage of \$2 million, Gage said.

Gage said the closest water sewers are at 72nd Street and Road, and a six-inch natural gas line has been laid under Highway 36, derailing the southern edge of the property.

The Papio Board will discuss the property at its Oct. 5 meeting at 5 p.m.

UNO Tower Would Stack Up Against Those at Other Schools

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gan in 16th-century Europe. The first one in the United States was built at the University of Notre Dame's Sacred Heart Church in 1856.

Ellis said the University of Kansas at Lawrence has one of the best carillons in the Midwest and perhaps the finest carillon in the country, Albert Gerken.

Lincoln's First Presbyterian Church also has an excellent carillon, he said.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln has Mueller Tower, an 85-foot structure between Morrill and Bessey Halls. However, it is not a true carillon by Ellis' definition.

Harley Schrader, UNL physical plant manager, said Mueller Tower has no bells. Instead, he said, the tower has a keyboard that operates a series of clappers that strike 49 metal bars. The sound is fed into a 320-watt amplifier and is broadcast from eight speakers in the tower.

"I think it sounds very good," Schrader said. "It sounds just like bells."

Mueller Tower was built in 1949 for \$85,000. It also can broadcast taped music through its speaker system.

Several other Midlands colleges, universities and churches have carillons or bell towers. A spokesman at the University of Iowa said that campus has a tower containing bells that can be rung but not played as a whole musical instrument. Iowa State University has a carillon.

Bell towers are landmarks at several other campuses.

Storke Tower at the University of California at Santa Barbara has 61 bells in a 200-foot tower.

When Yale University installed its bell tower in 1922, it had 10 bells. Now it has 41 in its 220-foot tower.

The Colorado Women's College in Denver includes the Charles S. Hill Memorial Carillon in the George H. Olinger Memorial Tower. There are 30 bells in the 72-foot tower. The carillon is played each Saturday and for special events.

Brigham Young University has 52 bells in a 97-foot tower. Half-hour performances are held weekdays at noon and Sunday afternoons.

Cartier said the UNO bell tower donor has asked that the university not reveal the estimated cost.

"The terms of the donation are that we will accept the gift of a campanile," Cartier said. "Not money."

Ellis said the cost of a carillon and supporting tower, known as a campanile, can vary greatly, depending on the size and quality of the bells.

For example, he said, the largest bell in the carillon at the University of Montana weighs 1 ton. The carillon is a light one, he said. In comparison, he said, the largest bell at Riverside Church in New York City weighs 20 tons.

"You can figure about \$10 to \$12 per pound for a cast bronze bell," Ellis said. "For an average carillon of 49 bells, you're probably looking at \$200,000. When you take into account the price of the tower, too, you can end up paying \$1 million without batting an eye."

Plans call for the UNO tower to be built along the sidewalk that splits two parking lots on campus. The walkway, part of the sidewalk known as Memorial Mall, would go through the bottom portion of the tower.

Agencies Reunited in Fund-Raising Drive

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vice president of communication and marketing for United Way.

The two are considered contractual partners and receive a percentage of the proceeds from the campaign, he said.

CHAD and the United Way will retain their individual allocation processes despite the joint drive. CHAD will receive a flat \$550,000 the first year of the five-year venture.

Since CHAD is a statewide federation, it also will continue an independent campaign outside the United Way of the Midlands coverage area — Douglas, Sarpy and Pottawattamie counties.

CHAD to Benefit

Last year, CHAD raised more than \$300,000 in the three-county area and about \$200,000 in other areas of the state, Gordon said.

The joint drive is certain to result in increased revenues for CHAD agencies, he said. Visibility is another attractive feature of the campaign.

The United Way always has been a strong force in the community, Gordon said.

Since the campaign began, the CHAD logo has been displayed alongside the logo of the United Way. Fund-raising materials list all 52 agencies; slide presentations include both CHAD and United Way.

"This campaign gave our agencies exposure, publicity, education, a lot of visibility," Gordon said.

The fund-raising also was merged to provide convenience to employers; less competition for a donor's dollar and a volunteer's time; broader representation of agencies; reduced fund-raising costs; and an expectation that a single campaign could double total resources in five years.

Gordon said CHAD officials were allowed to solicit funds in many corporations but were not permitted in all the work sites to which the United Way had access. CHAD now reaches "thousands" of businesses in the three-county area compared with fewer than 100, Gordon said.

The CHAD network began in Nebraska in 1972, with its first drive collecting about \$30,000, Gordon said. It expanded in 1980 when then-Gov. Charles Thone allowed CHAD access to

state employees in Lincoln and he said.

Affiliates Increase

The health agencies have increased an average 35 percent in annual drives since 1979, he said. Last year, the campaign raised \$522,000. Public interest in fitness contributed to the increase, he said.

Gordon said the number of affiliates increased from eight to 12. All must meet certain criteria: must have a full-time staff; provide statewide services; have a national affiliate; abide by Health Council regulations; acceptable accounting standards; be directed by a voluntary board; and have a volunteer base, he said.

The statewide coverage is estimated to include many prospective agencies, Gordon said.

UNO Dedicates Afghan Collection

The University of Nebraska at Omaha dedicated the Arthur Paul collection Friday, considered by some to be the most comprehensive collection of Afghan literature outside that country.

The collection will add to the library of information that is part of the UNO Center for Afghanistan Studies. Some of the works are written in Dari and

Pashtu, the two main languages of Afghanistan.

Library Director Robert R. Paul said the Arthur Paul collection of about 1,000 books, journals and pamphlets was collected during a five-year period in the 1960s.

Paul, who died in 1976, was a businessman who served as a U.S. ambassador from 1969-71.

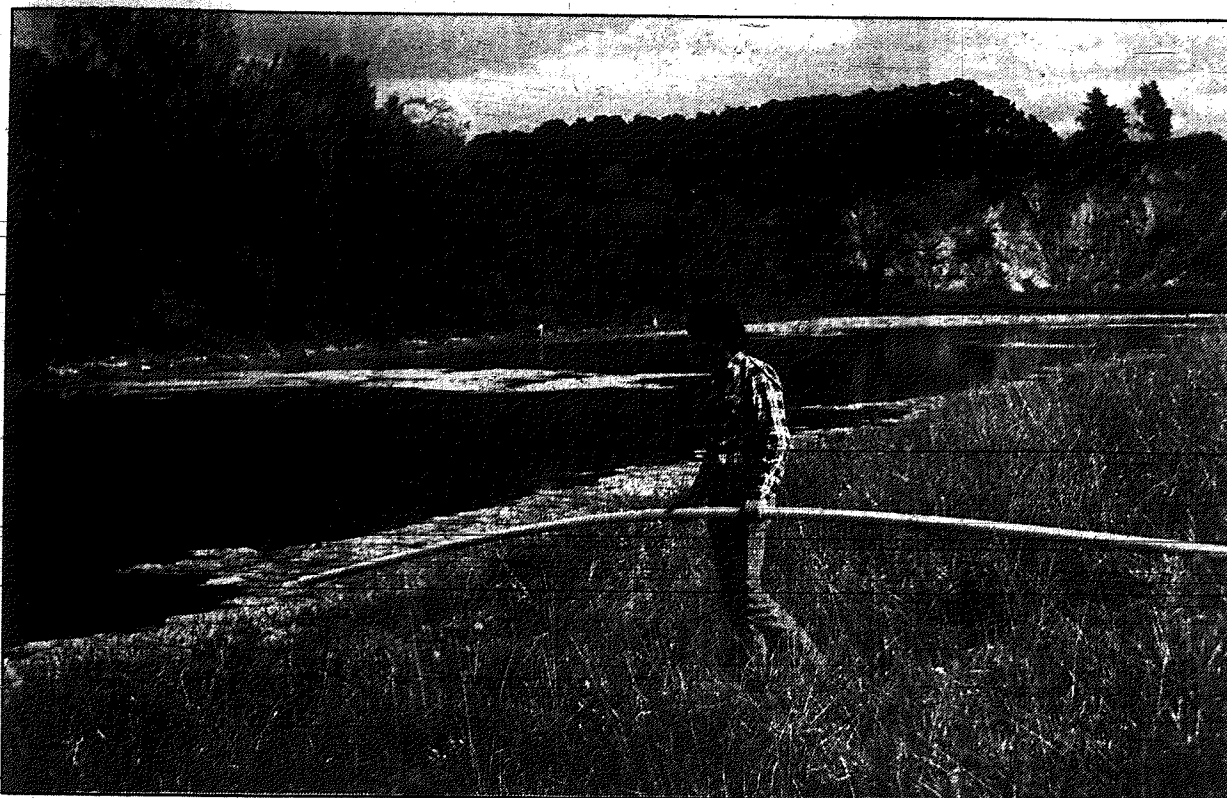
Escapes Writing Pressure

Omaha Author Eases Into Campus Life

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Amsterdam Presents

By Kyle MacMillan



Beemer moves plastic pipe to transfer water between ponds... He raises and sells six varieties of fish.

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He's Stocking Ponds Instead of Feeding Hogs

Raising Fish Reels In Success for Restless Iowan

By Jim Smiley

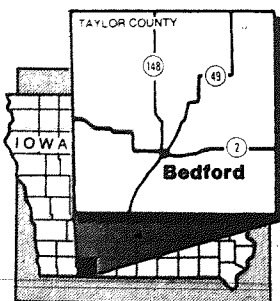
World-Herald Staff Writer

Bedford, Iowa — Bored with feeding hogs, Randy Beemer of Bedford went fishing eight years ago for some other means of earning a living on his father's farm.

Now he operates Beemer Fisheries, where he raises six varieties of fish for stocking ponds.

Beemer said he sells about 60,000 channel catfish at anywhere from 10 cents to 75 cents each, depending on the size. Others include largemouth bass, 30,000 to 50,000 at 30 cents to 50 cents each; 35,000 common and 90,000 hybrid bluegill at 20 cents to 35 cents; and white amur, a fish from Asia used to control aquatic vegetation, 6,000 at \$4 to \$5 each. He also sells minnows as forage food for the game fish.

Like many enterprises, the fishery



Bedford... Fisheries grew out of hobby.

grew out of a hobby, he said. He was talking to a feed salesman

one day when "I heard of a guy over by Mount Airy who raised fish. That sounded really interesting, so I got in touch with him."

After that contact, Beemer said, he decided to try raising fish, buying fry and fingerlings and selling the grown fish around the area.

"I can still remember the look on my dad's face when I told him I was going to raise them," he said.

Now he spawns all his own small fish, raising them in the approximately 20 ponds he has created on his 60-acre farm on the east edge of the city.

The ponds lie just west of an abandoned rock quarry "that provides really clean water," he said. The quarry also provides enough gravity flow that Beemer doesn't need any power to fill them.

He said he offered to buy the quarry from the city, but officials wanted to

keep it as a backup source of water in case of emergency. The city was willing to lease it, however.

"I can take as much water as I want," he said, "and supply them with all the fish they want."

Beemer has developed his own spawning tanks, also filled from the quarry. He maintains all the ponds himself, although he does hire heavy equipment for their construction.

Like many such operations, he said, much of the development came through trial and error.

"There doesn't seem to be a whole lot of information written" about raising fish, he said. When people ask him about getting into the business, he said, he tells them, "You have to fail about three times before you get it down."

He admitted to his own share of

'Top-Priority Investigation' Continues

Police Ask Public for Clues to Teen's Last Hours

By Nick Schinker

World-Herald Staff Writer

Police found no evidence to indicate that the three people found slain at an Omaha apartment had been sexually assaulted, Lt. Larry Roberts said Wednesday.

Although detectives found no signs of sexual assault, standard tests were performed on the victims, Roberts said. He said he had not yet received the results of those tests.

Seen at 5:10 a.m.

The bodies of Danae Cook, her mother, Barbara Cook, 45, and brother, Kevin, 16, were found about 5 p.m. Sunday in Miss Cook's apartment at 5718 S. 98th Plaza. All had fatal head injuries, authorities said.

Homicide investigators were asking the public's help in trying to trace Miss Cook's actions between the time she left a group of friends early Sunday and the time she reached her home at the Thomasville Apartments.

"We're continuing to treat the case as a top-priority investigation," Roberts said. "If anyone has any information they think might help, no matter how slight, they should contact us."

He said detectives knew that Miss Cook, 18, had gone to the Perkins restaurant at 9809 M St. after she finished her shift at the Village Inn restaurant at 108th and L Streets at 4 a.m.

"She had a cup of hot chocolate and visited with a few friends there," he said.

Roberts said investigators were questioning acquaintances and close friends to determine what happened between the Perkins restaurant and her home, a distance of about a mile.

He said Miss Cook left the restaurant alone about 5 a.m. and was driving her 1974 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, which has been missing since.

He said that investigators had spoken to a man who said he saw Miss Cook, in her car alone, at the intersection of 96th Street and Park Drive about 5:10 a.m. Sunday.

"That would indicate she was on her way home then," Roberts said.

Investigators were uncertain what time she arrived home.

"We don't know if she picked up someone she knew on the way or if someone followed her home," Roberts said. "We'd like to know if anyone saw her in the apartment parking lot or anywhere else along the way."

He said detectives had interviewed more than 20

people who knew Miss Cook.

"We've talked to past friends, current friends, her current boyfriend," he said. "Everybody's provided us with some information."

He said authorities continued to watch for Miss Cook's car, which carried Nebraska license 1-AG-458. He said police had received about a dozen reports of the car being seen, but none could be confirmed.

'Like to Find Driver'

"I'm still looking for that car and whoever is in it," Roberts said. "And I would like to find the car with the driver in it, rather than the car alone."

The two-door car is bronze-colored with a white vinyl roof and chrome trim on the back wheels. It had damage to the right front fender and had a broken mirror on the driver's side.

Mrs. Cook and her son lived in Aurora, Colo., and were in Omaha to visit Danae and her sister, Dawn Cook, who lived elsewhere in Omaha. Monday was Dawn Cook's 21st birthday, and the visit was to have been a celebration.

Police asked that anyone with information about the deaths telephone the police homicide unit at 444-5636, or the Crime Stoppers telephone tip line at 444-5595.

Roth Says 5 Weeks Too Long

Sheriff Criticizes Probe of Lee Shooting

By Jeff Gauger

World-Herald Staff Writer

Douglas County's sheriff Wednesday criticized the county attorney for waiting five weeks to clear law enforcement officers of wrongdoing in the fatal shooting of Kenneth B. Lee of Ralston.

Sheriff Richard Roth said he agreed with the county attorney, Ron Staskiewicz, in concluding that police and county sheriff's officers committed no crimes when they shot Lee Aug. 23 after a standoff at his home involving several law enforcement agencies.

However, Roth said, by waiting to

announce his finding, Staskiewicz subjected the officers involved to a cloud of uncertainty.

Staskiewicz announced his finding in a 15-page report released Oct. 1.

"Our officers were under a lot of stress and under a cloud... until this was resolved," Roth said. "How it would take any prosecutor 38 days to conclude there was no wrongdoing, I cannot conceive."

Roth said numerous eyewitnesses and a television videotape of the shooting gave Staskiewicz the evidence needed to clear officers immediately.

Roth questioned whether the county attorney conducted an investigation or

simply reviewed investigations by the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and other agencies.

Staskiewicz said he publicized his report before the six-week deadline he announced within days of the shooting. And given the number of agencies involved, he said, the report was prepared as soon as possible.

"You don't do that overnight," he said.

He never intended to "rubber-stamp" reports from the law enforcement agencies, Staskiewicz said. He denied the suggestion that his office did not

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Ollie (North) Writes

Ollie (Iowa) a Reply

Ollie, Iowa (UPI) — The tiny south-east Iowa town of Ollie finally has received a written reply from Lt. Col. Oliver North.

The Marine officer, a primary figure in the Iran-contra affair, declined an invitation to serve as grand marshal of the town's "Ollie Days" festivities in August.

Phyllis Fritchen, president of Ollie Area Betterment, said Wednesday that North apologized for the lateness of his letter. He wrote that he is unable to make any personal appearances because of a continuing investigation into his role in the Iran-contra affair.

Mrs. Fritchen said she would reply to North's letters by sending him newspaper clippings about Ollie.

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Political Sages Speak Out... Friendly Rivals Curtis, Morrison Share Jokes, Concerns at Forum

By Charles Robbins

World-Herald Staff Writer

An evening of political jokes and reminiscing turned serious Wednesday night when longtime Nebraska politicians discussed why the United States has slipped into debt and disrepute and what could be done about it.

Former Sen. Carl Curtis, a Republican who spent 40 years in Congress, and his longtime political rival, former Democratic Gov. Frank Morrison, spoke at a forum at the Omaha Press Club.

'No End to Them'

Curtis said the United States has a \$1 trillion federal budget deficit today because it has become "a welfare state."

that provides everything from food to medical care to parks.

"Many of those programs accomplished good, but there's no end to them," Curtis said. The programs perpetuate because "once they're started, it's hard to stop."

The government cannot suspend food subsidies and cannot afford politically to stop Social Security payments, he said.

By comparison, Curtis said, military and public-works expenses can be postponed or cut with little political heat — but at great cost.

"To get hold of our finances in this powerful country is going to be tough," Curtis said. "It may call for sacrifice. It may even call for a lower standard of

living. But what's the alternative? We can't go on doubling our debt every six years."

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itary bases.

"We never spent a dime on an air base or anything else military in India, and there's fewer communists in India today than there were 50 years ago."

"And we can't tell the world one thing while we're doing something else," Morrison said. The United States had abandoned allies such as South Vietnam and Taiwan, he said.

Reflected on Changes

Curtis served 16 years in the House of Representatives and 24 years in the Senate. Morrison served three terms as governor from 1961 to 1967. Morrison lost one race for the Senate to Curtis and another to former Republican Sen. Roman Hruska.

Morrison now lives in Montana. Cur-

Give Growth Act Time to Work, Governor Says

By David Thompson

WORLD-HERALD BUREAU

Lincoln — Gov. Orr said Wednesday she will oppose any effort by the Legislature to substantially change Nebraska's Employment and Investment Growth Act.

"I think we ought to let it work," she said during a press conference at the Capitol.

Legislative Bill 775, adopted earlier this year by the Legislature, is aimed at creating additional jobs through a tax-abatement program.

"My concern is that in modifying the law, we are undermining the confidence of the people," she said.

The law should be allowed to take full effect before any thought is given to changing or modifying it, she said.

Sixty-eight companies plan investments totaling \$1 billion and creation of 8,704 new jobs during the next few years, she said.

Mrs. Orr said the list includes six additional applications for tax incentives under Legislative Bill 775. She listed them:

■ Union Pacific Railroad, Omaha, \$55 million investment, 400 additional employees.

■ Foote and Davies printers, Lincoln, \$3 million, 30 new jobs.

■ Delicious Foods, Grand Island, \$27 million, 190 new jobs.

■ Swift and Eckrich, Omaha, two separate applications, each for \$10 million and each producing 100 new jobs.

■ Scoular Grain Co., Omaha, \$3 million, 30 new jobs.

Regarding State Sen. Don Wesely's suggestion that the law be changed to provide for a minimum payback of the

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Wesely Says State Shifts Tax Argument

Lincoln (AP) — The same argument used to sell the tax-incentives bill last winter is now coming under attack by the administration of Gov. Orr. State Sen. Don Wesely of Lincoln said.

The Orr administration used the cost-benefit argument to sell Legislative Bill 775, he said. "That was the argument used — that it would create jobs that would offset the tax losses," Wesely said.

Wesely said that since he announced that he wanted to make certain the cost-benefit analysis was public information, Tax Commissioner Donald Leuenberger has been "shifting away from that issue."

This week Leuenberger said the success of the business tax incentives passed this year should be measured by the number of jobs they generate, not by whether they increase state revenues.

His comments were in response to a letter from Wesely calling for changes in LB 775. Wesely said the law should be amended to allow disclosure of the amount of tax incentives granted to each company and the benefits the state expects to receive from the project.

Wesely also called for allowing the tax incentives only if the state

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Early Sighting of Whoopers East of N. Platte Confirmed

The first sighting of whooping cranes in Nebraska this fall has been confirmed and the public should look for more of the migrating birds, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service wildlife biologist said Wednesday.

Sunday's sighting of two whoopers on Birdwood Creek, a tributary of the North Platte River east of North Platte, was the earliest in the fall ever recorded in Nebraska, said biologist Craig Faanes.

Usually, the first sightings are between Oct. 10 and 12, he said.

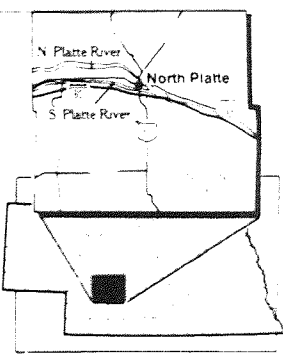
The two cranes, wearing identification bands, were hatched in 1986 at Wood Buffalo National Park in Canada, summer nesting grounds of the world's only flock of the endangered species, Faanes said.

He said a wildlife service biologist, Kim Hanson, and a companion stumbled onto the whoopers while bow hunting. Hanson took pictures that biologists studied Tuesday.

After a while, the whoopers left Birdwood Creek and flew south, toward their wintering grounds at Aransas National Wildlife Refuge on the Texas Gulf Coast.

Faanes said 100 adult birds migrated north to Wood Buffalo last spring, and probably 23 chicks born there this summer joined them for the southward flight.

In a phone interview from his Grand Island, Neb., office, Faanes asked that people spotting whooping cranes call the Fish and Wildlife Service or a Ne-



Area east of North Platte... where North and South Platte Rivers meet.

braska Game and Parks Commission officer.

Wildlife officials then would confirm the sighting, take measurements of the habitat the cranes used, and study how the birds spent their time. The information would be used in a program to learn more about the species.

Adult whoopers are white with long, wing tips and a red patch on the neck. They stand about 6 feet tall and have a wingspan of 7 feet.

In Nebraska, whoopers are found in the North Platte River valley and in the

8 Omaha Riverfront Businesses Protest Blight Designation Plan

By Ned Stafford

World-Herald Staff Writer

Mayor Simon's desire to designate downtown Omaha blighted ran into opposition Wednesday from eight riverfront business owners, who said they fear the move would mean loss of their property by condemnation.

Tyler Guines, a lawyer representing the eight companies, told the City Planning Board that calling the area blighted was a first step toward condemning the land for the proposed \$50 million ConAgra headquarters and parking lot.

The owners of the businesses in the warehouse district, which is roughly in an area surrounded by Farnam, Jackson, Eighth and 10th Streets, would not be paid the full cost of finding new

Mutual of Omaha opposes convenience-store plan. Page 20.

The city and county have been in a long battle over the city's blighted areas. Guines said that the city's plan to designate the area blighted was a first step toward condemning the land for the proposed \$50 million ConAgra headquarters and parking lot.

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Midlands News

Abuse Charge Dismissed

Woman's Boarding House Stays Empty, Spouse Says

Clara Kugler's eight-bed boarding house at 8901 Seward St. is empty of tenants and will stay that way, Mrs. Kugler's husband, Albert, said Wednesday.

"We've already sent the (boarding house) license back to the state," Kugler said in a telephone interview. "Even if we could get our license back, we wouldn't do it. We're through."

A charge of felony abuse of an elderly person filed against Mrs. Kugler last month was dismissed Wednesday in Douglas County Court.

Judge Robert Vondrasek dismissed the charge for "lack of probable cause" after hearing testimony from three elderly tenants of Mrs. Kugler's during a preliminary hearing.

No Comment

Mrs. Kugler, 71, would not speak with a reporter.

She had been accused of abusing Doris Bates, 66, who told authorities she had been hit repeatedly by Mrs. Kugler for things like going to the bathroom or asking for a drink of water. Ms. Bates also told authorities that Mrs. Kugler tied her to a bed about once a week. Ms. Bates had lived at the residence for about 10 years.

Ms. Bates and two other women who lived at the home, Walmita Ellis and June Peterson, testified Wednesday. They said Mrs. Kugler hit them and

sometimes denied them water.

Ms. Ellis, asked whether Mrs. Kugler ever hit her with a ruler, replied, "Yes." Asked whether Mrs. Kugler hit her with her hand, she also responded, "Yes."

Kristina Murphree, assistant Douglas County attorney, said a decision on whether to bring new charges against Mrs. Kugler would have to await new evidence or new complaints.

Kugler said he and his wife had run the boarding house for about 30 years.

Previous Complaints

"In all that time nothing was ever said against us," he said. "They got three good meals a day. They had good beds to sleep in. They had a patio to sit on. They were all happy until this deal came about. That's the thanks we get for helping out the elderly and handicapped."

After charges were filed against Mrs. Kugler, the Department of Social Services said it had received previous complaints about her. The complaints could not be substantiated, said Joseph Nanfite, administrator of the Nebraska Department of Social Services in Omaha.

The department removed six people, all older than 65, from Mrs. Kugler's boarding home after Ms. Bates' complaint surfaced. Nanfite said four of the tenants were moved to other boarding houses and two to nursing homes. He did not release the locations.

8 Omaha Riverfront Businesses Protest Blight Designation Plan

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opment area between Central Park Mall and the Missouri River. The area is one site being considered for the ConAgra complex.

If the area is not declared blighted, the city could condemn the land only for public uses, not for a private development such as ConAgra's, Gaines said.

The businesses he represents employ about 450 people, he said.

"This is not a blighted area," he said. Marty Shukert, city planning director, said that designating downtown Omaha as blighted was merely recertifying what the city had done in 1983 and had nothing to do with the ConAgra proposal.

Because of a stronger law the Legislature passed in 1984, Omaha needs to recertify that downtown is blighted in order for developments to be eligible for tax-increment financing and other development tools.

The area proposed for the designation is bounded on the north and west by Interstate 480 and on the east by the Missouri River. The southern boundary runs along Leavenworth Street from I-480 to 10th Street and along Pacific Street from 10th Street to the Missouri.

Mayor Simon's administration has

asked the City Planning Board to recommend approval of the designation.

Shukert said that the blighted designation coming at the same time as talk of ConAgra's proposed project was a coincidence.

"There is considerably less to this than meets the eye," Shukert said. "We want to make this clear. It is not tied to the ConAgra proposal."

But planning board member Subby Anzaldo said he thought otherwise.

"I don't think it is a coincidence," he said. "I honestly feel there is a definite tie-in. We ought to give them the straight facts."

After the meeting, Anzaldo said he strongly supported the ConAgra development. He said, however, he did not support calling the area blighted if it meant the businesses would not receive fair prices for their property.

The businesses Gaines represented: Carpenter Paper Co., Ninth and Harney Streets; Cibola Corp., 824 Howard St.; John Day Co. and John Day Realty Co., 401 S. 10th St.; Nogg Bros. Paper Co., 323 S. 10th St.; Omaha Cold Storage Co., 800 Harney St.; Omaha Paper Co., 901 Jackson St.; Wright & Wilhelm Co., 513 S. 10th St.; and Furniture Sales of Mid-America, 902 Harney St.

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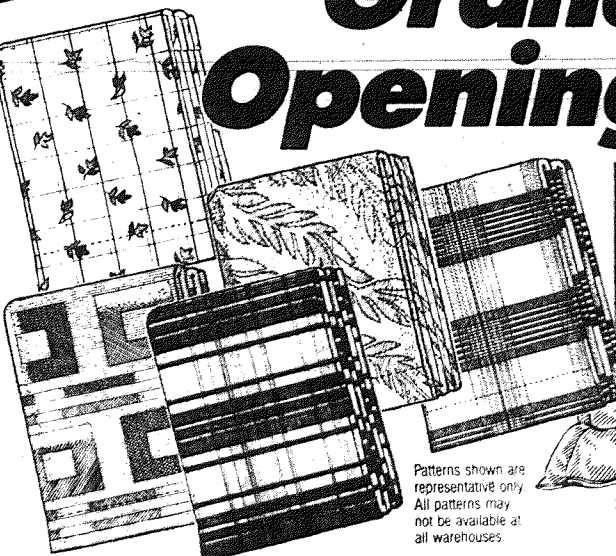
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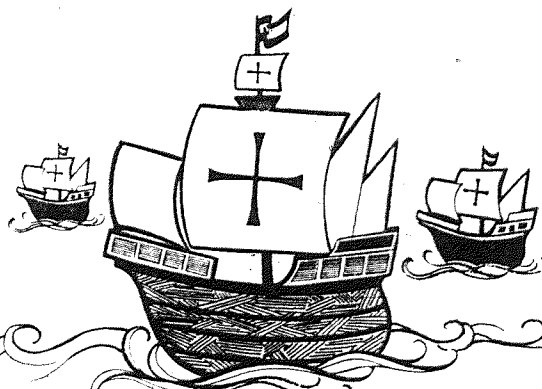
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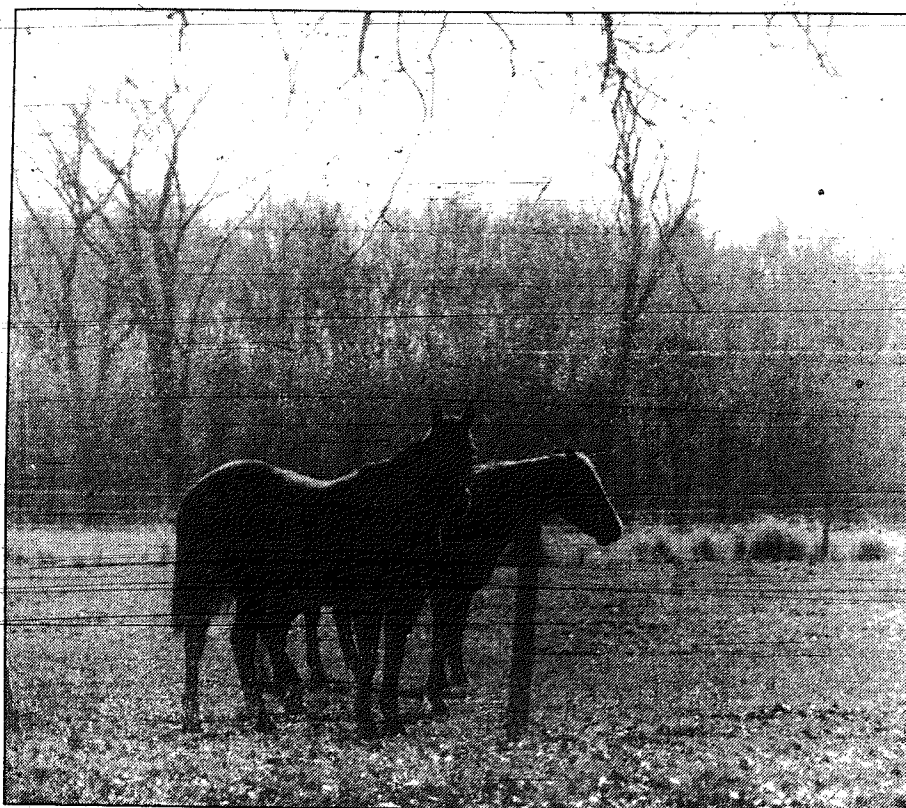
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Those Lazy, Hazy Days of November...

Outlined against a hazy November tree line, these horses laze away the last of a long Indian summer at the Metropolitan Educational Program Agency's Gifford Farm near Fontenelle Forest. Their solitude may not be long, as thousands

of geese and ducks head down the Missouri flyway. Actually, it's probably not all that lonesome now. The farm, used as an agricultural learning center, is the home of an estimated 300 to 400 whitetail deer.

North Omaha Group Plans Fight on Blue Lion Center

By Kevin Collison
World-Herald Staff Writer

Leaders of a north Omaha community group said Tuesday they'll fight to keep the indebted Blue Lion Center, despite city government's intention to find a new owner.

"We're not going to sell our community out," Estelle Lemon-Neal said. "Our organization has worked hard for the Blue Lion Center, and we'll retain it."

Ms. Lemon-Neal, executive director of North Omaha Community Development Inc., said NOCD plans to raise money to retire the debt of the Blue Lion, a shopping center at 24th and Lake Streets.

The City Council voted unanimously Tuesday to allow the Simon administration to withdraw its earlier plan to bail out the shopping center and its owner, NOCD.

City Planning Director Marty Shukert said NOCD has proven incapable of running the shopping center. He said the city wants to take it over temporarily and invite bids from businesses or groups that can buy it and make it financially sound.

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"The problem right now is that in spite of good efforts on the part of everybody, we're in a situation with the Blue Lion that doesn't afford easy solutions," Shukert said.

The planning director praised NOCD as an important north Omaha neighborhood organization with other worthwhile activities. He said the city is willing to work to ensure NOCD's financial stability.

The Blue Lion was built in 1953 with \$1 million in federal funds administered by the city. City officials have said the shopping center has been losing money since it opened.

FirstTier Bank Omaha, holder of a \$56,000 mortgage, told NOCD officials Monday that it was foreclosing and set next Monday as a deadline for repayment. Shukert said: If NOCD fails to pay off FirstTier, the city will pay the debt and assume ownership of the building.

City Finance Director Bill Miskell said that as of Oct. 15, NOCD owed about \$158,000 from its operation of the Blue Lion Center, including the FirstTier loan.

Ms. Lemon-Neal said, however, that her organization owes about \$100,000 on the Blue Lion and that plans are being prepared to pay off the debts and keep the center in NOCD hands.

"We do have critical bills to pay," she said, "but we have proposed plans, and we have the support of the community to rectify our debt."

She declined to identify possible sources of money.

Shukert said Ms. Lemon-Neal's estimate may have excluded the \$56,000 FirstTier loan and about \$24,500 in federal funds the city is withholding from NOCD until it provides some required records.

The planning director said that if NOCD can pay enough of its debt to satisfy FirstTier and other creditors, the city will reconsider its position.

"If there is a community fund-raiser and they can raise the money to retire their indebtedness, that's a different situation," Shukert said.

Carl Tyler, the chairman of NOCD board, also attended the council meeting Tuesday. For a second time, Tyler

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Bork Rejected By Public, Says Parenthood Chief

By Ned Stafford
World-Herald Staff Writer

Robert Bork's withdrawal as a nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court was not because of political maneuvering as was suggested by President Reagan, but was simply the result of the public's will, the executive director of Planned Parenthood of New York City said Tuesday in Omaha.

Alfred Moran said many Americans feared Bork's presence on the Supreme Court would endanger their right to privacy, especially in matters of birth control and abortion.

During confirmation hearings, it became clear the public thought Bork posed a danger to privacy rights, Moran said.

'Fundamental Right'

"It is the belief of almost all Americans that the right to privacy is fundamental," Moran said. "I ask you not to buy the argument that the defeat of Judge Bork was due to political maneuvering."

"The Supreme Court is not the president's court, but the people's court."

Moran, speaking to about 110 people attending the annual dinner meeting of Planned Parenthood of Omaha-Council Bluffs, said the Supreme Court had been crucial in promoting the right of people to make individual decisions concerning reproductive matters.

Since 1965, when the high court ruled that states could not outlaw use of contraceptives by married couples, the court has ruled in 30 cases that concerned reproductive matters, he said.

Expanded rights to privacy in the past 22 years have not come from Congress, presidents, governors or state legislatures, he said.

"They have come from the Supreme Court; they have come from the interpretation of the Constitution," he said.

Signs Held

Before Moran's speech at the Red Lion Inn, about 25 people opposed to abortion stood along Douglas Street in front of the hotel holding signs. One

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'Decision Based on Facts' - Anti-Abortion Protester Acquitted of Trespassing

By Jeff Gauger
World-Herald Staff Writer

Saying his decision was based on facts rather than morals, a Douglas County judge Tuesday acquitted an anti-abortion demonstrator of a trespassing charge that arose from a July 11 encounter at a medical clinic.

Judge Stephen Swartz said he had not been convinced "beyond a reasonable doubt" that Dennis Hartford, 36, stepped on private property illegally at the Women's Services Inc. clinic at 201 S. 46th St.

"I want to make it crystal clear that this decision is based on facts and is not intended to support a pro-choice or pro-life or any other moral position," Swartz said before announcing his verdict.

'Moral Victory'

Later, Hartford, chairman of the Omaha Christian Action Council and a frequent critic of abortions, claimed the verdict as a moral victory.

"I feel vindicated, both on the facts in the case and on the moral principles involved," said Hartford, of 2638 S. 3rd Plaza.

Marty Conboy, the assistant city prosecutor who handled the case, said Swartz's verdict reflected the difficulty of resolving the contradictions heard during 4½ hours of testimony.

Hartford was charged with one count of misdemeanor trespassing after he was arrested outside the Women's Services clinic, where he and other people regularly appear with signs in an attempt to dissuade patients from having abortions.

Halloween Incident Prompts Trial Order

Roscoe L. Wallace, 21, of 2926 Myrtle Ave., was ordered Tuesday to stand trial in Douglas County District Court on charges stemming from an incident last month at a Halloween "haunted house."

Wallace is charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm and possession of cocaine.

Police said Wallace was arrested

attempt to dissuade patients from having abortions.

The clinic offers gynecological and obstetrical services, including abortions.

A dozen people, including both supporters and foes of legalized abortion, listened throughout the trial. Swartz heard testimony from both prosecution and defense witnesses, including Hartford, his wife, a police officer, a private security officer, other protesters who witnessed Hartford's arrest and Arlie Katzman, who was escorting patients into the clinic.

Point of Disagreement

The witnesses agreed that Hartford went to the front door of the clinic and stayed there for several minutes. That a police officer was called and that Hartford was arrested.

They disagreed, however, over what Hartford did while standing on clinic property, how long he was there and whether and when he was told to leave.

Conboy alleged that Hartford went to the door without an invitation, then refused to leave despite repeated requests from a security officer and Ms. Katzman.

After the police officer arrived, Conboy said, Hartford returned to the sidewalk and then followed the officer back onto the property without permission.

Hartford testified he went to the door to complain that the clinic's water sprinklers were spraying water on pub-

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'I Have to Believe' Jill Is Still Alive, Mother of Missing 9-Year-Old Says

By Nick Schinker
World-Herald Staff Writer

Joyce Cutshall said Tuesday that she believes her missing 9-year-old daughter, Jill, is still alive.

"I have to believe it," Mrs. Cutshall said. "I won't give up, and I hope no one else gives up, either."

No clues to the girl's disappearance have been found since Saturday morning, when a hunter walking in the Wood Duck Wildlife Management area near Norfolk, Neb., discovered the clothes Jill was wearing when last seen in Norfolk three months ago.

Tuesday, more than two dozen law

officers spent their fourth day searching the tangled brush of the wildlife area, about 10 miles southeast of Norfolk. They found nothing before the search was suspended at nightfall, said Norfolk Police Capt. Gene Buss.

The search is to resume this morning, Buss said.

Jill had been living with her mother in Great Bend, Kan., but was spending the summer in Norfolk with her father, Roger Cutshall, and stepmother.

Buss said searchers had hoped to complete a check of about 100 acres of the 660-acre wildlife area by nightfall Tuesday. Some areas have been checked more than once. "We feel pretty comfortable that we've been very thorough in covering the area," he said.

He said searchers checked the Elkhorn River, which passes the wildlife area about 100 yards from where the girl's clothing was found, by boat and by walking along the banks.

"We can only search so much," he said.

Mrs. Cutshall said she is not dissatisfied with the efforts of the police. But she said she was angry at the difficulty she had getting permission to view Jill's clothes after they were discovered.

"I had to demand to see her shirt," she said. "They told me they didn't want me to contaminate it. I told them to put it in a plastic bag and show it to me, and it still took them 4½ hours to let me see it."

"I told them to show me a law where it says I couldn't see my daughter's clothes. I just wanted to be certain. I haven't seen anything since the day she was gone. I needed to see it. I have that right."

Buss said investigators were concerned about Mrs. Cutshall's emotional state and were concerned with preserving the garments as evidence for

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VA Services Credited Veteran's Sight Failing But His Confidence Soars

By Mary Yuh
World-Herald Staff Writer

When Frank Thorpe began to lose his sight two years ago, he also began to lose his confidence.

"I didn't trust where I was going. I didn't have confidence in myself to walk, and I had a fear of falling," he said. "A lot of the things I could do before, I couldn't do too well anymore."

Thorpe, a 65-year-old veteran of World War II, is legally blind. But today he does nearly everything except hunt and drive.

'I Would Really Learn'

He credits his renewed confidence to a three-month stay at the Hines Blind Rehabilitation Center in Chicago. He also credits the services offered by the Omaha Veterans Administration Medical Center, which will observe Veterans Day in a ceremony at 10 a.m. today.

"They said I would really learn something there, and I did," Thorpe said.

Workers in the Visual Impairment Services Team, or VIST, at the Omaha VA hospital urged Thorpe to go to the Hines Center.

He went in August after an operation on his right eye and returned several days ago, equipped with the skills to live independently despite his failing eyesight.

"They taught me how to cook, with all the safety precautions. They taught me mobility and gave me this spylglass so I could see better," Thorpe said, demonstrating a telescopic lens that he uses to see street signs and other distant objects while walking.

Greater Need Forecast

Impaired vision can be caused by diabetes, glaucoma and other diseases. As the nation's veterans get older, they will need more visual services, said Edward Acosta, VIST coordinator in Omaha.

By the year 2000, he said, 63 percent of all veterans will be older than age 65. Many may suffer from impaired vision.

Of the nearly 200,000 veterans in eastern Nebraska and western Iowa — the area served by the Omaha VA hospital — an estimated 200 to 250



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Thorpe... with telescopic lens.

are visually impaired, Acosta said. "We've identified nearly 150 of them," he said. "We want to maximize their skills of independence."

"Blindness doesn't need to be a devastating condition."

The Omaha team includes a doctor, a nurse, a benefits professional, social workers, and Frank Vlock, a veteran who volunteers as an escort and liaison with the veterans.

"We offer to all the visually impaired veterans a VIST review, a day of medical exams, and interviews to assess the veteran's specific needs," Acosta said.

The veterans and the team design a program of medical care and rehabilitation specific to each veteran. Much of the rehabilitation involves learning to do the daily routines of living using senses other than sight.

'By Feel'

Thorpe, a retired carpenter, has learned to bypass his sight in building with wood. "I can do a lot of my carpentry work by feel," he said.

He said he helps neighbors in the trailer park where he lives with home improvement projects, such as building kitchen counters and porches.

"I'm happy," he said.

3 Unions OK Labor Pacts With County

By Cindy Gonzalez
World-Herald Staff Writer

Three of the six unions representing Douglas County employees have accepted new labor contracts for 1987-88.

The most recent contract, ratified by the County Board Tuesday, follows about eight months of negotiations with Local 251 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, said Richard Laux, labor relations coordinator for the county.

Local 251 is the largest bargaining unit in county government, negotiating salaries for about 350 employees who work in the County Courthouse.

Also signing new contracts are the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 8, representing about 90 County Corrections employees, and the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 571, representing 26 maintenance engineers, Laux said.

Still negotiating are Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 2, representing about 100 law enforcement personnel; General Helpers Union Local 554 of the Teamsters, representing about 75 county engineers, surveyors and garage employees; and the Health Department Association union, representing about 85 employees.

Pay raises this year will come from \$865,000 set aside in the 1987-88 county budget. Raises are retroactive to July 1, the start of the fiscal year.

County officials arrived at that

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Landmarks to Focus On Jobbers' Canyon

A free public program entitled "Why Is Jobbers' Canyon Worth Preserving?" will be presented Nov. 15 by Landmarks Inc.

Members of the historic preservation group will present a report and slide program at 7 p.m. at the New Idea Building, Ninth and Jackson Streets. If weather permits, a walking tour of the district will be provided.

Copies will be available of the nomination to name Jobbers' Canyon to the National Register of Historic Places.

Preservationists fear historic buildings in the warehouse district will be removed if ConAgra Inc. builds its corporate headquarters and food research laboratory along the Missouri River near the district.

Show Opens at Ak-Sar-Ben Ewoks Rule the Rink in '87 Ice Capades

By Jeff Bahr
World-Herald Staff Writer

Wicket, Logray, Teebo and about 20 other residents of the mystic moon of Endor appeared at Ak-Sar-Ben Tuesday night.

Ewoks, those cuddly creatures invented by "Star Wars" filmmaker George Lucas, were on hand for the 1987 production of Ice Capades. The

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production opened its six-day run with a show attended by 2,937 people.

Ewoks play a prominent role in the Ice Capades show. The creatures are involved in a cute little adventure involving something called Magic Sunberries. The Ewoks, who live in giant trees, are pitted against an evil quartet known as the Duloks, who look like something out of Dr. Seuss' worst nightmare.

The tale is such an integral part of the show that it spans the intermission, beginning in Part 1 and concluding in Part 2.

The Ewoks' segment, which includes a lesson in speaking Ewokese, is a lot of fun — or, as an Ewok would say, it's "Be-Che-Wa-Wa."

"Ice Capades" featured performers are Kitty and Peter Carruthers, silver medalists at the 1984 Winter Olympics. The two siblings perform two numbers during the show, drawing enthusiastic ovations for each.

This production bills itself as a salute to America, but that theme is not fully carried through — possibly

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Kitty and Peter Carruthers... Ice Capades' featured performers.

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Bemis to Review Property Valuation At the Field Club

By Cindy Gonzalez

World-Herald Staff Writer

Douglas County Assessor Frank Bemis said Wednesday that he will compare taxes paid by Field Club of Omaha with taxes paid by other private golf courses.

County Commissioner Steve McCollister asked Bemis to prepare the information because taxative improvements on Field Club's owner-owned property might be undervalued.

McCollister also said the club should pay real estate taxes on the land it operates as a private 18-hole golf course, swimming pool and clubhouse.

The Field Club does not now pay real estate taxes on the 43 acres of land near 16th Street and Woodworth Avenue because the land is owned by the county. The county, like all governmental subdivisions, is tax exempt.

Private Use

McCollister said the club should pay taxes on the land because it is for private — not public — use. The new Field Club lease that takes effect Jan. 1 states that the tenant shall pay all real and personal property taxes levied.

Assessor Bemis said Nebraska statutes are "very clear" in that they do not allow paying real estate taxes on government-owned property. He said he would refer McCollister's question to Douglas County Attorney Ron Staskiewicz.

Staskiewicz said Wednesday that he had not yet received Bemis' request and would not comment until an elected official or county commissioner posed the question.

Field Club pays about \$12,000 in property taxes on improvements, such as greens, the clubhouse, pool and storage sheds, because it owns them.

Those improvements are valued for tax purposes at \$412,000, according to the County Assessor's Office. The amount is based on the cost of replacing the facilities, less depreciation.

As four other commissioners — Steve Rosenblatt, Michael Albert, William Green and Michael Kelley — agreed that the valuation of Field Club improvements should be reviewed. They said it was up to Bemis, an elected official, to initiate the effort.

\$1.45 Million Appraisal

Some commissioners cited a recent appraisal, made by a private firm hired by Field Club itself, which placed the value of Field Club improvements at \$1.45 million. The appraisal was conducted by McKay Golf and Country Club Properties of Lansing, Mich.

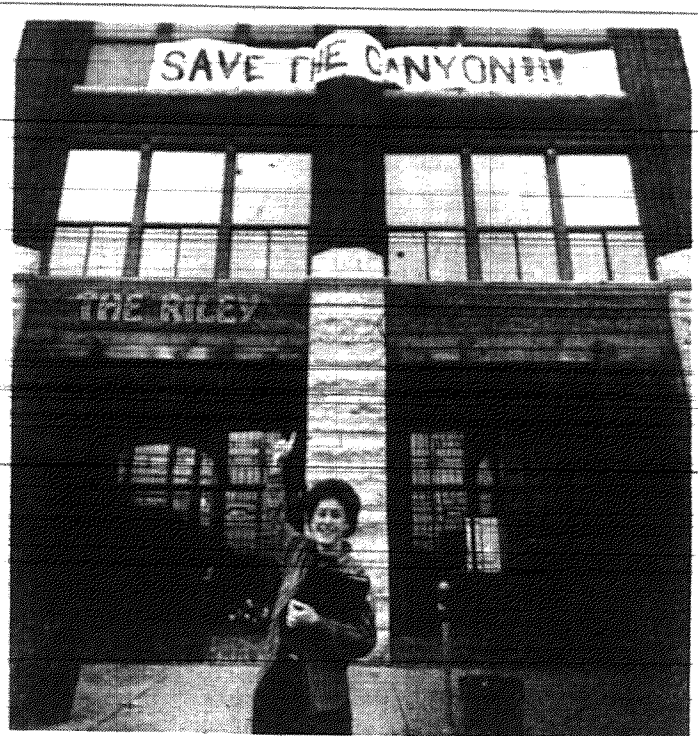
County officials hired R.J. Wilson Co. to appraise Field Club's property. That appraisal, released in September, set a \$620,000 value on the improvements.

Based on evidence, yes, I would presume if the Field Club themselves appraised the improvements at \$1.45 million, it would seem logical to reassess the tax due, Kelly said. "But it would be up to the assessor."

Bemis said he thinks the Field Club pays a fair amount of taxes.

However, he said he will honor McCollister's request and

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Proponent of keeping warehouses intact... Roberta Vana outside the Riley Building at 1012 Douglas St. She is an employee at Galen & Nellie advertising agency, which mounted the banner.

Jobbers Canyon Supporters Cheer and Applaud at Meeting

By Ned Stafford

World-Herald Staff Writer

An informational meeting about preserving Omaha's warehouse district turned into a pro-warehouse rally for those opposed to demolishing the buildings for a proposed city and a waterfront development.

Most of the 150 people who attended the meeting cheered and applauded each time a comment was made opposing demolition of the historic warehouse district, known as Jobbers Canyon. The area lies generally along North Street between Farnam and Jackson Streets.

A member of the audience, Martin R. B...

...ing, assistant art professor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, said it was critical for people opposed to the plan to speak out now, before a plan is in place to tear down the buildings.

"We have something absolutely unique here," he said of Jobbers Canyon.

"If we lose it, we lose something that will characterize Omaha for all time. We should not allow that to happen," he said as the crowd applauded.

John Schmidt, of 1900 S. 24th St., urged audience members to talk to city officials, city and area officials and others who will affect the plan.

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South Omahans Ask for Removal Of Waste Facility

By Fred Thomas

World-Herald Staff Writer

A group of South Omaha residents asked Wednesday evening that a hazardous waste storage facility be removed from their neighborhood, but state environmental officials said that may not be possible.

About 300 persons attended a public hearing on the request of Van Waters & Rogers, a chemical company, for a permit to store barrels of hazardous waste inside a fenced, locked property at 3600 D St., and most of the people in the audience who spoke voiced opposition.

Neighbors presented petitions they said were signed by 1,800 persons opposed to the permit.

After about three hours of discussion, Mike Steffensmeier, spokesman for the Nebraska Department of Environmental Control, said the neighbors' comments would be evaluated.

'Company Has Rights'

But, he said, Van Waters & Rogers also has rights. It is up to state regulations, he said, a permit would be issued. He said Van Waters & Rogers could sue the state if it was operating within state regulations and was denied a permit.

Without the permit, the company could continue to store hazardous materials on the site, but for shorter periods of time, and there would be no state controls, Steffensmeier told the audience, which packed a meeting room in St. Stanislaus Church, 401 S. 41st St.

Van Waters & Rogers, as part of its service to customers in Nebraska, South Dakota and part of Iowa, accepts barrels of used industrial solvents and other chemicals and transports them for temporary storage on the property, which is just south of Interstate 80 east of 42nd Street.

Company employees keep the barrels until enough are gathered for shipment to a recycling plant or an incinerator in other states.

Maximum Barrels

Another company, McKesson's chemical, began the collection and storage operation at 3600 D St. seven years ago, before state permits were required. It operated until selling to Van Waters & Rogers a year ago.

Van Waters & Rogers has operated under "interim status" while seeking a permit which would allow the storage of a maximum of 118 barrels containing

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History Museum Trustees Picked for Trim New Board

By Kyle MacMillan

World-Herald Staff Writer

The Omaha History Museum's board of trustees, named 11 members Wednesday, is a newly created board of trustees, said Mary McKinney, the museum's acting board president and acting director.

At an earlier meeting, the directors approved the new board structure as part of a revision of the museum's bylaws. The new bylaws call for a board of trustees with a minimum of nine members and a maximum of 20.

The directors, during their meeting Wednesday, appointed Mrs. McKinney to be acting president of the board of trustees and named A. William Kernen, vice president and chief financial officer of The World-Herald, as acting secretary.

The other members of the new board of trustees are:

Fran E. Batchelder, one-year term.

Maj. Gen. William Doyle, Strategic Air Command, two-year term.

Daniel L. Gardner, board of governors chairman at Joseph Hospital, three-year term.

Ronald W. Hunter, partner, Hunter & Hunter law firm, one-year term.

Robert Kehm, partner, Arthur Andersen & Co., two-year term.

Kenneth D. Power, vice president and chief executive officer, Northwestern Bell's Nebraska operations, two-year term.

A.J. Scribante, president, Majors Corp., three-year term.

Timothy J. Sickinger, senior vice president and director of client services, Bozell and Jacobs, two-year term.

Del Weber, chancellor, University of Nebraska at Omaha, three-year term.

Kathy Connors, ex-officio, one-year term.

Mrs. McKinney said the board of trustees will hold its first meeting in

early December, when it will elect officers.

Mrs. Batchelder, Hunter, Kernen and Mrs. McKinney had served on the board of directors. Most of the other 12 directors on the former board have chosen to serve on the museum's new board of trustees, or councils, Mrs. McKinney said.

The councils are curatorial, financial affairs, public relations, resource development and building management. One trustee will lead each council, and membership is open to the public.

Mrs. McKinney has said the reorganization was undertaken because several members of the board of directors found its size too unwieldy. A reorganization also was recommended, she said, in a report submitted in September by Arthur C. Frantzen, a philanthropy consultant from McLean, Va.

Hiring a consultant, chosen and paid for by the Peter Kiewit Foundation,

was a condition for the release of another \$300,000 of a \$2.7 million foundation grant to the museum. The foundation suspended the grants earlier this year.

"Our trustees had lost confidence in the management of the museum," Lyn Wain Ziegenfuss, foundation executive director, had said. "How can they receive an infusion of money over 15 months and still be going into debt?"

The foundation has given the museum \$1.2 million, with the most recent payment in July going directly to pay off museum debts totaling nearly \$200,000.

Financial concerns also resulted in the suspension of a \$250,000 grant from the Gilbert M. and Martha H. Hitchcock Foundation and the suspension of the transfer to the museum of the City of Omaha's \$1 million Byron Reed collection of coins, documents and other items.

Testing Begins Within 2 Weeks

ENCOR Board Approves AIDS Procedures

By Joe Brennan

World-Herald Staff Writer

Mandatory AIDS tests for 440 employees will begin within two weeks, following approval of the procedures Wednesday by the governing board of the Eastern Nebraska Community Office of Retardation.

Douglas Moray, the agency's regional director who prepared the testing policy, said the program might be the first of its type in Nebraska.

I am not aware of any other program for the mentally retarded that has a mandatory testing policy for employees, he said in an interview.

The five-member board approved testing procedures after a public hearing in which some ENCOR employees questioned the policy. The procedures were approved unanimously, as is required for any board action.

The board members are Michael Albert, also a Douglas County commissioner, Chairman Donald Claassen, of Dodge County, Ray Lind, Sarpy County, Hilton Rogers, Cass County, and Ronald Hineine, Washington County.

The governing board approved the testing program last month, reacting to the AIDS-related death of an ENCOR employee in September and concerns that clients might have been exposed to the disease.

On Wednesday's meeting in the City-County building, Moray said more than 30 people that testing would be conducted at Creighton University, where all physical examinations of ENCOR employees now are done.

Besides testing for the AIDS virus, the policy also requires workers to be tested for exposure to tuberculosis and hepatitis. Testing will be annual, although the policy allows ENCOR to request more frequent testing upon the advice of medical consultants.

The employees covered by the policy spend 50 percent or more of their work time in direct contact with mentally retarded clients or work in some capacity with clients who are 19 or younger.

ENCOR cares for nearly 400 clients in residential and vocational settings in Douglas, Sarpy, Dodge, Cass and Washington Counties.

The employees who face testing include child-guidance advisors, residential associates, vocational program managers and registered nurses. Workers who refuse to be tested could

be disciplined and possibly fired.

One 35-year veteran of ENCOR, Philip Pjanowski, said he might quit his job rather than submit to the tests.

I would have to consider that, said Pjanowski, a production manager at the Benson Industrial Training Center in Omaha.

He said the testing policy was discriminatory because it did not affect all employees and other employees of the Eastern Nebraska Human Services Agency. ENCOR is a division of that agency. About 110 ENCOR workers who spend less than half of their work time with the retarded are not required to be tested.

'Necessary'

Pjanowski said the agency's administration was overreacting.

I'm not aware of any clients who have acquired the AIDS virus from other clients or from staff members, he said.

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Senate Approves Legislation

Bill Offers Nebraska \$31 Million for Water

By David C. Beeder

WORLD-HERALD BUREAU

Washington — A \$15.9 billion appropriations bill for water and energy projects was approved 96 to 9 in the Senate Wednesday, including \$31 million for Nebraska work and nearly \$6 million for Iowa.

Sen. J.J. Exon, D-Nebr., said the bill included \$20.5 million to continue construction of the North Loup irrigation project.

Sen. David Karnes, R-Nebr., said the North Loup funds included \$1 million he requested for work on the Davis Creek dam.

Existing Projects

Other projects include \$2.5 million for Papio Creek construction near Omaha and \$100,000 for work on the 59-mile Missouri National Recreation River

project in northeast Nebraska.

Exon said funds appropriated for operation of existing projects were:

—\$2.7 million for Gavins Point Dam

—\$1 million for Harlan County Lake

—\$662,000 for Salt Creek and its tributaries

—\$446,000 for the Papio watershed

and \$46,000 for the Missouri River.

Des Moines River

Exon said the bill would provide \$650,000 for the O'Neill alternative study and \$500,000 for the Prairie Bend feasibility study, two projects for which funds were deleted in President Reagan's budget.

Other studies to be financed by the bill, Exon said, are Antelope Creek flood control through Lincoln, \$125,000; Loup River Basin in the Sand Hills, \$200,000; and South Platte-Frenchman irrigation project, \$125,000.

Exon said the bill contains

—\$4.4 million for Des Moines River flood control, recreation and greenbelt;

—\$1.5 million for Sayreville Lake flood control;

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Warrant Is Issued for Robbery Suspect

By Terry Hyland

World-Herald Staff Writer

U.S. Magistrate Richard Kopf signed a warrant Wednesday for the arrest of an Omaha man suspected in the armed robbery of a Ralston bank, authorities said.

FBI Agent Chuck Wiley identified the man as David W. Rieger Jr., 31. Rieger has not been located, Wiley said. Investigators are continuing to search for clues to his whereabouts.

Police Photographs

Rieger allegedly robbed the Ralston Bank branch office at 26th and Q Streets about 12:35 p.m. Tuesday, authorities said.

Kopf signed the warrant based on information provided by the FBI from its investigation. First Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas Thalken asked that the warrant be signed.

Rieger was identified as the robbery suspect Wednesday from evidence gathered during an FBI investigation that included showing witnesses a lineup of police photographs, Wiley said.

Wiley said investigators also obtained information from the man's pickup truck, found in a parking lot at the Citadel Apartments late Tuesday afternoon. The apartments are near the bank branch that was robbed.

The suspect eluded capture after the robbery, following a chase that led lawmen to an apartment complex near 33rd Street and Seymour Boulevard, several blocks from the bank.

Nick O'Hara, agent-in-charge for the FBI office in Omaha, said about 40 officers from area law enforcement agencies searched two of the four buildings at the apartment complex for about three hours, but they did not find

the suspect.

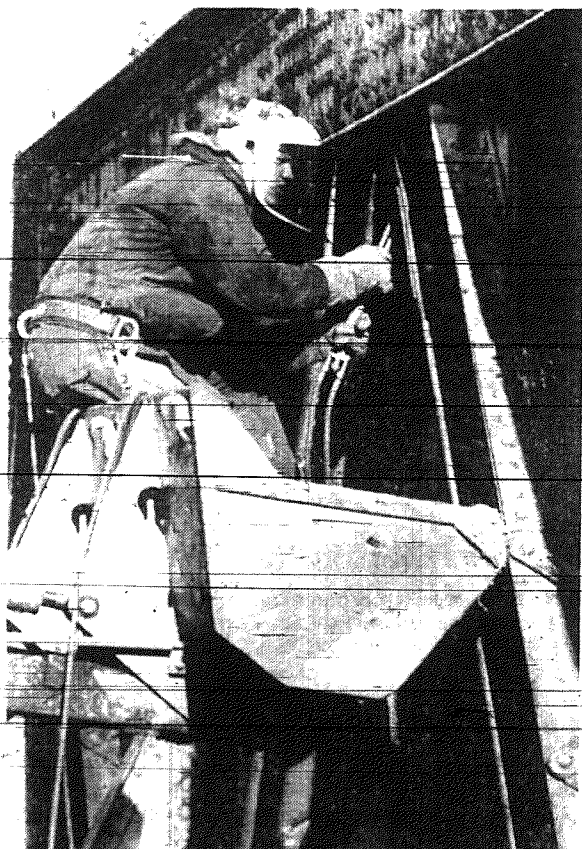
He said the man might have run through one of the buildings and left through another door.

Trail of Items

O'Hara said investigators found a .25-caliber semiautomatic gun, a coat, car keys and a wig near the bank and along the route the man took during the chase. He said investigators think the items belong to the robber.

Rieger was described as white, 6-foot 1, 180 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes. He was wearing a gray fish-net sweater and blue jeans when last seen, Wiley said.

Wiley said investigators received a report of a man who bought clothing at a store near the apartment complex that was searched. He said it was not yet known whether the man was connected with the robbery.



Job Requires Bit of a Lift

Brent Kuhl, an employee of Belco-Midwest in Crescent, Iowa, stands on a front loader for welding repairs

Wednesday on a Union Pacific railroad overpass on North 16th Street near Boyd Park and Sprague Street.

Mickey Rooney Cancels Show

Mickey Rooney in Mickey Rooney, a benefit show scheduled for Sunday at Pony Park, has been canceled.

The National Kidney Foundation of Nebraska, which was to have received proceeds from the event, was notified of the cancellation late Tuesday, said Karen Engelsman, the group's executive director.

Rooney's management cited "a last minute scheduling conflict" in canceling the appearance, said Jason McCluskey, of Michael LeMaye Public Relations in Los Angeles, which handles publicity for the performer.

McCluskey acknowledged, however, that a lack of ticket sales may have also played a part in the cancellation.

The Kidney Foundation, Ms. Engelsman said, wanted to thank the individuals and businesses that supported the benefit event and regretted any inconvenience the cancellation may cause.

Those holding tickets should contact the Kidney Foundation at 397-9234 for refund information.

Judge Orders Trial In 2 Sex Assaults

A Douglas County District Court trial has been ordered for an Omaha man charged with sexually assaulting two girls, ages 15 and 13.

Christopher Ritsch, 26, of 4709 Cumming St., is charged with felony first-degree sexual assault and sexual assault of a child, authorities said.

Douglas County Judge Samuel Cooper ordered the trial after Ritsch gave up his right to a preliminary hearing. Cooper set bail at \$1,000 for Ritsch.

Police said the alleged assaults occurred during the past 1½ years.

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Jobbers Canyon Backers Lead Cheers at Meeting

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outcome of the proposed project.

He said Omaha already has lost too many historic buildings. "We've seen building after building bite the dust," he said.

ConAgra officials have said the downtown site is one of several it is considering for its proposed \$50 million headquarters and laboratories, which would be the anchor for the riverfront project.

The Omaha Development Foundation, an arm of the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce, is trying to buy land in Jobbers Canyon for the redevelopment project. Foundation representatives have asked the city to use its condemnation power if the property cannot be purchased privately.

'Closed Doors'

Local historic preservation groups have urged that Jobbers Canyon, which is designated as a national register historic district, be incorporated into the development plan.

One group, Landmarks Inc., sponsored Wednesday night's meeting, which was held in the Jobbers Canyon at the New Idea Building, Ninth and Jackson Streets.

Leonard Sommer, Landmarks president, told the gathering that he and other preservationists have sought unsuccessfully to talk to ConAgra officials, Mayor Simon and members of the Omaha Development Foundation. He referred to discussions on the proposed project as being held behind "closed doors" and as "secret."

"The struggle we've had is we have not created a dialogue," he said.

He urged people opposed to demolishing the warehouses to write to those involved.

Sets of four pre-printed postcards and stamps with which to mail them were distributed at the meeting. On one side the cards say "Save the Canyon!"

On the other side, four names and addresses are listed: Mayor Simon, City Council President Fred Conley, ConAgra Chairman Charles M. "Mike" Harper and World-Herald Publisher Harold W. Andersen.

Sommer said he thought most Omahans wanted to save the warehouses, but he wasn't sure. Without support, it would be harder to save the district, he said.

'Take Action Now'

Sommer also acknowledged that ConAgra might choose another site. But he said if people waited until a redevelopment plan was released to mobilize

against demolition, it might be too late.

"We need to take action now," he said.

Before Sommer spoke, Lynn Meyer, preservation administrator for the City Planning Department, gave a slide show describing Jobbers Canyon warehouses and the renovation of warehouse districts in other cities.

Jobbers Canyon warehouses not only have historical significance, but also could be renovated for office and residential use, he said.

He said that he thought new buildings constructed along the Missouri River, such as the ConAgra project, could be integrated with Jobbers Canyon warehouses.

"In my mind, new and old play very well off each other," he said.

Preservation Group's Chief Urges Sparing of 'Canyon'

The president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Washington, D.C., has written a letter to Mayor Simon asking that the city spare the Jobbers Canyon area.

"The warehouse district in Omaha is one of the very best collections of such buildings in the United States," J. Jackson Walter wrote.

"Should this district be destroyed, a major tool for the understanding and appreciation of Omaha's place in the development of the United States will be lost."

Walter said his organization deplores the proposed destruction of the four-block warehouse area to accommodate the ConAgra riverfront redevelopment plan.

He said corporations in other cities have renovated historic buildings for new uses. Walter said such buildings have boosted the economic well-being of their communities.

"Surely it is not necessary to tear down sound, handsome, historically and economically valuable buildings to create a downtown research campus," he wrote.

The letter says the National Trust is a nationwide, private, non-profit organization chartered by Congress to encourage the preservation of buildings, sites and objects significant in American history and culture.

The opposition of the National Trust joins protests made by the local Landmarks Heritage Preservation Commission and the State Historic Preservation Board against the proposed destruction of Jobbers Canyon.

Hearing Set on Court Question

A public hearing has been scheduled for 9 a.m. Wednesday to determine whether the appointment of Judge Dale Fahmbruch to the Nebraska Supreme Court has created a judicial vacancy.

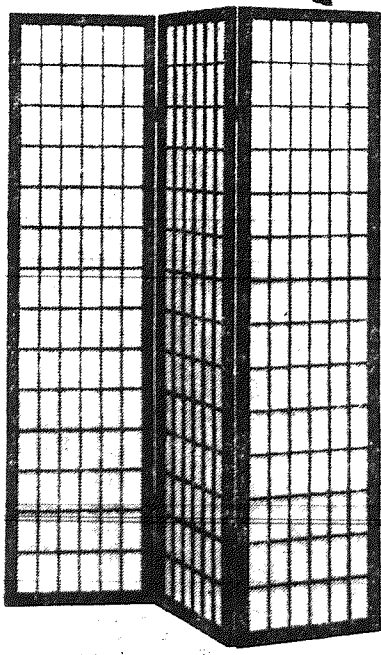
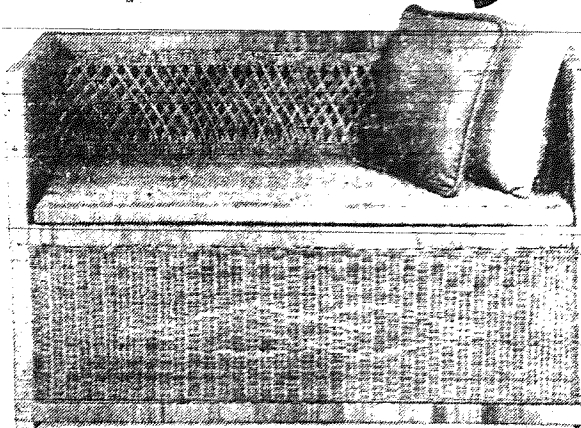
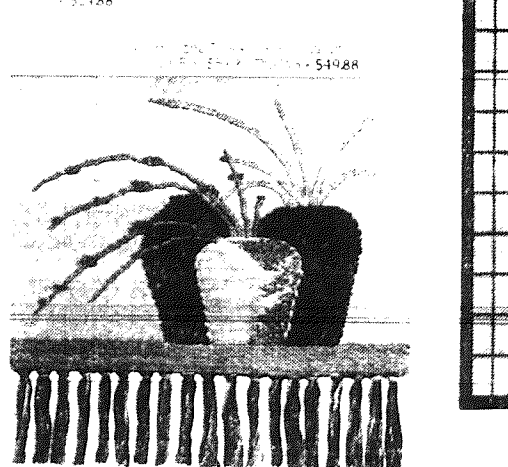
The seven judges of the Nebraska Supreme Court will lead the public hearing in Courtroom No. 1 at the State Capitol in Lincoln.

The hearing, required by law, is the first step toward replacing Fahmbruch, elevated last week from Lancaster District Court to the Supreme Court.

If the Supreme Court declares that there is a district court vacancy, the state's Judicial Resources Commission will meet to decide where in the state to assign the vacancy.

Most such vacancies are assigned to their former districts, which in this case is the Third Judicial District of Lancaster District Court. If that happens this time, a nine-member nominating commission headed by Supreme Court Judge John Grant will send nominees' names to Gov. Orr.

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Opponents of Day House Challenge Planning Board

By Jeff Gauger
World-Herald Staff Writer

Opponents of a day shelter for the homeless at 401 N. 20th St. took their fight to court Wednesday.

The Jefferson Square Inc., an organization of business and property owners in the area around the shelter, appeared in Douglas County District Court to challenge the city's decision permitting the Day House Catholic Worker to open a shelter.

The shelter, called the Day House, has not opened yet.

In July, the City Planning Board granted a conditional use permit for the shelter. Opponents appealed the decision to the city's administrative board of appeals, which ruled Oct. 18 that it has no jurisdiction to hear appeals of Planning Board decisions.

Jefferson Square wants the appeals board to reverse its decision and force the city to consider the appeal.

Jefferson Square is an 11-year-old non-profit group whose aim is to improve business conditions in the area bounded by 14th, 24th, Cass and Nicholas Streets, said Stanley Nabli, the organization's president.

The group has 204 members, most of them business and property owners, Nabli said. Creighton University is a member.

Situated with Jefferson Square in the neighborhood of Charles Hill, 5110 Chicago St., and the Keefe Elevator Co. Nabli said Hill owns an eight-unit apartment building next to the shelter. Keefe Elevator Co. is at 701 N. 20th St.

Nabli said Day House opponents think the shelter should be opened in another part of the city.

Without fighting the fact that the homeless need a place, Nabli said, "We're not asking for help. We're asking for help. Why shouldn't they put it where it belongs?"

The court appeal names the city and the appeals board as defendants. Ken Baugher, an assistant city attorney, said he had not received a copy of the appeal and could not comment.

Day House attorney John E. Papp said he could not comment on the appeal because the shelter is not yet open to the public.

The Day House has spent a lot of money, and they just want to get the permit before winter," he said.

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Today, Next Verse

The Old Market took on the appearance of an 18th-century London street Saturday. Nancy Engdahl of Omaha led the Nebraska Children's Chorus, one of several groups lending talent the second day of Dickens in the Market. Today is the celebration's last day. Events run from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Story on Page 8.

Pair of Vacancies To Switch Faces Of County Board

By Cindy Gonzalez
World-Herald Staff Writer

With the two Douglas County commissioners whose terms expire next year apparently not planning to seek reelection, at least eight people say they are interested in the jobs.

Commissioner Steve McCollister, who said he plans to run for mayor instead of a third term on the County Board, said "there will be a wide-open opportunity for new faces."

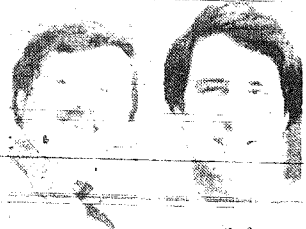
McCollister is the only Republican on the five-member board. Board Chairman Michael Kelley is the other commissioner up for reelection in 1988. Kelley, a Democrat, said he is "99.9 percent sure" he will not run again.

The terms of Commissioners Mike Albert, Bill Green and Steve Rosenblatt expire in 1990.

Douglas County records dating to the early 1900s indicate that 1988 could be the first election year in which no elected incumbent on the County Board seeks reelection.

In 1970, Commissioners Neys Petersen and Robert McGowan both decided not to run. However, each had been appointed to complete unfinished terms and was not elected to the board.

Only Democrat Ray Simon has announced his candidacy for the May 19 primary. Others who have been men-



Kelley McCollister

tioned as possible contenders either are planning to announce their candidacy after Jan. 1 and or still are considering whether to run.

The Republicans:

— Lynn Baber, 42, president of Small Business Press Inc., a publishing company.

Howard Buffett, 42, son of Berkshire Hathaway chairman Warren Buffett. Howard Buffett is a vice president of the Essex Corp. development company and operator of a 400-acre farm in Burr County. He is a grandson of the late U.S. Rep. Howard Buffett.

— Dennis Henson, 42, Douglas County Republican Party chairman and a

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Canyon's Warehouses: Treasures or Trivia?

By Kyle MacMillan
World-Herald Staff Writer

To some people, the Jobbers Canyon warehouse district in downtown Omaha is an irreplacable architectural treasure.

To others, it is a group of plain buildings with little architectural value. The Jobbers Canyon of large warehouses, from which the street gets its name, is down Ninth Street between Farnam and Jackson Streets. The center district, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is an 800,000-sq-ft area bounded by Farnam, Farnam-John and Jackson Streets, plus the McKesson & Robbins Building on the north side of Farnam.

It contains 22 buildings built from 1888 to 1920 and four structures of more recent vintage.

Under a redevelopment plan proposed by the Simon administration, all but the McKesson & Robbins Building and the New Idea Building at Farnam and Jackson would be torn down. The demolition would make way for a \$50-million head quarters and food processing complex.

The Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce and the Simon administration want ConAgra, based on the site, one of four ConAgra's considering. ConAgra has said the old buildings must go if it is to build there. Renovation of existing buildings is not in its plans.

Charles M. "Mike" Harper, ConAgra chairman, has described the warehouse district as "some big, ugly red

Jobbers Canyon opponents parade down Ninth Street. Page 13.

buildings." Craig T. Reisser, a native of Omaha with a doctorate in geography, who describes himself as an urban and historical geographer, said, "Jobbers Canyon is an ordinary set of utilitarian brick boxes with little charm or architectural character."

"Reisser is living in Omaha temporarily, until leaving for a job in Vienna, Austria. He taught at Ohio State University the last school year.

He said the warehouses create a barrier between the riverfront property along the Missouri and the rest of downtown.

"Here I use the New Orleans argument," he said. "The great port city isn't preserving the kind of obsolete warehouses which wall it off from the Mississippi."

A group of people who want the warehouse buildings preserved say they are historically and architecturally significant. They want the city to require redevelopment of the area to include restoration of the buildings.

Clark Strickland, director of the mountains regional office of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, said the area represents the most intact warehouse district in his 18-state area.

Lynn Meyer, preservation administrator for Omaha's City Planning De-

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Inside Midlands

Patrol Team Slows Interstate Speeders

Life in the fast lane is riskier for interstate drivers now that the Nebraska State Patrol's SPEED team is on watch. Page 5.

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Slain Teen Wanted to Return Home

Girl Called Parents, Then Vanished

By Kirby Moss
World-Herald Staff Writer

Kathryn Huber, 17, called her parents in Bellevue less than an hour before she disappeared Nov. 28 and told them she wanted to move back home, her father said Saturday.

"We talked for a little while and she told me she'd call us back because she had someone else on the other line," Thomas Huber said. "We waited for her call. I was going to pick her up. She never called back."

Miss Huber's body was found alongside U.S. Highway 75 north of Omaha Friday morning.

Autopsy results Saturday revealed that Miss Huber died of strangulation. "This doesn't shine any new light on the situation," said Lt. Gary Hammer

of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office. "We talked to about 20 people last night (Friday) and so far there's nothing new, nothing good that will get this thing solved right away."

Hammer said investigators had assumed that Miss Huber died of strangulation. Her body, nude and partly covered with snow, was found by a jogger Friday morning. The body was face down about 15 feet west of the highway, three-quarters of a mile north of Interstate 680, authorities said.

The autopsy results will not change the scope of the investigation, Hammer said.

"We have no new leads today," he said. "We'll just have to backtrack and

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Ohio Doctor Joins Case to Identify Boy

By Fred Thomas
World-Herald Staff Writer

Chester, Neb. — Authorities were investigating Saturday whether Little Boy Blue of Chester may have been Danny Stutzman, born to an Amish couple near Dalton, Ohio. The World-Herald learned.

Dr. Elton Lehman, a physician in Mount Eaton, Ohio, who treated Danny Stutzman for two years, said Saturday he is working with Nebraska authorities.

He said in a telephone interview he was trying to find records that could help determine whether the body of a boy found abandoned off a gravel road

near Chester on Christmas Eve 1985 is that of Danny Stutzman.

Dr. Lehman said he had not found any records to confirm the identity, but he "is working on something." He declined to elaborate.

Dr. Lehman said he does not have Danny's fingerprints. He said Danny was born at home 11 years ago. The doctor said he

thinks fingerprints were made and given to family members, but they have not found them.

Thayer County Sheriff Gary Young declined to confirm or deny Saturday whether he suspects that the boy wearing blue sleeper pajamas, whose body was found along a roadside two years ago, was Danny.

"I won't confirm until I can say absolutely," Young said from his Hebron office.

Chester residents gave the dead boy the name Matthew and buried him in

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Naturalists Hope The Woodmen Goes to the Birds

By Fred Thomas
World-Herald Staff Writer

The roof of Omaha's 8-story Woodmen Tower will become the home of peregrine falcons, an endangered species, if money can be found to pay for the project.

Falcons several weeks old would nest on the roof under the care of naturalists while learning to fly, and to hunt pigeons and starlings.

In fall, the birds would migrate south. The following spring, it is hoped they would return to the Missouri River valley to nest.

More young falcons would be introduced to roof life. If the experiment was successful, a self-sustaining population of falcons would evolve.

The program will start in the spring of \$15,000 to \$18,000 can be raised, said Bruce Lund, executive director of the Fontenelle Forest Association.

Four organizations — the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, the Audubon Society of Omaha, the Raptor Recovery Center near Lincoln and the Fontenelle Forest Association — are sponsoring the project.

Fund-raising letters are going out to organizations and conservationists, Lund said.

Peregrine falcons appeared headed toward extinction, largely because of contact with pesticides, but have made a modest comeback in recent years.

They grow to 15 inches in length with French wingtips. The falcons, normally cliff-dwelling birds, have adapted to living atop tall buildings in cities. There they are safe from most predators, Lund said.

The Woodmen Tower is ideal for a nesting-release site, and the building's owners are "very enthusiastic," Lund said.

The young falcons would be obtained

Eppley's Cranes Take Wing in Bronze

By Howard Silber
World-Herald Staff Writer

North Haven, Conn. — Bright sparks pushed from the welder's torch. Blue-black smoke wafted the two delicately curved sheets of rolled bronze that were being united by fire.

In a moment the torch was extinguished. The sparks became dust and the smoke rose toward the high ceiling. The short weld was examined intently by three men.

One of them, sculptor John Ramondi, turned away and smiled. He was satisfied, and excited. A dream was coming alive.

This was the first weld. There would be many more, literally thousands. Many other sheets of the ancient alloy, most of them still to be carefully shaped, would be joined in the weeks ahead.

And a sculpture expected to be the largest work of art in bronze in North America will rise to a height of 60 feet.

The abstract figures of two sandhill cranes in a ritual dance, which the large birds often perform during migratory stops in Nebraska, will be placed where cars approach the passenger terminals at Omaha's Eppley Airfield.

By mid-May, Ramondi estimated, "Dance of the Cranes" will be in place.

But the 38-year-old sculptor wants the art he is creating to serve a purpose beyond aesthetic pleasure.

"The Platte River in Nebraska as we know it — and as the beautiful sandhill cranes know it — is threatened," he said. "Perhaps this sculpture can be a symbol of



Birth of the crane ... Amid bronze plates that will be forged into the "Dance of the

More Farm Families Turn to Food Stamps

By James Allen Flanery
World-Herald Staff Writer

Once they were one of Nebraska's most widely known farming families, with roots stretching back four generations.

Now they are in their 20th month on food stamps, living outside a town they fear may vanish.

"I feel like we're in the middle of a lake and the boat is sinking," said the man, soft-spoken, forthright, his shirt frayed and his slacks stained by bleach spots.

"I don't see any light at the end of the tunnel," his wife said.

They consented to be interviewed on the condition that they not be identified by name. They said they are so embarrassed about being on food stamps that they buy groceries each month in a different town.

The couple are part of what sociologists and economists call an emerging "new rural poor" in the Midlands and other parts of the nation.

No Way to Get Off

While many farmers have adjusted to the economic stresses of the 1980s, others are on the brink of joining a permanent rural underclass that is marginally employed and chronically dependent on public assistance, said Paul Lasley, an Iowa State University extension sociologist.

"We are seeing it happen across the Midwest," Lasley said. As many as a quarter of the Midlands farm families could be vulnerable, he said.

"When we started on food stamps, I thought it would be a matter of months," the farm wife said. "Now I don't see any way to get off."

The new rural poor are handicapped because many are middle-aged or older and lack education, skills and job options, Lasley said.

Lasley said. "We don't do something to help these rural areas gain jobs, this kind of poverty is going to become chronic and embedded," said Roxie Ollesen, southeast Nebraska district administrator in Beatrice for the State Department of Social Services.

Vacant Buildings

The needs of rural areas are expected to grow, University of Missouri researchers said, because poor city dwellers are starting to migrate to these areas so they can live more cheaply.

"What I see in New York state, and in a number of other states, is that as stores close, schools merge and people move out, you are left with vacant stores and houses," said Janet Fitch, an anthropologist and expert on rural America at New York's Ithaca College.

What happens is that these vacant buildings are cut up into apartments and rented to people on welfare who are moving in from the cities," said Ms. Fitch, author of "Poverty in Rural America."

Food stamp participation figures are a "caution flag" signaling a spreading underclass in some rural areas, Ms. Fitch said.

While food stamp use has declined nationally, it has increased recently in a block of 10 Mountain and Plains states — Nebraska, Iowa, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming — and another block of five Southwest and Southern states — Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arkansas and Louisiana.

The number of Americans receiving food stamps declined from 19.1 million in July 1986 to 18.7 million in July 1987.

But, over the same 12 months, the number of food stamp recipients increased by 15,000, or 1.2 percent, in the 10 Mountain and Plains states and by

Foes Rally to Save Jobbers Canyon

By Mary Yuh

World-Herald Staff Writer

About 40 opponents of demolishing buildings in the Jobbers Canyon warehouse district paraded down Ninth Street Saturday afternoon, alternately pretending to demolish and bless the turn-of-the-century buildings.

Building by building, members of the MGT Players-Theatrical Troupe acted out the threat of demolition and the blessings.

As the wrecker, dressed in black and wearing a skull mask, swung at each warehouse with a sledgehammer, four gods and goddesses chased him away at the urging of demonstrators. They then sprinkled "holy" water around the buildings and blessed them.

Save the Canyon

Bob Sitzer, who called himself a "concerned citizen," read descriptions of each building as it was blessed while members of the Rainbow Zulu band

beat on drums. The Jobbers Canyon district, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is among four sites being considered by ConAgra for its new headquarters and food laboratory facility. ConAgra has said the old buildings must be demolished if it were to build on that site.

Dion Swanson, organizer of the rally, said saving the canyon is a matter of "soul, feeling, a liveable, inspiring area as opposed to a leaden, sterile, wooden, structural look."

Many demonstrators wore buttons saying "Canyon, ConAgra: Co-exist" and "Save the Canyon."

"ConAgra is important to Omaha, but I think there are alternatives to destroying this area," said Heather Her-

man, who played the goddess Athena, patroness of architecture, during the parade. "We shouldn't think in terms of giving up one vital area for another when one plus one equals two," said John Schmitt, an Omaha architect. "The Old Market has already proven itself to be a vital part of Omaha. This area potentially could be even more tremendous. Imagine block after block of apartments, shops and restaurants."

Destroy History?

Martin Rosenberg, a professor of art history at University of Nebraska Omaha, addressed the demonstrators after the blessings.

"We're really talking about what makes this city Omaha and not some-where else," he said. "We're a young city, yet we're about to destroy what history we have."

The rally ended with a fund-raising concert at the Antiquarium bookstore, 1215 Harney St. Among the 10 bands scheduled to appear were the Pedestrians, Roddy and the Starlites and Street Level.

Editor: Diverse Crops Not for All

By Mary Yuh

World-Herald Staff Writer

Kansas City, Mo. — Richard Krumme would be the first to say that diversification is not a new idea and will not work for every farmer.

But Krumme, editor of Successful Farming magazine and owner of his own diversified farm in Iowa, has become the national promoter of diversification. His magazine sponsored a two-day conference on the topic here.

In an interview during the conference, which ended Friday, Krumme talked about the magazine's promotion and his ideas on revitalizing American agriculture.

High-Value Products

About six years ago, Krumme published a magazine story about Booker T. Whatley's strategy for making \$100,000 from 25 acres: Produce at least 10 high-value products that can be sold year-round.

Whatley, a retired horticulture professor from Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, has become a guru of making big profits from few acres.

"We had a phenomenal response from readers, so we ran a few more articles on diversified opportunities," Krumme said. "The response was tremendous, again."

After more articles and more posi-

tive response from readers, Krumme decided to hold a conference on diversification. The first, held last December in Des Moines, the magazine's headquarters, offered free transportation to and from the conference and attracted 6,000 farmers.

This year's conference drew 3,000 people.

The first meeting threw the magazine into the role of diversification's primary promoter, Krumme said.

'Prime Motivator'

"I've gone all over the country speaking at little conferences on diversification," he said. "We're the prime motivator of this movement. We've done it even to the point where it's gotten out of hand."

Some ideas given at the conference, he said, are impractical. Diversification is not the solution to agriculture's ills and is not for everyone, he said, but it can be part of the solution by giving some farmers a way to become profitable again.

"Inspiring farmers to do something new, that's what we're doing," he said.

Krumme, who calls himself an amateur economist, has his own solution for American agriculture.

"The market for agriculture is overseas. We can't eat any more in the United States. And we are also well-fed in Europe and Japan," he said. "But

not in the developing countries. Someone has to invest money in agricultural development in these countries, in Latin America, for example. It'll probably be the United States."

"When the agriculture becomes developed, it takes fewer farmers to produce food. The displaced farmers will go to the towns and get jobs. What's the first thing they're going to spend money on when their standard of living is raised? Better food. And the United States is in the best position to provide them with that higher quality diet."

Develop These Countries

"It's the hope of the world to develop these countries and create these new markets."

Krumme acknowledged his solution has some problems, but he said expanding world demand is essential for the future of American agriculture, and the demand won't be there unless people can buy the products.

He said he also wants to see American agriculture restructured into a two-tier system.

"Domestically, the food should be subsidized, controlled and guaranteed so that the consumer has a guarantee of affordable food," he said.

"But for the export market, farmers should be left alone to produce. Turn them loose and let the free market operate."

Farmers Union Chief Predicts Changes

Kearney, Neb. (AP) — The U.S. farmer and the federal government must cooperate to save rural America, the president of the National Farmers Union said Saturday.

"We're going to have great change in agriculture in the next several years," said Cy Carpenter, who addressed the 7th annual convention of the Nebraska Farmers Union.

"We've undergone tremendous damage. With the situation as severe as it is and recognizing it cannot continue, we will have very substantial change," Carpenter said.

"Unless we can protect and promote the family farm system of agriculture, the rural community as we know it

cannot continue," he said. "You can't re-establish a rural development program after it's devastated. You can't get factories, businesses and small corporations out to a dead rural community. You get them out there by having the community viable. That means agriculture, school teachers, handdressers and the rest of us who have a part in our economy."

Carpenter said the Reagan administration's agricultural policy is to take farmers off the land, drive farm prices down and turn production agriculture over to corporate commercial institutions.

"The policy established here (at the state convention) is true farm policy,"

he said. "But policy doesn't go to the bank. You have to implement policy, and cause things to happen."

The value of agricultural products must be returned to farm families to save rural communities, Carpenter said. Nebraska, as an example, cannot maintain its present level of education in rural communities because the tax base is being eroded, he said.

Carpenter called the increase in farm income in 1987 "a cancer in remission."

"We took government payments this year, and with Gramm-Rudman and budget reconciliation, the farmers will take another hit in income this coming year. That will spread right on through the economy."

Depositors Greet Douglas Decision With Disbelief

Lincoln (AP) — Depositors of Commonwealth Savings Co. reacted with disbelief and resignation to a Nebraska Supreme Court decision on former Attorney General Paul Douglas' license to practice law.

The court voted unanimously to suspend Douglas' license for four years, with the suspension starting the day he surrendered it three years ago. This means he will be allowed to practice law in Nebraska Dec. 20, 1988, providing he has paid \$35,978.94 in court costs.

People who had money in the industrial loan and investment company when it was closed Nov. 1, 1983, have battled for four years to recoup their losses, watching with interest proceedings related to Douglas' involvement with the operators of Commonwealth.

" weren't they just terribly rough on him," said Jim Lessman, a depositor and former head of the Nebraska Depositors' Action Committee. "I feel, oh, boy, I think it's just a continuation of the charade of justice, or injustice, that has gone along with this whole sham. Unfortunately, I expected something similar to that because they threw out his conviction on the basis of he didn't have to be under oath."

Douglas was convicted in Lancaster

County District Court Dec. 14, 1984, of perjury for lying to a special legislative committee investigating the collapse of Commonwealth. He surrendered his license to practice law Dec. 20, 1984, but the perjury conviction was overturned by the Supreme Court, which said an oath was not required for testimony before the committee.

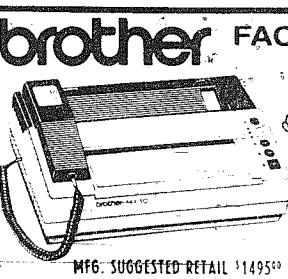
"Of course, if he had been doing his job, if (former state Banking Director Paul) Amen had been doing his job it couldn't have happened," Lessman said of the Commonwealth insolvency.

"I think this is terrible. I don't think he should ever be allowed to practice

law again," Lessman said. "If he were just an ordinary attorney, maybe we should forgive him, but for the state's top elected official to do something like that..."

Mary Croissant, who preceded Lessman as head of the depositors' group, responded to the news with disbelief, then an extended period of laughter.

"Since when does our system have penalties that are retroactive to the date of the crime? I think our judicial system is lacking in continuity as far as everyone being treated equally."



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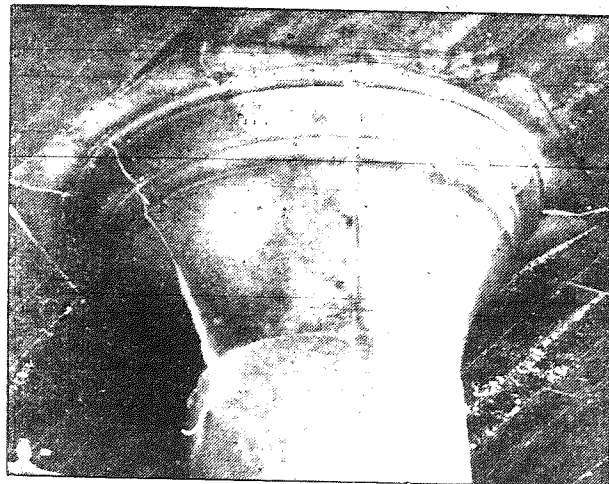
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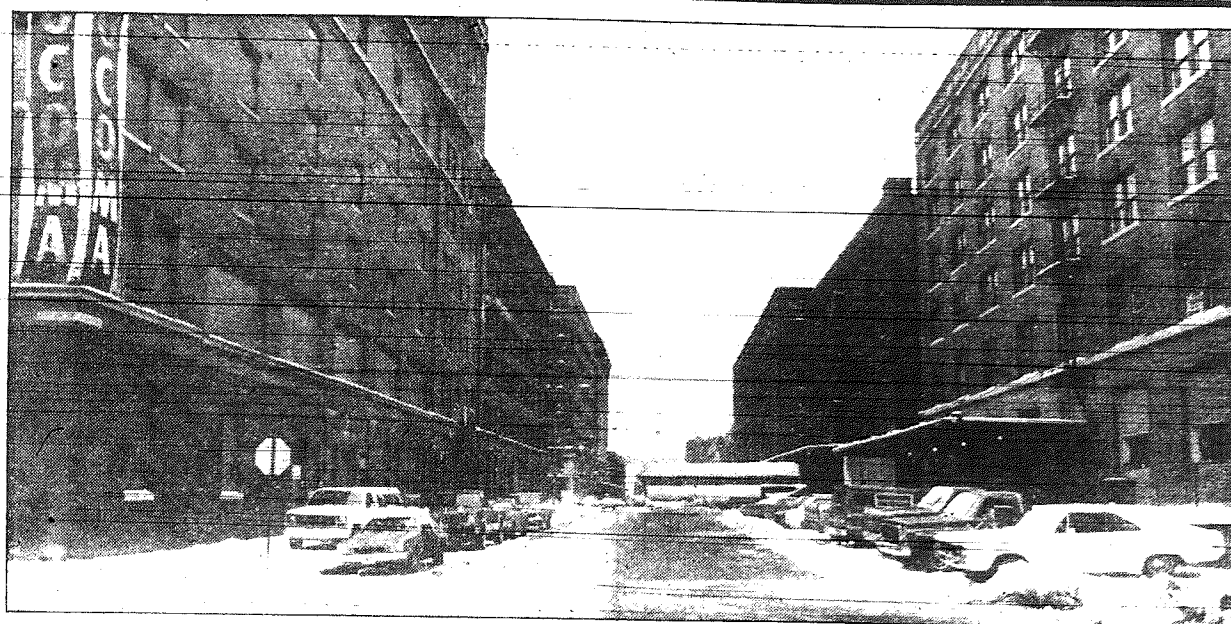


Heavy timber construction... Used in some of the warehouse buildings.

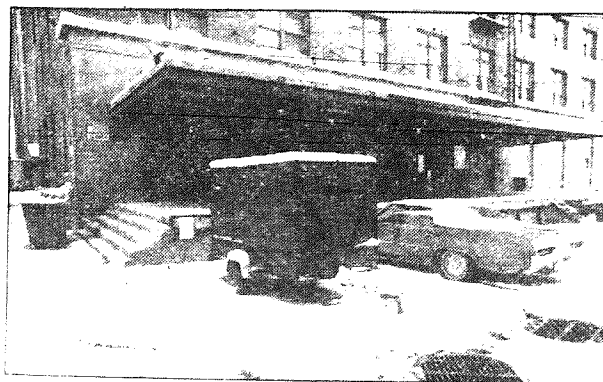


Mushroom-shaped concrete columns... Alleviated need for supporting beams.

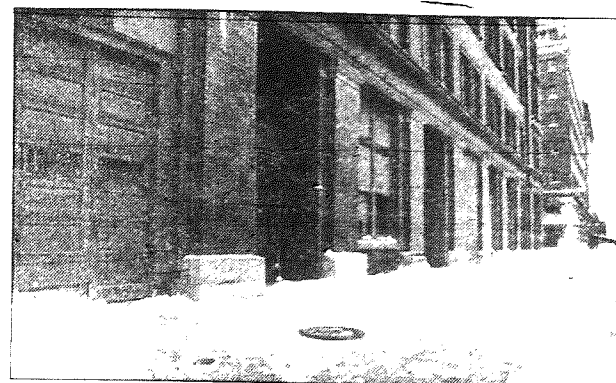
Canyon's Warehouses: Treasures or Trivia?



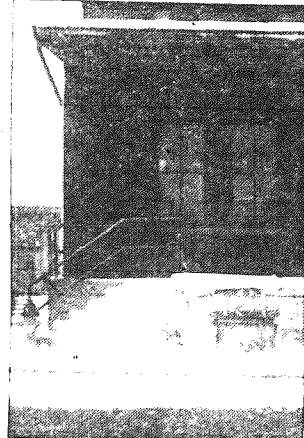
Entering Jobbers Canyon from the north, looking south from Ninth and Farnam Streets... The canyon gets its name from the effect created by the size and concentration of the buildings.



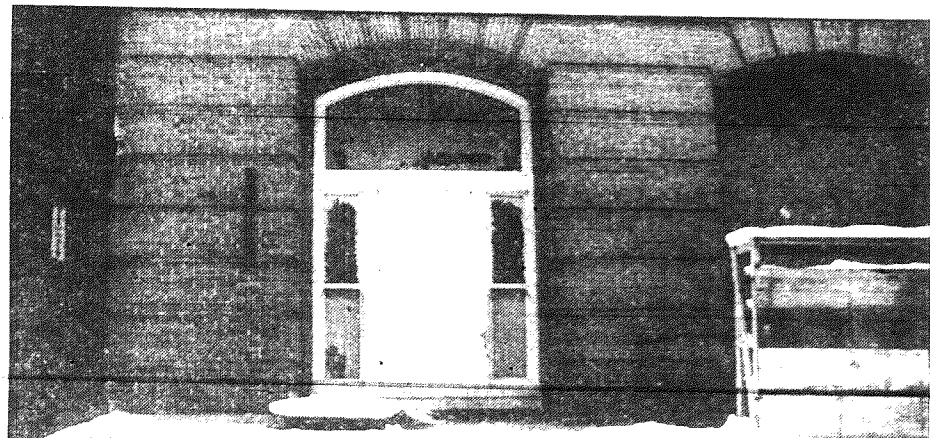
U.S. Supply Building, 901 Farnam Street... Fast loading dock.



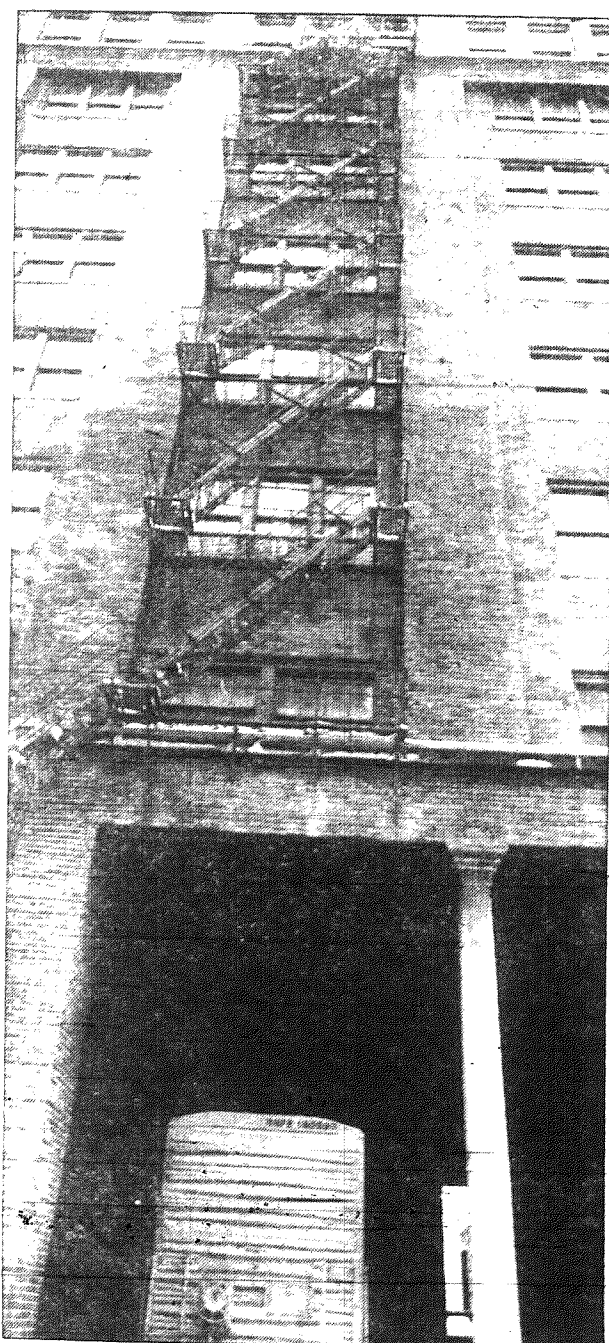
H.E. Lee Warehouse, 822 Harney St... East side of Ninth Street looking south.



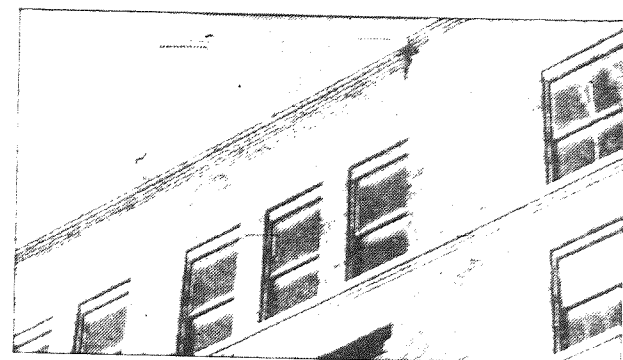
Fairbanks, Morse and Co. Building, 902 Harney Street... Loading dock.



Creighton Building, 824 Howard Street... First-floor window.



John Deere Building, 402 S. Ninth Street... Rear fire escape.



Spartan, early modern style, concrete architecture... John Deere Building, 402 S. Ninth St.



A protester of the proposed warehouse demolition at the south end of the canyon Saturday parade and concert raised money for efforts to save the buildings.

These photos by World-Herald photographer Rich Janda and City Planner Lynn Meyer show some of the scenes that greet a pedestrian walking down the middle of Jobbers Canyon.



Umbrella vs. Boots

Tuesday's gray, drizzly weather might not have been as pleasurable as a bright, crisp December day, but it could have been worse. If it had been 12 degrees

colder, for example, these students on the University of Nebraska at Omaha campus might have been trudging through snow.

Rudy Smith/World-Herald

New Chairman Surprised at Move

PSC Chief Hands Reins to Kearney Member

By Henry J. Cordes
WORLD-HERALD BUREAU

Lincoln — In proceedings that took less than a minute Tuesday, Eric Rasmussen resigned as chairman of the Nebraska Public Service Commission and handed the position to Commissioner Daniel Urwiler of Kearney.

The move came as a surprise to at least three of the five members of the commission, including Urwiler, whose face still showed surprise moments after the leadership position changed hands.



Urwiler

Rasmussen said after the meeting that the transition of the chairmanship "has been an attempt to head off an expected struggle for the chairmanship."

"That's what it looked like to me," said Simpson, who said he was not aware of Rasmussen's plan. "I suspect that there was going to be a motion to change chairs that this preceded."

The commission had change chairman and three members of the five members vote to replace Simpson, who was a longtime chairman of the commission, with Urwiler, who was going to try to become chairman but said he had no interest in it.

"I'm not going to derive into that," he said.

Rasmussen, of Fairmont, said "it might be true" that someone else was planning to take the chairmanship, but he said that was not his motivation for resigning the post.

He said he no longer has time for the duties of chairman because he will be working on the centennial committee for the National Association of Regulatory Commissioners and on a national commission studying motor carrier safety.

Rasmussen, who has been chairman for a year, said Commissioner James Munnelly of Omaha was the only commissioner he consulted before resigning Tuesday. He said he did not consult any other commissioners.

"I didn't know about it," Rasmussen said. "Just this morning I was talking to Commissioner Munnelly and I said, 'I think I'll resign and let someone else be chairman.' Munnelly said, 'Hey, I'll second it.'"

At the start of Tuesday's regular commission meeting, Rasmussen said he was resigning and moved that Urwiler be named the new chairman. The motion was quickly seconded by Munnelly, and none of the other commissioners objected.

Munnely said there were "lots of rumors" about an attempt to change chairman, but he added, "If there are any kinds of rumors, (Urwiler) will work hard to prevent problems like that."

Urwiler, who has been on the commission for less than a year, said he thought his installation as chairman might have avoided a conflict. He said it is possible he was a compromise candidate.

"Unhappily, no one takes a situation where there is a confrontation or struggle," he said. "This way it will be sort of a clean break."

Commissioner Duane Gay of Kearney said he was not aware of Rasmussen's plan but had no objection to Urwiler's appointment.

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Jobbers Canyon Firms Get Delay Of Three Weeks

By Kevin Collison
World-Herald Staff Writer

Business owners in Jobbers Canyon with a three-week delay from the Omaha City Council Tuesday in a proposed resolution that would delay their area, and the rest of downtown, might be disappointed.

A "lighted designation" intended to enhance economic vitality in the Jobbers Canyon area, an attorney representing the owners, "is not intended to remove health companies."

Hogan said the seven Jobbers Canyon business owners, who represent the area, are concerned that a "lighted designation" would be the first step toward eliminating their properties from the downtown area.

Development Foundation. Hogan said the foundation is not intended to remove health companies from the area, but to enhance economic vitality in the Jobbers Canyon area.

The Omaha Development Foundation is attempting to purchase and redevelop the area between the Interstate 480 bridge and Fairview street, a redevelopment area that would include the area's \$50 million headquarters building.

That area includes the area's headquarters building, which is located on North Street from Fairview to the intersection of North Street and the area's headquarters building.

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Council Hears 2 New Plans For Raising Members' Pay

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Motorcyclist Killed in Chase

Farfalla Verdict: Felony Vehicle Homicide

By Jeff Gauger
World-Herald Staff Writer

Jurors in the Mark Farfalla murder trial returned a verdict Tuesday convicting him of felony motor vehicle homicide for killing a motorcyclist in a hit-and-run wreck last summer.

Farfalla, 22, faced possible conviction for second-degree murder. He smiled after hearing the verdict read in Douglas County District Court.

Outside the courtroom minutes later, defense attorney Tom Riley shook the air with a clenched fist in a show of victory.

Sobs of Relief

"I'm pleased with the verdict," said Riley, chief deputy Douglas County public defender. "The most important

thing was that the jury believed and decided that the state failed to prove it was deliberate."

The verdict prompted sobs of relief outside the courtroom from Farfalla's mother, Vickie Bernhardt, and two of his sisters, Michele and Carme Farfalla. Farfalla's father, Ben Farfalla, was there as well.

"Now maybe we can get some sleep," said Mrs. Bernhardt. "I hope the Douglas County Adult Detention Center will complete its investigation into this case. It's a relief for Farfalla's sentencing."

Farfalla's motor vehicle homicide carries possible penalties of up to five years in prison or probation. The maximum penalty for second-degree murder

is 10 years in prison, and the maximum is a life sentence.

Prosecutors Robert Joyce and Steven Young, both deputy county attorneys, had asked jurors to find Farfalla guilty of second-degree murder. They argued that Farfalla intentionally killed the motorcyclist, who was riding a Harley Davidson, in a hit-and-run wreck last June.

Argument Led to Chase

Farfalla said he was disappointed with the verdict but added, "That's the way it is. In some cases, you just have to live with it."

The jurors, during the weeklong trial, showed that an argument of a "chase" was not a defense in this case. Farfalla's defense attorney, Duane Gay, followed Farfalla's testimony with a closing argument.

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Faculty Offers Ideas on Athlete Education

By John Koopman
WORLD-HERALD BUREAU

Lincoln — The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Faculty Senate adopted six recommendations Tuesday designed to provide more academic support to UNL athletes.

The recommendations resulted from a Faculty Senate committee report earlier this month which concluded that the "spirit of campus policies was violated" last summer when two health classes were filled almost entirely by athletes.

"I think the athletic department should accept these recommendations in the spirit in which they are given," said Faculty Senate President Jim Lewis.

"We aren't saying anybody has done

anything wrong. But a university has to be beyond the perception that something may not be exactly right. We hope these recommendations will help provide that."

The recommendations were:

— That freshman students should not be eligible to play varsity sports and that the playing and practice season be reduced. The senate president was directed to carry the position to Chancellor Martin Messingale and to urge him to vote on those issues at National Collegiate Athletic Association meetings.

— That formal academic advising be done by academic units, Lewis said. "Athletes take advantage of advising offered by the athletic department and, therefore, miss the advice given by faculty members, parents and

other advisors."

— That admission to classes or seminars be restricted to special groups of students during the first two years of their academic program. Such groups would include those students who have completed introductory education or business studies courses, designed to help freshmen develop academic skills. Dr. Rosemary Gifford, training director of UNL's athletic department, said she would like to see more academic support for athletes.

— That the student take a limited load of campus and correspondence courses that would exceed the normal limit of hours permitted for an incoming freshman. The student has permission from an academic advisor to do so. Also, that the student take more than one correspondence course while taking campus courses without permission of his or her academic advisor.

That the Intercollegiate Athletic Committee examine the agendas for NCAA and College Football Association meetings and offer advice to Chancellor Messingale, the UNL athletic director and any other UNL delegate to such meetings.

— That the Intercollegiate Athletic Committee periodically evaluate academic progress of varsity athletes, request the appropriate academic department, college or committee to review practices considered to be compromising and to report such reviews back to the Faculty Senate.

During the meeting, the language of the first recommendation was changed to reflect athletes in general, as opposed to just football players.

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With its brickwork gleaming in Tuesday's rain, downtown looks more like a foggy day in London than to this Omahan.

Light Rain, Snow Hit Midlands

Light rain and snow developed across the Midlands Tuesday, but much of the precipitation had disappeared by late evening.

In Nebraska, rainfall totals were generally under half an inch across the state by 6 p.m.

However, as much as 1.0 inches of rain — at 154th and Dewey Streets — was reported in the Omaha-Council Bluffs metropolitan area by 10 p.m.

Other totals in the metro area included .45 of an inch at Offutt Air Force Base, .43 at Eppley Airfield, .36 at 72nd and McKinley Streets and .80 in midtown Council Bluffs.

Daub, Karnes Focus on Budget In 1st Face-off

By C. David Kotok
World-Herald Staff Writer

Nebraska's two top legislative leaders, Sen. Dan Claitor and Rep. Dan Claitor, focused on budget issues in their first face-off Tuesday.

The two leaders, who are both members of the Senate Finance Committee, discussed the state's budget during a meeting in the Senate chamber.

The meeting was the first of a series of discussions between the two leaders on budget issues. They will continue to meet throughout the week.

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Plan Would Give '100-Year Protection'

Strengthening of Dike May Start in '88

Construction could start next fall on a \$2 million project to raise and thicken Union Dike west of Omaha, the general manager of the Papio Natural Resources District said.

The improvements would give "100-year-flood protection" to almost 34,000 acres of land along the east bank of the Platte River in western Douglas County, General Manager Steve Oltmans said.

That level of protection means there would be a 1 percent chance of a flood occurring in any one year.

The start of work depends on Papio NRD approval of the project and landowner approval of an assessment schedule to pay the \$2 million.

Public hearings will be held next spring.

The dike extends about 10 miles from Fremont to Ginger Woods west of Valley. It was breached during a spring flood in 1978.

Oltmans said the average homeowner in Valley would be assessed about \$350. Ginger Woods-Ginger Cove residents would pay more because they have larger lots.

Owners could pay the assessments, which would be made according to land area, over a 10-year period. The assessments would be similar to paying and sewer assessment projects in a city, he said.

The Papio NRD board will review the project, including a proposed assessment schedule, Thursday evening.

Land uses in the area are agri-

culture, 78.5 percent; commercial, 6.5 percent; residential, 5 percent; miscellaneous, 3 percent; railroads, 2 percent; industrial, 2 percent; county roads, 2 percent; state highways, 1 percent.

Landowners will receive notification of their proposed assessments before public hearings are held in March, Oltmans said.

The work would raise the uneven dike in certain places and would create a berm on the land side.

"The berm would eliminate the potential for a blowout due to hydraulic pressure from ice and water buildup," Oltmans said.

The 24,000 acres contain about 2,000 tracts, he estimated.

Chows Prove True to Name

Lincoln (AP) — A chow is more likely to chow down on your anatomy than the much-heralded pit bull, according to a report issued by Lincoln Animal Control.

German shepherds, shepherd cross-breeds, cocker spaniels, Labrador retrievers and its cross-breeds accounted for most dog bites reported in Lincoln in 1986-87, the report said.

But the highest proportion of bites by breed, however, were chows. Ten percent, or seven out of the 70 chows registered in Lincoln, reportedly bit last year.

"Their disposition seems to be short-tempered," said Jim Weverka, animal control supervisor.

Next were pit bulls, with three out of the 56 pit bulls licensed in Lincoln, or 5.4 percent, reported to have bitten last year.

The number of pit bulls licensed in Lincoln more than doubled over the year, from 22 to 56.

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Budget Is Focus as Karnes, Daub Square Off for 1st Time

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comparison.

Dan Morgan of Burwell, former Democratic national committeeman, said after watching the two Republicans appear before the wheat growers, "Daub clearly understands the issues and positions of the audience."

"I don't give a damn who wins," Morgan said of the Republican primary. "Either one will have to face (Democrat) Bob Kerrey."

Of the two, Morgan said, Daub scored more points with his "much more professional delivery."

Dwight Trumble, a Springfield farmer and member of the state Republican Central Committee, concurred that Karnes was "not as polished a speaker" as Daub.

GOP Senate Nomination

Trumble, who has not taken sides in the fight for the GOP Senate nomination, said both scored points with the 400 Farm Bureau members.

"Hal was a little smoother, and David did well stressing his rural background," Trumble said.

State Sen. Loran Schmit of Bellwood said he thought Karnes "came across very well."

Schmit said of Karnes' opponent, "Hal is tough, knowledgeable and articulate."

Before a group like the Farm Bureau, Schmit said, Daub's eight-year record in the House carries great weight.

Karnes stressed the importance to the state of his position on the Senate Agriculture Committee.

"I have established seniority that cannot be duplicated by anyone else in 1989," Karnes told the Farm Bureau members.

The two candidates had to rush from the wheat growers at the North Platte

Holiday Inn through rain, sleet and snow to the Farm Bureau forum 89 miles east at the Kearney Holiday Inn.

With one exception, Daub and Karnes attempted to avoid any direct criticism of the actions of the other.

However, at one point in his talk to the Wheat Growers, Karnes said the House Ways and Means Committee on which Daub serves adopted an amendment that would encourage imports of ethanol through the Caribbean. Karnes said he was among 24 senators to notify the Senate Finance Committee that they opposed such imports.

Karnes said he wants to "protect the domestic ethanol industry."

Both spoke of ethanol as part of the solution to the grain surplus problem.

In an interview, Daub said the amendment on ethanol was adopted when the Republicans were not included in the committee meetings. "I would have opposed it on principle," Daub said.

Forums Present Contrasts

Daub said the two did not disagree on ethanol or many other things. The forums present contrasts in how each handles himself and in their respective knowledge, he said.

"On the actual issues," Daub said, "I don't think we will see all that many up and down differences."

Karnes and Daub, both graduates of Omaha's Benson High School and the University of Nebraska College of Law, presented themselves to the two farm groups as fourth-generation Nebraskans with deep rural roots.

Daub talked of his grandfather's blacksmith shop in Beatrice and how he had to fix gears on wheat combines.

Karnes talked of his ownership and management of a 400-acre family farm near Fairmont, Neb. When talking about farmers, Karnes included himself as one.

Teen Pleads Innocent To Shooting Sister

York, Neb. (UPI) — Sidney Thiesen, 15, pleaded innocent Tuesday in York County District Court to first-degree murder and use of a firearm to commit a felony in the shooting death of his sister.

Thiesen is accused of shooting his sister, Sacha, 12, three times in their rural Henderson home Sept. 17.

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Firms in Jobbers Canyon Get Delay of Three Weeks

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bers Canyon buildings.

The canyon is listed as a National Register Historic District.

"We support redevelopment," she said, "but it should include preservation of the historic properties in the Ninth Street area."

Until Dec. 29

Councilman Jim Cleary made the motion to delay consideration of the blighted designation until Dec. 29. He said that would give business owners enough time to determine whether negotiations with the development foundation will be successful.

"I have no problem with the (blighted) designation," Cleary said. "I want to send a message we do care about small businesses, as well as large. If they (business owners) feel they'd have a more even hand in negotiations, let's do it."

City Planning Director Mary Shukert said that the city would have preferred to have the area declared blighted Tuesday, but that a three-week delay probably would pose problems for the riverfront redevelopment effort.

"I haven't gotten a call from somebody saying, 'If the City Council votes to lay over, forget it,'" he said.

1983 Declaration

Shukert said declaring downtown a blighted area is important to other potential redevelopment plans besides the proposed ConAgra project.

The area proposed for the designation is bound by Interstate 480 to the north and west, the Missouri River to the east and Leavenworth and Pacific Streets to the south.

The area had been declared blighted in 1983, but changes in Nebraska law make it necessary to be redesignated, Shukert said.

The planning director said it is unlikely the city would be asked to condemn any of the Jobbers Canyon properties represented by Hogan. He said condemnation takes an average of six to eight months to complete, much longer than the development founda-

tion's timetable would allow.

The Jobbers Canyon companies organized as the Omaha Warehouse Council are: Nogg Paper Co., Carpenter Paper Co., Omaha Paper Co., John Day Co., Wright & Wilhelm, Theodor Bar & Grill, and Furniture Sales of Mid America Co.

Motion Challenged

Councilman Steve Tomasek challenged Cleary's motion to postpone consideration of the blighted designation. Tomasek offered an alternate motion in favor of declaring downtown a blighted area.

Tomasek said he wanted to declare the area blighted to allow the City Council an opportunity to see what redevelopment plan may be offered for the riverfront.

His motion failed when the council voted on the vote, 3 to 3. Councilmen Tomasek, Richard Takechi and Allen Dinsdale voted for the immediate blighted declaration. Councilmen Cleary, Joe Friend and Fred Conley opposed it.

The council unanimously approved Cleary's motion to postpone.

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Field Club Offers Carts As Collateral

By Cindy Gonzalez
World-Herald Staff Writer

The Field Club of Omaha wants Douglas County to accept its golf carts — rather than a \$52,000 performance bond — as collateral for rent on the property the county leases to the private club.

Because the new 30-year Field Club lease is to take effect Jan. 1 — and the county Board will not meet again until Jan. 12 — the board voted Tuesday to accept the substitute security agreement subject to final approval by County Attorney Ron Staskiewicz.

Purchase of a performance bond is commonly required to guarantee payment under terms of a lease.

Although the lease allows a substitution for an annual bond, Staskiewicz said Tuesday that problems exist with the club's proposal.

He questioned the fair market value of the golf carts and said he did not want the county to have the burden of appraising them.

The board's action obligates Staskiewicz to accept the plan, he said, provided he discovers no legal flaws.

Before he approves the proposal, Staskiewicz said, he will require club officials to provide a professional appraisal of the carts.

"I need support as to value of the carts," Staskiewicz said. "I don't want to see the county get into the cart business in case there is a default."

The county attorney and club attorneys must agree on the plan by Jan. 1, Staskiewicz said.

Tom Grennan, attorney for the Field Club, said the club owns 52 carts, each worth about \$1,400. That would place total value at \$72,800. The lease requires a performance bond equal to one year's rent, or \$52,000.

Any carts purchased in the future also would be included as collateral, he

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Coloradan Nearly Turned In Stutzman

By James Allen Flanery
World-Herald Staff Writer

A Colorado man who once lived with Eli Stutzman and his son, Danny, said Wednesday that he came close in 1983 to reporting Stutzman for child neglect but did not do so because he feared reprisals.

"Now it bothers me that maybe I should have followed up," Howard Runck, 55, said in a telephone interview from his Durango-area farm.

"Now I feel a lot more was going on than I realized," Runck said. He works for a Head Start agency and co-owned another Colorado farm with Stutzman from mid-October 1982 until April 1983.

Stutzman, 37, was arrested Monday in Texas on a warrant charging him with felony child abuse. A body of a 9-year-old boy discovered two years ago near Chester, Neb., has been identified as Danny Stutzman.

The father waived extradition proceedings and was to be returned to Nebraska by Friday. Thayer County Attorney Dan Werner would not say whether he planned to upgrade the charge against Stutzman to murder.

"I'm not ready to say at this point," Werner said Tuesday from Hebron, Neb. "We still have questions that remain unanswered."

Runck said he, too, has many questions about Stutzman.

When he sold his part of the farm to Stutzman and left a farmhouse they had shared, Runck said, "I thought about contacting the Colorado Department of Social Services to see if they would monitor the situation."

"But I didn't. I was afraid of reprisals from him (Stutzman)."

He said he also felt he lacked specific information about Stutzman's treatment of Danny to register a complaint.

"All I had was a gut feeling," said Runck, who serves on a child protection team in the Durango area.

He said he was concerned that Stutzman was increasingly moody, was leaving Danny for days at a time and, in the final month of Runck's stay

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Stutzman, left, is escorted by Azle police officer John Lyons ... after Monday's arraignment in Texas.

World-Herald News Service

Vote on Bailout Of Farm Credit Expected Soon

By Nicole Simmons
World-Herald Staff Writer

Washington — A compromise bailout plan for the troubled Farm Credit System should be able to get congressional approval by the end of the week, the chairmen of the House and Senate Agriculture Committees said Tuesday night.

The plan was agreed on in large part by a conference committee Tuesday.

Because of the problems of the Jackson, Miss., Federal Land Bank, which declared itself insolvent last week, the conferees had said final approval of a rescue package was essential before Congress recessed for Christmas. Congressional leaders are aiming to go home by Saturday.

Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., said he had received assurances from Majority Leader Robert Byrd, D-W.V., and Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., that a farm credit vote could be slipped into the Senate calendar.

Some Reservations

Leahy's House counterpart, Rep. E. "Kika" de la Garza, D-Texas, said his Texas colleague, House Speaker Jim Wright, owed him time for the vote.

Reagan administration representatives present at the conference — Assistant Treasury Secretary Charles

Sethness and Agriculture Under Secretary Roland Vanover — said they still had some reservations about the rescue package, particularly its provisions for borrowers' rights and for a secondary market for agricultural loans.

But one of the leaders in the farm credit debate, Sen. David Boren, D-Okla., said he saw signs that President Reagan would sign the measure, even if some of its provisions were not to the administration's liking.

The farm credit conferees agreed Tuesday to restructure the system, which has lost \$4.8 billion in the past three years, by requiring the federal land banks, many of which are struggling to merge with their companion, healthy intermediate credit banks.

OMB Pressure

They also adopted a Senate proposal to authorize the system to issue up to \$4 billion in federally guaranteed bonds, for which the federal government would subsidize the interest payments.

Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., the ranking GOP member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, said the move toward guaranteed bonds instead of direct assistance came because of pressure from the president's Office of

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Impact Report Not Ready

Two Forks Statement Delayed Until March

By James Allen Flanery
World-Herald Staff Writer

The final environmental impact statement for Colorado's controversial Two Forks dam and reservoir project will be delayed until March, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said Tuesday in Omaha.

Release had been scheduled for late last week. The corps will use the document, reportedly 3,000 pages with 23 supporting volumes, as the basis for deciding whether to issue a permit for Two Forks.

"It (the final statement) just isn't ready yet," Arvid Thomsen, the corps' district planning chief, said. "We found a number of problems in it we need to fix before we put it on the street."

Thomsen said the delay had nothing to do with recent requests by Sen. J. L. Exon, D-Neb., and Rep. Ed Daub, a Republican from Omaha, that the corps look more closely at how the project would affect Nebraska.

Corps' Announcement

But both Exon and Daub said Tuesday evening they had been notified in advance of the corps' late-afternoon announcement.

"I don't know what caused this to happen," Exon said. "But I am pleased that the corps is going to take more than a perfunctory look into the discharging of their obligation under the law."

Daub said, "I believe they are being responsive to Nebraska's interests."

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'Workers Interested' in Organizing

Union: IBP Plants to Hold Elections

By Joe Brennan
World-Herald Staff Writer

The United Food and Commercial Workers union drive to organize 10,000 workers at non-union plants operated by IBP Inc. will result in union elections, a spokesman for the union predicted Tuesday.

IBP employees at six or seven of 11 non-union plants have shown interest in holding elections, said Kevin Williamson, assistant to the director of UFCW International. He said the minimum 30 percent of employees has expressed interest in elections.

Williamson, in a telephone interview from Sioux City, Iowa, would not say when elections might be held.

"Just say the near future," he said.

The UFCW currently represents workers at only one IBP plant, in Dakota City, Neb. The 2,800 workers there went on strike in March. The dispute

was resolved seven months later.

The drive to organize other IBP workers began in September 1986. Williamson said these plants in western Iowa and Nebraska are included in the drive:

—Council Bluffs, 425 production and maintenance employees. The pork processing facility opened in June 1986 at 2700 23rd Ave.

—Denison, Iowa, where IBP was founded in 1961, 250 workers.

—Storm Lake, Iowa, 860 workers.

—Madison, Neb., 400 workers.

—West Point, Neb., 250 workers.

Other IBP plants targeted by the union are in Columbus Junction, Iowa; Luverne, Minn.; Joslin, Ill.; Garden City, Kan.; Emporia, Kan.; and Boise, Idaho, he said.

Williamson said the union could petition the National Labor Relations Board for elections at some of the plants now but is waiting to see whether

workers at all 11 plants show interest.

"It's silly to have an election at one or just a few plants," he said. "There's strength in numbers."

Gary Mickelson, spokesman for IBP in Dakota City, said, "We are not afraid of any union election. If there are votes taken, we anticipate our employees will reject the union."

Mickelson said IBP's position is that the UFCW believes in "confrontation without compromise." He said the union has called five strikes in 17 years at Dakota City, resulting in the loss of 3½ years of wages and benefits for some workers.

Under NLRB rules, 30 percent of the IBP workers eligible for membership in a collective bargaining unit must show interest in holding union elections by signing authorization cards.

Union policy, Williamson said, is to

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Voters Recall Alliance Mayor By Nearly 2 to 1

By James Allen Flanery
World-Herald Staff Writer

Alliance, Neb. (AP) — Voters decided to recall Alliance Mayor Dick Zellaha from office Tuesday by a nearly two-to-one margin, an official said.

With all five wards reporting, 1,717 people voted to recall the mayor, and 878 voted to retain him, Box Butte County Clerk Kathryn Hood said. About 46 percent of 5,705 eligible voters cast their ballot Tuesday, she said.

The Committee to Recall Mayor Zellaha began its campaign against him in October, accusing him of gross misuse of office, using city postage for private purposes, interfering with police and conducting city business in an undignified manner.

Zellaha has denied all the allegations.

The committee gathered 948 valid signatures on recall petitions, more than the 728 signatures needed to force the mayor's resignation or a recall.

Asked if he would resign, Zellaha had replied: "Nuts. If they want me, they are going to have to recall me. If I get recalled on lies and untruths, I'll accept it."

Zellaha said the recall effort was rooted in the anti-drug programs he has given with his son, Shane. Zellaha said other people are jealous of the attention

It Helped Fuel Growth, He Says

Preservationist Defends Jobbers Canyon

By Kevin Collison
World-Herald Staff Writer

Jobbers Canyon is important historically because the growth of the American West was fueled by merchandise and supplies distributed from the Omaha warehouses, Clark Strickland of the National Trust for Historic Preservation said Tuesday.

"This district is intact and conveys the strength and importance of warehousing in this part of the country," he said at a press conference in Omaha. "This is not the national register of cute places or pretty places, but historic places."

Strickland, director of the trust's mountain-plains office in Denver, appeared with three other historic preservation advocates at a press conference sponsored by Landmarks Inc. in the restored Bemis building at 11th and Jones Streets.

Landmarks is protesting the proposed demolition of Jobbers Canyon. The area is six square blocks of turn-of-century buildings along Ninth Street from Jackson to Farnam Streets. It was declared a National Register Historic District earlier this year.

The Omaha Development Foundation, an arm of the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce, is attempting to

purchase the buildings to make way for a riverfront redevelopment project that would have ConAgra's planned \$50 million headquarters and laboratories as its anchor.

Leonard Sommer, president of Landmarks Inc., said his organization wants a public debate of the proposed redevelopment plan.

"We don't know where the community stands on this and we'd like to know," he said.

A redevelopment plan would require public hearings before the City Planning Board and City Council. Opponents say that it would be too late by that time to modify the plan.

Development foundation representatives have said acquisition of the riverfront property is a private real estate matter.

Dave Murphy, preservation officer for the Nebraska State Historical Society, and Martin Rosenberg, associate professor of art history at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, also attended the press conference.

Rosenberg said the Jobbers Canyon buildings are ideal candidates for renovation and could eventually become an extension of the Old Market area.

"We need to ask ourselves, 'What if a decision had been made 20 years ago to tear down the Old Market?'" Rosenberg said.

Judge Scolds, Sentences Defendant

Pickle Card Dealer Blames Mercy High

By Jeff Gauger
World-Herald Staff Writer

Gerald "Jay" Harrington told a judge who sentenced him Tuesday to one year in jail that Omaha's Mercy High School was partly to blame for his violations of pickle card lottery laws.

His criticism of the school's handling of the pickle card operation prompted an "angry response" from Douglas County District Judge Jerry Gitnick, who imposed the maximum sentence for one count of unlawfully using pickle card profits.

"I don't know how to respond to you," Gitnick told Harrington, a disbarred lawyer who served 10 months in prison for a forgery conviction seven years ago.

"I deplore the fact that you with your background stand here before me. You're an educated person, you know the law, and yet you've ruined your life," Gitnick said. "In no way do I accept your explanation of Mercy High

School's involvement — directly or indirectly — as a justification for your crime."

The all-girl Catholic school sells the slot machine-style pickle cards to raise money.

Harrington, 48, of 5610 Spring St. acted as the school's pickle card sales agent until April, when the school found irregularities in lottery finances and fired him. He is the brother-in-law of the school's principal, Sister Corrine Connelly.

Based on information supplied by the school, Harrington was originally charged with theft of more than \$1,000, a felony that carries a maximum 20-year prison sentence.

He later pleaded guilty to unlawfully using pickle card profits, a misdemeanor, after agreeing to repay \$19,959 in pickle card lottery profits that he took unlawfully. He also agreed to account for another \$25,000.

At the sentencing hearing, Gitnick said Harrington received the "break-of-

your life" when the County Attorney's Office agreed to reduce the original charge to a misdemeanor.

Attorney J. Joseph McQuillan had requested probation, saying that selling pickle cards to bar owners placed Harrington in settings that tempted his weaknesses for alcohol and gambling.

Harrington, reading from a prepared statement, then spoke on his own behalf.

He acknowledged his guilt, then went on to brand Mercy High School an "accomplice" and to allege that its administrators were equally guilty of violating the law under which he was charged.

Harrington charged that the school had not counted all the expenses of running its pickle card operation, including \$18,000 in retainer fees paid to school attorney James Martin Davis.

"This pervasive attitude throughout was that the ends justified the means," Harrington said of the school's pickle card operation.



Bill Batson/World-Herald

Oil Can, Oil Can! Ny Nouth, Ny Nouth!

Randy Tejral of 770 S. 70th St. pears frozen like the tin woodman of Oz after the downswing that lopped a chunk of wood off that section of tree trunk. Tejral was splitting wood with an ax, gathering a truckload of fire fuel at

the wood center in Elmwood Park. The wood is available free to the public, courtesy of the Forest Division of Omaha. Tejral managed to complete the job without the aid of Dorothy, Toto or the Munchkins.

Drugs Described In 'Paint Code'

Convicted drug dealer Daniel Bader testified Tuesday that he used names of paint colors as a code for selling drugs out of his South Omaha home.

Bader, called as a witness in the trial of another man facing seven drug charges, said he had painted houses but stopped in 1965. He told a jury in U.S. District Court that he had established a "paint code" with people to whom he sold drugs.

"Brown paint was brown marijuana, green paint was green marijuana, white paint was crack (methamphetamine) and wallpaper was LSD," Bader said.

"The paint shop" was a term he used for the basement of his house, where he stored drugs, he said. Some of his conversations with others about drug deals were recorded in a court-authorized telephone wiretap and were played for a federal jury.

Bader, 34, is serving a five-year prison term for conspiracy to distribute drugs. He pleaded guilty earlier this year as part of a plea agreement with federal prosecutors.

He was called to testify in U.S. District Court during the trial of Randolph T. Covos, 34, of 10049 R St. Covos is charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute drugs, one count of possession of cocaine and five counts of use of a telephone to aid in the drug distribution conspiracy.

According to a federal grand jury indictment, Covos worked with Bader in a drug ring between May 1, 1985 and March 4, 1986.

An Omaha police officer who investigated the case testified earlier that some prospective witnesses said they were "reluctant" to testify in the trial. Asked why, Officer Mark Langan said, "They had some fear of Mr. Covos. They feared that Mr. Covos had friends in the County Corrections Center who might assault them and that he had associates in the community."

The case is being heard by a jury of six men and five women, including an alternate, in the Court of Chief U.S. District Judge Lyle Strom.

New Figures
From Center
Questioned

By Cindy Gonzalez
World-Herald Staff Writer

Douglas County Clerk Thomas Cavanaugh said Thursday he is suspicious of a new financial statement indicating that the LaFem Williams Association spent a \$25,000 grant from the county on child care.

Commissioner Michael Albert said he still thinks the debt-ridden association defied the board by spending the cash on past debts instead of future operating expenses for its two day-care programs. The board granted the \$25,000 emergency funding in October, intending that it be used for operating expenses.

Albert and Cavanaugh responded after the Williams Association's accountants released a financial statement tracing where the county's grant was spent. Several commissioners had requested the statement.

Cavanaugh said the new report is "inconclusive, given their accounting system."

"Since they didn't have those figures when we visited them last week, their figures probably were without foundation. It's extremely difficult, if not impossible, to make a clear determination on where the \$25,000 was spent," he said.

'Clearly Burned'
Cavanaugh said, however, that he was satisfied that at least \$25,000 was used for child care.

Albert said he still plans to ask the board to demand that the money be returned, although he said chances are slim to none he will get it back. The county was clearly burned on this situation.

A preliminary audit conducted last week by the County Clerk's Office found that one-third of the county's money covered payroll for services other than child care. Cavanaugh said OHA accountants confirmed that last week, he said.

The financial statement released Thursday stated \$30,000 was spent in October and November for child care expenses from August through November.

Two Installments
Mike Kunkle, an OHA accountant who helped the association compile its records, said that means the county's contribution — which was allocated in October — was spent on current child care costs.

Kunkle said the \$25,000 was deposited in two installments in an account shared by the association's two day-care programs, recreation facilities and Center Stage theater. All three program areas are managed by the association and located in the LaFem Williams Center, 3010 R St. and the Martin Luther King Center, 26th Street and Bedford Avenue.

After the \$25,000 and other funds were deposited, checks totaling \$42,325 were released. Of that amount, \$8,000 covered child care expenses, such as payroll and food costs, Kunkle said.

Albert said the new financial statement is contrary to preliminary findings of the county clerk's office.

"The fact as it may be, the whole picture was wrong," he said.

Even though the board's original action did not specify that the money be used for future child care costs, he said, "that certainly was the board's intent."

Instead, it appears most of the money

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Trucker Sought, Accused
Of Stealing Scouts' Trees

Denver (UPI) — Authorities are searching for an Oklahoma truck driver accused of contracting to deliver a load of Christmas trees to a scout troop in the Denver area before he disappeared.

The complaint filed in U.S. District Court alleges that Michael Shephard contracted to deliver a load of about 20,000 worth of trees from Lufkin, Ore., to a Boy Scout troop and a merchant in Mesquite, Texas. The complaint said the trees were sold for \$7,600 to King Supermarket stores in the Denver suburbs of Parker, Thornton and Wheat Ridge.

Investigators believe a fired airline employee snatched a gun aboard and shot the pilot. The employee apparently was allowed to bypass a security system at Los Angeles International Airport.

The regulations require all airport and airline employees, visitors and passengers to pass through metal detectors anytime they enter the airport terminals for any purpose.

Peck said that some airline employees could bypass metal detectors by going through their airline's ticket counter and up a ramp to the airplane. Airport police check their identification cards on the ramp, he said.

Omaha's Candi Morwood, who was on her way Thursday to Minneapolis, said she arrived at the airport early to avoid any delays or backups caused by the regulations or holiday travelers.

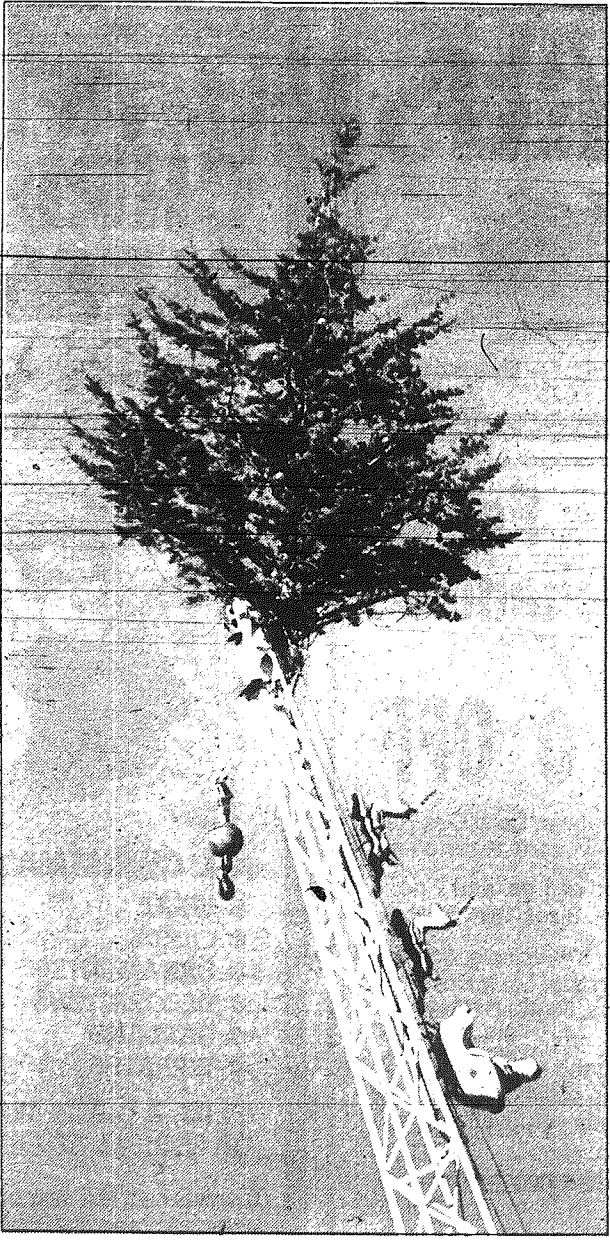
"I had no delays at all," she said.

The new rules have caused few problems for airline employees, as well.

Jay Strauch, a Chicago-based first officer for American Airlines, said he thought most pilots and flight attendants accepted the rules.

That's just been our general policy. So as far as flow, the changes have been relatively insignificant in Omaha," he said.

The Federal Aviation Administration issued the new rules nationally after a Pacific Southwest Airlines crash that killed 43 people earlier this month.



Jim Burnett/World-Herald

Glory of Christmas, From the Highest

It may not have been the tallest Christmas tree when it arrived in Scribner, Neb., but it became the highest. With the help of a crane and lumber, Manufacturers Inc. employees,

Attorney Says Storz Suit
Aims to Preserve Mansion

By Fred Thomas
World-Herald Staff Writer

An attorney said Thursday that the son and daughter of Arthur Storz Jr. favor preserving the Storz Mansion at 705 Barnum St. as a museum.

Attorney Norman Wright said Arthur "Ekip" Storz III and Ekip Storz, who live in California, said to protect the property, not to oust their father or sell the mansion and furnishings to make money.

Arthur Storz Jr. said Thursday he does not believe his children's intent is to save the mansion as a museum. He said he thinks their intent is to force him to move out so they can dispose of the property.

He said he supports an effort by Omaha businessman Donald Morring to have money to pay back taxes on the property and a low-income Storz Jr. to continue to live in the mansion, also pay back taxes and pay for social events, such as catered parties and wedding receptions.

Mansion Trustees

The three Storz are trustees of the 30-year-old mansion. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and contains furnishings collected from around the world. The three also are beneficiaries of the trust.

They became trustees in 1982, when the Storz Preservation Foundation was established as part of a legal maneuver that kept the property and furnishings from being sold.

Wright, of the law firm of Linsler, Stryker, Veatch, Vaughn, Meany, Olson, Boyer & Bloch, said Arthur Storz Jr. has veto power over the children's selling the property.

Wright said the intent of a suit the firm filed on behalf of the son and daughter is to remove the veto power. Douglas County Court Judge Jane Prochaska has the case under advisement.

Carriage House

Removing the veto power would allow the creation of a new foundation to buy and preserve the mansion, Wright said.

The proposal would be to have the new foundation take over the property, and have Arthur Storz Jr. to preserve the mansion's carriage house. He would continue to serve as a caretaker paid by the foundation, Wright said.

"A group of concerned citizens want to preserve the mansion," made that proposal, Wright said. He declined to identify a spokesman for the group.

Because taxes have not been paid,

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Bond Snag Has Field Club
On County Agenda Again

By Cindy Gonzalez
World-Herald Staff Writer

The Field Club lease is back in the rough. A special Douglas County Board session might be required to settle the latest snag.

The board is scheduled to meet at 10 a.m. Thursday to decide whether the county will accept golf carts and maintenance equipment — instead of a \$32,000 performance bond — as collateral for annual rent on property it leases to the private Field Club of Omaha.

'Not Even Close'

However, Commissioner Michael Albert said the meeting may not be needed. He said the Field Club directors told him they will meet to consider delivering a performance bond after all.

The Field Club had asked the board to accept the club's 52 golf carts as collateral for annual rent on the 63 acres it leases at 36th Street and Wool-

worth Avenue.

The County Board voted to accept the substitute collateral — as allowed in the new 30-year lease that will take effect Jan. 1 — if details were approved by County Attorney Ron Staskiewicz.

Staskiewicz had questioned the fair market value of the carts and ordered a professional appraisal.

He said Thursday that the appraisal conducted by Professional Turf Specialists Inc. valued the carts at \$7,000. Field Club officials originally had told the board that each cart was worth about \$1,400, for a total of \$72,800.

The collateral is not there, it's not even close," Staskiewicz said. The current Field Club proposal "won't do any way it is, no way, shape or form."

After Field Club officials were informed of the appraisal findings, they offered to add other groundskeeping equipment to meet the collateral requirement.

Their equipment includes lawn mowers and machinery worth \$62,500.

Staskiewicz said. The club also offered another proposal in which it would provide an irrevocable letter of credit for \$26,000 in lieu of a bond or security.

Staskiewicz said he was instructed by the County Board to accept only golf carts. So he said, he recommended that a special board meeting be held to determine whether commissioners want to accept the other proposals.

"I have no authority to accept an irrevocable letter of credit," Staskiewicz said.

The board was not scheduled to meet again until Jan. 12.

The issue must be resolved before the new Field Club lease takes effect, Staskiewicz said.

Ample Time

A three-hour conference meeting, sometimes used in emergency board matters, said Staskiewicz, he said, because there is ample time.

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Talks Still Stalemate
Jobbers Canyon Deadline Extended

By Kevin Collison
World-Herald Staff Writer

Warehouse owners in the Jobbers Canyon area said Thursday they have been given a new deadline to complete negotiations with the Omaha Development Foundation for their properties.

John Fonda, president of John Day Co., 401 S. 10th St., said the development foundation scrapped a Thursday deadline for concluding the talks and extended it to next week.

"Negotiations are going back and forth and nothing's been decided," Fonda said. "I think it's a question of either we can do it or we can't."

Michael Wiese, executive director of the foundation, declined to comment.

'May Be Gap'

World-Herald Publisher Harold Andersen, vice president of the Omaha Development Foundation board, issued a written statement regarding the efforts to acquire Jobbers Canyon.

"Negotiations continue to acquire the necessary land, and efforts continue to raise the funds necessary to acquire that land," Andersen said. "There may very well be a gap that can't be closed."

The foundation, the development arm of the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce, wants to acquire property east of 10th Street between the Interstate 480 bridge and the Pacific Street area railroad yard as a riverfront redevelopment tract.

The ConAgra \$40 million headquarters and laboratories project would be a anchor for the redevelopment area. A city park with access to the Missouri River and additional private development also is part of the plan.

ConAgra has said that if a riverfront

is not made by Jan. 4, the company will locate its headquarters elsewhere.

Acquisition of 'Canyon'

A key ingredient to the redevelopment plan is the acquisition of Jobbers Canyon, a six-square-block group of warehouses that runs along North Street between Barnum and Jackson streets.

John Fonda, president of the warehouse business, said the warehouse owners have been working together to acquire the property and are negotiating with the foundation.

The warehouse owners are well known in the area and most businesses can be reached without financial loss.

Members of the warehouse council have said they are uncertain the development foundation has the money.

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Kiewit Foundation Concerns Resolved
Grant Is Resumed for History Museum

By Kyle MacMillan
World-Herald Staff Writer

The Peter Kiewit Foundation has agreed to resume payments of a \$2.7 million grant to the Omaha History Museum, in part of two in-depth interior studies and a board reorganization undertaken at the museum.

Included in the release of funds is \$400,000 to assist the museum in the renovation necessary to display the city of Omaha's \$7 million Byron Reed Collection of coins, documents and other items.

Mayor Simon said he was pleased with the foundation's decision and said he doesn't see any reason why the project (transfer of the Byron Reed collection) cannot be reactivated and completed.

The foundation, citing a loss of confidence in the museum's fiscal management, suspended grant payments in March pending a complete financial review.

Other Suspensions
Funding of a gallery also resulted in the suspension of a \$250,000 grant from the Robert W. and Martha H. Hoenes Foundation and suspension of one of the museum's major projects, the Byron Reed Collection.

Simon said the museum's financial problems were resolved and the foundation's concerns were resolved at this time.

Mary McKinney, acting director of

Stricter Airport Security
Causes Few Delays Here

By Sharon Rosse
World-Herald Staff Writer

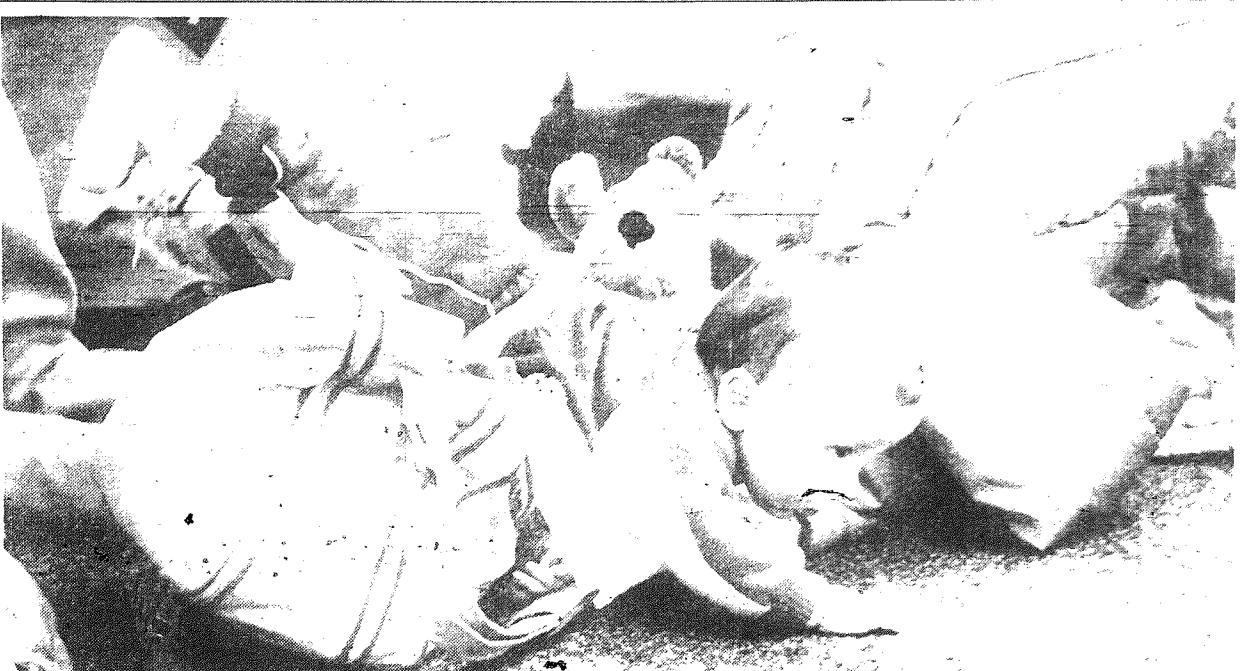
New airport security procedures requiring airline and airport employees to pass through security checkpoints caused few backups Thursday at Eppley Airfield, the regional manager for airline security said.

"We've had a few backups, but it's just the time of year," said the manager, Fred Peck of J.J. Security Inc., which provides gate security at Eppley. "There's been a little grumbling from some airline employees, but for the most part it's been OK."

Ron Grear, executive director of the Omaha Airport Authority, said the security changes had little effect on Omaha because most airport employees already were required to go through the security checkpoints.

"That's just been our general policy. So as far as flow, the changes have been relatively insignificant in Omaha," he said.

The Federal Aviation Administration issued the new rules nationally after a Pacific Southwest Airlines crash that killed 43 people earlier this month.



Eight-month-old Jonathan Gall crawls over a pile of coats... as he waits with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Gall of Elk Point, S.D., for a flight at Eppley.

Phil Johnson/World-Herald

Bond Snag Puts Field Club Back On the Agenda

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alert commissioners. Staskiewicz said he would prefer that the Field Club purchase a performance bond to guarantee a year's rent instead of offering collateral as security. A performance bond, or financial guarantee, commonly is required to guarantee payment under terms of a lease.

In the past 83 years the Field Club has rented the 63 acres, it had not been required to submit a performance bond, Albert said.

A check with four area bonding and insurance companies found that the average annual cost to secure a \$52,000 financial guarantee would be about \$1,040. That premium could be cut in half if the company offered collateral, spokesmen for the companies said.

Albert said the Field Club's request to substitute cars for a performance bond is "just one more thing in the continuing saga that creates an embarrassment to the County Board."

He said he told Field Club attorneys this week that they should deliver a performance bond because he and other commissioners probably would accept no other deals.

"This is a joke," said Albert. "I told them I want a performance bond. So there is no issue. I don't want to hold a special meeting."

"The amount of research, and hours and hours of time that a lot of people spent over this thing, is absolutely ridiculous — all for a bond that would cost \$1,000."

Field Club attorneys told Albert that the club's board would meet to decide whether to purchase a performance bond or to ask the full County Board to approve another security arrangement.

The Field Club lease has been the subject of a yearlong series of debates, several public meetings and two bidding processes.

In November, the Field Club was awarded the lease. It will pay \$52,000 in rent for the first two years. Rent will be adjusted the next 28 years according to the national Consumer Price Index.

Field Club this year had paid about \$14,000 to lease the land.

Center Figures Are Questioned

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was used for past payrolls. It should have been placed in a separate account and used to help keep the programs open, he said.

The OHA will terminate its lease with the association to manage the services Dec. 31. Day-care services will be continued under new management.

Since most of the county's money was given to OHA for covering the association's payroll, the money probably would have to be recovered from OHA, Albert said.

"That money went through our fingers so fast it would make your head spin," he said.

Albert said he would fight any further "knee-jerk reactions" by the board. Any agency requesting help in an emergency should submit a complete outline on how it plans to spend the money, he said.

Cavanaugh said he also would recommend that a thorough financial review be conducted before the county provides future emergency grants.

Jobbers Canyon Talks Extended

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pledged or in hand to acquire their properties.

Fonda said he met twice with foundation representatives during the past week and has been in contact by telephone. He said the foundation has received an offer from the owners, and the owners are waiting for a response.

"It's in their court," he said.

Several alternative ConAgra sites have been mentioned should the riverfront plan fail. The company has purchased land at Loneragan Lake northwest of Omaha.

Two other Omaha sites have been identified as possible locations: the area near the intersection of Interstate 680 and 72nd Street, and the area near 132nd Street and West Dodge Road.

In addition, the cities of Lincoln and Bellevue have offered ConAgra free land.

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UNDERSTATEMENTS

H. Campbell Will Fill Out Rupp's Term

WORLD-HERALD BUREAU

Lincoln — Gov. Orr Wednesday appointed Helen H. Campbell of Columbus to be the new state senator from the 22nd Legislative District.

Mrs. Campbell, 50, replaces Lee Rupp of Monroe, who resigned earlier this month to become a lobbyist for the University of Nebraska.

Mrs. Campbell has been president of Campbell Realty in Columbus since 1976. She is a former president of the Nebraska Realtors Association and was president of the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce in 1986.

"Helen brings unique leadership qualities that I feel will serve the 22nd District quite well," Gov. Orr said. "As a small business owner and past president of the Chamber of Commerce, she has dealt with the type of problems that are important to all Nebraskans."

Mrs. Campbell was one of three candidates the governor interviewed for the job. One was Columbus Mayor Larry Mark. The other was Kenneth Torczon of Columbus.

Mrs. Campbell and her husband, Floyd, have no children.

State Sen. Johanns Won't Run for Seat

WORLD-HERALD BUREAU

Lincoln — State Sen. Stephanie Johanns said Wednesday that she would not run for election in 1988.

She called her position in the Legislature exciting, overwhelming and challenging. But she said the pay is not good enough to make it a career and the hours are too long to make it a hobby.

"Even as a second income, \$4,900 is not a reasonable income," Sen. Johanns said, referring to the annual salary of senators. An appropriate salary would be \$12,000 to \$15,000, she said.

Sen. Johanns, a Republican, was appointed in May after telling Gov. Orr once that she did not want the job. The seat opened after Bill Harris was elected mayor of Lincoln.

Gov. Orr was "really disappointed" when she learned of the decision Tuesday, Sen. Johanns said. "She thought that if I did it, I would fall in love with it and want to do it forever."

But, the 32-year-old senator said, "I don't want to be away from my family, and I don't want to live the life of a full-time politician." The coming session will be her sixth year as a politician, she said. Before her appointment to the Legislature, she served on the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners.

In addition, serving in the Legislature would take time away from her job, Sen. Johanns said. She works in the data-processing department of Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph Co.

Haig Folding Up Campaign in Iowa

Des Moines (AP) — Former Secretary of State Alexander Haig is planning to fold much of his Iowa presidential campaign operation and move staff members to New Hampshire and Southern states, a leader of his Iowa effort says.

Darlene Blake, head of the Polk County Republican Central Committee and a Haig campaign consultant, said a formal announcement of the decision was to be made Wednesday.

She said the three full-time staff members would be assigned to other duties in other states.

Native Afghan to Head UNO Afghanistan Project

By John Koopman

World-Herald Staff Writer

A native Afghan working on the University of Nebraska at Omaha's education project for Afghan refugees in Pakistan will take over at least temporarily as the project's team leader, project director Tom Gouttiere said.

Moqim Rahmanzai will succeed Wayne Glidden, who died Thursday in Bangkok, Thailand, of a heart attack. Rahmanzai worked with Glidden in Pakistan for the past 1½ years.

Gouttiere, head of UNO's Center for Afghanistan Studies, said Tuesday that the \$7.1 million program should suffer no permanent effects from Glidden's death.

However, Gouttiere said, "It will be hard to find a good replacement for Wayne" as a team member. "Whoever we get to replace him will have to learn a awful lot in a short period of time," he said.

"Wayne had the report-writing skills," Gouttiere said. "He knew how to deal with the bureaucracy. Moqim speaks the Afghans' language and can deal with them very effectively. Together, their skills complemented each other perfectly for this project."

Fled Afghanistan
Gouttiere said he is not sure exactly how the UNO team will be organized after Glidden's replacement is found. He said Rahmanzai probably will remain the team leader unless he feels it



Bill Batson/World-Herald

Fetching This Could Be Chilly Chore

Light snow and cold, which are forecast for the metropolitan area, may create more icicles for Sherry Healy's Japanese Akita dog to fetch through the new year. The two were playing with

the sword-length icicle Wednesday while waiting for a ride near 13th and Jones Streets. The dog and its master are from Chicago and are visiting friends in Omaha.

North Platte's Bernard-Stevens Sworn In as Nebraska Legislator

WORLD-HERALD BUREAU

Lincoln — David Bernard-Stevens of North Platte was sworn in Wednesday as the new senator from Nebraska's 42nd Legislative District.

Gov. Orr presided at the ceremony in the Capitol. Secretary of State Allen Beermann administered the oath of office. Among those present at the ceremony were Bernard-Stevens' wife, Dr. Janet Bernard-Stevens, their son, David, and James Pappas of North Platte, who had resigned the 42nd District post effective Dec. 20.

Bernard-Stevens, 36, who was named Nebraska Teacher of the Year in 1981 when he was at Papillon-LaVista High School, now is a

social studies and history teacher at North Platte High School.

His wife, the former Janet Bernard, said in an interview Tuesday from North Platte that when they were married nine years ago she and her husband decided they wanted to keep both last names, resulting in the hyphenated Bernard-Stevens.

Dr. Bernard-Stevens, a physician in North Platte, said she was preparing to enter medical school when they were married.

In a 1981 interview, Bernard-Stevens said that adding his wife's name had made some people think of him as "a leftist Democrat." Actually, he said, he has long been active in Republican politics.

Tobias Posts Perfect Attendance Record

COUNCIL BLUFFS BUREAU

For the second year in succession, Council Bluffs City Councilman David Tobias attended all official City Council meetings.

And for the fourth year, Councilman William Venard had the poorest attendance record — a mark he shared with Ed Chance last year.

The council this year held 29 official meetings. It also held about an equal number of study sessions, which are open to the public by law. No official action can be taken at such sessions except to issue directives to the city staff.

The number of official meetings is the lowest in five years. The 10-year average number of official meetings is 30.

Tobias attended all 29 meetings. Venard missed six, or 20.7 percent. Venard, who lost a race for mayor in the October primary, attended the two October meetings after the primary but missed the two November and two December meetings.

Mayor Sam Irwin missed one meeting. He had perfect attendance last year.

Councilman Ed Chance missed three meetings this year, and Tom Kinney missed two.

Shukert: City Can Recoup Part of Cost for Blue Lion

By Paul Goodsell
and Kevin Collison

World-Herald Staff Writers

The City of Omaha will be able to recover at least some of the \$72,000 it will spend to buy and operate the financially troubled Blue Lion shopping center, City Planning Director Marty Shukert said Wednesday.

The city plans to purchase the shopping center at 24th and Lake Streets when it is sold by FirstTier Bank-Omaha at a sheriff's auction Feb. 8. The city will operate it until a new owner can be found.

Shukert said the city will seek proposals from groups interested in buying the center.

"We do expect to sell the property for money," Shukert said. "I believe a 20,000-square-foot building in good condition is worth some amount of money."

The shopping center was created in 1983 when two adjacent buildings were renovated. The project cost \$1 million, which came from federal urban redevelopment funds.

The center was recently appraised at \$150,000. Shukert said the city hasn't decided on a minimum asking price for

the center, but said it could be lower than \$150,000.

Tuesday, the Omaha City Council authorized approximately \$60,000 to buy the shopping center at the auction, plus another \$12,000 to temporarily operate the center.

Only Bidder

The Blue Lion had been run by North Omaha Community Development Inc., but the neighborhood organization lost control of the shopping center last month after failing to repay the \$56,000 remaining on its first mortgage loan to FirstTier.

Shukert said the city probably will be the only bidder at the auction, since it holds a second mortgage of \$485,000 on the Blue Lion. Any other bidder would have to offer about \$545,000 to cover both mortgages — more than the building is worth.

Once the city owns the property, it will hire a professional real estate firm to manage the building for as long as four months until it is resold.

City officials might speed the process by advertising for proposals before the February auction, Shukert said.

Inquiries

The city already has received inquiries from four groups interested in

obtaining the Blue Lion, Shukert said. He declined to identify the four groups, but said they include non-profit organizations and private business owners.

Each group's proposal will be evaluated on the purchase price offered, the financial ability and resources of the prospective owner and the proposed use of the building.

"The city is in the best position to evaluate proposals and get the building back into the hands of people who can get this shopping center in sound, economic condition," Shukert said.

Before the council voted to authorize the Blue Lion purchase, Council President Fred Conley criticized city officials for abandoning the center's former owner.

NOCD has about \$77,000 in debts besides those associated with the Blue Lion, Shukert said, but the city does not plan to bail out the organization.

Say Yes

Conley called it "a sham" that Shukert, in earlier public statements, said the city wanted to help NOCD remain viable despite its loss of the Blue Lion.

"I think the courageous solution would be for the city to say yes, there's

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By Jobbers Canyon Group

Final Offer for Property Rejected

By Kevin Collison

World-Herald Staff Writer

Owners of property in an area vital to a riverfront redevelopment plan that would include a new ConAgra headquarters have rejected what an Omaha Development Foundation representative called the final offer for their buildings.

Jobbers Canyon warehouse owners said that fundamental differences remain in talks with the foundation, an arm of the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce. The owners said they were working under a 4:30 p.m. Wednesday deadline for completing negotiations.

The development foundation has been trying to purchase the property necessary to offer a tract of land east of the Old Market that would be large enough for ConAgra's planned headquarters and research laboratory complex.

The Jobbers Canyon warehouses, in an area bounded generally by Eighth, Farnam, 10th and Jackson Streets, are in that area. Most would be removed to make way for the proposed redevelopment that would have ConAgra's \$50 million headquarters and laboratories as its anchor.

'Risk'

"The ODF was not able to accommodate our problems, and we could not accept the ODF offer made to us because of the potential risk and possibility of putting us out of business," Jere Fonda, a spokesman for the warehouse owners, said Wednesday.

Omaha World-Herald Publisher Harold W. Andersen, vice president of the development foundation, said warehouse owners in Jobbers Canyon have received a final offer from the foundation.

"I don't know if the gap can be bridged," Andersen said. "They have a final offer."

Donald Nogg, one of seven warehouse owners belonging to the Omaha Warehouse Council, said the property owners met Tuesday morning and unanimously rejected the development foundation's offer.

"The differences are fundamental," Nogg said. "The last prices they gave us we won't sell out for."

Fonda and Nogg said a letter was sent to the development foundation Wednesday morning informing it of the warehouse council's decision.

Mike Wiess, executive director of the foundation, said he had not received the letter as of late Wednesday morning. Wiess declined to comment on the warehouse owners' statement that a 4:30 p.m. Wednesday deadline had been set on negotiations.

Wiess also declined to comment on whether the development foundation was prepared to make a counter-offer to the warehouse owners.

The letter from the foundation to the warehouse owners, signed by Wiess, said the foundation offer was made "in all sincerity and represents our very best effort at meeting the (warehouse) owners' needs within our financial ability. We feel the amount of money involved is very substantial and deserves careful consideration by the owners."

ConAgra spokeswoman Lynn Phares said Wednesday that the company still

intends to make a decision Monday on whether it will put its new headquarters and laboratory complex on the riverfront. ConAgra is considering other sites, including property it owns around Loneragan Lake northwest of Omaha and property offered to the company in Lincoln and Bellevue.

No Extension

Development foundation representatives have said they will not ask ConAgra to extend its Monday deadline on deciding whether to locate on the riverfront.

Warehouse owners said ConAgra's deadlines have hampered talks with the development foundation.

"We firmly believe that if ConAgra had been more flexible that possibly we could have worked something out," Fonda said. "We also believe the ODF has been working in good faith and co-operating with us."

Fonda is president of the John Day

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Karnes Says He Will Vote in Favor Of Intermediate Weapons Treaty

Lincoln (AP) — Sen. David Karnes

said he "most likely" will vote to ratify the Soviet-U.S. nuclear arms reduction treaty and will not support any Senate action that would require its renegotiation.

However, Karnes said, he may seek "additional understandings" or clarifications that would assure full Soviet compliance with terms of the agreement.

"Nothing I will do would require the treaty to be renegotiated," the Republican senator told reporters following a noon address to the Lincoln Rotary Club. "I will not do anything that would impede the ability of the treaty to operate fully."

Karnes described the treaty eliminating all intermediate-range nuclear missiles as "outstanding," and said he ultimately may see no need for further understandings or clarification once Senate hearings have probed the document fully.

Karnes' support for the treaty Tuesday made it likely that both of Nebraska's senators would vote for ratification of the agreement. Sen. J.J. Exon, a Democrat, earlier said that he expected to support ratification.

Highlights, Lowlights

On other matters, Karnes listed the restructuring of the Farm Credit Sys-

tem, enactment of a "fiscally responsible" compromise housing bill and strengthening of the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp. as highlights of the 1987 session of Congress.

A federal budget that would increase spending by \$20 billion and produce a rising federal deficit was "the lowlight," he said.

Karnes said he voted to freeze federal spending at its earlier level.

Large budget and trade deficits will lead to a further loss of confidence by foreign investors, he warned. Their declining confidence already has triggered a stock market crash, Karnes said.

'Not Americans'

"The people who are financing our deficit are not Americans. More and more of our future will be determined by people who are not Americans," he said.

Karnes, who was appointed by Gov. Orr to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sen. Edward Zornitsky in March, is a candidate for the 1988 Republican nomination for a full six-year term.

Authorities Believe Fight Preceded The Death of Scottsbluff Man, 28

Gering, Neb. (UPI) — A 28-year-old

Scottsbluff man whose body was found Tuesday apparently was involved in a fight shortly before his death, Scottsbluff County Attorney Brian Silverman said Wednesday.

"There was an altercation out at that scene, although we're not entirely sure at this time that that caused the death or was primarily responsible for the death," Silverman said.

A newspaper carrier for the Scottsbluff Star-Herald found the body about 5:30 a.m. Tuesday, Silverman said he believes the man died early Tuesday morning. He said officials will release the man's name after relatives are notified.

There were no suspects or witnesses, but "we spent all yesterday (Tuesday) gathering evidence at the scene ... (and) there are some leads that the officers are presently following up," Silverman said.

Heart Attack Strikes Fan Boarding Bus

World-Herald News Service

Phoenix, Ariz. — A Lincoln man suffered a heart attack Tuesday afternoon during the boarding of a bus that was to take University of Nebraska Alumni Association members to a Scottsdale, Ariz., hotel.

Richard Pekar was in critical condition Wednesday night at Maricopa Medical Center in Phoenix after suffering

the attack at Sky Harbor International Airport.

Pekar was one of about 300 N.U. Alumni Association members who traveled to the Phoenix area for Friday's Sunkist Fiesta Bowl game between Nebraska and Florida State.

Two doctors and an N.U. medical student resuscitated Pekar before paramedics arrived.

The body was found about 5½ miles south of Gering on a gravel farm road, about a half-mile from the closest house, Silverman said.

Temperatures of five to 10 degrees below zero Monday night and Tuesday morning suggest that the man did not walk into the area but was driven in.

The Nebraska State Patrol, Scottsbluff County Sheriff's Office and county attorney investigated. The man was identified through fingerprints and medical records, authorities said.

Jobbers Canyon Group Turns Down Final Offer

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Co., 401 S. 10th St. Nogg is president of Nogg Paper Co., 323 S. 10th St.

The other companies in the council are Carpenter Paper Co., 815 Harney St.; Omaha Paper Co., 901 Jackson St.; Wright & Wilhelm, 513 S. 10th St.; Theodore's Bar & Grill, 601 S. 10th St.; and Furniture Sales of Mid-America, 902 Harney St.

Nogg said the letter sent by the development foundation to the warehouse owners Tuesday contained an offer so unacceptable to the group that it was non-negotiable.

"The differences can't even be negotiated because we have to have a price that protects us," he said.

Nogg said his group still was uncertain if the development foundation had the necessary funds to acquire their properties.

Fonda and Nogg said they don't believe the decision by the City Council Tuesday to declare the downtown a blighted area will affect negotiations.

The blighted-area designation, which includes the riverfront, allows the city to propose a redevelopment plan under which the city could use its condemnation power to acquire property. Any redevelopment plan would require City Council approval.

Decision Delayed

The designation had been introduced to the council three weeks ago, but council members agreed to a request by the warehouse owners to postpone a decision to allow owners to negotiate without pressure.

"We accomplished what we wanted to do in the three weeks," Fonda said. "We negotiated on an even keel and we've been told by the ODF that condemnation is not an option."

City officials have said that condem-

nation can take six to eight months to accomplish.

Andersen said he didn't know how the city's blighted-area designation would affect the riverfront plan.

"I don't know if condemnation is a possibility," he said. "There are many complexities with deadlines and legalities."

Andersen said negotiations have been given enough time. He said ConAgra had to set a deadline for making a decision on the riverfront.

"I think several months have passed, certainly weeks, during which some of the questions have occurred and efforts made to answer them," Andersen said. "I don't know how the timetable could have been made much differently. You'd always like to have more time, but finally, after weeks of intense negotiations, you come to the point a decision has to be made."

New Pay Board Gets Organized

COUNCIL BLUFFS BUREAU

The newly formed Pottawattamie County Compensation Board had an organizational meeting Tuesday night but only four of the seven members were present.

Acting Chairman Lyle Rodenburg said those attending agreed to 7 p.m. meetings each Tuesday in January and will arrive at salary recommendations for the county's elected officials by Feb. 1.

Rodenburg said the officials will be invited to appear before the board at the next meeting.

Woman Firefighter Fined \$150 for Drunken Driving

Linda J. Danner, one of the first women firefighters ever hired by the Omaha Fire Department, pleaded no contest to a drunken-driving charge Tuesday. She was fined \$150 plus court costs and sentenced to six months of probation by Douglas County Judge Joseph Troia.

Troia also ordered Ms. Danner's driver's license impounded for 60 days and ordered her to attend 12 Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and alcohol education classes.

Ms. Danner, 31, of 10540 Sahler Plaza, had pleaded not guilty to the charge last week and had been scheduled to stand trial Feb. 17.

According to a police report, Ms. Danner was ticketed Nov. 27 after the car she was driving collided with another vehicle at 105th and Spaulding Streets.

Ms. Danner was not on duty at the time, fire officials said.

Fire Chief Horton Dahlquist said Tuesday that a hearing on possible disciplinary action for Ms. Danner would probably be held today or Thursday.

Dahlquist said he hopes to settle the matter before Ms. Danner returns to work Saturday for her regular 10-day shift.

Storz Grateful for Court Ruling Delaying Private Sale of Mansion

Arthur C. Storz Jr. said Tuesday he is "exceedingly grateful" a judge has delayed attempts to sell the Storz Mansion privately for at least six months.

"It is clear Santa Claus arrived a little late at our home this year," Storz said.

Douglas County Judge Jane Prochaska signed an order Monday that gives Storz until June 28 to raise about \$37,000 to pay property taxes and interest owed on the 27-room home at 3708 Farnam St.

However, Storz said he believes his son and daughter want to sell the property, not to preserve it as a museum, as their attorney has said. Arthur C. "Kip" Storz III and Kim Storz, both of California, recently asked the court to remove a veto power their father has over selling the mansion privately.

All three Storz are trustees of the property. Storz Jr. lives at the mansion and offers public tours.

Last week an attorney representing the son and daughter said a group wants to create a foundation to pre-

serve the mansion.

Storz Jr. said Tuesday that creating a new foundation "doesn't make any sense. We already have the Storz Preservation Foundation, a foundation that is approved by the IRS as a tax-free foundation," he said.

"Since I am on Social Security, this is the only vehicle that has kept us alive," he said. "I am tired of my adversaries trying to hoodwink and mousetrap us when their only interest is selling the mansion."

He asked that those interested in helping his cause support the preservation foundation and an effort by Omaha businessman Boniface McGuire to raise money to pay the county taxes. The mansion is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The judge's order will not delay a public sale of the mansion, scheduled for Jan. 14. Storz will have two years from the date of the public auction to pay the back taxes and reverse the sale.

Shukert Says City Can Recoup Part of Blue Lion Cost

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a problem out there and we ought to solve it," Conley said.

Shukert said the city cannot use federal money to pay the organization's creditors, and Mayor Simon has chosen not to use city funds for a bailout.

Shukert said he believed NOCD would best solve its financial problems by renegotiating its debts and conducting a fund-raising drive to pay off its creditors.

He said the group also could declare bankruptcy and reorganize.

Conley asked Shukert why the city wouldn't use its own money to assist the group.

"Because we don't think it's a wise use of city funds," Shukert replied.

Conley said he believed the city was supporting NOCD when he participated in meetings with the group's leaders to stabilize the organization. The Blue

Lion and the group's offices are in Conley's council district.

"It's clear to me the Planning Department and some members of the administration didn't want to do anything to keep NOCD viable," Conley said.

Conley said vendors who advanced money to the group have been caught in its financial woes. He said the city should repay those vendors if the group can find no other source of money.

Shukert said the city's best choice now is to find a new operator for the Blue Lion shopping center and offer whatever assistance it can to help NOCD reduce its debt.

The decision to approve the purchase was 8 to 1, with Conley casting the dissenting vote.

Douglas County Receives Bond From Field Club

By Cindy Gonzalez

World-Herald Staff Writer

The Field Club of Omaha delivered a \$52,000 performance bond Tuesday to the Douglas County Clerk's Office, two days before the Douglas County Board planned a special meeting to discuss the issue.

The county clerk confirmed that the bond, purchased from U.S. Fidelity and Guaranty Co., was delivered Tuesday. County Attorney Ron Staskiewicz said he would review the bond and decide whether it fulfills all requirements.

A special board meeting was to be held Thursday to decide whether the county would accept club equipment, in lieu of a performance bond, as collateral for annual rent on property the county leases to the private club.

Golf Cart Proposal

"If everything is as they explained, there would be no need for a meeting," Staskiewicz said.

He said he was glad the club decided to post a bond rather than offering the golf equipment.

"That's great," he said. "It makes it much easier for the county."

Staskiewicz said he did not want the county to get into the "golf cart business" if the Field Club defaulted on the terms of the lease.

This is the first year in which the Field Club has been required to post a performance bond. The club's new 30-year lease, which takes effect Friday, requires the bond and allows substitute collateral such as equipment.

The Field Club has never defaulted on rent in the 83 years it has leased the land, county officials said.

The club originally asked the County Board to accept 52 golf carts as collateral for rent on the 63 acres it leases at 38th Street and Woolworth Avenue. The club said the 52 carts were worth \$72,800.

Commissioners voted to accept the substitute collateral if the county attorney approved the details. Staskiewicz questioned the fair market value on the carts and ordered a professional appraisal, which determined that the carts were not worth the required \$52,000.

Clears Way

If Staskiewicz accepts the bond, the way apparently is clear for the new lease to take effect Friday. The club will pay \$52,000 annual rent for the first two years.

Rent for the next 28 years will be adjusted according to the Consumer Price Index.

This year, the club paid about \$14,000 to lease the land.

Ex-Ag Director Is Fined \$250

Lincoln (AP) — Former State Agriculture Director Roger Sandman was fined \$250 in Lancaster County Court for contributing to the delinquency of a minor in connection with a Sept. 12 incident.

A misdemeanor charge originally filed in connection with the incident alleged that Sandman, 44, subjected a 17-year-old male to sexual contact.

Police said he fondled an employee of Grandmother's Skillet while working as a manager there. Company officials said in October that Sandman was no longer employed at the restaurant.

After Sandman was charged with the misdemeanor third-degree sexual assault in October, his attorney, Kirk Naylor, said a plea agreement in the case was likely.

Sandman pleaded guilty Monday to contributing to the delinquency of a minor. He was fined and ordered to pay \$21 in court costs.

Sandman was Nebraska's agriculture director from 1977 until 1979. He also was deputy director for intergovernmental affairs in the U.S. Department of Agriculture and was mentioned by Democratic Party officials as a possible candidate for governor in 1982.

Bellevue Without Power For About One Hour

Equipment failure left parts of Bellevue without power for about an hour Wednesday, said Gary Williams, an Omaha Public Power District spokesman.

The failure occurred at 9:23 a.m. and caused the outage in an area bounded by Hillcrest Street to 18th Street and Lincoln Road to Bluff Street.

Power was restored to the area at 10:28 a.m.

A Grim Forecast

Chicago (AP) — At least 380 people will die in traffic accidents during the four-day New Year's holiday period, the National Safety Council estimated.

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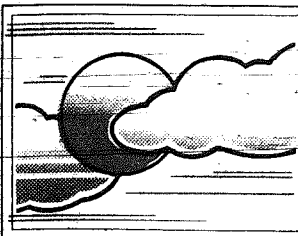
Smoking or the use of other forms of tobacco will not be permitted by any person on the campus or in clinics, except in designated outside areas.

In addition to promoting a healthy environment, UNMC is concerned about lowering health care expenditures and increasing employee productivity. Creation of a smoke- and tobacco-free environment is one way of directly addressing these concerns.

UNMC hopes to serve as a leader in showing the public that health care institutions take these issues seriously. Thank you for your support of this effort.

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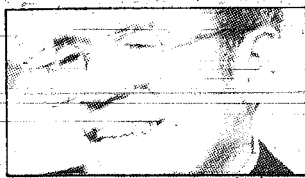
Good Morning

Omaha-Council Bluffs — Increasing cloudiness today; highs near 34. Tonight, cloudy with a good chance of snow; lows around 24. Cloudy with periods of snow Thursday; highs near 35.

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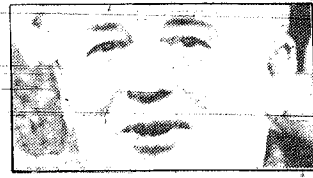
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Council OKs Riverfront Agreement

By Kevin Collison
World-Herald Staff Writer

An unprecedented, five-party agreement that calls for spending up to \$285 million to redevelop the Omaha riverfront passed the City Council unanimously Tuesday.

"One of our biggest trusts is to take advantage of opportunities," Councilman Allen Dinzole said. "The opportunity here is to complete the dream of

The City Council delays a decision on a project being developed for the old Federal Reserve Bank site. Page 17.

bringing the Central Park Mall to the river."

'Desperation'

The council's vote followed more than three hours of public hearing and debate. Opponents to the plan said the city was accepting the agreement out of fear of displeasing ConAgra Chairman Charles M. "Mike" Harper.

"Harper and his lawyers are good," said Sandy Douglas, 1906 N. 54th St., "but they had an important ally — the desperation on the part of city leaders."

Besides the city, the other participants in the agreement are Douglas County, ConAgra, the Omaha Development Foundation and the Peter Kiewit Foundation.

The agreement establishes commitments to a plan that includes a \$50 million ConAgra development, a \$55 million Union Pacific renovation project, an \$8.65 million public park, a \$6.5 million parking garage and \$44.8 million in site acquisition, preparation and utility relocation costs.

One More Hearing

The plan predicts that a second \$50 million ConAgra development will occur eventually, as well as \$70 million in other private development, such as a hotel.

Although the council approved the riverfront agreement, there will be one more public hearing March 29 to allow comment on some minor changes to the riverfront plan. Assistant City Attorney Ken Bunker said.

A lawsuit on the issue is scheduled

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The Associated Press

Cheering news from Illinois... Simon speaks to supporters in Chicago as his wife, Jeanne, shows her approval.

Illinois Voters Pad Bush's Lead, Pick Simon as Most Favored Son

Chicago (AP) — Paul Simon defeated Jesse Jackson in the Illinois primary Tuesday to win the battle of Democratic favorite sons and keep his presidential candidacy alive.

George Bush also won a ringing victory, but Bob Dole vowed "we're staying in" the Republican race.

Among Democrats, Michael Dukakis was a distant third, trailing Simon by a margin of more than 2-to-1, with Albert Gore and Richard Gephardt far behind.

The also-rans looked ahead to the March 26 Michigan caucuses — the next big industrial-state contest — where Dukakis noted "there are no favorite sons."

"Who says nice guys finish last?" said Bush, who was winning 55 percent of the vote as he tackled one more primary victory onto last week's 16-state Super Tuesday sweep.

Simon was gaining 43 percent of the Democratic vote, to 31 percent for

Jackson and 17 percent for Dukakis in a primary that muddled the already confused contest for the Democratic nomination.

In the separate contest for convention delegates, Bush led for roughly three-quarters of the 82 Republicans at stake, padding his seemingly insurmountable lead over Dole and a fast-fading Pat Robertson.

Jackson narrowed the gap between himself and Dukakis in the Democrats' national delegate count. Simon, the Illinois senator, was winning the lion's share of the 173 Illinois delegates but remained far, far behind overall.

ABC and NBC said their polling place interviews with voters indicated that Simon's support stemmed from home-state loyalties and that his supporters think Dukakis has as good or better chance of winning the nomination and

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Campaign '88

Illinois Primary

Republicans
74% of precincts reporting

Bush 55%
Dole 36%
Robertson 7%

Democrats
72% of precincts reporting

Simon 43%
Jackson 31%
Dukakis 17%
Gore 5%
Gephardt 2%

Sandinistas Start Major Offensive Against Contras

Managua, Nicaragua (AP) — Nicaraguan troops launched a major offensive Tuesday against U.S.-supported rebel forces in northern Nicaragua, a Defense Ministry spokesman said.

Leaders of the rebels, known as contras, claimed Sandinista troops entered Honduran territory. The Sandinistas denied the claim. A Honduran military spokesman in Tegucigalpa, the Honduran capital, said he had received no reports of incursions into his country's territory.

'In Due Time'

The Defense Ministry spokesman, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said "the army has undertaken major offensive operations... reports that the army has penetrated Honduras are not true."

"The army is developing a major military offensive at this moment. We will inform you in due time," he added.

Contra spokesmen in Washington and Miami claimed that Sandinista troops had crossed into neighboring Honduran territory in pursuit of rebel forces, who have secret base camps across the border.

Col. Manuel Suarez Benavides, a spokesman for the Honduran armed forces, said he had no reports of Sandinista incursions.

"Nevertheless, tomorrow we will probably be able to report on the situation (along the border)," he said.

A Honduran government source, who spoke on the condition he not be identified, said President Jose Azcona Hoyo was watching the situation closely and a government team "is monitoring reports on the subject."

In a speech to celebrate Women's Day, President Daniel Ortega said March 8 that "the Sandinista army is on combat alert" but gave no details at the time.

Ortega at the time said the combat alert was in response to the contras' refusal to join the Sandinistas in cease-fire talks that had been planned to begin March 9 in the small southern Nicaraguan town of Sapoa.



World-Herald

Sandinistas launch operation... in northern Nicaragua.

Ortega said his government had information that the rebels were planning to attack the Sandinista army "at border points on the Honduran frontier."

Vice President Sergio Ramirez confirmed to reporters Monday that the Sandinista army was engaged "in actions of a certain size" in different points in the country, but did not specify what locations were involved.

The contras' clandestine Liberation Radio claimed Tuesday there was heavy fighting for the past week in the northern 5th Military Region, which includes Boaco, Chontales, Rio San Juan and Zelaya South provinces.

Talks Set

Sandinista military sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said about 6,000 government troops were involved in what they called "an important anti-insurgent operation."

Contra radio claimed the Sandinista army was carrying out "genocidal bombardments" in Chontales province, dropping 500- and 1,000-pound bombs from helicopters.

"Many peasants had to flee for fear

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Failed Pickle Maneuver Ignites Senators' Anger

By Clint Highfill
World-Herald Bureau

Lincoln — The Legislature's 1988 debate on pickle cards began unexpectedly early with an unsuccessful attempt Tuesday to tack a pickle-card amendment onto another amendment pertaining to proposed changes in bingo laws.

Opponents of the maneuver said it was a lobbyist-directed attempt to short-circuit normal legislative processes.

"As you can tell, I'm angry," said Sen. Jerome Warner of Waverly, his voice trembling. "I've gotten awfully tired... of having (lobbyists) say, 'We've agreed to it. You adopt it.'"

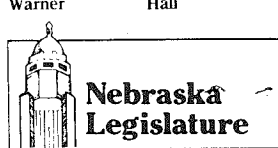
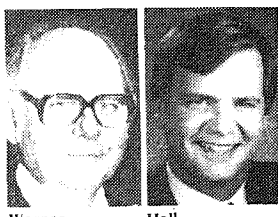
The legislation was drawn up in consultation with some prominent pickle-card lobbyists, said Sen. Tim Hall of Omaha, who introduced it as an amendment to an amendment. But Hall said his work was on behalf of constituents who buy and sell pickle cards.

"I'm damn mad, too," Hall told his colleagues. "Don't accuse me of being a pawn for the lobby, because that's not what's happening... Don't tell me I don't have integrity with regard to this body."

Hall's amendment was hung on Sen. Pat Morehead's amendment to Legislative Bill 295.

Sen. Morehead, from Beatrice,

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Increased reporting requirements are sought on the Employment and Investment Growth Act. Page 35.

Shrink Rate Called Disturbing Ozone's Decline Fuels New Fears

The Los Angeles Times

Man-made chemicals have shrunk the Earth's protective ozone layer by about 2.3 percent over most of the United States since 1969, and by significantly larger amounts near the north and south poles, scientists said Tuesday.

The average ozone depletion over Australia and New Zealand was even higher, about 4 percent. That is large enough to cause at least a 20 percent increase in skin cancer in those areas over the next two decades, researchers said in the report issued by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The depletion may already be decreasing agricultural and fishery productivity in most temperate regions of the world, they said.

Perhaps most disturbing, the re-

searchers said, was that the decrease in ozone was more than twice as large as scientists had expected when they began the study 17 months ago. This indicated that the long-term effects of the chemicals, CFCs, on ozone depletion may be much worse than previously believed.

Researchers said there was little doubt that the ozone depletion was due to the continued release of the destructive chemicals — called chlorofluorocarbons, or CFCs — that are widely used in refrigerators and air conditioners and in the production of plastic foams.

CFC molecules, when exposed to sunlight, can destroy ozone molecules in the stratosphere, the segment of the atmosphere extending from about 9 miles to 30 miles above the Earth's surface.

Ozone molecules in the stratosphere absorb more than 99 percent of the ultraviolet radiation emitted by the sun, thereby protecting life on Earth from its destructive effects. When the CFCs destroy the ozone, more ultraviolet radiation reaches the Earth.

The new report was issued one day after the Senate, by an 83-to-0 vote, ratified a treaty that would reduce future production of CFCs by 50 percent by the end of the century.

Representatives of 46 nations agreed to the treaty in September in Montreal. However, the United States will be the first large CFC-producing country to ratify the treaty when President Bush signs it.

Scientists have predicted that even a decrease of 1 percent in the ozone in the stratosphere would cause a 5 percent to 6 percent increase in skin cancers.

Karnes Aide Tried to Hide Arafat Meeting

By David C. Beeder
World-Herald Bureau

Washington — A legislative assistant to Sen. David Karnes, R-Nebr., said Tuesday that he withheld from Karnes and members of the senator's staff the information that he had met with Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat.

H. Baker Spring, who advises Karnes on foreign relations, said he met Arafat in January while touring the Middle East with other congressional aides.

Spring said members of the touring group agreed to keep confidential the names of those who attended the meeting.

"I told one person on the basis of the confidentiality agreement I had, and that was my wife," Spring said.

Spring was interviewed a few hours after being reprimanded by Karnes.

"He has made a mistake and he knows it," Karnes said in a press release. "I believe he's learned a valuable lesson, and this experience will make him a better — and smarter — foreign-policy assistant."

Karnes said he has twice voted to close down offices of the PLO in the United States.

"Meetings with known terrorists

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Inside Today

Covert Action Deadline OK'd

The Senate overwhelmingly approves a bill requiring a president to tell Congress about covert actions within 48 hours. Page 7.

PANAMA UNREST: Medical workers in Panama hurl firebombs at police outside a hospital, joining a wave of public employees demanding paychecks. Page 4.

CUBAN ECONOMY: The Soviet Union is reducing its support for the Cuban economy, according to newly released documents of the Cuban National Bank. Page 5.

AFGHAN TALKS: Soviets say they'll delay pulling out of Afghanistan because the United States and Pakistan have kept a truce from completion. Page 6.

MECHAM: A woman claiming to be the lover of Arizona Gov. Evan Mecham's chief accuser testifies at Mecham's impeachment trial despite objections. Page 15.

BOY KILLS INTRUDERS: A boy, 11, left alone for the first time, shoots and kills two men who broke into his home and tried to steal a VCR. Page 16.

Western Nebraska Braces as New Storm Brews

By John Melingagio
World-Herald Staff Writer

Snowbound western Nebraska waited as a storm system brewing over the Rockies Tuesday threatened to strike, days after a blizzard left behind more than 30 inches of snow.

A storm located over Utah Tuesday afternoon should begin to move out of the Rockies by today, the National Weather Service said.

The storm is not expected to be as severe as last week's storm, but caution is being urged, the weather service said, especially in the Panhandle.

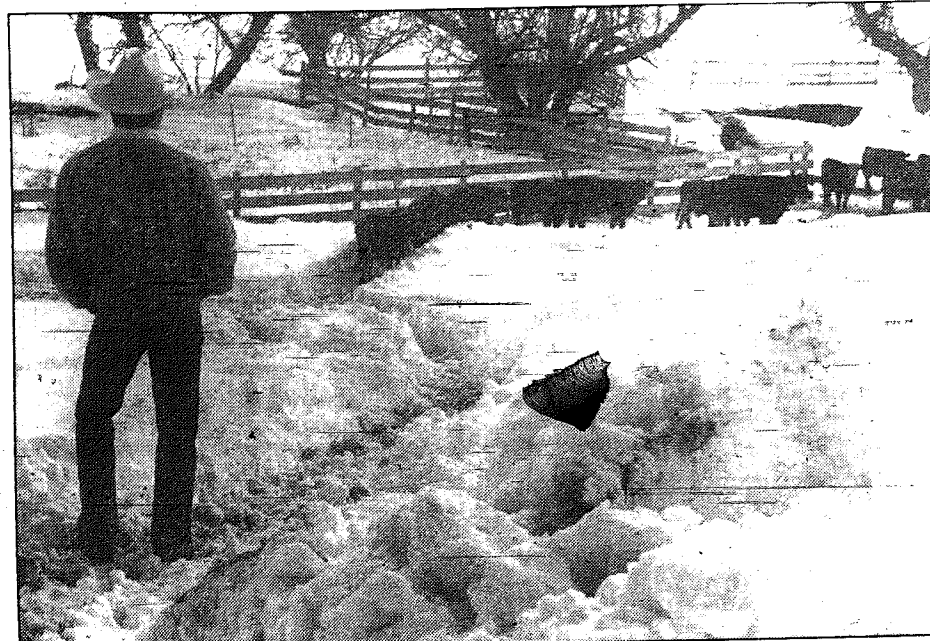
Parts of the Panhandle, especially southern parts, could get additional snowfall of 2 to 4 inches by Wednesday night, said Dan Krzywiecki, a meteorologist with The World-Herald's private weather consultant. Heavier accumulations should be in Colorado and northwestern Kansas, forecasters said.

The storm also should bring 20 to 25 mph winds into the area, possibly causing blowing snow, forecasters said.

The winds are not expected to be as strong as the 50- to 60-mph blasts during the blizzard, Krzywiecki said.

"This one is not as well-developed as the last one," Krzywiecki said of the storm. It will also take a different track, staying south of the Panhandle instead of turning to the northeast.

That path is expected to allow snowfall to taper off over the Pan-



The Chadron Record

Bruce Scheopner on his ranch just south of Chadron... With more than 30 inches of snow in the area, ranchers hope they won't be hit by another storm.

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Jobbers Canyon Demolition Work May Start in April

By Kevin Collison
World-Herald Staff Writer

Demolition of the first Jobbers Canyon warehouses could begin within two months now that the City Council has approved a riverfront redevelopment agreement.

The council unanimously accepted Tuesday a five-party agreement that calls for spending up to \$285 million to redevelop the downtown riverfront. The Douglas County Board approved the agreement earlier in the day.

"One of our biggest trusts is to take advantage of opportunities," Councilman Allen Dinzole said. "The opportunity here is to complete the dream of bringing the Central Park Mall to the river."

The riverfront redevelopment will require demolition of most of the warehouses in the Jobbers Canyon National Register Historic District.

The demolition of the Creighton Building, 824 Howard St., one of the largest structures in Jobbers Canyon, will begin after the Omaha Development Foundation takes possession in late April, foundation executive director Mike Wiese said Wednesday.

"I suspect in order to meet the grading schedule, we'll commence demolition shortly after," Wiese said.

Demolition of the former Duncan Hines plant, a smaller Jobbers Canyon structure already owned by the foundation, probably will begin April 15.

The five participants in the agreement are the city, Douglas County, the development foundation, the Peter Kiewit Foundation and ConAgra.

Wiese and other representatives of the five participants said they are uncertain when the document actually will be signed. Wiese said the document still has to be ratified by the foundation board when it meets next Wednesday. The agreement is to go into effect March 30.

Lyn Wallin Ziegenbein, executive director of Peter Kiewit Foundation, said her board will meet next week, but she didn't know when the signing would occur.

Mike Albert, Douglas County Board chairman, signed the agreement Tuesday.

ConAgra attorney Bruce Rohde said he believes ConAgra representatives will sign the agreement before the end of the month. He said it might be a good idea to have a ceremonial



Omaha Public Power District workers at Ninth and Jackson Streets ... Increased electric power is part of the improvements to the redevelopment area.

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Noriega Escapes Trap; Panama's Fever Heightens

Panama City, Panama (AP) — Soldiers loyal to Panama's military strongman, Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, apparently put down an attempt to force him from power Wednesday. Shots were heard coming from inside military headquarters.

Thousands of demonstrators poured into the streets after reports of the coup attempt. Protesters erected flaming barricades across hundreds of streets throughout Panama City, but riot police and soldiers were strangely absent as public employees and private citizens sharply escalated demonstrations begun two days ago.

Residents of the area near the Panama Defense Forces headquarters said they heard heavy gunfire inside the walled compound starting at about 8:15 a.m. and continuing for at least half an hour.

"They were kisses," Noriega said in response to reporters' questions about the gunshots about an hour after the firing ended.

Noriega appeared at the top of a stairway on one side of the headquarters building along with members of his high command. To reporters' shouted questions, the general responded: "What happened is that you are visiting us here."

Noriega officers dismissed reports of a coup attempt by saying the gunfire was only a simulated attack.

Hundreds of soldiers in battle gear surrounded the headquarters, in one of the older sections of Panama City. Residents were kept at least a block away from the compound.



Noriega and members of high command ... after coup attempt.

White House Considers All But Invasion

Washington (AP) — The White House said it is considering "everything ... short of invasion" after national security officials met to discuss a reported Nicaraguan attack on contra rebel positions in neighboring Honduras.

Presidential spokesman Martin Fitzwater said Wednesday that the Nicaraguan moves amount to a "very serious breach of regional borders."

He said that 1,500 Nicaraguan troops are already inside Honduras and that

Nicaragua is involved in a major offensive against contra rebels, but denies its troops crossed the border into Honduras, Page 4.

an additional 4,500 appear to be in a staging area to cross the border.

Fitzwater said that a series of national security meetings had been held over the last 24 hours, and that "all options are under consideration. At this moment, everything is being considered short of (U.S.) invasion."

In a meeting Tuesday, President Reagan pleaded with congressional leaders for a renewal of contra aid, but got an icy reception from Democrats.

Congressional sources, declining to be named, said Reagan pounded the table and said, "There are some people around this table who don't seem to know who the bad guys are down there."

The U.S. House of Representatives defeated a \$30 million aid package for food and clothing for the rebels two weeks ago, just after U.S. aid ran out.

Fitzwater said Wednesday that the administration no longer is thinking in terms of working with Congress on aid that would just provide the contras with food, medicine and other supplies.

"More than 1,500 Sandinista troops are now inside Honduras, attacking freedom fighter camps in an effort to destroy their remaining supplies," Fitzwater said, adding:

"There are nearly 4,500 Sandinista forces with strong helicopter support moving into the Bocay Valley, which is just below the Honduran border. They've established a new base for this operation."

Red Devils

Reports said the coup attempt was led by the 3rd Infantry Company of the 5th Battalion from Chiriqui Province, bordering Panama's frontier with Costa Rica. The light infantry company is known as the "Diablos Rojos," or Red Devils.

In Venezuela, Panamanian Roberto Diaz Herrera said Noriega was "very angry" following the reported coup attempt, but was still in control of the situation. Diaz Herrera, a former colonel who has been in exile since December, said he spoke with Noriega by telephone about 10 a.m.

"He sounded either drunk or drugged, and he was very angry," Diaz Herrera told The Associated Press shortly after the conversation.

ABC News earlier reported that

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Jurors Ponder Iran-Contra Case

Washington (AP) — A special federal grand jury investigating the Iran-contra affair Wednesday deliberated on a request by independent counsel Lawrence E. Walsh to return an indictment in the case.

Walsh and several of his top prosecutors made a final presentation to the panel that has been investigating the sale of U.S. arms to Iran and the diversion of proceeds to the Nicaraguan rebels.

Prosecutors later left the room apparently to allow the grand jury to examine the proposed indictment that Walsh had asked it to return.

Walsh was expected to seek charges against former national security adviser John M. Poindexter, his onetime aide Lt. Col. Oliver L. North and two arms dealers, retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Richard V. Secord and his business partner, Albert Hakim.

Big Snowstorm Likely To Take Kansas Detour

Western Nebraska appeared to be a good bet to escape the brunt of a storm that could bring up to 10 inches of snow to northern Kansas.

The same storm system could bring 1 to 2 inches of snow to the Omaha-Council Bluffs area and southeast Nebraska by Thursday morning, the World-Herald's private weather consultant said.

The National Weather Service forecast a 60 percent chance of snow overnight for the Omaha area. The snow should end Thursday, the weather service said.

Panhandle communities received some light snow Wednesday morning but nothing like last week's blizzard that dumped up to 31 inches of snow in some areas.

Snow Advisory "We're cool and dry ... except for the snow we got last time," said Cheyenne County Sheriff's Sgt. Dexter Smith at Sidney. "We have no adverse conditions right now."

The weather service issued a snow advisory for southwest Nebraska through Wednesday night. The advisory said the area could receive two to four inches of snow, resulting in difficult travel, the weather service said.

Winds, however, were to remain relatively calm at 10 to 20 mph through Thursday, said Steve Byrd, a meteorologist in the weather serv-

ice's Omaha office. "That's not too bad," he said.

A low-pressure system that formed in Canada earlier this week and moved south to Montana, Wyoming and Colorado, is heading to Kansas, said Stan Bostjancic, a meteorologist for The World-Herald's private weather consultant.

Bostjancic said the "northern fringe" of the storm should hit the southern portion of Nebraska — coating communities including McCook with three to four inches of snow.

Some Doubts

Central Nebraska communities should receive one to two inches of snow and northern Nebraska should get light snow, Bostjancic said.

Dan Jensen, civil defense director for Kimball, Cheyenne and Banner Counties, said from Kimball that he hoped the forecasts come true, but he has his doubts.

"I'm gnitting my teeth," Jensen said. "We're getting prepared."

Bostjancic said Jensen need not worry. He said he stands by his forecast.

"I'll bet him \$10," Bostjancic said. "Sure, he'll get his couple of inches but nothing like before."

Byrd said upper-atmosphere winds blowing from the Northwest over the Rockies pushed the low

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Democrats Still in Horse Race as Bush Pulls Away

Chicago (AP) — The Democrats were searching anew for a presidential front-runner after Sen. Paul Simon's campaign was revived by his primary victory Tuesday over the Rev. Jesse Jackson in both men's home state of Illinois. George Bush, meanwhile, won easily over Bob Dole in the Republican contest.

Simon, an alumnus of Dana College in Blair, Neb., said Wednesday that his win meant he has "as good a shot as anybody" at the Democratic presidential nomination. "This is a new beginning for the Paul Simon candidacy."

Illinois Gov. James Thompson said: "This is the state, it will be remembered, which locked it up for George Bush." The vice president's triumph brought him two-thirds of the way to a GOP nominating majority.

Washington State Results The Democrats were not talking about locking up anything. The race for a nominating majority of delegates was virtually a tie between Jackson and Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis.

However, Dukakis was expected to pick up about 100 uncounted delegates from caucuses already held in Minnesota, Texas and Washington state.

Dukakis was leading in Washington, where Democratic officials made public Tuesday the results from 65 percent of their March 8 caucuses. Dukakis led with 45 percent of the vote, to 35 percent for Jackson and 14 percent uncommitted. Simon had 4 percent.

Overall, Washington will send 65 delegates to the national convention.

"Now we move on to Michigan," said Dukakis, "where there are no favorite sons. The field is wide open."

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REPUBLICANS		
Candidate	Vote	Dels.
Bush	55%	69
Dole	36%	13
*du Pont	1%	0
*Haig	0%	0
*Kemp	2%	0
Robertson	7%	0
Uncommitted		0

99% of precincts reporting

Washington State Results		
Candidate	Vote	Dels.
*Babbitt	0%	0
Dukakis	17%	0
Gephardt	2%	0
Gore	5%	0
*Hart	1%	0
Jackson	31%	37
Simon	43%	136
Uncommitted		0

99% of precincts reporting

*Withdrawn From race

Simon and Bush ... lead both Illinois vote and delegate counts.

Jackson, in an interview on NBC-TV today, congratulated Simon on his victory. But he seemed to dismiss Simon's win as Illinois voters paying "respects to a sitting senator" who had focused

Republicans		
Delegate tallies as of March 16, 1988		
	300	600
Bush		774
Dole	178	
Robertson	17	
Others	0	
Uncommitted	72	

Standings: Democrats		
Delegate tallies as of March 16, 1988		
	500	1,000
Dukakis	464.5	
Gephardt	145	
Gore	354.8	
Jackson	460.55	
Simon	171.5	
Others	0	
Uncommitted	272.65	

Democratic and Republican delegate totals ... Standings include Illinois delegates.

on his home state while Jackson was competing in the Super Tuesday states.

All the Way to Convention

Simon said on ABC-TV that his Illinois win showed he is in the thick of a battle that will go all the way to the Democratic National Convention this summer.

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Governor's Tax-Relief Plan Sent to Floor

By Henry J. Cordes
World-Herald Bureau

Lincoln — Gov. Orr's \$8.8 million income tax relief bill was advanced to the floor of the Legislature Wednesday on a 5-to-3 vote by members of the Revenue Committee.

The committee left intact the governor's proposed 10 percent tax on gross sales of pickle cards and her proposed increase in the state cigarette tax from 27 to 29 cents a package.

The measure, Legislative Bill 1238, would reduce individual income taxes for elderly and low- and middle-income taxpayers who don't itemize.

Some committee members said

Wednesday they didn't think the 10 percent pickle-card tax would survive the three stages of legislative floor action it faces. The committee rejected an attempt to lower the tax to 6 percent Wednesday.

Disagreement over the pickle-card tax and political infighting had kept the bill from advancing Friday. Some Republicans said Friday they wanted some communication with the governor before acting on the measure.

"The governor is going to have to have her day in court," said State Sen. David Landis of Lincoln, who argued for the 10 percent tax. "She's not going to show any flexibility until she's been to bat and struck out."

Landis said he personally liked the 10

percent tax. "I'm an abolitionist," he said of pickle cards.

Sen. Vard Johnson of Omaha, chairman of the committee, argued for a 5 percent tax, saying the committee should "show leadership" on the issue. The pickle-card industry wants to keep the tax at 3 percent.

Republicans voting to advance the bill Wednesday were Sens. Rex Haberman of Imperial, Richard Peterson of Norfolk and Carson Rogers of Ord. Democrats for advancement were Sens. Landis and Jerry Miller of Davenport.

Opposing advancement were Johnson and Sen. Paul Hartnett of Bellevue, both Democrats, and Republican Sen. Elroy Hefner of Coleridge.

UNO Prof Eugene Freund Bids for Congress in Iowa

By Joe Brennan
World-Herald Staff Writer

Eugene Freund declared his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Congress in Iowa's 5th District Wednesday, pledging to support rural development in southwest Iowa.

"There is a need for Washington money to flow back directly into our district to create new jobs and to prime the economic pump," said Freund, a Council Bluffs resident and an education professor at

the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Freund, 55, announced his candidacy at press conferences in Des Moines, Fort Dodge, Sioux City and Carroll, Iowa. He was to complete his announcement tour in Council Bluffs.

Freund has no declared Democratic opposition. He is seeking the seat now held by Rep. Jim Ross Lightfoot, a Republican from Shenandoah.

Lightfoot, serving his second term in the House, has said he will announce his re-election bid April 1.

In prepared remarks, Freund blamed Lightfoot and the Reagan administration for the 5th District's sluggish economy.

"Much of our economic problem in



Freund

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Ship blaze ... near Mexico.

Blaze Leaves 700 Stranded

Miami (AP) — An engine fire broke out Wednesday on the Scandinavian Star, leaving the cruise ship adrift in the Gulf of Mexico with more than 700 people on board, authorities said.

"The fire is under control right now, but I don't have word that it's out," said Chief Petty Officer Joe Dye of the Coast Guard Miami office.

No fire injuries were reported, but an unidentified 71-year-old male passenger suffered a heart attack, Dye said. A helicopter was dispatched from Homestead Air Force Base south of Miami to pick up the man.

The Scandinavian Star was about 35 miles off Isla Mujeres, a Mexican island north of the tourist resort Cancun in the Yucatan peninsula, the Coast

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Inside Today

U.S. Mountaineer Honors Pioneer

An American, the first mountaineer to conquer North America's highest peak alone in winter, leaves a Japanese flag atop Mount McKinley to honor the man who tried the climb — and failed — before him.

WEALTHY BENEFIT: Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's budget, with big tax cuts for the wealthy, stirs an uproar in Parliament.

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IOWA TOURNEY: Council Bluffs St. Albert uses a late third-period surge to rally past Fort Dodge St. Edmond 62-45 in the first round of the Class 2-A Iowa boys state basketball tournament at Des Moines.

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event. "If the mayor feels good, there ought to be a convenient ceremony," he said.

The mayor's top aide, Bart McEvoy, said there has been no discussion about when or how the riverfront agreement will be signed. "Knowing Bernie, he'll probably want to sign it in his office with no fanfare," McEvoy said.

The agreement establishes commitments to a plan that includes a \$50 million ConAgra development, a \$55 million Union Pacific renovation project, an \$8.65 million public park, a \$6.5 million parking garage and \$44.8 million in site acquisition, preparation and utility relocation costs.

The plan predicts that a second \$50 million ConAgra development will occur eventually, as well as \$70 million in other private development, such as a hotel.

The council's vote Tuesday followed more than three hours of public hearing and debate. Opponents to the plan said the city was accepting the agreement out of fear of displeasing ConAgra Chairman Charles M. "Mike" Harper.

Desperation Ally
"Harper and his lawyers are good," said Sandy Douglas, 1906 N. 54th St., "but they had an important ally — the desperation on the part of city leaders." Emotions were charged at times Tuesday at the council meeting. Councilman Joe Friend said he had been called a "stooge" in telephone calls from two opponents.

Rohde compared Councilman Jim Cleary's request for permanent park access along ConAgra property to asking for a path through a person's back yard.

"We're not talking about back yards," Cleary replied. "We're talking about downtown streets and sidewalks and a public park."

The council defeated, 5 to 1, Cleary's request for permanent access from the 33-acre public park and lake south to

Jones Street. The access will expire in five years.

City Planning Director Marty Shukert said ConAgra is offering to pay \$250,000 to build a second bridge over the Missouri River seawall to allow better access to the riverbank.

City officials already have said they want to build one bridge over the wall to the river. The park is separated from the river by the seawall and a landscaped trench concealing a railroad track and power lines.

Language Dropped
Cleary was successful in getting ConAgra to drop language from the agreement that might have allowed ConAgra or other riverfront developers to intervene if they believed the city wasn't maintaining the park properly.

It was revealed, however, that the amphitheater proposed for the public park might be modified at the request of the City Parks and Recreation Department. Councilman Walt Calinger said officials believe a large amphitheater would take up too much space and obstruct other activities.

Councilmen instead voted that a "performing arts kiosk" should be built. Cleary withdrew an amendment that would have prevented Jobbers Canyon buildings from being demolished until after actual foundation work had begun on the ConAgra project.

Cleary said guarantees that ConAgra would be forced to pay up to \$25 million to the city and other participants in the agreement should it fail to build its project were enough to guarantee that Jobbers Canyon wouldn't be razed prematurely.

The destruction of the six-block Jobbers Canyon warehouse district was at the heart of the argument of many opponents.

'Tearing Guts Out'
"These are the oldest buildings in the city, and when you tear them down, you're tearing your guts out," said Isabel Cohen, 1518 S. 32nd Ave. Mary Vogel, 667 N. 66th St., said the

Jobbers Canyon buildings could be renovated at a lower cost than the proposed redevelopment plan.

Mark Mercer, whose family helped develop the Old Market, said the city didn't need to sacrifice the warehouse district now that other downtown developments were occurring.

He said the proposed \$80.5 million downtown BetaWest office and computer complex and Union Pacific's plan to renovate its freight house into a dispatching center for \$55 million changed the downtown development picture.

"We don't need to sacrifice as much as we believed was necessary," he said. Ms. Douglas said the decision to accept ConAgra's riverfront requirements reflected poorly on city leadership.

"There is a lack of pride and self-esteem in our community if we don't think we can attract more than this mediocre development," she said. "I see this as a regressive measure out of fear of Enron."

Enron moved its corporate headquarters from Omaha to Houston in 1986.

Ms. Douglas said city leaders should

be concerned that ConAgra also may eventually pull out of Omaha.

Two opponents also charged that Omaha citizens had not been informed adequately about the riverfront project.

They claimed The World-Herald was biased in its coverage because Harold W. Andersen, the newspaper's publisher, was one of its chief supporters.

Calinger disputed the claim. "I think the community has been aware of the broad spectrum of the project for some time," he said. "There's a belief that if you don't believe as I do, then there must be something nefarious."

He said the riverfront plan was the best path for the city. "This is a reasonable project and a boon to the city of Omaha. Is it out of desperation? I haven't seen it. We, as a city, are taking advantage of a reasonable opportunity."

Although the council approved the riverfront agreement, there will be one more public hearing March 29 to allow comment on some minor changes to the riverfront plan, Assistant City Attorney Ken Bunker said.



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Judge in Riverfront Lawsuit Cites Conflict, Withdraws From Case

The judge who was to preside at a Wednesday hearing on a lawsuit aimed at blocking Omaha's riverfront redevelopment canceled the hearing and excused himself from the case.

Douglas County District Judge Paul Hickman stepped aside, citing financial ties to ConAgra Inc.

ConAgra, an Omaha-based food products company, is a major player in the \$285 million riverfront development agreement approved Tuesday by the Omaha City Council.

Hickman met Wednesday morning with attorneys for the City of Omaha and for People for Responsible Omaha Urban Development (PROUD).

The case was reassigned to District Judge Theodore Carlson. He was away from his office Wednesday, and a new hearing could not be scheduled.

A spokeswoman for Carlson said the judge will meet with the attorneys Thursday to set a hearing date.

Last week, PROUD filed a suit in an attempt to slow the city's consideration of the project.

The suit alleges that the city provided too little time for project opponents to speak against the development at a

Feb. 2 hearing. Opponents wanted Hickman to order the city to hold a second hearing.

In addition, the suit alleges that the riverfront redevelopment agreement between the city and private developers differs substantially from the riverfront plan approved earlier. City attorneys have denied the charge.

Project participants are ConAgra, the city, Douglas County, the Omaha Development Foundation and the Peter Kiewit Foundation.

Natchez Yields to Suit, Allows Whites to March

Jackson, Miss. (AP) — Natchez city officials, in exchange for the dismissal of a lawsuit against the city, have agreed to permit white supremacists to march in protest march against a 14-week-old black boycott of white-owned businesses.

U.S. District Judge William H. Barbour announced the settlement in dismissing a lawsuit filed by Jackson attorney Richard Barrett on behalf of the Nationalist Movement.

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pressure system to the southeast, steering it toward Kansas.

Dawes County Commissioner Waymann Wild said from Chadron in northwestern Nebraska that some country roads still aren't open from last week's blizzard.

"If we get a couple more inches of snow and some wind, it would just block us in again," he said. "And I don't know what we'd do with it."

On the other side of the state, temperatures hit 30 degrees Wednesday morning in Omaha and were expected to reach 40 in the afternoon. Mostly cloudy skies with a few snow flurries were expected Wednesday night, Byrd said.

"I'm calling for a dusting," he said.

Lows for the area Wednesday

night are expected to be in the upper teens with northerly winds, the weather service said.

Partly sunny skies are expected Thursday in the Omaha area, with high temperatures in the mid-30s.

In southwest Iowa, skies should become cloudy tonight with lows in the mid-20s. Temperatures should reach the lower 30s Thursday with a 70 percent chance of light snow.

Temperatures reached 40 degrees Tuesday in several Nebraska communities, including Lincoln, Beatrice and Falls City. Temperatures stayed above zero in the state Tuesday night and early Wednesday.

The temperature in Chadron remained in the teens Tuesday night and early Wednesday after dipping to 20 degrees below zero earlier in the week.

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