

Final two interview for AC superintendent's job

AC principal ready to move up Freeman chief likes district's size

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Adams Central Junior-Senior High School Principal Dave Barrett said Wednesday that working as the district's superintendent would allow his career to come full circle, as being the superintendent would allow him to not only work with the junior



Barrett

and senior high students, but the elementary students, as well. "It would complete me professionally," Barrett said. "It's something I really want to do. It's a passion for me to work in a K-12 system." Barrett, 48, was the third of four candidates interviewed by the Adams Central Board of Education for the superintendent position that is being vacated by Mel Crowe, who is retiring at the end of June. Barrett has been an educator for 27 years and said he plans to

finish his career at Adams Central. "I wouldn't leave AC for any other position," Barrett said. "I'm committed to the school, my family's committed to the school — this is where I want my kids to go to school." Barrett has spent his entire career in central Nebraska, teaching and coaching at Sandy Creek High School and then becoming the high school principal at Wood River. He was hired as AC's principal in April 2004. *Please see BARRETT/page B2*

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The Adams Central Board of Education wrapped up its interviews with the candidates for superintendent Wednesday night. Their final candidate, John Brazell, current superintendent at Freeman Public School in Adams, said he applied for the position at Adams Central because he believes a school district the size of Adams Central is just right. "Throughout my career, it's been my goal to get into a school district of about 600 to 700 students," he



Brazell

said. "It's big enough to give the students all the opportunities and activities they want, but it's small enough so you can know everyone." Brazell, 49, also said he's impressed with AC as a whole. "You guys have a quality school," Brazell said. Brazell began his career in Kansas after graduating from Hastings College in 1979. He received his master's and his administrative endorsement from Kansas State University while teaching in Kansas before taking his first administrative position as the elementary principal at Elkhorn Valley. Brazell earned his specialist degree in 2000 from Wayne State College at the same time he began his tenure at Freeman. *Please see BRAZELL/page B2*



Lisa Marcus comforts her 3-year-old son, Sam, Monday afternoon. Sam wears a backpack that attaches to a tube in his stomach, which feeds him necessary nutrients that help him with his glycogen storage disease.

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Boy deals with rare disorder

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While Sam Marcus might act like any rambunctious 3-year-old, his parents, Josh and Lisa, know the time, research and care it took to come to this point.

"By looking at him, you'd never know how sick he's been," Lisa said. "But he's persevered." Sam was born with a glycogen storage disease, which prevents his body from properly breaking down sugars and storing them. He is the youngest of five children, and the only one with the condition. *Please see DISORDER/page B2*

Pork loin dinner Sunday

A benefit for Sam Marcus will be at First St. Paul's Lutheran Church Celebration Center, 501 N. Burlington Ave., from 4-7 p.m. Sunday. Proceeds will help cover Sam's medical expenses. There will be a pork loin dinner and

silent auction, with Thrivent Lutheran matching the donated funds. Additional donations may be dropped off at the church. The event also is being sponsored by the Hastings Fire Department and Rural/Metro Ambulance, where Josh is employed.

Hagel to reveal political plans

ERIC OLSON
The Associated Press
OMAHA — If Nebraska Republican insiders know what U.S. Sen. Hagel plans to say about his political future on Monday, they aren't telling. "Everybody is abuzz about what he might say, and nobody seems to have the slightest idea what he'll say," said Pat McPherson, Republican chairman for the 2nd Congressional District. Hagel, R-Neb., will hold a news conference at 10 a.m. Monday at the University of Nebraska at Omaha's alumni center, where he will make a long-awaited announcement about his future plans. There has been speculation in political circles for more than a year that the outspoken critic of the war in Iraq might seek the Republican nomination for president in 2008. Hagel, 60, has said for weeks that he would make an announcement about his future "soon" but hasn't indicated whether that announcement would reveal his presidential aspirations, if any, or whether he would seek re-election to the Senate in 2008. Gov. Dave Heineman's spokeswoman, Jen Rae Hein, said the Republican governor does not know what Hagel will announce. Hagel would be a viable presidential candidate, said Tiffany Carlton, executive director of the Nebraska Republican Party. "I think most Nebraskans would be proud to have their favorite son as one of the candidates," Carlton said. Some say Hagel's scheduled appearance next Wednesday with nine declared presidential candidates at the International Association of Fire Fighters' annual meeting could be a hint at the senator's intentions. Each participant in the bipartisan forum will have 30 minutes to discuss why he or she should be the next president. *Please see HAGEL/page B2*



Hagel

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Hastings Public Schools Superintendent Gene Cosby (left) greets Georgia Bishel at his retirement party Wednesday at Hastings Middle School.



Community bids HPS' Cosby goodbye

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The community said goodbye to Hastings Public Schools Superintendent Gene Cosby Wednesday afternoon. A special reception was held in the Hastings Middle School Cafeteria to honor Cosby, 75, who announced his retirement in August 2006. He will move back to Colorado soon to be near family. The line to congratulate Cosby spilled into the hallway of the middle school all the way to the west entrance at times as

many from the community gathered to thank Cosby for all his work over the last six years. Adams Central Superintendent Mel Crowe, who also is retiring, was among the attendees. Crowe and Cosby have worked closely together to improve the relationship between Adams Central and HPS. Both Crowe and Cosby were hired on in 2001. Crowe said Cosby will be missed immensely by himself and the community. "I really hated to see him leave," Crowe said. "He certain-

ly helped bring Adams Central and Hastings closer together." Crowe said he spent much time with Cosby and has a lot of respect for him. "He was a great guy to work with," Crowe said. "He's going to be a good friend of mine for life." Crowe said everyone who worked with him will miss him. "I think everyone who works with him appreciates his honesty," he said. That sentiment was shared by City Administrator Joe Patterson. "Cosby bringing maturity and

wisdom to the position was a great thing for the community," he said. Patterson believes Cosby helped the community in many ways. "He's done a lot to improve the relationship between the two schools, especially where annexation is concerned," Patterson said. "And getting the bond issue passed was a huge accomplishment." Cosby's last official day is Friday, but Janelle Ernst, superintendent's secretary, said Cosby chose to take today and Friday as vacation days. *Please see COSBY/page B2*

Weather

Lo: 35
Hi: 58
A 20 percent chance of rain showers tonight. Sunny Friday.



Art by Jordan Black, 8, Sandy Creek Elementary

BODY PARTS LOCATED
GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — A delivery service said it has located all the body parts in a shipment from China that became separated, resulting in a liver and partial human head being delivered to a home.

The shipment of 28 body parts was intended for medical research and supposed to go to a Michigan lab. The company had initially feared that the parts were scattered about the country after the delivery mishap. The liver and partial head were delivered to the couple's Michigan

home last week by a DHL driver who believed they were pieces of a table. The parts, which had been treated by a procedure that hardens and protects them, were intended for Traverse City-based Corcoran Laboratories Inc., DHL said. *The Associated Press*

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Obituaries

CINDY A. HARTMAN

Hastings resident Cindy A. Hartman, 47, died Wednesday, March 7, 2007, at Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital.

Services are 2 p.m. Friday at Merten-Butler Mortuary chapel in Blue Hill with the Rev. Earl Higgins officiating. Burial will be in Blue Hill Cemetery. Visitation is 9 a.m. until services on Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be given to the family.

Cindy was born on Novem-



Hartman

ber 4, 1959, to George and Anna (Tjaden) Hartman in Hastings. She graduated from Blue Hill High School in 1978. She was presently working at the Kozy Kormer Cafe in Hastings. She was raised in Blue Hill and moved to Hastings from Smith Center, Kan. eight years ago.

She is survived by one daughter, Brandi Hartman and her fiance, John Swain, Sr.; four stepsisters, Lila Lammers of Bladen, Sally Koertner of North Platte, Kathleen Boyd of Plano, Texas, Josephine Muhleisen of Salina, Kan.; one stepbrother, Vernon Hartman of Texas; and one grandson.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one step sister, Joan Giger.

FLOYD FREDERICK ‘FRED’ MEYER JR.

Former Hastings resident Floyd Frederick “Fred” Meyer, Jr., 70, of Sargent, died Sunday, March 4, 2007, at BryanLGH East Hospital in Lincoln.

Rosary services are 7 p.m. Thursday at Rhoad Funeral Home in Sargent. Funeral services are 2 p.m. Friday at the Sargent High School gymnasium. Visitation is 2-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Floyd Frederick Meyer, Jr. was born on April 21, 1936, in Hastings to Elender Harvey Meyer and Floyd Frederick Meyer, Sr. Fred lived in Hastings until 1950, when his family moved to Sargent. He attended Sargent High School graduating in 1954. He married Jo Ann Rombeck of Hastings on October 13, 1955. They moved from Hastings to Sargent in 1956, where he worked for his parents at Meyer Variety Store. Fred bought the store from his parents when they retired. In 1980, he built Sargent Variety and TV, which he owned and operated until his death.

Fred was very community-minded and served on numerous boards, including 25 years on the Key Villa Board of Directors, Business Promotion for the Chamber of Commerce, and was an original Member/Owner who helped build the golf course. He loved history and enjoyed writing the Sargent Centennial Book. He started the Chokecherry Jamboree with other community leaders to attract business to Sargent.

Fred loved kids and enjoyed

being involved in school activities. He drove the school bus for 30 years and enjoyed the “activity hauls” to ball games, band, FFA, speech contests and other activities. He supported SHS athletics and kept football stats for 53 seasons from 1954 through 2006. For this, he received Outstanding Service Awards from both the NSAA and the Nebraska High School Athletic Directors Association in March 2004.

Fred was a fan of most athletics including boxing and served as a Golden Gloves judge around central Nebraska. He coached boys’ baseball and served as announcer for baseball, softball and football games, as well as stock car races. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, bowling, music, and gardening. Fred was an avid reader and a member of AA, who had over 31 years of sobriety.

Fred died of lung cancer Sunday, March 4, 2007, at 5:20 a.m. at BryanLGH East Hospital in Lincoln.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd and Elender Meyer, and his daughter, Kathy.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Jo Ann; three children, Joe Meyer, 47, of Sargent, Kolleen (Quinn) Krikac, 43, of Lincoln, and Alex (Joni) Meyer, 40, of Waco, Texas; three grandchildren, Aaron, 12, and Alaynna Meyer, 9, of Waco, and Kennedy Krikac, 10, of Lincoln; two brothers, Steve (Carole) Meyer of Hastings, and Jim (Sarah) Meyer of Onawa, Iowa; three nieces; four nephews; and one great-niece.

MARSHALL H. BARKHOFF

Clay Center resident Marshall H. Barkhoff, 58, of Clay Center, died Monday March 5, 2007, at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

Memorial services are 10 a.m. Saturday at United Church of Christ in Clay Center with Mr. Eldon Shetler officiating. Burial of ashes will be in Clay Center Cemetery. McLaughlin Funeral Home in Clay Center is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be given to the American Leukemia Association or the Bone Marrow Transplant Foundation.

Marshall H. Barkhoff was born February 1, 1949, in Cedar Falls, Iowa, to Archie and LaVonne (Mose) Barkhoff. He attended schools in Tripoli, Iowa, and graduated from Tripoli High School in 1967. He attended Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, where he received an associate degree in agriculture in 1969. He then

started working at the Meat Animal Research Center near Clay Center. He was an agriculture research technician 2 at the Research Center; where he worked until his death. He was united in marriage to Jennie Savidge Freitas on September 20, 1980, in Grand Island. He was a member of Community of Christ Church in Grand Island.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Survivors are his wife, Jennie of Clay Center; daughter Leslie (Cade) Leibhart of Scott Air Force Base in Illinois; parents, Archie and LaVonne Barkhoff of Waverly, Iowa; stepchildren, Christine (Mike) Revallo and Eric (Diane) Freitas, both of Clay Center, and Wendy (Jeff) Ewing of Denver, Colo.; 10 grandchildren; three sisters, Rise’ Barkhoff of Chicago, Ill., Rebecca Laas of Waverly, Iowa, and Gretchen Bonebrake of Grimes, Iowa; nephews; and many friends.

LINNEA PICKETT

Former Hastings resident, Linnea Pickett, 90, of Sacramento, Calif., died Tuesday, March 6, 2007, in Sacramento.

Services are 2:30 p.m. Saturday at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Schuyler. Burial will be in Schuyler Cemetery. Visitation is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Svoboda Funeral Home South Chapel in Schuyler and 1:30-2:30 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Linnea was born September 10, 1916, in Wausa, Neb., to Lars August Johnson and Signey (Martinson) Johnson. On

June 22, 1933, she married Clarence Pickett in Yankton, S.D. They made their home in Schuyler where they owned Pickett Buick dealership. In 1957, they moved to Hastings where they owned Pickett Buick until 1983. They then moved back to Schuyler and then to Sacramento.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Muriel and Dr. Ernest Johnson and Dr. Marilyn and Roger Koehn, all of California; four grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; many loving nieces and nephews; and two sisters.

WILLIAM W. ‘BILL’ BECK

Former area resident William W. “Bill” Beck, 65, of Lincoln, died Monday, March 5, 2007, in Lincoln.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday at Messiah Lutheran Church, 1800 S. 84th Street in Lincoln, with Pastor John Kunze officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Lincoln. Visitation is until 9 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. with the family present 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Butherus, Maser and Love Funeral Home, 4040 “A” Street in Lincoln; and one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Messiah Lutheran Church in Lincoln or to the family’s choice.

Condolences may be sent to www.bmlfh.com..

Bill was born to Wayne and Anna Beck. He was a media specialist in the Wahoo and Franklin School systems for 41

years, retiring in May 2006. He was an active member of Messiah Lutheran Church, Lincoln Ham Radio Club, Star City Squares Camping Club, and enjoyed photography and travel. Bill was an organ, tissue and blood donor.

Survivors are his wife, Jan; son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Hyon-mi of Longmont, Colo.; daughter, Karin Hall of Spring, Texas; daughter and son-in-law, Lynda and Jeff Staehr of Seward; grandchildren, Shane and Seth Beck, Magdalene Hall and Jace Staehr; brother and sister-in-law, Delvin and Barbara Beck of Litchfield; sister, Carol Ellsworth of Colorado Springs, Colo.; sister-in-law, Peggy Thomas of Wood River; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wayne and Anna; brothers, Danny and Elwin; and brother-in-law, Larry Ellsworth.

KRISTAL K. JAMESON

Franklin resident Kristal K. Jameson, 43, died Tuesday, March 6, 2007, in Franklin.

Services are 2 p.m. Friday at Hutchins Funeral chapel in Franklin with Pastor Neil Klop-

penborg officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery at Franklin. Visitation is until 8 p.m. today at the funeral home and 9 a.m. until services Friday.

GENEVA GARMAN

Burr Oak, Kan., resident Geneva Garman, 96, died Tuesday, March 6, 2007, at Jewell County Hospital Long Term Care in Mankato, Kan.

Services are 2 p.m. Friday at

the Christian Church in Burr Oak, Kan., with Pastor Richard Cox officiating. Burial will be in Burr Oak Cemetery. Visitation is 1-9 p.m. Thursday at Melby Mortuary in Mankato.

FRANCES SCHUMM

Hastings resident Frances Schumm, of 1004 Webster, died Wednesday, March 7, 2007, at her home.

Services are pending at Brand-Wilson Funeral Home in Hastings.

‘American Idol’ gets first big controversy of season

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Frenchie Davis, dumped by “American Idol” in 2003 for lingerie shots posted on a Web site, moved on to Broadway success and thought she had buried a humiliating chapter of her young life.

That changed in the last few days after contestant Antonella Barba was allowed to stay on the top-rated Fox series despite the emergence of racy online photos that purport to be of Barba, but with no verification.

The first big controversy of the show’s sixth season swelled Tuesday when fans and a civil-rights activist rallied to Davis’ side, saying she was the victim of unfair and potentially biased treatment. Davis is black; Barba is white.

“We object to having one rule for black contestants and a different rule for white contestants who exhibit the same behavior,” said Najee Ali, community activist and founder of Project Islamic H.O.P.E.

Davis said she is bewildered over what’s happened with Barba, 20, of Point Pleasant, N.J. “I don’t necessarily think that (it’s racism), but I can certainly look at this and understand why people would draw that conclusion,” Davis said Tuesday from New York, hours before going on stage in the musical “Rent.”

“I’m not bashing ‘Idol’ or Antonella. She’s a beautiful girl and she’s young. I think it’s great that she didn’t have to go through what I went through,” said Davis, 27.

NewsMakers

Hands up for the RockWalk



NICK UT/AP

Kenny Loggins displays his hands to supporters after placing them in cement at the Hollywood RockWalk Wednesday in Los Angeles. Loggins, whose hit duo Loggins and Messina in the ‘70s segued into a successful solo career, was inducted into Hollywood’s RockWalk on Wednesday. Known for his soulful voice and lyrics, he won a Grammy in 1980 for writing the Doobie Brothers hit “What a Fool Believes” with Michael McDonald, and in 1981 for “This Is It.”

HILL, MCGRAW READY FOR SUMMER SOUL2SOUL TOUR

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Faith Hill and Tim McGraw will return this summer for another go-round of their hugely successful Soul2Soul tour.

“This is why we get into this business,” McGraw said Wednesday in announcing the shows with Hill. “To be on stage and sing in front of thousands of people.”

The Jeep-sponsored tour kicks off June 6 in Omaha, Neb., and ends Aug. 10 in Anaheim, Calif. It includes shows in major cities in the U.S. and Canada, as well as some smaller markets.

Last year’s version was selected as Pollstar magazine’s “Major Tour of 2006,” in front of tours by such powerhouses as Madonna and The Rolling Stones.

Hill said they’ll be bringing the same stage — which combines a performance platform and a video screen — with them this year.

“There’s so much more that stage can do,” Hill said. “It’s a phenomenal piece of art.”

McGraw promised a different song list and other changes, though he said there are “certain songs you have to do or get run out of town.”

“I still feel like I’m a kid when I get out there and do this. And I get to do it with my wife,” he said.

PRODUCER WANTS TO HELP BRITNEY SPEARS

NEW YORK — Timbaland, who’s crafted hits for Justin Timberlake and Nelly Furtado, wants to help Britney Spears reclaim her once-stellar career.

“I feel her pain, it really bothers me,” the 34-year-old rapper-producer says in an interview in Entertainment Weekly magazine’s March 16 issue. “I’m the type of person who tries to save the world. I just want to take her away, go overseas, and work (it) out.”

BIRTHDAYS

Actress Sue Ane Langdon is 71. Baseball player-turned-author Jim Bouton is 68. Actress Lynn Redgrave is 64. Actor-director Micky Dolenz is 62. Singer-musician Randy Meisner is 61. Pop singer Peggy March is 59. Baseball player Jim Rice is 54. Singer Gary Numan is 49. Actor Aidan Quinn is 48. Country musician Jimmy Dormire (Confederate Railroad) is 47. Actress Camryn Manheim is 46. Actor Leon is 44. Rock singer Shawn Mullins (The Thorns) is 39. Actress Andrea Parker is 38. Actor Boris Kodjoe is 34. Actor Freddie Prinze Jr. is 31. Actor James Van Der Beek is 30. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kameelah Williams (702) is 29. Rock singer Tom Chaplin (Keane) is 28.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“If there is any principle of the Constitution that more imperatively calls for attachment than any other it is the principle of free thought — not free thought for those who agree with us but freedom for the thought that we hate.”

— Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. (1841-1935)

The Associated Press

Tribland

It was reported Tuesday that an unknown motorist left Uncle Neal’s Country Convenience Store, 228 N. Burlington Ave., without paying for \$25.78 in fuel.

Seniors, Hastings Museum will host Senior Tea and Tour March 12, sponsored by Wells Fargo Private Client Services. Enjoy refreshments 9:00 a.m., “Greece” 10:00 a.m., planetarium show, museum all for one low price. RSVP by Saturday, 1-800-508-4629, option zero. - Adv.

For your convenience, the Hastings Tribune now has a drive-up payment box in our north parking lot. This may be used for subscription and advertising payments. - Adv.

Eagles, Friday, pork cutlets, 6:00 p.m. Sunday, Wes and Verle, 6:00 p.m.; cover. - Adv.

Friday’s lunch special: Crab wrap. Dinner special: Shrimp dinner at Hastings Keno. - Adv.

YMCA Play Date, Saturday, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. for ages three to six and their parents. “Color Me Green” at the 18th Street YMCA. Call 463-3139 for more information. - Adv.

VFW bingo, Friday, 7:30; 499 bonanza, 55 numbers. - Adv.

Vehicles reportedly driven by Frederick J. Paulus, of 1307 S. Wabash Ave., and Brooke E. Bottolfson, of 1040 S. Wabash Ave., collided Tuesday at 1115 W. Second St.

Glenvil American Legion fish fry Friday, March 9, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. All welcome. - Adv.

Kenesaw Volunteer Fire Department Soup Supper, Sunday, March 11, 5:00 to 7:00, Fire hall. Free will offering. - Adv.

Knights of Columbus Lenten Buffet this Friday serving 5:30 to 7:30. Open to public. - Adv.

National Wild Turkey Federation 7th annual banquet March 17, Garden Cafe Banquet Hall. Doors open 5:00, dinner 7:00. 461-3209. - Adv.

Crystal M. Hess, of 714 S. Chicago Ave., reported Tuesday that her trampoline was taken from her residence.

Eagles, Sunday breakfast brunch 9:00 a.m. All welcome. - Adv.

See local historical characters come to life, enjoy pizza and the film “Night at the Museum”, one low price, Hastings Museum, March 10, 5:00 p.m. Reservations due by Friday, 1-800-508-4629, option zero. - Adv.

A vehicle reportedly driven by Chad A. Daugherty, of Juniata, Tuesday struck a parked vehicle owned by Omar P. Lagunas, of 1011 S. Wabash Ave., on Franklin Avenue near E Street.

Friday special: baked steak, 5:30 to 8:00; \$6.00. DAV Club, 302 South Elm. All welcome. - Adv.

Area Funerals

Friday, March 9

◆ Raymond Czirr, 85, of Superior, 2 p.m. at Centennial Lutheran Church in Superior.

◆ Geneva Garman, 96, of Burr Oak, Kan., 2 p.m. at the Christian Church in Burr Oak.

◆ Cindy Hartman, 47, of Hastings, 2 p.m. at Merten-Butler Mortuary chapel in Blue Hill.

◆ Darrell Hoins, 71, of Superior, 10:30 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Superior.

◆ Kristal Jameson, 43, of Franklin, 2 p.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home chapel in Franklin.

Saturday, March 10

◆ Marshall Barkhoff, 58, of Clay Center, 10 a.m. at United Church of Christ in Clay Center.

◆ Margaret Jones, 100, of Yellville, Ark., 4:30 p.m. at First Christian Church in Hastings.

◆ Ellen Wheeler-Lagant, 83, of St. George, Utah, 11 a.m. at Megrue-Price Funeral Home chapel in Superior.

Finish UFOs

Notice more articles in my craft magazines and e-mail newsletters on getting craft projects completed. Seems getting the projects completed is the



Robin Stroot

hot topic for this year. I have several projects to complete and have decided to make this the year I get lots of my UFOs completed. One newsletter gave this tip from a crafter. This crafter has a special bag with two compartments. In one compartment, she keeps the personal items you would usually carry in a small purse, (e.g., wallet, keys, driver's license). In the other pocket, she keeps a crochet project that includes one skein of yarn, crochet hook and project pattern. She will take the bag with her and work on her craft project while standing in line at the grocery store or waiting at the doctor's office. I have been known to take craft projects with me to the doctor's office but not while standing in the grocery store line. I think there are times where we really need to take a break from all that crafting.

Another article I read talked about daily commuters making knitting or crochet clubs that meet on the subway or public transit bus. These people are on the road for several hours a week commuting to and from their work. Another commuter works on her knitting while she drives her own car to and from work, using her knees to steer. EEEKKKK! That's just too dangerous for anyone to try. (I would begin to question whether this person isn't just a little bit too obsessive with her crafting.) The only time I work on a project while riding in the car is if I'm the passenger and someone else is driving.

Another suggestion was to take 30 minutes a week and work exclusively on one project. Sometimes we may have so many unfinished projects that you can't decide where to begin. Getting started can be the hardest part of deciding what project to work on. I usually prioritize my unfinished projects. I work better completing a project if I have a specific deadline for a finished item. For projects that don't have a specific completion time, I reach for the first item I can find out of my sewing room mess. I have completed four afghans over the last six months and that has used up a few skeins of my yarn (my family is snickering, again).

Mostly, I just get tired of seeing the unfinished projects lying around in with my craft stuff. First of all, I spent the money to purchase supplies for the projects. If you are an avid crafter, you know this can be an expensive amount of materials.

One time (in the early 1980s), I spent about \$70 on craft items to make a large counted cross stitch project. After having the project sit for about six years, I decided to either make it or get rid of it. I was so determined to get that project completed that it was the only thing I worked on for 10 months. I didn't even make any knitted projects. The finished size of the project is 16 by 20 inches on 18-count cloth. As I stitched away those months, I had to keep reminding myself that one more stitch made is one more stitch closer to being done. It was a great feeling to get that large project completed and framed. It still hangs in my dining room today. I even had a little brass plate engraved with the title of the project and secured it to the picture frame.

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U.S. TROOPS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO LEAVE IRAQ BY FALL 2008

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The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a direct challenge to President Bush, House Democrats unveiled legislation today requiring the withdrawal of U.S. combat troops from Iraq by the fall of next year.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi said the deadline would be added to legislation providing nearly \$100 billion the Bush administration has requested for fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan.

She told reporters the measure would mark the first time the new Democratic-controlled Congress has established a "date certain" for the end of U.S. combat in the four-year-old war that has claimed the lives of more than 3,100 U.S. troops.

Rep. David Obey, D-Wis., and chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said the proposal would bring an "orderly and responsible close" to American participation in what he called an Iraqi "civil war."

According to an explanation of the measure distributed by Democratic aides, the timetable for withdrawal would be accelerated if the government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki did not meet goals for providing for Iraq's security.

Democrats won control of Congress last fall in midterm elections shadowed by public opposition to the war, and have vowed since taking power to challenge Bush's policies.

Pelosi made her announcement as Senate Democrats reviewed a different approach — a measure that would set a goal of a troop withdrawal by March of 2008. Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada called a closed-door meeting of the rank-and-file to consider the measure.

In the House, Pelosi and the leadership have struggled in recent days to come up with an approach on the war that would satisfy liberals reluctant to vote for continued funding without driving away more moderate Democrats unwilling to be seen as tying the hands of military commanders.

The decision to impose conditions on the war risks a major

confrontation with the Bush administration and its Republican allies in Congress.

But without a unified party, the Democratic leadership faced the possibility of a highly embarrassing defeat when the spending legislation reaches a vote, likely later this month.

To make the overall measure more attractive politically, Democrats also intend to add \$1.2 billion to Bush's request for military operations in Afghanistan, where the Taliban is expected to mount a spring offensive.

The bill also will exceed Bush's request for veterans' health care and medical programs for active duty troops at facilities such as the scandal-scarred Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington.

Democrats also are including funds for a health care program for low-income children. The program is popular among governors of both political parties, but the administration has not signaled its acquiescence to the additional money.

As described by Democrats, the legislation will require Bush to certify by July 1 and again by Oct. 1, whether the

Iraqi government is making progress toward providing for the country's security, allocating its oil revenues and creating a fair system for amending its constitution.

They said if Bush certified the Iraqis were meeting these so-called benchmarks, U.S. combat troops would have to begin withdrawing by March 1, 2008, and complete the redeployment by Sept. 1.

Otherwise, the deadlines would move up.

If Bush cannot make the required certification by July 1, troops must begin a six-month withdrawal immediately. If Bush cannot make the second certification, the same six-month timetable would apply.

The legislation also requires the Pentagon to adhere to its existing standards for equipping and training U.S. troops sent overseas and for providing time at home between tours of combat.

Pelosi said the provision was designed to make sure the government would "not be sending our troops into battle without the proper training, the proper equipment."

Yet it also permits Bush to

issue waivers of these standards. Democrats described the waiver provision as an attempt to embarrass the president into adhering to the standards. But they concede the overall effect would be to permit the administration to proceed with plans to deploy five additional combat brigades to the Baghdad area over the next few months.

The measure emerged from days of private talks among Democrats following the collapse of Rep. John Murtha's original proposal, which would have required the Pentagon to meet readiness and training standards without the possibility of a waiver.

Murtha, D-Pa., and chairman of a House Appropriations military subcommittee, said its implementation would have starved the war effort of troops because the Pentagon would not have been able to find enough fully rested, trained and equipped units to meet its needs.

Several moderate Democrats spoke out against it, though. And Republicans sharply attacked it as the abandonment of troops already in the war zone.

NASA fires Nowak

ASTRONAUT CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING WILL RETURN TO NAVY

MIKE SCHNEIDER
The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Lisa Nowak was in the astronaut corps for a decade before she took her first and only space shuttle flight last summer during Discovery's 13-day trip to the international space station.

It took only a half year from her return to Earth for her to lose her job as an astronaut.

NASA dismissed Nowak on Wednesday, a month after she was charged with trying to kidnap a woman she regarded as her romantic rival for the affections of a space shuttle pilot.

Nowak's dismissal did not reflect the space agency's belief in her guilt or innocence, NASA officials said. The agency said it lacked an administrative system to handle the allegations because Nowak is a naval officer on assignment to NASA, rather than a NASA civil servant.

If Nowak were a civil servant, NASA would have the choice of placing her on administrative leave, leave without pay or indefinite suspension until the charges are resolved, said NASA spokesman James Hartsheld in Houston. But because she is an officer, those options are not available.

Nowak, a Navy captain, instead will return to the military.

She will be assigned to the staff at the Chief of Naval Air Training in Corpus Christi, Texas, starting in two weeks, Navy Cmdr. Lydia Robertson said. Robertson said she didn't know what specific job Nowak would be doing.

The space shuttle pilot who was the object of Nowak's affections, Navy Cmdr. Bill Oefelein, remains on active duty while working for NASA. Robertson said she could not speculate whether his status is under review.

Chief astronaut Steve Lindsey notified Nowak late last month that she was to be terminated from the astronaut corps. After her arrest, NASA placed Nowak on a 30-day leave, which was to end today.

It was the first time NASA has publicly fired an astronaut, according to space historian Roger Launius of the Smithsonian Institution. She is also the first active astronaut to be charged with a felony, he said.



Nowak

Tribland five-day forecast

Art by Jordan Black, 8, Sandy Creek Elementary



SUNNY TODAY
High: 62 Low: 35
Wind: South 10-20
A 20 percent chance of rain showers tonight.



SUNNY FRIDAY
High: 58 Low: 32
Wind: North 10-15
Partly cloudy Friday night.



PARTLY CLOUDY SATURDAY
High: 58 Low: 32
A 30 percent chance of rain showers Saturday night.



SUNNY SUNDAY
High: 59 Low: 35
Mostly clear Sunday night.



SUNNY MONDAY
High: 68 Low: 38
Mostly clear Monday night.

Today's weather records

High: 78 in 1977
Low: -6 in 1995

Local weather ♦ From 7 a.m. March 7 to 7 a.m. March 8

High Wednesday	32	Year to date precipitation	1.63
High in 2006	70	Jan.-March 2006 precipitation .....	.22
Overnight low	29	Snowfall last 24 hours .....	.00
Discovery's	29	March snowfall	1.20
Overnight low in 2006	40	March 2006 snowfall .....	.00
Precipitation last 24 hours .....	.00	Season to date snowfall	15.10
March precipitation .....	.04	Oct. 2005-March 2006 snowfall	13.10
March 2006 precipitation .....	.01		

Pre-register for the 2007

Vital Signs Health Fair

Saturday, March 24, 2007
Sunday, March 25, 2007

Blood Chemistry Analysis	\$28.00
Bone Density Screening	\$10.00
Colorectal Screening Kit	\$2.00
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Intervent Cardiac Risk Assessment	FREE
Skin Cancer Screening	FREE

- Head, Neck and Arms only
- Sat. 7:45-Noon, Sun. 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Pre-register online before March 21th at www.mlmh.org and follow the links to the Vital Signs Health Fair registration. Or you may register at the following businesses until March 14th.

- MLMH Rehabilitation - Medical Services Building, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., M-F
- Good Samaritan Village Administration Building - Switchboard, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., M-F
- Hastings Chamber of Commerce, 301 S. Burlington Ave., 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., M-F
- Golden Friendship Senior Center, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., M-F
- Adams County Bank, Kenesaw during lobby hours
- Blue Hill Clinic, during office hours, M-F

For more information on the Vital Signs Health Fair, please call 402-460-5757.



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- They told you "Try surgery or just live with it."

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Are you wondering if there is anything at all that can be done even though every treatment you've tried has failed? Grand Island Doctor... Dr. Jeff Uhrmacher, a Doctor of Chiropractic, has just released a complimentary guide entitled, "The Severe Back, Sciatica, And Disc Pain Guide".

Discover why your back treatments may have failed and a technology relatively new to Grand Island that may provide a solution. For a free copy of the guide, call 1-888-764-2954 (Toll-free 24 Hour recorded message) ...or go to: www.mydiscpainhelp.com

NuSPINE Rehabilitation

The library's surprising request

Hastings Tribune

The Hastings Public Library Foundation probably caught a few people off guard when it publicly announced its interest in the old Hastings Middle School for a new library. At least we were surprised.

Two of the library foundation's members, Shelly Tork and George Anderson, asked the school board at its last meeting on Feb. 19 to consider working with the foundation when the time comes to sell the old middle school. The property will be vacated once the new middle school opens next year in west Hastings.

The building might not have to be torn down, Anderson said, and the inside could be renovated to make a suitable library. The two foundation members also suggested the current library could house the school district's administration offices, which are now in the middle school.

We have mixed feelings about the proposal.

We aren't sold on the idea of re-using the old middle school for a library — or for any other public institution, for that matter. If the voters who overwhelmingly cast ballots against the 2001 bond issue did so because they didn't think the building was worth taxpayer dollars to renovate as a middle school, that could tell us something about its renovation as a library.

Besides, we've all seen the photographs and read and heard stories of the problems with the middle school building. And while the city has had past success in renovating an old school for a new purpose — the Hastings Police Department — the old St. Michael's School building was in better shape than this one. Also, the St. Michael's building was a better option than the old police department building. Citizens might have a hard time believing that any type of trade between the middle school and library building is a step up.

Perhaps a private company or individual would be willing to sink enough money into the old middle school to make it usable and valuable, but we think it would be more prudent to spend the public's money on a new building in this case.

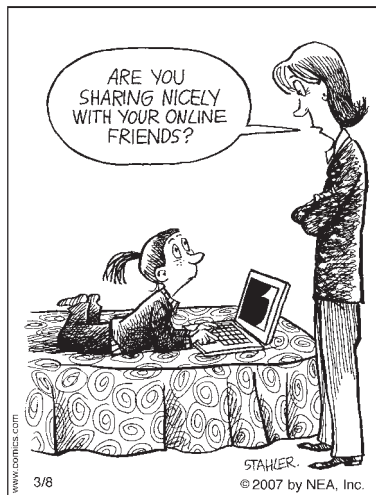
That leads us to the other side of the coin.

The middle school building sits in a great location for a library because of better access to Burlington Avenue and Seventh Street, and it's probably one of the reasons why the library foundation likes it so much. Provided there's enough space to build a state-of-the-art library with adequate parking on the middle school property, it could be an ideal spot.

But here's the kicker: We wonder if the public would be willing to spring for such a project, especially since many probably can't see anything seriously wrong with the current library. If the public doesn't see the need, then this will go nowhere.

The library foundation's proposal for using the old middle school is a wild idea that caught us by surprise; however, we see nothing wrong with at least throwing it out there.

It may spark a few more ideas. And, who knows? It could result in a new library.



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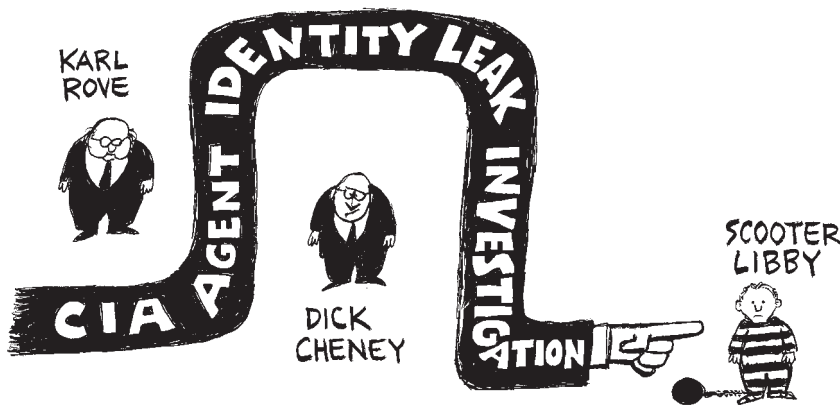
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THE LONG ARM OF THE LAW

Dems should look for the end of the surge

Trying to figure out what to do about President Bush's failed Iraq policies, congressional Democrats and many Republicans have correctly focused on The Surge — Bush's dispatch of some 20,000 more troops to mostly wage short-term urban combat.

But they have focused on the wrong end of it.

The Bush policy critics have focused on the beginning of The Surge. Mainly, how to stop this mission that the Joint Chiefs of Staff and many retired and still-serving generals warned is unlikely to succeed and may help terrorists and insurgents recruit new followers.

But the point where congressional focus, action and perhaps intervention will be needed is not the beginning but the end of The Surge. That key decision point will be upon us in just months.

Our new man in Iraq, Gen. David Petraeus, who is widely regarded as the military's best at counterinsurgency, believes he has designed a new strategy that can make this surge succeed — and he says we will see evidence of its success (or failure) this summer. America's new (more flexible and reasonable) defense secretary, Robert Gates, has said so, too.

How will we know if The Surge is succeeding? Success, in this instance, is relatively easy to define: The surge must significantly reduce the violence that has been shredding Iraq, a virtual civil war that, left unchecked, will likely mean the failure of the Bush-Cheney war that has claimed more than 3,000 American lives.

But with summer's end just six months away, we have heard next to nothing from Democrats or Republicans about what the



Martin Schram

Congress should do come September. Democrats, whose leaders once promised not to cut funding while troops are in combat, are now divided between those who want to cut funding and those who still say no.

But they cannot stop The Surge — and their real leadership will be needed in a few months. Meanwhile, their

planning and preparing of the nation for what is to come is needed right now. Because, if The Surge proves unsuccessful, Democrats and many Republicans will have to step up and lead a nation whose president has refused to face the facts of his failure and seems to have no Plan B in case this last desperate surge fails. The strategy behind The Surge is basic: Joint U.S. and Iraqi troops will enter sectors controlled by Shiite militia or which are sanctuaries of Sunni insurgents; it's been done before. But instead of sweeping the area and leaving, allowing anti-government militia or insurgents to return and create new violence, this time they will set up a small U.S.-Iraqi army headquarters and stay.

It sounds so basic that you'd think America's top generals in Iraq would have been doing it that way from the get-go — instead of permitting the same enemy ebb and flow that made Vietnam what it is today.

The first foray of The Surge occurred just the other day, with little notice — and not a single casualty. A joint U.S.-Iraqi force moved into Baghdad's impoverished Shiite sector, Sadr City, home of the Mahdi Army militia loyal to militant anti-American cleric

Moqtada al-Sadr. But when The Surge arrived, the militia was nowhere to be seen. Twice before the militia had melted away when U.S. troops arrived — only to return stronger than ever, after the U.S. troops moved on. This time a small headquarters is being set up. Will it keep the sector secure, as Gen. Petraeus believes, or become an inviting target for future militia/insurgent attacks? We don't know today — but we will know in six months. It seems improbable, but not impossible, that this surge can succeed. Politically, Democrats cannot afford to be seen as the party that preached gloom and doom — before an improbable success is achieved. Geopolitically, no one in either party wants Iraq to collapse and al Qaeda to gain a new safe haven for attacking America, Europe and beyond.

One who gets it is Michael O'Hanlon, a savvy senior analyst with the Brookings Institution, a Washington think tank that is never confused with Bush-conservative cheerleading. In a March 1 Wall Street Journal op-ed, he wrote: "There are good reasons to give the war effort...another six to nine months before concluding that the current strategy should be discarded..." Six months seems a worthwhile wait and prudent risk. One last chance to see if a new clear-thinking general can make the improbable succeed where his predecessors failed in Iraq.

Democratic leaders need to forego the grandstanding and spotlight that marker. If it is not met, they need to be prepared to take command of a wayward commander-in-chief.

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Voice of the People

COSTLY REFORM

In 2004, the Legislature enacted LB1083 in an effort to reform the public system for delivering behavioral health services. Many new provisions and philosophies were introduced regarding the approach to care. Among these are recovery-based services, consumer-driven planning and early interventions.

One of the most significant items in this legislation was the closing of two of the three regional centers, Hastings and Norfolk. Regional centers are state-run psychiatric hospitals that care for individuals with severe mental health illnesses. These individuals often require intense monitoring and supportive systems. These institutions can be costly and are not always the most appropriate environment to encourage recovery.

The closing of the regional centers was slated to be quick and precise, and required an increase in community-based services that would assist these individuals in their community rather than a hospital campus.

To date, the vast majority of beds in the Hastings and Norfolk regional center are no longer in use, a sign of success. However, the simple reduction of bed availability has resulted in a much more fragile and costly system in the communities.

There are still many individuals who require hospitalization for acute psychiatric crisis. These people are now served by community psychiatric hospitals, who on any given day are operating at 100 percent capacity. In the last six months it has become a regular occurrence that no beds are available for this population group, which puts lives at risk.

For community mental health centers, the situation is even worse. While measures have been enacted to transfer funding from the regional centers to the community, the guidance was to use most funds only for new services.

What has occurred now is that most mental health centers are experiencing greater than a

40-percent increase in demand for cornerstone services, such as therapy and medication management, without a corresponding increase in funding to meet the new demand of individuals in the community.

Even new services are at risk as funding levels have been inadequately projected and supported. With only half of this fiscal year completed, community providers are now being forced to implement waiting list procedures in order to manage the little funds remaining. This will result in individuals with mental illness deteriorating while waiting for admission to services, and ultimately leading to an inpatient stay in beds that don't exist.

It is estimated in central Nebraska that all behavioral health services are operating at 100-percent capacity or more, and several at more than 140 percent. The entire system is at risk of collapse if adequate funding is not allocated quickly.

It is disheartening to community providers to read reports stating there is a projected surplus of \$200 million in revenue for the state with little talk of correcting an issue created by legislation. This year alone it is anticipated that statewide our behavioral health system is underfunded by nearly \$6 million. Providers have taken on large capital costs and infrastructure expenses to provide appropriate care in communities, but with stretched budgets and ballooning demand there is only so much a non-profit entity can do.

The picture is not as grand as leadership appears to think. Community providers are suffering, and ultimately it is the individuals seeking help who are bearing the worst of this problem.

State senators should be called to action to ensure the obligations laid out are being appropriately met, and that the full story is being told.

Reform is a good thing, and the structure put forth will result in a caring and efficient system. But, unless the funding situation is

addressed the system will collapse, leaving lives in ruin.

Scott Dugan, MBA
President and CEO of Mid-Plains Center
Grand Island

OUTRAGED AT PROGRAM

The Prairie Home Companion broadcast on Nebraska Public Radio on Saturday afternoons is an outrage.

This broadcast should be censored or removed from the public airways. People talk about the developing 15- or 16-year-old child and the Internet on the three major networks.

What about toddlers alert to English and rotten filth that has been depicted on this program. Quality programming could be put in its place.

When I contacted the state attorney general's office about it, I was told that if you don't like it, don't listen to it. I don't listen to it, neither do I have a deaf ear.

The program I heard was as low cast as I've heard among those considered to be entertainers.

Wayne Adamson
Hastings

Letter Policy

The Hastings Tribune welcomes letters about issues of public interest. Here are some rules:

- ◆ Letters can be submitted by e-mail: tribune@hastingstribune.com
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MAN BURIED

SCOTTSBLUFF — A 25-year-old Scottsbluff man died Wednesday when the wall of a trench he was working in collapsed and buried him in 10 feet of dirt.

Travis Ballinger was an employee of Midwest Farm Service in Gering, working on a pit to collect water for an irrigation system. Ballinger died at the scene after being buried under an estimated 2,200 pounds of dirt, said Scotts Bluff County Attorney Derek Weimer.

Another man in the trench escaped, and a third man was above operating a backhoe.

After calling 911, the other workers tried to dig Ballinger out.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration is investigating.

SHOOTING PLOT

BEATRICE — Two 18-year-old men charged with conspiracy to commit murder pleaded not guilty on Wednesday.

Aaron Bstandig and Brandon Thornburgh of Fairbury were arrested in September after police learned of an alleged plot to kill the stepfather of Bstandig's girlfriend.

Police stopped the two teens on their way to the stepfather's house and recovered a revolver and ammunition from their vehicle. Both were 17 at the time. A judge earlier rejected motions to transfer the cases to juvenile court.

They made their pleas in Gage County District Court. Both also face charges of unlawful possession of a handgun.

Bstandig's trial is scheduled to start June 18.

SEXUAL ASSAULT

LINCOLN — Attorney General Jon Bruning has charged a former Ravenna police officer with first-degree sexual assault of a child.

Investigations by the Nebraska State Patrol and Bruning's office led officials to determine Larry Williams, 50, had a sexually relationship with a young teenage girl between 2001 and 2003, starting when the girl was 14.

Williams resigned from the Ravenna Police Department in January 2005, after nine years with the department. The charge has been filed in Buffalo County Court.

If convicted, Williams could be sentenced to 50 years in prison.

SCULPTOR DIES

NORTH PLATTE — Sculptor Ted Long, called by President Reagan a "real working cowboy," died Tuesday at his North Platte ranch after being diagnosed a few months ago with cancer. He was 75.

Reagan visited Long's ranch northwest of North Platte in 1987, in the midst of the Iran-Contra scandal. He chose the ranch setting to pitch his domestic and foreign policy goals, and said he was proud to shake hands with "real working cowboys," referring to Long and his father, Charles.

Long's sculpture of Ponca Chief Standing Bear is in the rotunda of the Nebraska Capitol, and other works are part of collections, galleries and museums across the nation.

Long was best known in North Platte for sculptures he created over the past few years for a veterans memorial.

The Associated Press

Calendar

HASTINGS

◆ "Night at the Museum," 7:15 p.m. Friday, Lied Super Screen Theatre at Hastings Museum.

◆ **Alcoholics Anonymous**, noon, 5:15, and 8 p.m. Friday, 521 S. St. Joseph Ave.

◆ **Narcotics Anonymous**, 8 p.m. Friday, 401 N. Lincoln Ave.

Lotteries

WINNING NUMBERS

Wednesday

Powerball . . . **13-16-18-19-46-PB36**
(Power Play: 5; Saturday's jackpot: \$142 million)

Kansas Pick 3 . . . **6-3-9**
Nebraska Pick 3 . . . **4-5-8**
Super Kansas Cash . . . **7-12-15-16-30**
(Super Cashball: 2)

Nebraska Pick 5 . . . **2-20-23-24-32**
Jackpot: \$74,000

2by2 . . . **Red 3-21, White 6-21**
Hot Lotto . . . **6-7-17-24-33**
Hot Ball 11



NATI HARNIK/AP

Dr. Lou Safranek testifies Wednesday before the Judiciary Committee in Lincoln in favor of LB700, a measure that would ban reproductive cloning and the creation of embryos for stem cell research using a technique called somatic cell nuclear transfer.

Hearing turns emotional

SUPPORTERS, CRITICS TESTIFY
ABOUT PROPOSED CLONING BAN

TIMBERLY ROSS

The Associated Press

LINCOLN — An Ames man suffering from multiple sclerosis said a state ban on human cloning could rule out potential treatment and criminalize him for seeking medical help outside of Nebraska.

A proposed state ban before lawmakers is a "bad law," James Dake said Wednesday, testifying before the Legislature's Judiciary Committee from his wheelchair.

Omaha resident Rita Hejkal, who suffers from the same disease and walks with a cane, said she hopes for a cure but doesn't want one that compromises the sanctity of human life.

Cloning "uses human beings, and it's wrong to use human beings," she said.

Their comments came during more than two hours of testimony on the bill (LB700). About 100 people, including doctors, clergy members and people with life-threatening illnesses, showed up to voice their opinions. Many wore stickers expressing their support of or opposition to a ban.

Two Nebraska State Patrol troopers



NATI HARNIK/AP

University of Nebraska Medical Center professor James Turpen testifies Wednesday before the Judiciary Committee in Lincoln, against LB700.

were on hand for what was expected to be a heated debate.

The proposed Human Cloning Prohibition Act would ban reproductive cloning and the creation of embryos for stem cell research using a technique called somatic cell nuclear transfer — more commonly referred to as therapeutic cloning.

It also would prohibit bringing to Nebraska cells, embryos and other items produced through the cloning process, including potential treatments.

Similar bills have been proposed by

state lawmakers in the past, but none has made it to a final floor vote. The latest bill, introduced by Sen. Mark Christensen of Imperial, was co-signed by a majority of state senators.

Christensen said Wednesday that the state needs to draw an ethical boundary when it comes to human cloning research — a science he said destroys human life. He said the bill was not an anti-research measure, as some opponents have claimed.

Dr. James Turpen, a professor at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, said cloning "represents the pinnacle of scientific research" today, and further studies must be done to determine its full potential.

The University of Nebraska system currently doesn't clone human embryos for reproductive purposes or to harvest stem cells for research on how to cure diseases, and there is a universitywide policy against doing so.

Turpen and university administrator Ron Withem said that adopting a law in line with that policy would send a negative message about research opportunities in Nebraska.

Dr. Lou Safranek, a member of the Nebraska Coalition for Ethical Research, said the proposed ban was a reasonable bill presented at an appropriate time.

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Deadline nears for Health Fair registrations

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Paper pre-registrations are due Wednesday for anyone wanting a blood chemistry analysis done at the 23rd annual Vital Signs Health Fair.

The annual fair will run from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 24-25 at the Adams County Fairgrounds, 947 S. Baltimore Ave.

Everyone is welcome to attend the event, and the registration is only for that one test, said Karen Doerr, community relations coordinator for Good Samaritan Village, one of the fair's sponsors.

"What people are registering for is to get the blood draw," Doerr said. "People can come to

the health fair without it, but pre-registration eliminates one line."

Doerr said the paper registration form could be picked up at various locations in the Hastings area, including the Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce, Golden Friendship Center, Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital, Good Samaritan Village, Adams County Bank and Blue Hill Clinic.

Online registrations end March 21 and may be completed at www.mlmh.org.

A 12-hour fast is required before having blood drawn for the blood chemistry analysis.

Doerr said people should drink plenty of water and continue taking prescription medications 12 hours before the test.

People may have black coffee or tea before the blood draw, but not cream, sugar or soda, Doerr said.

People wanting the blood test may consider sleeping in because of the normal rush when the doors open at 7 a.m., she said.

"There's always a huge crunch at 7," Doerr said. "Have a snack the night before around 8 and come in an hour later."

For people hungry after 12 hours without food, Doerr said, food will be provided after the blood draw.

In addition to the blood analysis, screenings will be offered for bone density, colon cancer and lung capacity, as well as a cardiac risk assessment. Doerr said people also could have their height, weight and vision tested.

Some tests are free, and fees apply for others.

The health fair is a good opportunity for community members to monitor their health, Doerr said.

"The health fair is to provide health screenings and health education," she said.

For more information, call (402) 460-5757 or visit www.mlmh.org.

Lock, Stock, Barrel

MUSEUM TO UPDATE
FIREMAN EXHIBIT,
USE NAD HISTORY

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After months of discussion about the future of the Hastings Museum of Natural and Cultural History, one exhibit is finally getting a facelift.

The museum's Board of Trustees took its first look at the schematic drawings of the new firearms exhibit, which is scheduled to open in late December.

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More stores headed to Cimarron

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Four new businesses moving into Cimarron Plaza in north Hastings were announced this morning.

Dial Properties Co., of Omaha, released information this morning that Claire's and Hibbett Sporting Goods would be moving from Imperial Mall, 3001 W. 12th St., while Ace Cash Advance and Taco Bell will open stores at the new outdoor shopping center.

According to the news release, Taco Bell will open a second location in Hastings at Cimarron Plaza in addition to its current business at Burlington Express, 1414 N. Burlington Ave.

The restaurant will be in a new prototype building at Cimarron Plaza and construction will start this spring.

Ace Cash Advance offers a variety of services, including check cashing, short-term consumer loans, bill payment and prepaid debit car services.

Claire's closed its location in Imperial Mall in January and has since been waiting to move into its new location at Cimarron Plaza. Claire's will be located in Suite 275 at Cimarron and offer a variety of costume jewelry, accessories and cosmetics.

Hibbett Sporting Goods also is moving from Imperial Mall and will occupy a 4,775-square-foot space at Cimarron Plaza. The business offers sports apparel, accessories, footwear and sports equipment.

AAA Nebraska also is in the process of moving to Cimarron Plaza from 200 N. Burlington Ave.

Businesses already established at the shopping center include Video Kingdom, Dollar Tree, Schwesers, US Cellular, Hairmasters and Anytime Fitness. Video Kingdom and Schwesers both relocated from Imperial Mall.

Construction also is progressing with the 88-room Holiday Inn Express, which is scheduled to open by early summer.

Concert to honor Minden girl

CHURCH RAISING
MONEY FOR 'SARAH'S
FIELD' PROJECT

TONY HERRMAN

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MINDEN — In what was initially going to be a visit with friends between gigs, folk musician Brooks Williams will play a concert here Friday to benefit Sarah's Field.

The performance will be 7 p.m. at the Minden Evangelical Free Church, 1310 W. First St.

Sarah's Field is named for Sarah Kovacs, who died from heart failure due to Wegener's disease in May 2005. She was 14 years old.

Williams and his family were

close friends with Sarah and remain close with her parents, Frank and Sharyn of Minden.

Friday's performance means a couple of things to Frank.

"It's kind of a good experience for us — we're excited to share Brooks with the community," he said. "He was going to just be going through, and he was just going to visit."

Williams, 46, is a singer-songwriter whose music spans the genres of blues, slide guitar, jazz and bluegrass.

The other reason Frank is excited about Williams' performance is that this family friend is helping to raise money for Sarah's Field.

The Sarah's Field project, facilitated by the Minden Evangelical

Free Church, will turn property the church owned in town into fields to be used by the community for T-ball, softball and baseball.

"It's one of the most perfect things," Williams said. "She was extremely competitive and into sports. She also loved music; we used to sing and play together. It's something I can offer in her memory to celebrate who she was. It also supports something she loves, which is athletics."

The Kovaces have known Williams for about eight years. The families met three years before the Kovaces left the Amherst, Mass., area where Frank finished his postdoctoral work at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

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Courtesy Frank Kovacs

Frank Kovacs (standing) poses with his wife, Sharyn (left), daughter, Sarah (center) and family friend Brooks Williams (right) during a visit by Williams to Nebraska in December 2004. Sarah Kovacs died in May 2005. Williams will play a concert in Sarah's memory Friday as a fundraiser for the Sarah's Field project.

Former N.Y. principal faces sex charges

MAN MET NEBRASKA GIRL VIA INTERNET

FRANK ELTMAN
The Associated Press
GARDEN CITY, N.Y. — A federal judge on Tuesday ordered a former Long Island elementary school principal be sent to Nebraska to face charges he had “multiple sexual encounters” with a 15-year-old girl he met there via the Internet.

John Monetti, 38, of St. James, the former principal of William Floyd Elementary School, was charged in a five-count federal indictment in Nebraska last month, accused of sexual exploitation of a juvenile, travel with intent to engage in a sexual act with a juvenile, and computer enticement of a minor. He was arrest-

ed at his parents’ home in St. James earlier Tuesday.

If convicted, Monetti faces between 15 and 30 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine on each count, U.S. Attorney Roslyn Mauskopf said in a statement.

Prosecutors say that starting in December 2005, Monetti began an Internet conversation with the 15-year-old, attempting to persuade her to engage in sexual activity; they say he later traveled to Nebraska and had sex with her.

Monetti was arrested in Washington County, Neb., on May 29, 2006, when local sheriffs deputies found him in a rental van with the girl. He was charged in state court and released on bail in June 2006; the state charges of first-degree sexual assault of a minor, sexual

assault with use of a computer, and child abuse remain, prosecutors said.

At a hearing in U.S. District Court in Central Islip, Magistrate Judge William D. Wall ordered Monetti sent back to Nebraska to face the federal charges.

Monetti’s attorney, Jerry Garguilo, said the filing of federal charges took his client by surprise, but said he intended to plead not guilty when he is arraigned in Nebraska. Garguilo said it was not necessary to have federal agents arrest his client. “He has made every court appearance and there was nothing suggestive of a motive to flee,” the attorney said.

When he was arrested, Monetti was working as a substitute teacher in the Commack School District on Long Island.

He previously served as principal at the Dickinson Avenue Elementary School in the Northport-East Northport School District, and at the William Floyd Elementary School in the William Floyd School District.

A statement from the William Floyd district when Monetti was arrested last May said he was terminated in October 2005 “for issues surrounding instruction and instructional leadership. At the time of his termination, the district was not aware of any allegations of inappropriate behavior towards children.”

Robert Clifford, a spokesman for District Attorney Thomas Spota, said Tuesday there were no criminal charges pending against Monetti in Suffolk County, where the schools are located.

Iowa revokes license of lawyer previously disbarred in Nebraska

The Associated Press
TABOR, Iowa — A Tabor lawyer had his license revoked in Iowa after an array of ethical misconduct allegations were filed in Nebraska and Iowa.

William Rickabaugh, 60, was charged in Iowa with making false statements, collecting an illegal fee, practicing law with a suspended license and neglecting his clients’ legal matters.

The Iowa Supreme Court Attorney Disciplinary Board revoked the license, citing complaints filed against Rickabaugh in March 2006.

“Rickabaugh has demonstrated a blatant disregard for his duty as an attorney to be honest

and truthful,” the board wrote in its opinion. “Rickabaugh’s pattern of deceit reveals a serious character flaw, which makes him unfit to practice law.”

Rickabaugh, who was admitted to the Iowa bar in 1992, had his Iowa license to practice law suspended indefinitely in 2003 after he was disbarred from the Nebraska Bar Association for fabricating documents and forging a judge’s signature.

The board said his history in Nebraska was a factor in its decision to revoke his license.

“We consider misrepresentation to be a grave and serious breach of professional ethics,” the board wrote.

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NATI HARNIK/AP

Persons who have come for the hearing on a bill that would ban all human cloning in Nebraska raise their hands Wednesday at a Judiciary Committee meeting in Lincoln. LB700 would ban reproductive cloning and the creation of embryos for stem cell research using a technique called somatic cell nuclear transfer.

Cloning: Ban draws crowd on both sides of issue

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The coalition, led mostly by doctors, calls cloning research unethical, a belief Safranek emphasized Wednesday.

After questioning some of the testifiers, Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha said the bill was "sloppily drafted." He agreed with Duke that such as law would open the door for "malicious prosecution" of Nebraskans who receive treatment derived from cloning research outside of the state.

The proposed cloning ban would make violators guilty of a Class IV felony, which is punishable by a maximum sentence of five years in prison, a \$10,000 fine or both.

Duke, who has practiced law, said this bill "is so cobbled together a prosecutor may have trouble pulling together expert witnesses to get a conviction."

Lawmakers in 16 states have passed legislation regarding cloning, but only five states ban

both reproductive and therapeutic cloning. Iowa, which passed similar legislation in 2002, recently eased restrictions on therapeutic cloning.

California and New Jersey have laws that specifically permit cloning for research purposes.

Currently, there is no federal law that governs cloning. Legislation has been introduced on both sides of the issue.

Guns: Exhibit to include NAD history

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Split Rock Studios, of Minnesota, designed the new exhibit, which will replace "Protection, Provision, and Power: Weapons that Shaped the Nation," the exhibit that displayed several hundred of the museum's nearly 1,000 firearms in a series of cases.

Museum director Becky Matticks said the new exhibit will be more hands-on, giving guests the chance to hold several firearms and use a scope.

"The trend of museum exhibits now is to involve the guests with hands-on things," she said. "Some like to see it, some like to read it and others like to go through the motions of touching things."

"Lock, Stock and Barrel: The History of Weapons on the Plains," as the new exhibit will be known, will have that hands-on approach while explaining how firearms impacted the settlers, cowboys, the military and today's Midwesterners, officials said.

According to drawings from Split Rock, guests will enter the exhibit through the doorway of a bunker from the old Naval Ammunition Depot southeast of Hastings.

Matticks said having the NAD as part of the exhibit is very important because of its significance in local history.

"A lot of people come to the museum and have questions about that area outside of town," she said.

"And it's an immersive environment. You feel like you're in a historical area. That's another trend museums are going to."

Matticks said guests will find artifacts and photos of the NAD. Matticks also is trying to find several recordings of interviews with people who worked at the NAD for the exhibit.

Firearms enthusiasts will be happy to know there will still be several cabinets featuring parts of the museum's nearly 1,000 firearms.

Matticks said earlier plans

were to have numerous cases with firearms and storyboards on top with more firearms in drawers underneath.

However, after meeting with officials from Split Rock, Matticks determined she couldn't afford many of those specific cases because of their high cost. Each one costs about \$18,000-\$20,000.

Instead, Matticks said she plans to still purchase a few of them and will utilize other cases to display as many of the guns as she can.

While the next exhibit will have a much different look, it will be located in the museum's lower level where the old exhibit was stationed.

To help educate the staff about the museum's firearms exhibit, Debbie Long, with the Ford Conservation Center, will visit March 27-28 to teach staff and volunteers how to handle, clean and preserve the collection.

Minden: Concert in honor of local girl

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Both families attended the First Baptist Church in Amherst and went to the same small-group Bible study, which looked at religion and the arts.

"They were interested in the arts, and we were interested in learning about that topic," Frank said.

Within the spectrum of folk music, Frank said, Williams is pretty important.

"He has a loyal following, but it's not really large," he said. "He's played all around the United States; he's also played in England and Ireland. In the folk music scene, he's probably better well known."

Williams, for his part, said Nebraska had been good to him through the years — and he is no stranger to the Hastings area.

He has been a featured performer in the Listening Room concert series in Hastings on several occasions. He listed the Listening Room — produced by Robin Harrell and staged in the Knights of Pythias Hall — as one of his top five places to play, anywhere.

"I've been coming to Nebraska for 15 years," he said. "I've found the Midwest to be really receptive to this music. Here I am doing what I am for work, I come into town and they make it sound like I'm doing them a favor. But it's like, 'No, man — you're doing me a favor by checking out the music.'"

This tour is not supporting any particular album of Williams' — he has 15 — but performing on the road has become a way of life during his 20-year career.

"I'm always out on the road; it doesn't matter if there is a new record or not," he said. "With this genre of music, it's an ongoing thing. You're always on the road."

He was scheduled to play in

Lincoln Thursday and in Alliance Saturday. The Friday performance in Minden works perfectly for Williams, but it isn't without complications for the community.

The Minden Community Players are performing "South Pacific" in the Minden Opera House that night.

The concert also will run head-to-head against a Listening Room concert in Hastings featuring artists Hayward Williams and Jeffrey Foucault.

"It'll be OK — we'll just do the best we can and be optimistic," Sharyn said.

Frank is a crew member for "South Pacific," "They said they were sorry it was going to be the same night," she said. "We understand that obligations and other things have to go on."

Jerrold Ridge, a Sarah's Field committee member, said organizers were hoping people would come out and support Sarah's Field and enjoy the music while they were at it.

"We don't have an immense amount of seating, but we should be able to accommodate quite a few people," Ridge said. "The church will be a fine venue for 250-300 people. We should have a pretty good turnout."

Williams does not typically perform at churches, but Frank said the congregation should take to the music.

"It's got rhythm, it's sort of melodic, so it might appeal to younger people in that regard," he said. "It's good generational bridge-type music — melodic but not electric."

During a recent church service, he played a video of a performance Williams gave during one of Sarah's birthday parties. That elicited a positive response, he said.

One reason the Williams and

Kovacs families are so close is that Sarah was the same age as Williams' son, Lee, and both youngsters were part of the same group of friends.

"They were thick as thieves and traveled as a pack," Williams said. "There were four in total — it was a sweet friendship for all of them. We were able in this wonderful window of time to get to know each other, and that was great."

His first response upon hearing about Sarah's death was "absolute disbelief."

"It's such an unreal possibility — it just isn't a possibility," he said. "It was especially difficult because we don't live there; (there was) a sense of disconnect and a sense of helplessness. There still is a very heavy sense of reality."

Williams' music had a big effect on Sarah's musical development. He helped Frank and Sharyn pick out a mandolin for her, and Sarah played one of his songs on a video she created for Frank's birthday.

"My impression was that she really enjoyed the music, but in part she enjoyed it because it was very personal," Frank said. "She knew Brooks very well through our interaction. She had really gotten into his music and enjoyed it for her own sake, but there was definitely this family attachment, too."

No admission will be charged for Friday's concert. Free-will offerings for Sarah's Field will be received, with all proceeds going to the project.

The Minden Evangelical Free Church is just west of town, about a quarter-mile beyond the Minden High School football field.

For more information on Williams, visit www.brookswilliams.com.

Loss of scholarships upsets cheerleaders

The Associated Press

LINCOLN — The University of Nebraska's cheerleaders will again be barred from performing acrobatic stunts, and members of the squad will lose their textbook scholarships and food allowances next year.

Members of the cheerleading squad say they are disappointed by the changes and upset that they found out about them through a Nebraska Athletic Department Web site.

"It's just, we don't get answers, we don't get answers," said Evan Edwards, a freshman cheerleader from Lincoln. "We're ground-bound really without explanation. The Husker tradition is just slipping slowly and slowly away."

The stunts cheerleaders perform have been a concern at NU since 1996, when Tracy Jensen was paralyzed in an accident during cheer practice. The university paid Jensen a \$2.1 million settlement.

In 2002, Nebraska did away with most stunting, including basket tosses, pyramids and tumbling. But a year later new Athletic Director Steve Pederson brought back two-person lifts, and cheerleaders had hoped he would further ease restrictions if they followed all safety regulations.

The cheerleaders said they

found out about the latest changes when they logged onto a Web site to get information about tryouts for next year's squad. They learned the two-person stunts the squad had been doing since 2003 will be gone, and cheerleaders will lose their textbook scholarships and food allowances — worth about \$2,000 per cheerleader.

The Athletic Department said safety concerns are the reason for prohibiting stunting. It also said that starting next year, each cheerleader's scholarship stipend will rise from \$500 to \$600 per semester.

Cheerleaders also are entitled to free uniforms, warm-up clothes and Adidas apparel just like other Nebraska athletes.

Athletic Department spokeswoman Chris Anderson said that benefit package — even with the loss of funds for textbooks and food — remains competitive. She said the changes were made after athletics officials reviewed the squad's budget and size and researched cheerleading benefit packages at other schools.

"We still feel what we're offering is a great, fair amount," she said. "And it wasn't something we took lightly."

Anderson also said NU officials tried to call a meeting with cheerleading captains to tell them about next year's changes, but only one captain showed up.

Group trying to recall two Cass County commissioners

The Associated Press

PLATTSMOUTH — Recall affidavits have been filed against two Cass County commissioners.

Some county residents say they are unhappy with the commissioners' votes to halt construction on a \$750,000 maintenance shed.

Commissioner David Nielsen and board chairman Ron Nolte oppose the shed, saying it would have been bigger than the county needs and too expensive.

The board originally approved the shed, but after a lawsuit was filed to stop the project, the board re-evaluated the road department's current buildings, then voted to halt construction on the new shed and instead to upgrade the existing buildings.

It was estimated that the cancellation would cost the county at least \$100,000, but Nolte said it was still the right decision.

Local

MUSEUM DONATIONS

Museum officials want you to recycle your art or cooking supplies for a good cause.

The Hastings Museum of Natural and Cultural History is asking for donations to help with some upcoming events.

The items can be dropped off at the Guest Services counter at the museum at 1330 N. Burlington Ave.

The requested items include:
♦ Balloons
♦ Canned or squeezable frostings for cookies
♦ Cookie sprinkles and topping
♦ Material for quilting
♦ Old crayons
♦ Stickers
♦ Empty Kool-Aid Jammer packages

SUPPORT GROUP

Polka music and ice cream will help benefit the KIDZ Family Support Group on Friday.

From 5-9 p.m. Friday, the Kids In the Diabetes Zone Family Support Group will sell homemade ice cream during live polka music at Orscheln Farm and Home Supply, 1315 W. J St.

The event serves as a fundraiser for the group.

SENIOR TEA, TOUR

Senior citizens can experience the ancient world of Greece on Monday at the Hastings Museum of Natural and Cultural History.

The large-format film "Greece" will be shown in the Lied Super Screen Theatre giving viewers the chance to see the Parthenon ruins, admire a 40-foot statue of the Goddess Athena and see the birthplace of western civilization and democracy.

The sky show "Ring World 2" also will be shown in the J.M. McDonald Planetarium.

Refreshments will be served at 9 a.m. and "Greece" will start at 10 a.m. The sky show "Ring World 2" will follow in the planetarium. Seniors may also view museum exhibits.

There is a cost to attend. Reservations are due Friday by calling Guest Services at 461-4629 or (800) 508-4629, option zero.



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Cosby: Community bids goodbye

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Cosby said his last day with the district was busy, which was good for him. He said he has mixed feelings about his departure.

"I leave with a lot of mixed emotions," Cosby said. "Hastings has been a very good place, but as I've always said, there's a time to come and a time to go and I guess that time is now."

Cosby said he already has plans to come back and visit in the future.

Craig Kautz, current assistant superintendent of human resources and curriculum, officially will become the superintendent on Monday.

Kautz said taking over the role of superintendent will be bittersweet, as he will miss Cosby.

"He's been a great friend and a terrific role model," he said. "I will miss him."

Kautz said he learned a lot in the short time he spent working under Cosby.

"I really consider Gene a mentor," Kautz said. "I've been blessed to have many mentors, but Gene is one of the top people who have affected me."

Kautz said Cosby has a strong work ethic and he looks for Cosby to continue to work in education in some capacity. He also said Cosby's work here will be felt for many years.

"I think Gene's time here has been very productive and the fruits of his labors will continue to have a positive effect on this community for years to come," Kautz said.

Although Kautz will move into the superintendent role, Brad Cabrera, assistant superintendent of finance and operations, said the district will not be hiring anyone in Kautz' place at this time.

Cosby announced his impending retirement in August. Originally, he said he would finish out the 2006-07 school year, but because of personal reasons, he decided to step down in March.

He announced his intentions at the Feb. 19 meeting of the HPS Board of Education meeting. Kautz confirmed that Cosby would only receive pay through his last day, which is March 9. Kautz was chosen as Cosby's replacement in October 2006.

Nation

LOTTERY JACKPOT WOODBINE, N.J. — A Georgia truck driver has claimed half of the \$390 million Mega Millions jackpot, but somewhere there's a second winning ticket for the richest lottery prize in U.S. history, and it has yet to surface, New Jersey Lottery officials said Thursday morning.

"I just hope it's a person that really deserves the money, someone that really needs it," said Jim Schroder, the owner of Campark Liquors in Woodbine, where that winning ticket sold.

In Georgia, winner Ed Nabors wasn't answering his phone this morning.

"I'm still numb," the 52-year-old trucker said in a deep southern drawl Wednesday as he held his oversized lottery check reading \$116.5 million. He said he wanted to buy a home for his daughter, and added: "I'm going to do a lot of fishing."

9 DEAD IN NYC HOUSE FIRE

NEW YORK — An extended family trapped in their burning Bronx row house screamed for help in the night, and one woman tossed children from a second-floor window to try to save them, witnesses and authorities said today. Nine people died.

Eight of the victims were children, including 7-month-old twins and boys ages 4 and 9, according to authorities and relatives. A woman in her 40s also died, and 10 people were hospitalized.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg warned the death toll could increase.

The Associated Press

Hagel: Senator to reveal political plans

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"We were clear about exactly what it was and he said he wants to participate," association spokesman Jeff Zack said Wednesday. "So you can read into that however you want."

McPherson said Hagel may have tipped his hand when word came out that he would be part of the Washington forum.

"You've got to regard Chuck seriously as a potential presidential nominee," McPherson said. "It doesn't surprise me he would be there (at the forum). He has a very strong appeal to a great number of people when it comes to looking at an alternative presidential candidate."

"He votes solidly, for the most part, with the Republican party and with the president. At the same time, there's 65 percent of the population that feels the same as him on Iraq."

Hagel has been the most outspoken Republican critic of Bush's policy.

"We can't change the outcome of Iraq by putting American troops in the middle of a civil war," Hagel said last month.

In January, Hagel accused the Bush administration of playing "a pingpong game with American lives" by sending more U.S. troops into Iraq.

If Hagel decides to run for

president, he'll be joining an already crowded field of Republican candidates which includes: U.S. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney, former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani and Sen. Sam Brownback of Kansas.

Former Nebraska congressman and Omaha mayor Hal Daub said Hagel would be well-qualified to be president, saying Hagel has "a demonstrated capacity to deal intelligently and forthrightly with the great issues of our time."

"He is a conservative with a big-picture understanding and views and truly possesses the

highest quality of leadership capability," said Daub, who is a Republican Party national committeeman.

Hagel earned a bachelor's degree in general studies at UNO in 1971. Lee Denker, president of the UNO Alumni Association, said he found out Wednesday that Hagel would make the announcement at the alumni center.

Hagel, a native of North Platte, entered politics in 1996 after serving as president of McCarthy & Co., an investment banking firm based in Omaha, and chairman of the board of American Information Systems.

He firmly defeated Nebraska

Attorney General Don Stenberg in the Senate primary, earning 62 percent of the vote. He went on to defeat Democratic Gov. Ben Nelson, who later was elected to the Senate in 2000. Nelson is now Nebraska's junior senator.

Hagel was re-elected in 2002, winning 83 percent of the vote against Democrat Charlie Matulka, an unemployed construction worker.

The last time Nebraska had presidential contender came 15 years ago when Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Neb., ran for the Democratic nomination in 1992. Kerrey failed to win much support in any primary except South Dakota and eventually withdrew.

Barrett: AC principal ready to move up

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Barrett said while he has not held the position as superintendent before, he has years of educational experience and is not afraid to ask for input or help on things that are new to him.

"I've never been afraid to call someone," he said. "And my relationship with Mr. Crowe has been very close."

Barrett pointed out that the budget process — the area he most lacks experience — is constantly changing and every superintendent is learning new things each year.

"I don't think you ever stop learning how to do a budget," he said.

Barrett said his role as the superintendent would not change a lot from his role as the principal because he plans to stay visible in every building if he is hired. He also said staff development and morale is important to him.

"I believe if you take care of your staff, they'll take care of their kids," Barrett said.

Barrett touted his strength in hiring good teachers.

"As you hire teachers, you hire teachers who are enthusiastic and who are positive," he said. "I think I've proven myself in that area."

Barrett told the board he

would be a gatekeeper for them and always try to supply as much information to the board when making a decision.

"I want to give (board members) the information they need to help them make an informed decision," Barrett said.

Barrett said his own decision-making will depend largely on input from others.

"Other than when I have to make a decision quickly, I will get as much input before I make a decision," Barrett said.

Barrett also told the board that if he is not hired as the superintendent, he will stay at AC because he enjoys the school and his current job.

"You don't always get what you want, but you move on," Barrett said. "I enjoy the principalship."

Barrett said he feels now is a great time for him to become superintendent.

"I enjoyed working with Mel. I would have loved to have him around for another year, but the timing is good for me," he said. "I'm ready, and this is a good time in my life."

Barrett is among four candidates, who include Shawn Scott, of Palmer Public School; William Kuester, of Unified School District No. 1; and John Brazell, of Freeman Public School.

Brazell: Freeman chief likes AC's size

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Because of his teaching background, Brazell said he's focused on good instruction in the classroom. This also affects his management style.

"To make sure instruction is going well, my job is to make sure those people are doing their jobs," he said.

Brazell said he has to see the big picture, as well.

"Overall, it's my job to make sure everything functions as it should," he said.

Brazell said he believes it's important for the superintendent to be a fixture in the school.

"I try to be as hands-on as I can," he said. "I think it's important for me to be out, to be visible, to be seen."

Brazell uses his visibility to develop strong relationships with all of his staff. He told the board that he tries to touch base with all departments throughout the day. He said he gets a cup of coffee from the kitchen each morning and speaks with the head cook and helps the janitor pull the bleachers out each day while having conversation to see how everything is going.

Brazell said he has fostered strong communication with the community, too. The district uses several methods to communicate with the patrons,

including a Web site and monthly meetings.

"We try very hard to have strong communication with our community," he said. "I see the superintendent as that bridge-builder between the school and community."

Brazell said he always seeks as much information as he can get when he makes a decision.

"First I ask, 'What is the urgency of the decision? When does this decision have to be made?' " he said. "If it has to be made now, then I'll make it with any information I have available."

"If it isn't as urgent, I'll try to talk to the people that decision is going to affect and make an informed decision."

Brazell said his strongest skills are in communication.

"I think I'm easy to talk to — I'm approachable," he said. "I like people, and I like to go out and communicate with people. I'll go out and chat and get to know people."

Above all, Brazell said he's a good listener.

The board went into closed session after the final interview. Board president Tom Behmer said this morning that the board is still in discussion and will make a final announcement before the end of the month.



Three-year-old Sam Marcus plays "Cars" with his dad, Josh, Monday afternoon.

Disorder: Boy's condition 'do-able' thanks to diagnosis, treatment

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Shortly after Sam's 1st birthday in 2004, Josh and Lisa, of Hastings, realized something was wrong with their son when he began having high fevers and seizures.

Lisa said he would wake up every night shaking and hungry, asking for food like chicken nuggets and pancakes.

Josh said they were hesitant about telling a pediatrician about feeding their 1-year-old at 2 in the morning. The doctor would likely frown on that, he said.



The couple took their son to several doctors before they were referred to a neurologist at Children's Hospital in Omaha, Josh said. The neurologist did some blood work to test for a metabolic disease or other disorder.

Sam initially was diagnosed with medium chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency, a disease that prevents his body from breaking down fat, Josh said.

The doctors immediately put him on treatments that made Sam even sicker, Lisa said.

In researching the disease, the Marcuses learned about a doctor at the University of Florida who might be able to help.

They decided to take a chance and meet with Dr. David Weinstein at the University of Florida Glycogen Storage Disease Center.

Weinstein determined that their son had glycogen storage disease, which caused his body to have problems breaking down and storing sugar.

"There are a handful of types that they have tested for and found," Josh said of GSD. "(Sam), unfortunately, has what is called an untyped GSD, which puts him in a category of one in a million that could possibly have this disease because you can have so many variants of a particular type."

By having an untyped GSD, Josh said Weinstein is still determining all the characteristics of Sam's condition to find the best treatments.

"He really has made the biggest change in his character," Josh said of Weinstein's impact of Sam's health.

"Eight to 10 months ago, you wouldn't have seen him

messing around like this," he said as Sam ran around the family's living room.

Without his special care, Sam would be unable to go swimming and could only jump on a trampoline for a few minutes before his legs would start to hurt, Lisa said.

Sam is required to have a gastrostomy tube in his stomach to feed him special formula to help his body properly break down and store sugar. He also receives a feeding of cornstarch with formula through the tube. Lisa said the cornstarch is what helps to keep his energy up, allowing him to play like a normal kid.

During each hour-long feeding, Sam wears a backpack that holds the pack and formula. This allows him to play like any other child, while receiving his treatments.

At night, Sam wears the tube for 10 hours for a continuous feeding while he sleeps, Josh said. Otherwise he would still need to get up every couple of hours to eat.

While he wears the G-tube, Sam is still able to eat table food like other children. The tube and formula are there to give his body the proteins and nutrients he needs because of his disorder.

Unfortunately, Josh said his son is allergic to many protein-filled foods, specifically those containing soy.

Eventually, Sam won't have to carry the backpack or have the G-tube anymore.

Once he is old enough to

understand that he needs the cornstarch and needs to get up at night to eat, he can have it removed, Josh said.

Right now, he said, Sam doesn't have the reasoning ability to understand he needs to eat several servings of high protein foods and have the cornstarch supplements.

In addition to the feedings, Josh and Lisa also have to monitor their son's blood sugar to make sure his body is functioning properly.

"As long as you stay on top of it, it's a really do-able condition," Lisa said. "You can't say, 'I don't want to do it now.' You have to because if it's that time, you just have to."

For now, using the G-tube and carrying the backpack certainly aren't problems for Sam, who is more concerned with playing with cars.

"I think it bothers me more than it bothers him," Lisa said.

Sam attends a private preschool, and when he has a cold, he needs to wear the backpack to be fed all day.


"At preschool, there will be kids that will look and ask, 'What is that?'" Lisa said of the backpack. "The teacher said he doesn't really care. He just ignores them and walks away."

And just watching him play, you'd never notice anything was wrong, Josh said.

"That's one of the things that makes it so difficult for people to understand," he said. "He looks and acts so normal and is able to do things that normal kids can do."

Sam Marcus Benefit

Sunday March 11th 4:00 - 7:00
First St. Pauls Lutheran Church
501 N. Burlington



Sam has GSD (Glycogen Storage Disease). He has been hospitalized several times and underwent numerous surgeries to fight this disease. If you wish to make a monetary contribution contact First St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

A pork loin dinner will be served on March 11th between 4 and 7PM at First St. Paul's Lutheran Church. A silent auction will be conducted.

Additional funding has been applied by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

South Korea lowering standards for beef imports

NEW REGULATIONS
WILL ALLOW U.S. BEEF
IMPORTS TO RESUME

JAE-SOON CHANG
The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea said Thursday that it will lower its quarantine standards this month over banned bone fragments in American beef shipments, paving the way for the resumption of U.S. beef imports.

South Korea — once America's third-largest overseas beef market — notified the United States of the plan during negotiations in Washington on

Tuesday, and the U.S. did not oppose it, the South's Agriculture Ministry said in a statement.

South Korea agreed to resume imports of U.S. beef last year following a three-year ban triggered by fears of mad cow disease. But American beef has not reached South Korean consumers because quarantine authorities have rejected all shipments for containing the tiny bone fragments that South Korea fears could potentially harbor mad cow disease.

Under the lowered standards, bone fragments will still be unacceptable. But Seoul will return only individual boxes of meat that contain the bone fragments, instead of rejecting the

entire shipment, the statement said.

The two sides have haggled over the issue for months. Washington has strongly defended the safety of American beef, accusing Seoul of using the issue of bone fragments to impose an unofficial import ban.

The U.S. does not appear fully satisfied with the deal. The ministry statement said the U.S., although it did not oppose the compromise, was skeptical about whether U.S. beef producers would attempt again to export to South Korea after experiencing the rejections.

The beef dispute has been a sore point between the two countries that are seeking to forge a free trade agree-

ment. Their eighth round of free trade negotiations opened in Seoul on Thursday.

Though the beef issue is not formally part of the free trade talks, and is the responsibility of the two nations' agriculture officials, it is clearly casting a shadow over the negotiations.

Assistant U.S. Trade Representative Wendy Cutler, Washington's chief negotiator in the free trade talks, appeared cool to the new quarantine idea.

"The core of (South) Korea's proposal here is based on what we call a 'zero tolerance' for bone chips," she told a press conference. "We just can't agree to that proposal given that it's not

based on science and it's just commercially unfeasible."

Cutler added that the U.S. will settle for nothing less than full access.

"We continue to underscore the importance of Korea reopening fully their beef market," she said. "Our Congress continues to make it abundantly clear to us that there will be no FTA without a full reopening of the Korea beef market."

Scientists believe mad cow disease spreads when farmers feed cattle recycled meat and bones from infected animals. The cattle disease is also believed to be linked to the rare but fatal variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease found in humans.

Nation

WATCH OUT FOR IRS AUDIT SCAM

Keep an eye out for the latest scam involving a fake IRS audit notice.

HOW IT WORKS: While we're at the height of tax season, con artists are using apprehension about an audit to prey on people. This scam arrives as an e-mail, supposedly from the Internal Revenue Service, informing the recipient that he or she is the subject of an IRS audit and needs to complete the attached form. It asks for Social Security numbers, bank account numbers and other personal information. A variation asks the recipient to enter such information into an official-looking Web site form. In both cases, the e-mail is bogus; if you're being audited, the IRS won't tell you by e-mail. The IRS posts a warning about this and other tax scams at www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id167983,00.html.

WHAT'S AT STAKE: Your money and your identity.

HOW TO BEAT IT: Delete e-mails that claim to be from the IRS. Unless you've given the IRS your e-mail address, there's no reason the agency would use it to contact you. IRS communications typically come by standard mail, so the method of delivery is a red flag. Warn the IRS by sending the e-mail to [phishing\(at\)irs.gov](mailto:phishing(at)irs.gov).

Scraps Howard News Service

ETHANOL OUTPUT UP 24 PERCENT

NEW YORK — U.S. ethanol output in 2006 rose 24 percent to 317,000 barrels a day in 2006, while demand rose 33 percent to 350,000 barrels a day, data from the Energy Information Administration released Monday show.

The Renewable Fuels Association, a trade group, said ethanol imports in 2006 totaled 653 million gallons, up from 133.6 million gallons a year earlier, citing data from the U.S. International Trade Commission. The 2006 figure includes 434 million gallons imported from Brazil.

In December 2006, output was 356,000 barrels a day, while demand was 399,000 barrels a day and stocks were sufficient to cover 24.6 days of demand, RFA said.

Ethanol production has doubled in the past three years, reaching nearly 5 billion gallons in 2006. With 113 ethanol plants currently operating and 78 more under construction, the country's ethanol output is expected to double again in less than two years.

The Associated Press

Markets

Thursday's noon
local markets

Corn3.94
Soybeans6.76
Milo3.90
Wheat4.74

Stocks of local interest
The following stocks of local interest were traded today:

	Last	Chg.
Alltel	60.49	+0.72
BN Santa Fe	78.94	+1.36
Berkshire Hathaway A	108.490	+490.00
Berkshire Hathaway B	3,612.00	+18.00
ConAgra	24.87	+0.27
Eaton Corp.	81.48	+0.61
Ingersoll Rand	43.62	+0.36
Kinder Morgan	105.81	-0.04
Level 3	6.27	+0.05
McDonald's	43.73	+0.63
PepsiCo	62.77	+0.02
TierOne	27.49	+0.18
Tricon Global Restaurants	57.58	+0.52
Union Pacific	99.18	+1.68
Wells Fargo	34.63	+0.31
Williams Cos.	27.37	+0.19
Wal-Mart	48.06	+0.13

From the car to the road

RECYCLING BOOM REVS UP
TIRE PROCESSING BUSINESS

DAVID TEMPLETON
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

BRADDOCK, Pa. — For decades, millions of waste tires were piled at makeshift dumps, where they became a breeding ground for mosquitoes and rodents — and temptations for arsonists.

But in recent years, waste tires have undergone transformation from trash to treasure in a burgeoning industry that collects, processes and sells tire rubber.

Last year, 300 million tires were discarded — about one per American — and 261 million of those were recycled. Most of the 39 million or so tires not recycled were processed for landfill disposal.

The recycling boom helps explain how a Pittsburgh area company has succeeded in becoming the nation's largest waste tire processor.

Last year, Liberty Tire Recycling LLC handled 70 million tires, most of which were recycled for use as fuel or in products ranging from welcome mats and railroad ties to asphalt and athletic fields.

That's nearly a quarter of all waste tires produced nationwide last year.

The company operates 10 processing centers, which serve 16 states, mostly in the East, and employs 450. Its Braddock plant, with 25 employees, processed about 3 million tires last year with plans this year to recycle 4 million.

"We're two and a half times bigger than the next guy in the industry," said Jeffrey Kendall, the partnership's managing director and Liberty Tire chief executive officer.

Laurel Mountain Partners transfers almost 4,000 tons of garbage by rail each day from New York and New Jersey to its landfills in eastern Ohio.

Consolidating companies and getting them in working order before selling them has been Laurel Mountain Partners' philosophy.

But during that process, the partners realized one segment of waste management had potential that warranted much more investment, and they soon aligned themselves with tires.

"We hope to build it to twice its current size in the next five years,"



REBECCA DROKE/SHNS

Liberty Tire Recycling LLC is the nation's largest tire-recycling operation, processing 70 million tires a year, one-fourth of all tire waste generated nationwide, at its facility in Braddock, Pa.

Kendall said. "We're in a unique position in an industry that's growing."

Michael Blumenthal, senior technical director of the Rubber Manufacturers Association, said Liberty Tire has become the nation's largest tire processor by being well-financed, having good short- and long-term strategies and hiring "talented, highly qualified people."

"They've done things better than most companies in the past," he said.

"I think these guys will be around as long as they want to be involved in scrap tires," Blumenthal said. "It's nice to see the company do well."

Ronald B. Carlson, Liberty Tire's chief operating officer, said the company's approach was to purchase 10 waste-tire companies throughout the East that were strategically located and were well-run. Next, Liberty Tire bought 12 "tuck-in companies" to incorporate into the 10 base companies and expand the market.

Future strategy, he said, involves buying other scrap tire companies in states east of the Mississippi River.

"We're looking to fill in the map from one state to the next and keep building up market share," Carlson said. Acquisition targets are situated in Mississippi, Texas, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, New Jersey, New York and other Northeastern states, he said.

At Liberty's facility in Braddock, Pa., tires are shredded and processed to produce crumb rubber. The shredded rubber is frozen with liquid nitrogen, then shattered into crumbs as fine as talcum powder.

Steel belting and fiber are removed before the rubber is screened for size for different uses, and the steel is recycled.

The 40 million pounds of crumb rubber produced in Braddock is shipped in 1-ton containers to companies that make new tires, mix it with glue to make matting and other rubber products, or combine it with asphalt to make roads more durable and quieter.

The Rubber Manufacturers Association said "rubber asphalt concrete" is used in California, Arizona, Texas, Florida and South Carolina,

with Nevada, Rhode Island, Washington state and Missouri studying whether to use it in pavement.

While Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York have considered using rubber in pavement, the association said those states aren't likely to use it anytime soon.

Rubber also is used as mulch and fill and more recently has been used to make railroad ties that are stronger, longer lasting and require no creosote as wooden ties do.

Shredded rubber, high in BTUs, is burned in power plants and produces fewer pollutants than other fuels such as coal. As more profitable methods of rubber use are developed, less will be burned, Kendall said.

The bulk of crumb rubber is used in athletic fields, where it's mixed with sand or used as its own layer below artificial turf. Crumb also is poured atop the turf to make the blades stand tall and resemble grass. An athletic field requires 250,000 pounds of crumb rubber — about 20,000 tires.

Fertilizer price hike will affect homeowners

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Toledo Blade

With fertilizer prices for farmers up 30 percent from a year ago and crop nutrients in tight supply, homeowners can expect to see a significant, although smaller, bump in costs for lawn and garden products this spring, experts say.

Demand is driving up fertilizer prices for agricultural uses as more U.S. farmers are expected to plant corn to fuel ethanol production. Corn prices have doubled in recent months, helping farmers decide to devote up to 12 million more acres to the grain — and sending suppliers such as The Andersons Inc. scrambling to meet fertilizer demand, said Dennis Addis, president of the Maumee, Ohio-based company's plant nutrient group.

"That will require more nutrients," he said. "It's more tight than it is short."

Fertilizers for both fields and

yards use the same nutrients in different formulas. Higher costs, along with demand for raw materials, especially nitrogen, will boost lawn and garden fertilizer bills for landscapers and homeowners by 5 percent to 10 percent on average, said Mike Bandy, marketing manager for The Andersons' turf and specialty group.

"There likely will be some possible spot shortages, probably nothing the average homeowner will notice," he said.

The Andersons' is scrambling to meet demand driven up by an increase in planting of corn.

Some landscapers said they expect higher prices this year because fertilizer production is linked to petroleum. Landscapers will have a better handle on fertilizer prices in a few weeks, said Doug Strausbaugh, manager of Envirocare Lawn & Landscape of Perrysburg Township, Ohio.

Prices for lawn and garden

fertilizer typically aren't as volatile as prices for agricultural uses, Bandy said.

Corn needs more fertilizer than either soybeans or wheat, said Addis. As a result, farmers who are converting fields to corn will need more fertilizer, plus they will use more nutri-

ents on acreage typically planted with corn to increase per-acre production, he said.

"We need the corn, so they're going to have to plant more acreage and get better yields," Addis said. He added: "This will continue for the next couple of years."

Other countries, meanwhile, will need more farm fertilizer because they will have to grow corn to replace what the United States won't be exporting this year, Addis said. That exacerbates the tight supply of raw materials, he said.



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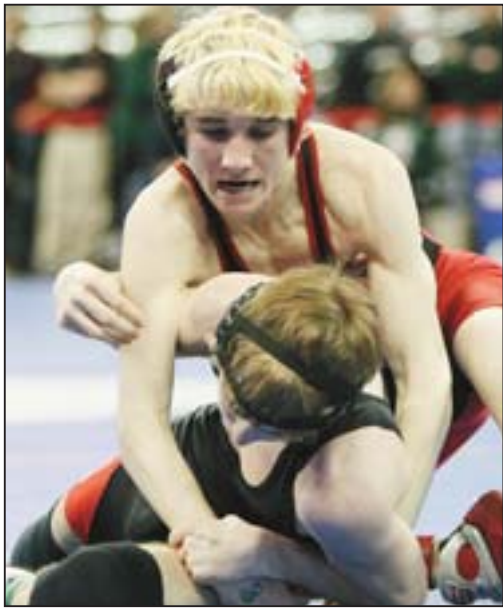
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ALL-TRIBLAND WRESTLING

Franklin's James grows into state champ



AMY ROH/Tribune

Franklin's Simon James wrestles Sutton's Aaron Carlson in the Class D 112-pound semi-finals at the state tournament in February at the Qwest Center in Omaha.

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When Simon James began wrestling as a kindergartner, he used to imagine what it would be like to be crowned a state champion.

Nearly 13 years after he took up the sport as a youngster, James finally reached the pinnacle of high school wrestling.

The Franklin senior made good on his third straight trip to the state tournament this February by capturing the class D 112 pound title with a 4-2 win over Mitch Lundstrom of Amherst. He finished the season with a 32-1 record.

For his accomplishments, James has been named the 2006-07 Tribland wrestler of the year.

"Ever since I was a little kid I dreamed of winning a state title," James said. "I wanted it pretty bad this year and to win the way I did, I guess you could say it was a perfect ending."

James' trip to the top of the state tournament podium wasn't an easy one, as he battled his way from undersized freshman all the way to a state champion mostly with hard work.

"Simon really built his skills and made himself a good wrestler," Franklin coach Adam Keiswetter said. "There are always the athletes who are extremely naturally talented and I wouldn't necessarily put Simon in that category. Simon wasn't always the strongest or the quickest, but he made himself one of the best."

James' high school career got off to a little bit of a tough start, as he accumulated a 10-10 record while wrestling in the 103 pound weight class his freshman year.

The biggest obstacle James faced during his first season of varsity wrestling was his size, as he weighed in at just 88 pounds, giving up 15 pounds to nearly every wrestler he faced.

Being on the short end of a large weight differential forced James to work harder on his wrestling skills just to have a chance to compete.

"When you are that small and you are giving up that kind of weight, you have to be really good with your technique," James said. "I did a lot of

drilling to get my moves down pat, just so I could do something with the guy I was wrestling."

James grew to 98 pounds as a sophomore, still undersized for his weight class. He qualified for his first state tournament but lost his first matches to bigger, stronger opponents.

"I lost quite a bit those first two years, and, at first, it was stressful," James said. "I just tried to learn from the losses and work harder, get in better shape and work on my technique to get everything perfect."

Before his junior year Franklin underwent a coaching change with former state champion and NCAA all-American Adam Keiswetter taking the reigns of the program.

"As soon as I got here I could see he had a lot of skills. I just had to get him to use them the right way," Keiswetter said of James. "There are always decisions to make in wrestling, left or right, up or down, back or forward and lots of times he was making the wrong decision."

"My job was to get him to

have better strategy and make the correct decision. He had all the tools, so he made my job pretty easy."

Keiswetter's influence, and a little more growing (nearly 103 pounds) helped James return to the state tournament as a junior, where he reached the state finals before losing a 17-10 decision to Lundstrom in the 103-pound finals.

According to Keiswetter, the lost to Lundstrom in the finals lit a fire in James that burned through the summer and fall all the way into his senior season.

"He was real similar last year in terms of skills, but he wasn't nearly as focused," Keiswetter said. "He knew what he wanted. He knew what he had to do and he never lost sight of that for a moment."

A growth spurt allowed James to put on 20 pounds between his junior and senior seasons. He moved up to 112 pounds where dominated foes on his way to a 32-1 record this season, his lone loss to Class C third-place finisher Logan Williams, of Central City.

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Huskers fall in Big 12 tourney

MURRAY EVANS
The Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Down by three points with 9.7 seconds left in regulation, Iowa State coach Bill Fennelly opted not to take a time-out. He already knew who would take the biggest shot of the Cyclones' season.

Lyndsey Medders made Fennelly's decision look brilliant. Medders' season-high 27-point outing included the 3-pointer with 1.7 seconds left that forced overtime, and the Cyclones went on to edge Nebraska 79-76 in a Big 12 Conference women's quarterfinal game.

Fifth-seeded Iowa State (24-7) advanced to play top-seeded and No. 13 Texas A&M in the semifinals on Thursday. Fourth-seeded Nebraska (22-9), like the Cyclones, likely is bound for the 64-team NCAA tournament.

"That was obviously one of the best college games I've been a part of," Fennelly said of the third overtime game in the Big 12 tournament's 11-year history. "And obviously you feel for Nebraska. They played their guts out. It was a great game. I think it shows what Big 12 basketball is all about."

"There's not a player in the country that I would trade for her," he said of Medders. "Not one."

Danielle Page gave the Cornhuskers a 68-66 lead with a put-back with 1:11 left. Megan Ronhovde went 1-of-2 from the free-throw line with 48.7 seconds left to pull Iowa State within one before Page made two free throws with 9.7 seconds left to make it 70-67.

Nebraska forward Nicky Wieben actually ended up dribbling the ball to midcourt before passing it to Medders, who had little time to get set before firing up the game-tying shot.

"I knew there wasn't much time on the clock," Wieben said. "I tried going toward our hoop and Medders came in and helped me out a little bit. I decided to set a screen for her."

"Worked out good."

Medders, who finished 5-of-7 from 3-point range, said the shot felt good.

"It wasn't diagrammed," she said. "We didn't have a time-out or anything. But we even made a perfect pass up the court and then an even better ball screen which freed me up to shoot the ball."

Even after Medders' shot, there was the matter of overtime. Nebraska went ahead 72-70 on a basket by Danielle Page, but Medders put Iowa State ahead for good with a 3-pointer with 3:33 left.

Medders went 4-of-4 from the free-throw line in the final 2:21 to maintain the Cyclones' slim lead. Her last two made it 79-76 with 26.6 seconds left.

Nebraska's Kiera Hardy missed a 3-point attempt from the top of the key as the overtime buzzer sounded, denying the Cornhuskers a chance to match the school record for wins in a season.

BRONCOS STORM AHEAD

Hastings impressive in opening day win

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SIoux CITY, Iowa — Much of the opening-day talk surrounding the NAIA Division II women's national basketball tournament, focused around the Great Plains Athletic Conference, and whether the 2007 national champion would come from the powerhouse conference that has had a team win each of the past six titles.

Even the headline splashed across the top of the Sioux City Journal sports page Wednesday read, "GPAC dynasty in jeopardy."

But, Hastings College, the defending national champion, might have something to say about that.

The Broncos (27-6), rated No. 10 in the country, cruised Wednesday to as easy of a first-round win as they've ever had, posting a decisive 74-47 victory over No. 24 Eastern Oregon (25-7) at the Tyson Events Center.

The win lifts HC into the second round Friday against No. 6-rated William Jewell. Tip-off for that contest is slated for 8:30 a.m. Hastings, which played in the fifth game of the day, followed impressive victories posted earlier by national powers like top-rated and undefeated Indiana Wesleyan, No. 5 Cedarville and William Jewell.

Those are just some of the teams looking to take the national title out of the GPAC's grasp. But the Broncos sent a statement with their victory over the Mountaineers, who entered the tournament with wins in 13 of their previous 14 contests.

"We know that people are going to be after us, and that's fine. We like the challenge," HC senior Stacy Svoboda said. "We are the defending champion, and we play in a very tough conference. It's just great to get off to a good start."

While the victory was good, it took the Broncos some time to get going.

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BRENT McCOWN/Tribune

Hastings College's Kay Broekemeier (20) battles for the ball with Eastern Oregon's Tiffanie Ulmer (44) during their first-round NAIA Division II Women's Basketball National Championship game Wednesday evening at the Tyson Events Center in Sioux City, Iowa.

Hastings faces tough test in second round



BRENT McCOWN/Tribune

Hastings College's Rachel Isherwood (34) tries to get around Eastern Oregon's Laura Gyllenburg (12) Wednesday night.

BRONCOS WILL TAKE ON NO. 6 WILLIAM JEWELL FRIDAY MORNING

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SIoux CITY, Iowa — One down, four more to go. That's what some of the members of the Hastings College women's basketball team were saying following the team's opening-round victory Wednesday over Eastern Oregon.

That victory lifted the Broncos into the second round Friday against No. 6-rated William Jewell (Liberty, Mo.). Tip-off for that game is slated for 8:30 a.m.

The Cardinals (27-6), who are making their fourth national tournament appearance ever, have just two wins in five tries, including their 73-64 win over Cornerstone (Mich.) Wednesday.

"There's a good reason they were rated sixth in the final poll," HC coach Tony Hobson said of William Jewell. "They've got some very good guard play, they've got some depth and they play a good full court man-to-man defense that looks like ours, when we execute it."

The Cardinals are the youngest team at the national tournament — starting three freshmen and two sophomores — although freshman guard Hillary Adams is a transfer from Truman State. Adams also leads the team, averaging better than 15 points per game.

Freshman post player Erica Ferguson (5-foot-11) is averaging

Second round

◆ No. 10 Hastings College (26-6) vs. No. 6 William Jewell (27-6), 8:15 a.m. Friday, Tyson Events Center, Sioux City, Iowa.

◆ Radio: KHAS 1230 AM

nearly 15 points and seven rebounds per contest. The team's lone senior, Roxi Davitt (a 6-1 post player, is averaging just under 10 points and five rebounds per game, while sophomores Faith Pontius, Jess Stewart and Amber Parker all average around six or seven points per game.

"They're very athletic and they're young, but they don't play young," said Hobson, whose team is 27-6 entering the game. "It should be a pretty evenly matched game."

The Cardinals enter the tournament after sharing the Heart of America Athletic Conference title with eighth-rated Mid America Nazarene. The team has advanced to the second round of the national tournament in each of its two previous appearances, but has never made it any further.

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2006 All-Tribland Wrestling team

FIRST TEAM

	Grade	Record
103 — Evan Carlson, Sutton	.9	.20-12
112 — Simon James, Franklin	.12	.32-1
112 — Colt Rogers, Smith Center	.9	.38-0
119 — Ben Jones, Adams Central	.12	.29-19
125 — Sam Gnagy, Hastings High	.12	.27-11
130 — Ethan Kahrs, Franklin	.11	.34-3
135 — David Gonzalez, Hastings High	.11	.30-11
140 — Justin York, Smith Center	.12	.35-5
145 — Chase Henderson, Red Cloud/Blue Hill	.12	.36-6
152 — Destry Kenning, Thayer Central	.11	.28-7
160 — Matt Duffy, Kenesaw/Shelton	.11	.38-8
171 — Scott Schmidt, Adams Central	.12	.38-9
189 — Riley Armes, Adams Central	.12	.32-8
215 — Kirk Palmer, Smith Center	.12	.35-3
275 — Ben Ayala, Sutton	.12	.22-3

SECOND TEAM

103 — Taylor Premier, Red Cloud/Blue Hill	.9	.20-13
112 — Aaron Carlson, Sutton	.11	.27-8
119 — Adam Jorgensen, Hastings High	.10	.17-20
125 — Scott Micek, St. Cecilia	.12	.26-16
130 — Trevor Rempe, Smith Center	.10	.35-5
135 — Brett Rupprecht, Red Cloud/Blue Hill	.11	.32-5
140 — Nick Lonowski, Adams Central	.10	.39-10
145 — Logan James, Franklin	.10	.27-16
152 — Travis Rempe, Smith Center	.10	.16-7
160 — Bill Bunde, Doniphan-Trumbull	.12	.32-10
171 — Ethan Rundle, Hastings High	.11	.25-10
189 — Tyler Salmon, Fillmore Central	.10	.30-12
215 — Chris Johnson, Harvard/Clay Center	.12	.29-8
275 — Patrick Fletcher, Kenesaw/Shelton	.12	.33-2

HONORABLE MENTION

Adams Central — Alex Rostvet, Richard Coats, Jeremy Hansen, Andrew Eberhardt; Doniphan-Trumbull — Sam Nelson, Tyler Lee; Franklin — Justin Weaver; Harvard/Clay Center — Will Gronewold, Danny Buerer; Kenesaw — Matt Ellis; Minden — Jordan Smith, Brandon Lewis, Dan Pesek; Red Cloud/Blue Hill — Sam Krueger; Smith Center — Grady Godsey; St. Cecilia — Nick Konen, Jordan Stovall; Sutton — Casey Beahm; Wilcox-Hildreth — Anthony Aubushon, Evan Wilson, Greg Schepler.

Winning Percentage

Name, School	Won	Lost	Pct.
Colt Rogers, Smith Center	.38	0	1.000
Simon James, Franklin	.32	1	.970
Patrick Fletcher, Kenesaw/Shelton	.33	2	.943
Kirk Palmer, Smith Center	.35	3	.921
Ethan Kahrs, Franklin	.34	3	.919
Ben Ayala, Sutton	.22	3	.880
Justin York, Smith Center	.35	5	.875
Trevor Rempe, Smith Center	.35	5	.875
Brett Rupprecht, Red Cloud/Blue Hill	.32	5	.865
Chase Henderson, Red Cloud/Blue Hill	.36	6	.857

Consecutive Wins

Name, School	No.
Colt Rogers, Smith Center	.38
Patrick Fletcher, Kenesaw/Shelton	.24
Ben Ayala, Sutton	.19
Brett Rupprecht, Red Cloud/Blue Hill	.18
Matt Duffy, Kenesaw/Shelton	.17
Nathan Petska, Red Cloud/Blue Hill	.16
Simon James, Franklin	.15
Scott Schmidt, Adams Central	.13
Riley Armes, Adams Central	.13
Destry Kenning, Thayer Central	.13

Falls

Name, School	Season Total
Matt Duffy, Kenesaw/Shelton	.34
Nick Konen, St. Cecilia	.29
Patrick Fletcher, Kenesaw/Shelton	.28
Jeremy Hansen, Adams Central	.28
Ethan Kahrs, Franklin	.28
Kirk Palmer, Smith Center	.26
Andrew Eberhardt, Adams Central	.24
Justin York, Smith Center	.23
Justin Weaver, Franklin	.22
Nick Lonowski, Adams Central	.21
Brett Rupprecht, Red Cloud/Blue Hill	.21
Sam Krueger, Red Cloud/Blue Hill	.21

Fastest Fall

Name, School	Time
Taylor Premier, Red Cloud/Blue Hill	.08
Patrick Fletcher, Kenesaw/Shelton	.10
Adam Malone, Harvard/Clay Center	.11
Phil Hartwig, Hastings High	.12
Andrew Eberhardt, Adams Central	.13
Brad Gottel, Sutton	.13
Brett Rupprecht, Red Cloud/Blue Hill	.13
Cameron Trumble, Red Cloud/Blue Hill	.13
Nick Konen, St. Cecilia	.15
Kirk Palmer, Smith Center	.15
Garrett Kuhlmann, Smith Center	.15

Near Falls

Name, School	Season Total
Nick Lonowski, Adams Central	.60
Alex Rostvet, Adams Central	.45
Chase Henderson, Red Cloud/Blue Hill	.43
Sam Krueger, Red Cloud/Blue Hill	.41
Destry Kenning, Thayer Central	.38
Trevor Rempe, Smith Center	.36
Colt Rogers, Smith Center	.32
Richard Coats, Adams Central	.32
Ben Jones, Adams Central	.31
Sam Gnagy, Hastings High	.31

Takedowns

Name, School	Season Total
Simon James, Franklin	.151
Colt Rogers, Smith Center	.117
David Gonzalez, Hastings High	.107
Scott Schmidt, Adams Central	.105
Patrick Fletcher, Kenesaw/Shelton	.92
Destry Kenning, Thayer Central	.73
Marshall McCall, Smith Center	.70
Alex Rostvet, Adams Central	.60
Nick Lonowski, Adams Central	.58
Ethan Rundle, Hastings High	.53
Teams reporting: Adams Central, Doniphan-Trumbull, Fillmore Central, Franklin, Hastings High, Minden, Red Cloud/Blue Hill, St. Cecilia, Smith Center, Sutton, Thayer Central, Wilcox-Hildreth.	

All-Tribland: James named area's best

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On his way to 32 wins, James broke the Franklin school record for takedowns by racking up 151.

The ending of his state championship run couldn't have been scripted any better as James qualified for state with a win over Lundstrom in the district finals

then avenged his state title loss from a year early by defeating Lundstrum 4-2 in the finals.

"When I saw him (Lundstrum) win in the semi's it made me wrestle even harder," James said of his 10-2 semifinal win over Aaron Carlson of Sutton. "I knew I could have a

chance to wrestle him again for a state title, and I didn't want to lose that opportunity."

His victory in the state finals was vintage James. He got a quick lead via a takedown then outworked Lundstrom for the final two periods with quickness and technique for a 4-2 win.

"All the things he sacrificed paid off," Keiswetter said. "When all his friends were going to the lake or going to the movies in the summer, he was in a hot sweaty wrestling room getting an extra workout in. I'm sure he's more than happy about how it turned out."

HC: Lady Broncos race past Eastern Oregon, move into sweet 16

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"We missed some early shots, but I think our freshmen were a little jittery," HC coach Tony Hobson said. "But once they were taken out early for a breather, then inserted back into the game, they were OK. And once we started to score, that's when we started to separate."

Hastings opened the game ice cold from the field, converting on just two of its first nine field goal attempts, while the score was tied 6-all with 14:08 left in the first half. Then, sophomore Maggie Schmaderer sank two free throws at the 13:14 mark, which jump-started the Broncos into a 20-2 run. Hastings stretched its advantage to 26-10 with 7:56 left in the first half, prompting Eastern Oregon coach Anji Weissenfluh to call a timeout.

But the game was never in question again. Hastings shot 8-for-14 from the floor in the run, and finished the first

half shooting better than 41 percent, taking a 40-23 lead into the locker room at the break.

Junior guard Haruka Yamashita tallied nine of her 12 points in the opening half — on three three-point buckets.

"I wasn't nervous. I was excited," said Yamashita, who was playing in her first national tournament with the Broncos. "I've been to nationals before (with Central Arizona Community College). We just want to show everyone how good we are."

Hastings didn't let up in the second half, building its largest lead 68-31 with 7:24 left to play. The team shot just above 38 percent from the floor in the final half, but the defense suffocated the Mountaineers, tipping passes, intercepting passes and stepping into the passing lanes. The HC defense managed to shut down Eastern Oregon's star player, senior

Christie Weaver, who was named the Cascade Collegiate Conference player of the year.

Weaver, who entered the game averaging better than 16 points per game, with 100 made three-pointers on the season, didn't score until the final seconds of the first half. And while she finished with 11 points, Weaver had just two field goals (including one three-pointer) in the game.

The Broncos recorded 14 steals, while forcing the Mountaineers into turning it over 26 times. Hastings had just 11 turnovers. The Hastings offense was led by freshman Heather McKeon's 14 points. Yamashita tallied six assists and four steals to go along with her 12 points. Kay Broekemeier and Svoboda added 11 points each while Lindsay Ducey finished with 10. Svoboda also finished with six rebounds.

Game notes

Hastings has won a total of 21 national tournament games, which is currently tops in the record book (although Saint Francis can tie that mark with a victory in its opening round game today). Hobson has guided HC to 20 of those wins, while tallying just three of their five all-time losses in the tournament.

This is the ninth tournament appearance for Hastings, including the seventh straight. The third time was not a charm for Eastern Oregon, as it was the team's third national appearance (second straight); however, the Mountaineers are yet to win a national tournament contest.

Points were difficult to come by Wednesday morning. The College of Saint Joseph (Vermont) set a new tournament record by posting a mere 25 points in its opening-round loss to top-seeded Indiana Wesleyan (69-25). The previous low score for a team at the tournament was 33 by Lyndon State (Vt.) in 2005 against Cedarville. Saint Joseph had nine points at halftime, just beating that record, which is eight (Roberts Wesleyan N.Y. in 2005). Another low-scoring record was almost set Wednesday morning, in the first game of the tournament as Tabor (Kan.) defeated Cardinal Stritch (Wisc.) 46-41. The 87 total points in that game, edged the record for all-time lowest tournament score when Briar Cliff topped Shawnee State 45-40 in 2002.

Cedarville's Brittany Smart moved closer to becoming the tournament's all-time leading scorer. Smart tallied 25 points in the team's 86-63 win over Union College. Smart enters the second round Friday needing just 21 points to tie the record (342, Brenda Schlegel of Saint Francis - 2000).

Hastings College (74)

Stacy Svoboda 5-9 1-4 11, Lindsay Ducey 5-8 0-0 10, Haruka Yamashita 4-9 0-0 12, Kay Broekemeier 4-12 0-0 11, Heather McKeon 5-8 1-2 14, Kim Faimon 0-4 0-1 0, Rachael Van Kirk 0-4 1-2 1, Sarah Cambridge 0-0 0-0 0, Maggie Schmaderer 2-7 3-4 8, Ellen Jorgenson 0-0 0-0 0, Rachel Isherwood 1-5 1-1 3, Amber Kulus 0-1 0-0 0, Jeanne Houchin 2-3 0-0 4, Team 28-70 7-14 74.

Eastern Oregon (47)

Sheena Henderson 8-18 1-2 17, Whitney Leman 1-3 2-2 4, Christie Weaver 2-5 6-6 11, Liz Brice 2-4 0-0 4, Elise Hawes 2-4 0-0 4, Laura Gyllenberg 0-0 0-0 0, Salena Leavitt 0-3 0-0 0, Breana Olson 0-1 0-0 0, Amanda Matson 0-1 0-0 0, Laura Olson 0-1 0-0 0, Tiffanie Ulmer 1-3 2-2 5, Candice Davis 1-1 0-0 2, Team 17-44 11-12 47.

Halftime score - HC 40, EO 23. Three-point field goals - HC 11-28 (Yamashita 4-6, Broekemeier 3-8, McKeon 3-5, Faimon 0-1, Van Kirk 0-3, Schmaderer 1-4, Kulus 0-1), EO 2-8 (Henderson 0-1, Leman 0-1, Weaver 1-3, Ulmer 1-3). Rebounds - HC 38 (Svoboda 6), EO 35 (Ulmer 6). Assists - HC 13 (Yamashita 6), EO 7 (Hawes 2). Turnovers - HC 11, EO 26. Total fouls - HC 16, EO 12. Fouled out - none. Technicals - none.

Ex-Husker Buckhalter subject of paternity test

ERIC OLSON

The Associated Press

LINCOLN — Pro football player Correll Buckhalter would agree to a state-sanctioned paternity test if the state Supreme Court sets aside a default judgment that requires him to pay a Lincoln woman \$4,035 a month in child support, his attorney said Tuesday.

William Dittrick, in arguments to the high court, said DNA testing paid for by Buckhalter excluded him as the father of a 7-year-old autistic boy born during his playing days at Nebraska.

Lancaster County Deputy Attorney Barb Armstead said she couldn't accept the DNA test result produced by Buckhalter because it wasn't accompanied by identifying information proving Buckhalter was the person who provided the DNA sample.

The state filed a complaint in June 2004 alleging that Buckhalter fathered the boy, who was born July 6, 1999. Buckhalter didn't file a response to the complaint but instead paid for a private genetic test.

Buckhalter alleges that the state ignored the DNA test for which he paid. He also contends his due process rights were violated because he was not notified of an October 2005 hearing in the case.

Buckhalter had mailing addresses in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Texas. Armstead told the high court that the state went "far and above" to notify Buckhalter of the hearing. She said Buckhalter also missed at least four appointments for state-sanctioned DNA testing.

By missing the hearing and appointments, Buckhalter was found to be in default, and a court referee awarded Jennifer

L. Brown monthly support in addition to \$68,595 in back support. The referee calculated Buckhalter's monthly child-support payments based on his pre-tax salary of \$1.075 million.

Justice William Connolly asked Dittrick whether Buckhalter was "gaming the system" by claiming that he hadn't been notified of the hearing and appointments.

Connolly suggested to Dittrick that someone other than Buckhalter may have provided the DNA used in the paternity test provided by Buckhalter.

"That's entirely possible," Dittrick responded.

But Dittrick said if child support is awarded to Brown, the state should have irrefutable proof that Buckhalter is the father.

Round 2: No. 6 William Jewell up next for Broncos

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In their win Wednesday, William Jewell managed to fluster the Cornerstone offense into committing 21 turnovers in the game, while holding the Eagles to just 33 percent shooting from the floor (including a 1-for-10 effort from beyond the three-point arc).

"We're going to have to be ready to play, especially since it's at 8:30. We've never had to play that early before. It's not a normal time," Hobson said. "I've never known a defending national champion team that has had the 8:30 draw. But whatever happens happens. It's different. We're just going to have to be ready."

The team is coached by Jill (Rector) Cress, a 1993 graduate of Northwestern. She has been at the helm of the program for the past 11 years, while leading the team to four national tournament appearances. The team is averaging 70.5 points per game this year, while holding opponents to 61.2. The Cardinals have also knocked down 214 three-pointers on the season, including nine in their win Wednesday, while blocking 49 shots. The winner of this game Friday will face the winner between top-seeded and undefeated Indiana Wesleyan and fourth-seeded Tabor in the quarterfinals Saturday. That game will tip-off at 1 p.m.



BRENT McCOWN/
Tribune

Hastings College's Lindsay Ducey (45) and Rachael Van Kirk (12) double-team Eastern Oregon's Sheena Henderson (30) and force her to turn the ball over during their first round NAIA Division II Women's Basketball National Championship game in the Tyson Events Center in Sioux City, Iowa Wednesday.



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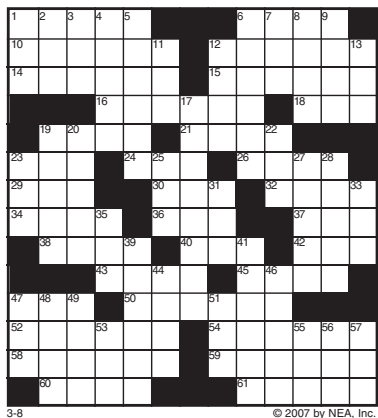
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- 6 Guru's practice
- 10 For some time
- 12 Porous gems
- 14 Keep digging
- 15 Border town of song
- 16 Swirls
- 18 Schmooze
- 19 City
- 21 Chess player's word
- 23 Jaunty cap
- 24 Graceful tree
- 26 Irish playwright
- 29 Moon, poetically
- 30 Admirer's sound
- 32 Sharp blow
- 34 Very mild
- 36 Summer quaff
- 37 Watchdog's warning
- 38 Sombre
- 40 Naval off.
- 42 Beth and Jo's sister
- 43 Shaggy beasts

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- 1 Possessed
- 2 Wonder
- 3 The lady
- 4 Actress — Laurie
- 5 Big hammer
- 6 Dough raisers
- 7 Boathouse gear
- 8 Cyclist — LeMond
- 9 "Hawkeye" Pierce
- 11 Wind up
- 12 Cop a —
- 13 Express grief
- 17 Brazen
- 19 Exposed to the world
- 20 Brown pigment
- 22 Codgers' queries
- 23 Mix of early westerns

- 25 Hawaii's Mauna —
- 27 Kelp
- 28 Heats up
- 31 Domestic fowl
- 33 Be nosy
- 35 Round Table knight
- 39 Cookie cooks
- 41 Dictation pros
- 44 Laird's attire
- 46 Opening remarks
- 47 Peculiar
- 48 Small bird
- 49 Simpson kid
- 51 Crest
- 53 Really relax, slangily
- 55 Call — day
- 56 Explorer's sketch
- 57 Chicago trains



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Astrograph



Your Birthday

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

You should be able to look for some favorable changes to take place in areas relating to your work or career. Although some may involve far more input on your part, they also carry with them far larger rewards.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Be prepared for more responsibilities than usual to be dumped into your lap at this time. Although some of the matters you'll be able to handle in stride, others may take a bit of doing.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) This is not a good time to go out on the limb concerning money issues - whether it be borrowing or loaning. Conditions are far too unstable to be able to withstand the load you'll be carrying.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Unexpected resistance to your ambitious plans could thwart your aims. Instead of concentrating more on your goal, you could lose your focus by switching it onto your adversary.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It is best not to volunteer advice on something about which you truly know little. If your suggestions are put into action and do more harm than good, you'll be held accountable.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Although it is admirable to be generous to others, do so only with your own possessions and not those that aren't solely yours to loan or give. The other person could have plans for it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) When it comes to dealing with authority figures, be on your best behavior or things could get a trifle abrasive. Even though you may get your licks in, you won't have the last word.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Unfortunately, you're not apt to do anything tough that you think can be put off until tomorrow. Whatever your rationalization may be, it will be a surefire formula for a log-jam later.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Under most circumstance you're a pretty levelheaded person in handling your affairs, but you could be more of a risk taker and gamble on things that you haven't assessed at all.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You're brave and all that, but the one thing you most definitely don't want to do is place yourself in the middle between two opposing factions. Both can turn on you with their wrath.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Braggadocio can be just a game to you, but if you attempt to top another guy's story and don't have the trophy on the wall to prove it, it could prove to be embarrassing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It might be far more difficult to manage your resources in a prudent fashion, because for a brief spell, there may be many drains on them coming from angles you don't expect.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Projects or pursuits that are of importance to you might not find favor with your co-workers. Should anybody become pushy, an uncomfortable situation could turn serious.

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Rubes

By Leigh Rubin



"Do you have anything that's not quite so fresh?"

The Family Circus

By Bill Keane



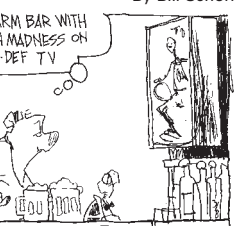
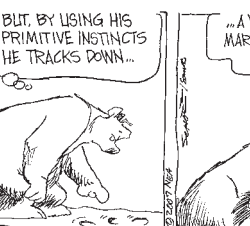
"This new outfit from Grandma makes me feel like a little guy."

Baby Blues



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Grizzwells



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Shoe



By Chris Cassatt and Gary Brookins

Frank and Ernest

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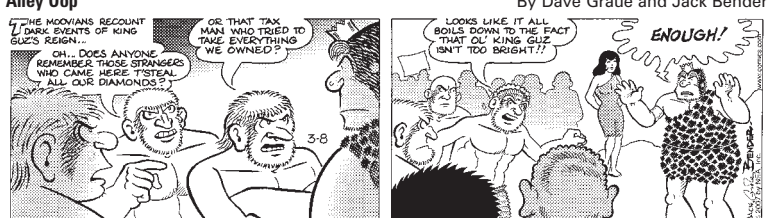
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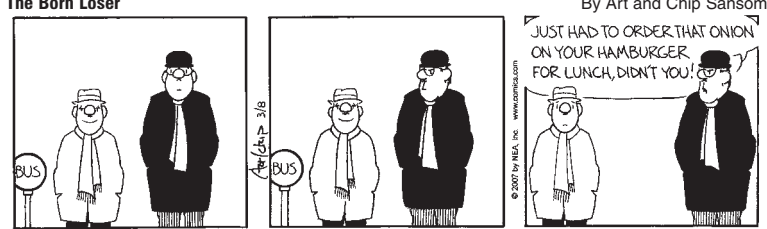
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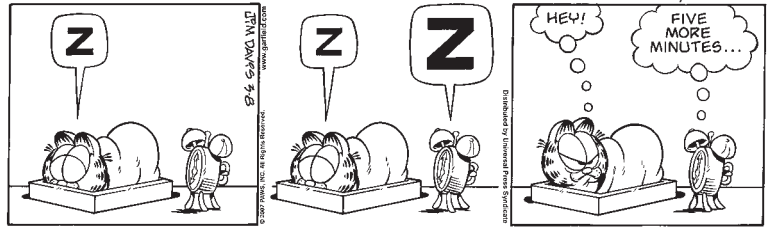
The Born Loser

By Art and Chip Sansom



Garfield

By Jim Davis



Zits

By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



Family's generosity is repaid when man pays it forward

DEAR ABBY: I was gratified to read the letter from "Grateful Woman in the Midwest" (Jan 13), who wondered how to honor the friends who had taken her in when she was in trouble, and given her support and shelter until she was able to move on.

Our family has also done this for young people in trouble, trying to help them turn their lives around. The greatest gift we ever received came from one young man I'll call Danny.



Dear Abby

Danny was only 20. When he came to us, just before Christmas one year, he had a 4-year-old son, was estranged from his birth family and was in desperate need. We made their Christmas bright, helped Danny find a job, cared for his son until a slot opened at Head Start, and ultimately helped find them an apartment. We even covered the utility deposits.

Never once did Danny default on his payments. He is now a model young man, owns his own business and home, and is an excellent parent. I ran into him at the supermarket the other day, and he said, "I want you to know, my son and I adopted a family last Christmas." He went on to describe how they had selected and wrapped gifts, made a holiday food basket, even baked cookies for the family. The light in his eyes as he related the story spoke volumes. It was the most wonderful gift Danny could have given us.

Please tell "Grateful" that turning around and helping others will make her angels sing with joy. — STILL SINGING, BATH, MAINE

DEAR STILL SINGING: Your uplifting letter made ME sing with joy, as I'm sure it will many of my readers. I'm pleased to report that there are many "guardian angels" on Earth because I heard from them. Read on for a sample:

DEAR ABBY: A thank-you note

promising to "pay it forward" would be priceless. We have been helping people for years (anonymously when we can), but when pressed for a reason, we always talk about those individuals who helped us, and explain that this is our way of expressing our gratitude. Nothing in this world is more joy-filled for us, the original "givers" or the recipients. It's also a gift that can keep on giving for a lifetime. — MICKI IN WEST PALM BEACH

DEAR ABBY: After my stepson died a number of years ago, one friend, "Tom," came and helped us tremendously. I thanked him at the time, but it wasn't until I was able to take on the same role for a different friend who had lost a loved one, and then wrote Tom about it, that his act of kindness was truly clear to him. He wept openly at having been able to make such a positive difference in our time of need. — GRATEFUL IN BIDDEFORD, MAINE

DEAR ABBY: Twenty years ago, people helped me in ways I could never repay. One of them said, "When it's your turn, then you can help someone." Now that I'm in my 40s, I help college students with references, networking and food. And I always tell them that in 20 years, I want them to help someone when they are able. More important than getting a "good feeling," I am continuing a cycle of grace and gratitude. I hope "Grateful" will consider this possibility. — SEAN IN HUMBLE, TEXAS

DEAR ABBY: A few years ago, I had the chance to help a friend in crisis. My husband and I invited the man to come and live with us. It was the best decision we ever made. He is a new man now, and watching him live his new life gives us great joy.

Trust me: It's enough for "Grateful" to go out and live her life well. That is all her friends would ever want from her. — HAPPY TO HAVE HELPED IN SANTA CRUZ, CALIF.

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Everyday Cheapskate — Look it up in the Tiptionary

BY MARY HUNT

For years, I've been collecting tips — quick, clever ways to do things better, faster and cheaper. I am constantly on the lookout for all those things that our mothers taught us and we promptly forgot. I organize tips by category into a Tiptionary. A Tiptionary makes for fun reading and always brings a spontaneous response of "Wow, what a great idea!" Here's a clip from the Kitchen and Home categories in another of my growing Tiptionary series.

HERB BOUQUET: For fresh herbs, clip the ends of your parsley and other herbs and place in a small bud vase filled with water. Leave on the counter as you would a bouquet of flowers.

COUPONS AT THE READY: If you have trouble remembering to give the cashier your coupons, write your grocery list on an inexpensive white envelope and slip the coupons inside. You'll already have them in hand when you hit the checkout line.

HANG-A-RECIPE: When following a recipe from a magazine that you are reluctant to cut, take a hanger and two clothespins and clip the open magazine to the hanger. Hang from your kitchen-cabinet doorknobs or handles. You can read the recipe as needed without dropping ingredients on the paper or wasting counter space.

KNIFE SAFETY: Loose knives in the silverware drawer can be a safety hazard. Take a paper-towel

roll, flatten and staple one end closed. Slip your knives into this homemade sheath. No more cut fingers!

SAVE THE SYRUP: After opening a can of fruit, save the juice syrup by freezing it in an ice-cube tray. Add to your iced tea for extra sweetness and flavoring.

FIX-IT BOOK: Organize all of your instruction manuals and warranties for electronics and appliances in a three-ring binder with clear sheet protectors. Whenever an appliance has a problem, you can easily find the information you need to fix it yourself or call customer service.

ROLL CLEAN: Instead of using a vacuum attachment to dust cloth lampshades, try using a lint roller to pick up the dust.

To defend well, signal accurately

The defensive signals in bridge are, in theory at least, not hard to grasp. Top priority goes to attitude. An unnecessarily high card tells partner that you have useful goodies in that suit. When attitude is known or clearly irrelevant, you signal count. You play your lowest card with an odd number, or start an echo (high-low) with an even number. If both attitude and count are known or irrelevant, you send a suit-preference signal. Your lowest card asks for the lower-ranking of the other two side suits, your highest card for the higher-ranking suit.

The really tough part comes when your hand suggests making one signal, but a perusal of the board makes it apparent that it is time to do the opposite.

Look at the North and East hands in the diagram. Your partner leads the heart 10 against South's contract of three spades. What card would you play at trick one? West bid three hearts in the modern style, showing four-card heart support but a relatively weak hand (nine losers). With a stronger hand, he would have cue-bid two spades.

Normally, you would drop the eight to encourage a heart continuation (or overtake with the jack). Here, though, you should see the advantage in partner's shifting to a diamond at trick two. Play the heart two, discouraging. Assuming partner trusts you, he will lead the diamond 10 next and your side can take six tricks: one spade, two hearts, two diamonds and one club. If instead West plays a second heart, the contract can (but might not) be made.

North	
♠ 5 2	
♥ Q 7	
♦ A Q 4 3	
♣ K Q J 6 5	
West	East
♠ K 9	♠ 10 8
♥ 10 9 5 4	♥ A K J 8 2
♦ 10 9 8	♦ K J 5
♣ A 9 7 2	♣ 10 4 3
South	
♠ A Q J 7 6 4 3	
♥ 6 3	
♦ 7 6 2	
♣ 8	

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	3 ♥	Pass	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 10

Phillip Alder is a columnist for Newspaper Enterprise Association.

Local

HC BAND, WIND ENSEMBLE PRESENT 'MARCH WINDS'

Hastings College's band and wind ensemble will present "March Winds" on Sunday.

The free concert will begin at 5 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 621 N. Lincoln Ave.

The ensembles are directed by Dan Schmidt, professor of music.

The band will play "Flourish for Wind Band," by Ralph Williams; "Overture Allemande," by Thomas Doss; "Illyrian Dances," by Guy Woolfenden; "Sun Dance," by Franck Ticheli; and "Barnum & Bailey's Favorite," by Karl King.

The wind ensemble will perform the Midwest premiere of Jack Stamp's "In This Hid Clearing" and Percy Grainger's "Walking Tune."

Rappers usher in new era for Hall of Fame

LARRY McSHANE
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ask Grandmaster Flash about hip-hop stars deserving of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and he's quick with a list of rap icons. "Afrika Bambaataa. Run-DMC. KRS-One," he says, barely pausing for a breath. "Big Daddy Kane. LL Cool J. Eric B and Rakim. Tribe Called Quest. The list goes on and on."

Flash left himself out, with good reason: The DJ and partners the Furious Five enter the Hall on March 12 as its initial rap inductees. The Bronx hip-hop pioneers are part of an otherwise traditional class: R.E.M., Van Halen and a pair of fellow New York City performers, Patti Smith and the Ronettes.

As the first citizens of hip-hop nation in the Rock Hall, the arrival of Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five signals a new age at the Cleveland attraction: Smith likely marks the end of the '70s punk inductees, and the time of hip-hop is upon us.

"This announces the beginning of the rap era for the Hall," said Bill Adler, a hip-hop historian — currently editing the "Eyejammie Encyclopedia of Hip-Hop" — and member of the Hall's nominating committee. "Flash and the Furious Five are going to open the floodgates."

Adler, a publicist for the hugely influential Def Jam Records in the mid-1980s, offered his own list of rappers destined for induction: "The Beastie Boys, very quickly. Run-DMC and LL Cool J will get in pretty quickly. Slick Rick."

Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five enter 25 years after their groundbreaking single, "The Message," about hard times in their native borough

during the Reagan Administration. It was the first popular rap song with a social theme — "It's like a jungle sometimes, it makes me wonder how I keep from going under," went the hypnotic chorus.

"One of the pivotal points in hip-hop history," said Furious Five rapper Melle Mel, who acknowledged his group initially wanted to pass on the song.

The group, which also featured Kid Creole, Cowboy, Mr. Ness and Raheim before an acrimonious 1983 split between Flash and Mel, had missed induction on two previous occasions. So when word arrived of the honor this year, Flash said he was initially skeptical.

"When it sank in that we were in, it was a good feeling for hip-hop," Flash said. "I think it's bigger than Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five. To get that kind of respect is good for hip-hop."

Melle Mel recalled lying in bed — "I usually sleep with the TV on" — when he heard the news that R.E.M. and Van Halen were in. Before he could roll over, the announcer added the name of Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five.

"The fact that we're in the Hall of Fame speaks volumes," said Melle Mel. "People try to separate hip-hop music like it stands alone, but it really doesn't. We're in with all the great groups in the history of music. It further legitimizes hip-hop."

Admitting a hip-hop group to the home of rockers from Chuck Berry through U2 is a bigger step for the Hall of Fame than it is for many rap aficionados, said Erik Parker, director of content at the hip-hop Web site SOHH.com.



JOHN HUTHMACHER/Tribune

Charlie Bickle (Brock Raum) and Jeremy Troy (Stephen Hoff) find that Kathryn Troy (Malissa Sittler) accidentally had too many tranquilizers and try to "sober" her up in a scene from "Here Lies Jeremy Troy." The comedy will be performed Friday through Sunday by the Thayer County Community Theatre.

Buried by lies

THAYER COMMUNITY THEATRE
PRODUCTION TRANSFORMS FIBS
INTO LAUGHTER

JOHN HUTHMACHER
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DESHLER — A lawyer who tells one lie too many ends up in seriously funny trouble in the Jack Sharkey three-act comedy, "Here Lies Jeremy Troy," which takes the stage here this weekend.

The play will be presented by the Thayer County Community Theatre Friday through Sunday at the Thayer County Activities Center.

The dinner-theater production includes a four-meat buffet from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for the Sunday matinee.

The play begins with Troy (Stephen Hoff) awaiting a visit from his boss, Sven Iverson (Darcy Heitmann), who is on his way over for dinner to discuss a possible partnership promotion.

When Troy's old would-be artist friend Charlie (Brock Raum) arrives unexpectedly with undergraduate model Tina Winslow

(Lucy Wegener), his wife, Kathryn (Malissa Sittler), is mistakenly led to believe that Tina has arrived for an affair with her husband.

When Kathryn leaves in a huff, Tina attempts to save the day by pretending to be Jeremy's wife during the dinner, which backfires when Kathryn suddenly returns.

This spring-season performance is directed by Michael Dudgeon, president of the Thayer County Community Theater board of directors, assisted by his wife, Bryanna.

The play, which features a two-level set, has been in production since January.

"A lot of time and effort goes into something like this," Michael Dudgeon said. "From building sets to memorizing lines and remembering where everybody's supposed to be. We have a lot of fun doing it."

"We just hope people come so that they can enjoy it with us," said Wegener, who is vice president of the board of directors. It's for all generations. If you enjoy laughing, I think it's going to be funny. It's not really a whodunit; you just don't know what's going to happen next."

Tickets are available for both the dinner-show and show alone.

For reservations, call (402) 768-2273 or (402) 365-7738.

Captain America dies on the page

CHARACTER'S DEATH
RATTLES CREATOR

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Captain America has undertaken his last mission — at least for now.

The venerable superhero is killed in the issue of his namesake comic that hit stands Wednesday, the New York Daily News reported. On the new edition's pages, a sniper shoots down the shield-wielding hero as he leaves a courthouse.

It ends a long run for the stars-and-stripes-wearing character, created in 1941. Over the years, some 210 million copies of

Captain America comic books, published by New York-based Marvel Entertainment Inc., have been sold in 75 countries.

But resurrections are not unknown in the world of comics, and Marvel Entertainment Editor-in-Chief Joe Quesada said a Captain America comeback wasn't impossible.

Still, the character's death came as a blow to co-creator Joe Simon. "We really need him now," said Simon, 93, who worked with artist Jack Kirby to devise Captain America as a foe for Adolf Hitler.

The superhero was spawned when a scrawny arts student

named Steve Rogers, ineligible for the army because of his poor health but eager to serve his country, agreed to a "Super Soldier Serum" injection. The substance made him a paragon of physical perfection, armed only with his shield, his strength, his smarts and a command of martial arts.

In the comic-book universe, death is not always final. But even if Captain America turns out to have met his end in print, he may not disappear entirely: Marvel is developing a Captain America movie.

Conceptis Sudoku

by Dave Green

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Sudoku

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WEDNESDAY'S ANSWERS

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5	8	9	6	3	7	4	2	1
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WHAT'S UP NEXT

NEXTEL CUP SERIES

- ◆ **Race:** UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400
- ◆ **Where:** Las Vegas Motor Speedway (1.5 miles), 267 laps/400.5 miles.
- ◆ **When:** Sunday
- ◆ **Last year's winner:** Jimmie Johnson
- ◆ **Qualifying record:** Kasey Kahne, Dodge, 174.904 mph, March 5, 2004.
- ◆ **Race record:** Mark Martin, Ford, 146.554 mph, March 1, 1998.
- ◆ **Last race:** For two years running, Cambridge, Wis.'s Matt Kenseth has come to California Speedway and felt as if it were home sweet home. It's not often that a flat tire smells like home cooking, either, but the one Kevin Harvick had in the waning laps of the Auto Club 500 sure came in handy. Maybe Kenseth would've have won

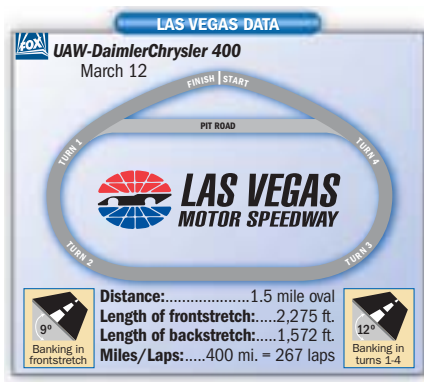
anyway, but he wasn't so sure. It became a moot point. Harvick, who won the Daytona 500 in a side-by-side finish, met disaster a week later when his Chevrolet had a flat tire at the worst possible time. The race had been stopped. Harvick's Chevy had been drawing ever closer to Kenseth's Ford when a grinding crash, one that knocked Toyota driver David Reutimann silly, occurred between turns three and four of the two-mile track. The crash occurred on lap 243. After the red flag, the green flag was set to wave again with Harvick now right on Kenseth's bumper and four laps remaining. Harvick never took the green flag. He rolled down pit road with a flat tire. As a result, Kenseth won it.

BUSCH SERIES

- ◆ **Race:** Sam's Town 300
- ◆ **Where:** Las Vegas Motor Speedway (1.5 miles), 200 laps/300 miles.
- ◆ **When:** Saturday
- ◆ **Last year's winner:** Kasey Kahne
- ◆ **Qualifying record:** Mike Bliss, Chevrolet, 171.238 mph, March 5, 2004.
- ◆ **Race record:** Jeff Burton, Ford, 135.118 mph, March 4, 2000.
- ◆ **Last week:** Juan Pablo Montoya, in a Dodge, won the third Busch Series race at Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez in Mexico City. The previous year's winner, Denny Hamlin, finished second.

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK

- ◆ **Race:** American Commercial Lines 200
- ◆ **Where:** Atlanta Motor Speedway, Hampton, Ga. (1.54 miles), 130 laps/200.2 miles.
- ◆ **When:** March 16
- ◆ **Last year's winner:** Todd Bodine
- ◆ **Qualifying record:** Rick Crawford, Ford, 182.735 mph, March 17, 2005.
- ◆ **Race record:** Ron Hornaday Jr., Chevrolet, 142.424 mph, March 18, 2005.
- ◆ **Last race:** Mike Skinner, in a Toyota, won the San Bernardino County 200 at California Speedway. It was his 20th career victory.



ON THE TUBE

NEXTel Cup

UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400, 3 p.m. Sunday



Busch Series

Sam's Town 300, 1:30 p.m. Saturday



Truck Series

American Commercial Lines 200, 7:30 p.m. March 16



WHO'S HOT?

- ◆ **Who's hot** — Denny Hamlin, who gave international road racer Juan Pablo Montoya a run for his money in Mexico City.
- ◆ **Who's not** — Scott Pruett and Boris Said, a couple of road racers who have often fared well in stock cars but have never actually won a NASCAR race.



Hamlin

POINT STANDINGS

NEXTEL CUP

1. Mark Martin 335
2. Jeff Burton 5
3. Jeff Gordon 26
4. Kevin Harvick 28
5. David Ragan* 65
6. Clint Bowyer 71
7. Joe Nemecek 76
8. J.J. Yeley 84
9. Kyle Busch 96
10. David Stremme 99

BUSCH SERIES

1. Carl Edwards 495
2. Denny Hamlin 40
3. Dave Blaney 62
4. Greg Biffle 98
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6. Marcos Ambrose* 150
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9. Jon Wood 173
10. Brent Sherman 185

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES

1. Jack Sprague 355
2. Mike Skinner 355
3. Johnny Benson 25
4. Ron Hornaday Jr. 34
5. Todd Bodine 49
6. Ted Musgrave 57
7. Travis Kvapil 65
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10. Erik Darnell 99

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J.J. YELEY

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JOHN CLARK/NASCAR This Week

J.J. Yeley hopes the hard lessons of 2006 — just three top-10 finishes, 29th in points — produce success this season.

Pretty fast learner

YELEY SEEMS TO HAVE FIGURED A LOT OUT

MONTE DUTTON
NASCAR This Week

When J.J. Yeley arrived on the Nextel Cup scene, he didn't exactly hit the ground running.

The 2006 season, Yeley's rookie year, was "probably the worst racing season I have ever had in my career," he said. "It was probably the toughest mentally. Things are definitely going to be a lot better for us this year. Personally, I've learned a lot from the mistakes I made. We've made a lot of changes on the team, and I think those things are going to add up to a lot of success for us this year."

So far, so good. Yeley ranks eighth in the points standings after the season's

first two races. That's significantly higher than his famous teammates, two-time champion Tony Stewart (21st) and last year's Raybestos Rookie of the Year, Denny Hamlin (18th).

It is, of course, early, and Yeley's progress won't be measured, at least not yet, by how he fares in relation to the rest of the Joe Gibbs Racing stable.

Though Yeley is from Phoenix, his background closely resembles Stewart's. Both won the United States Auto Club's so-called "triple crown," referring to championships in sprint cars, midgates and Silver Crown in a single season. In USAC, Yeley learned to race on both dirt and pavement.

"I think the biggest thing you learn from sprint-car or dirt racing is that you're taking a car that weighs 1,100 pounds that has 850 horsepower and you have to do your best to get all that

power to the ground and you don't do it with traction control, you do it from the seat — the feel in your butt — and the way you work the throttle pedal," said Yeley. "These cars don't always drive perfect, and I think it's about being able to adjust the way the car's handling, whether it's good or bad, and taking the best of it and making the car faster because of it."

"What it comes down to is that a stock car is a big, heavy race car. They don't exactly respond very well sometimes. They're just a stock car. The name fits the car sometimes. The past couple of years they've made these cars drive a lot better and feel a lot racier ... but it still doesn't matter how your car is the first 50 laps. It's those last 50 laps. The guy who knows the most about his race car and can work the best with his crew chief is the guy who's going to wind up in victory lane."

FEUD OF THE WEEK



Pruett

Montoya

SCOTT PRUETT VS. JUAN MONTOYA

As expected, Montoya won the Busch Series race in Mexico City, but the victory came at the expense of teammate Pruett, who was leading until Montoya's Dodge bumped his out of the way. The stunt occurred moments after the owner of both cars, Chip Ganassi, told a television audience that the only "team order" was for his two drivers not to wreck each other. Pruett was obviously angry: He bumped the winning car after the checkered flag fell and said Montoya's tactics were "bad driving."

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take: "During his Formula One days, Montoya was considered brilliant but reckless by many of his peers. There's a big difference between F1 and NASCAR. Montoya may have found a home."

LEGENDS AND LORE

WHERE HAVE ALL THE SOUTHERN CHAMPS GONE?

No Southern driver has won the championship of NASCAR's premier division, now Nextel Cup, since Dale Jarrett of Hickory, N.C., won the Winston Cup title in 1999.

All the champions since have come from Texas (Bobby Labonte), Indiana (Jeff Gordon and Tony Stewart twice), Wisconsin (Matt Kenseth), Nevada (Kurt Busch) and California (Jimmie Johnson). By comparison, two drivers from North Carolina, Richard Petty and Dale Earnhardt, have won seven championships each.

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Military commander says force not sufficient

LAUREN FRAYER
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Military force alone is not sufficient to end the violence in Iraq and political talks must eventually include some militant groups now opposing the U.S.-backed government, the new commander of U.S. forces in Iraq said today.

“This is critical,” Gen. David Petraeus said in his first news conference since taking over command last month. He noted that such political negotiations “will determine in the long run the success of this effort.”

American troops have stepped up efforts to clear and secure major highways around the capital as part of the Baghdad security crackdown, which began last month. The Pentagon has pledged 17,500 combat troops for the capital.

Petraeus said “it was very likely” that additional U.S. forces will be sent to areas outside the capital where militant groups are regrouping, including the Diyala province northeast of Baghdad.

The region has become an increasingly important staging ground for groups including al-Qaida in Iraq.

Meanwhile, many Sunni extremists apparently have shifted to Diyala to escape the Baghdad clampdown.

Petraeus declined to predict the size of the expected Diyala reinforcements.

He said that “any student of history recognizes there is no military solution to a problem like that in Iraq, to the insurgency in Iraq.”

“Military action is necessary to help improve security ... but it is not sufficient,” Petraeus said. “A political resolution of various differences ... of various senses that people do not have a stake in the successes of Iraq and so forth — that is crucial. That is what will determine, in the long run, the success of this effort.”

U.S. officials, including Petraeus’ predecessor Gen. George W. Casey Jr., have long expressed the opinion that no military solution to the Iraq crisis was possible without a political agreement among all the ethnic and religious factions — including some Sunni insurgents.

However, previous overtures to the insurgents all faltered, apparently because of political opposition within Baghdad or Washington to some of the conditions.

Last year, 11 Sunni insurgent groups working through mediators offered to immediately stop attacks on American-led forces in Iraq if the Shiite-led government and Washington set a two-year timetable for withdrawing all coalition forces from the country, according to insurgent and government officials.

The groups did not include several major groups, including the Islamic Army in Iraq, Muhammad’s Army and the Mujahedeen Shura Council, an umbrella for eight militant groups including al-Qaida in Iraq.

The Arabic newspaper Asharq al-Awsat reported last year that U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad met seven times with insurgent representatives in late 2005 and early 2006. But the extremists broke off the contacts in April 2006 after the U.S. side failed to respond to a series of demands.

The U.S. never confirmed details of the account but Khalilzad later said he believed his contacts with Sunni groups had contributed to a temporary decline in U.S. battle deaths, which fell in March 2006 to 31 — their lowest level in two years.



ALI ABBAS/AP

U.S. Army Gen. David Petraeus, the new commander of U.S. forces of Iraq, gestures as he speaks during a news conference in Baghdad, Iraq, today.

One of Iraq’s most expansive militias — the Mahdi Army of radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr — appears to

have set aside its weapons under intense government pressure to lend support to the Baghdad security plan.

Investigators probe jetliner fire that killed 21

IRWAN FIRDAUS
The Associated Press

YOGYAKARTA, Indonesia — Investigators probing the crash-landing of a Boeing 737-400 that burst into flames after careening off a runway, killing 21 people, said today the jetliner’s front wheels had snapped off as it touched down.

“We are trying to find out why the wheel broke,” said investigator Marjono Siswo Suwarno.

Forensic doctors struggled to identify the dead from Wednesday’s crash-landing and fire of the Garuda Airlines jet, with many burned beyond recognition.

Suwarno said that after the plane’s front wheels broke off, fuel tanks in the right wing were ruptured, enabling the fire to spread.

About 117 dazed and bloodied survivors staggered from the plane after it broke through a fence and came to rest in a rice paddy. Most escaped without major injuries, although several suffered burns and broken bones.

Those killed were trapped in the wreckage of the plane after it caught fire, sending billowing clouds of black smoke and orange flames high into the air. The plane had been carrying 140 passengers and crew, officials said.

The accident at Yogyakarta international airport on Java island was the third plane crash in as many months in Indonesia, raising urgent questions about the safety of the country’s booming airline sector.

At least four Australians were among the dead, Indonesian officials said. One other Australian was feared dead, but her body had not been formally identified yet. Two other people remained unaccounted for.

Australian and Indonesian crash investigators examined the blackened fuselage and other parts of the plane scattered over a brilliant green rice paddy at the end of the runway, taking photos and notes as they worked.

Both of the plane’s flight data recorders had been found and would be sent to Australia for analysis, investigators said.

“It is clear there are no indications of sabotage or intentional explosions in this crash as yet,” said Joseph Tumenggung, the head of the investigation team.

The U.S. National Transportation Safety Board said it was sending a team to help the Indonesian government investigate.

Alessandro Bertellotti, a journalist with Italian broadcaster RAI, said the plane was going at a “crazy speed” as it approached Yogyakarta airport after a 50-minute flight from the capital, Jakarta.



TATAN SYUFLANA/AP

Workers try to disassemble the tail of the wrecked Garuda Indonesia jetliner that caught fire upon landing Wednesday in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, today.

Japan to study WWII sex slavery

KOZO MIZOGUCHI
The Associated Press

TOKYO — Under intense pressure from Asia and the United States, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said today that ruling party lawmakers will conduct a fresh investigation into the Japanese military’s forced sexual slavery of women during World War II.

Abe triggered outrage in China, North and South Korea and the Philippines last week by saying there was no proof the women were coerced. He said Monday that Japan will not apologize again for the Japanese military’s “comfort stations.”

Abe also faces pressure from the United States, where the House of Representatives is considering a resolution urging Japan to formally apologize for its wartime brothels. Japanese leaders apologized in 1993 for the government’s role, but the apology was not approved by Parliament. Abe said today that he “basically stands by the 1993 apology.”

The government is ready to cooperate with the investigation, Abe said today, amid calls for a review from conservatives who question many of the claims by victims and others who say the government kidnapped the women and forced them into sex slavery.

“I was told the party will conduct an investigation or a study, so we will provide government documents and cooperate as necessary,” Abe told reporters.

The top government spokesman said earlier today that Japan’s position on the coercion of women into sex slavery during the war had been misinterpreted and misrepresented by the U.S. media, and that Tokyo would soon issue a rebuttal.

“My remarks have been twisted in a sense and reported overseas, which further invites misunderstanding,” Abe said.

Massachusetts city deals with aftermath of immigration raid

RAY HENRY
The Associated Press

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. — Immigrants brought prosperity to New Bedford. They manned its lucrative whaling fleet, ran its textile mills and provided the muscle for the fishing boats that leave here daily for the Atlantic.

But this New England city, which occasionally gives a knowing wink-and-nod at its illegal immigrant population, found itself in turmoil Wednesday, one day after federal agents raided a leather factory and detained more than 300 undocumented workers.

In the aftermath, dozens of young children were stranded at schools and with baby sitters. Anxious fathers learned how to feed infants with bottles. Friends and relatives crowded a church basement to scan a list for names of the missing.

“If you feel you don’t want us here, just deport us and let us go,” said Carlos Miranda, who begged to be reunited just hours before learning his girlfriend was released.

Gov. Deval Patrick said Wednesday that the children of the detainees — most of whom are from Guatemala and El Salvador — might not be receiving proper care. However, federal immigration officials insisted they coordinated with state social service agencies in advance to prepare for child care.

“We are particularly concerned about the Guatemalan community and the risk that they may be fearful about disclosing the existence or whereabouts of their children given their history with government agencies,” Patrick wrote in a letter asking U.S. Rep. William Delahunt to ensure federal authorities allow social workers access to the detainees.

Immigration officials said 327 of the 500 employees of Michael Bianco Inc., mostly women, were detained Tuesday for possible deportation as illegal aliens.

About 100 children were stuck with baby sitters, caretakers and others, said Corinn Williams, director of the Community Economic Development Center of Southeastern Massachusetts.



PETER PERIERA/AP

A child is held by her mother Wednesday at a news conference in New Bedford, Mass., the day after her father was among 327 of the 500 employees of Michael Bianco Inc. who were detained by immigration officials for possible deportation as illegal aliens.

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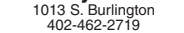
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ADAMS CENTRAL Public Schools is accepting applications for a nighttime custodian. Duty hours are from 3 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Applications are available at the high school office or will be mailed upon request. Please respond to Superintendent, P.O. Box 1088, Hastings, NE 68902. 402-463-3285

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TRACTORS AND COMBINES: 1990 AC 7045 145 hp 32" blade, always shedded; 1972 JD 4320 w/980 quickie loader w/8" bucket & grapple, approx. 100 hrs, on overhaul (offered both ways); 1977 White 2-135 new Cummins motor 1992 18.4x38 rears & duals; 1972 JD 4320; 1968 JD 4020 w/GB 900 loader; JD 350 crawler dozer w/8 ft. dozer; 1954 Ford Jubilee w/loader; JD A2500 Floater 39 engine w/load hrs; 1980 IHC 1440 diesel combine re-ringed 505 IHC pit mill; IHC 810 Flexhead; JD 7720 combine diesel always shedded. Bish bin extension; 1973 JD 6600 gas combine 2648 hrs; JD 444 cornhead; JD 18" platform; JD 654 A rowcrop heads 3636; M Farmall; JD 58 live hyd. & PTO new rear tires; 1977 Ford 500 diesel combine.

VEHICLES: 1991 Cadillac Deville-new water pump, heater core, tires, fuel pump, tuneup; 1991 Olds Cutlass; 1990 Ford F250 7.3L diesel pickup, auto, tilt, am/fm; 1979 GMC 700 dump truck 7-9 yard, 5 spd. Allison Auto, tandem twin screw w/ differential lock, 6000 miles on 454 engine, 11 ft. snow blade and sander; 1966 GMC tandem truck, 20 box & hoist, steel floor 5x2 spd, 478 engine; 1955 Chevy truck w/13.5 ft box and hoist; 1974 Chevy 765 tilt cab truck 16" all steel box and hoist, 366 5x2 spd., new rears, approx. 30,000 miles; 1971 IHC 1610 Cargostar tilt cab 18" steel box & hoist 345 5x2 spd.; 1979 Ford Econoline van 35" motor.

LAWN & 4 WHEELERS: Dixon ZTR 429 riding mower w/ bagger 42" cut; JD LX176 riding mower w/bagger; Snapper 12.5 hp Riding mower w/bagger; D-R weed trimmer on wheels 6.5 hp electric start; Snow Film Snowblower 20" elect. start, 2 stage; Big Bear 350-4 wheeler w/new tires; Kawasaki 220 4 wheeler; Troy Built rototiller.

TRAVEL TRAILER & TRAILERS: Coachman 18 ft. travel trailer self-contained sleeps 6; 2002 24' Titan stock trailer, 2 centergates w/sliders, rubber floor; 1999 7x22 Titan Classic Stock trailer; (2) Low Boy 24' trailers; 1998 W & W 16' stock trailer.

RECYCLED BRAND: W7 left shoulder and hip.
MACHINERY: 600 manure spreader; JD 3800 Silage cutter 2 row w/electric controls; Hardi-Sprayer 500 gal. w/50' booms; JD 8300 drill 10x16; Blue Jet sub tiller 2.5 shank, 21" bar; JD 20" rotary hoe; JD 6x16 plow; Krause 4900 24" disc; JD 6x30 hiller; JD 5-16 semimount plow box & hoist, steel floor 5x2 spd, 478 engine; 1955 Chevy truck w/13.5 ft box and hoist; 1974 Chevy 765 tilt cab truck 16" all steel box and hoist, 366 5x2 spd., new rears, approx. 30,000 miles; 1971 IHC 1610 Cargostar tilt cab 18" steel box & hoist 345 5x2 spd.; 1979 Ford Econoline van 35" motor.

HAULING: 60 big round 1 & 2 cutting new alfalfa.

AUGERS: Allied 35" 6" auger 3 horse electric motor; Hutchinson 48" 8" auger top; Kewanee 62" 8" auger; Kewanee 30" 8" auger w/electric motor mounts

MISCELLANEOUS: 7.5 hp 3 phase baldor electric motor (new); 1 hp Vanguard gas engine; transfer pump; 10" skid saw; air hose 25' (new); skill rechargeable drill; Craftsman rechargeable drill; 34" 12" I beam; 3 point Danuser posthole digger; Miller 700 LE ac/dc welder/3000 watt generator w/12 volt; electric start Onan engine; World cement mixer; 3 port 150 gal. sprayer without boom; C-Clipper cleaner w/ electric motor & screens; Allis Chalmers B125 power unit Forrester Metal grain cleaner; new 3 point cement mixer; 1-20' 1-24' bale beds; table saw; 3 pt. bale unroller; (20) 4"x16"x20" bridge stringers; lots of 4"x12" 16" to 20" bridge planks; 3 pt. bale mower; 3 sets IH rear steel wheels; 1 set of IH front steel wheels; 750 gal. liquid nurse tank; (2) rear axle wire winders HD; assorted pipe galvanized tin; JD Rims & 20.8 R38 tires; JD duals 10 bolt 20.8 R38; much more miscellaneous.

CATTLE & LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT: 50+ 10 & 12' corral panels; W & W squeeze chute; 250+ ft. continuous fencing; 2 calf sheds; Powder River adjustable alley way; Central City portable electronic scales; Hay feeders; 2 horse, 3 cattle; (11) cattle hay panels; bulk bin; mineral feeders; Bush mistomatic mister; grain wagons; 8 hay bale trailer; single big bale trailer; stock tanks; calf puller; hay feeder wagon; creep feeder; asst. gates; (2) 16" Behlen cattle panels; (2) 16" creep feeder on skids Hastings; 350 bushel gravity box on skids; 6 wooden feed bunks

IRRIGATION: Berkley self-priming pit pump; Ag Jet Chemigard (new); 5280" 8" 20' gates aluminum pipe; 2500" 8" 40' gates aluminum pipe; 600" 8" 20' gates aluminum pipe; 1200" 6" 20' gates aluminum pipe; 2640" 8" 20' gates aluminum pipe; numerous 6.8 9 8 10" fittings and shutoffs

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