



Council to discuss smoking ban

ONLY SUPPORT MAY BE FOR STATEWIDE PROPOSAL

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Since the city of Lincoln adopted a smoking ban in 2004, the topic has been discussed in communities across Nebraska. Now, a bill under consideration by the Nebraska Legislature would create a statewide smoking ban.

On Tuesday, the Hastings City Council will consider

adopting a resolution to support the proposed statewide ban called for in LB395.

The council meets 7 p.m. Tuesday at City Building, 220 N. Hastings Ave.

Council president Marilyn Will said Friday that she would strongly support a statewide ban.

"I'm for the smoking ban, and I think it will be better since it's a statewide thing," she said. "I'm 100-percent for it."

Will said she didn't expect a lot of controversy as Tuesday's meeting since the council would only be considering a resolution



Will

Nevrvy

to support a statewide ban.

LB395, introduced by state Sen. Joel Johnson of Kearney, would restrict smoking in any place of employment or public place in the state, including all bars and restaurants.

The City Council discussed the issue during its work session Nov. 20, 2006. At that time, the council decided to take no action and to wait and see how the Legislature handled the issue.

At that meeting and several other forums on the issue, Mike Nevrvy, owner of Hastings Keno Sports Bar & Grill, 1216 W. J St., has spoken out in support of a statewide ban.

As the spokesman for many of the bar and restaurant owners in Hastings, Nevrvy said in November that a local smoking ban could hurt businesses and

the local economy by forcing the smokers to find entertainment in surrounding communities.

He said a ban only in Hastings would push customers to other communities. And the case would be the same if there were a Tri-City ban, he said.

In fact, Nevrvy said, the best solution would be for a statewide ban that would allow for an even playing field for bars and restaurants across the state.

The resolution to be considered by the City Council on Monday states that smoking

and second-hand smoke are proven to be detrimental to the health of all those impacted.

"The cost of health care for individuals and the community can be reduced by breathing air free from pollution from smoking," the resolution said.

The bill was heard by the Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee Feb. 1. It was advanced to the General File for a first round vote on Feb. 8.

Johnson also indicated at that time that LB395 would be his priority bill for the session.

Soldiers visit, say thanks to Juniata students

CARE PACKAGES, LETTERS HELP BOOST MORALE

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JUNIATA — In December 2006 — just in time for Christmas — eight large boxes full of items ranging from hard candy to toothpaste were packaged and sent from Juniata Elementary School to troops stationed in Iraq.

Overwhelmed by the generosity of students and faculty they didn't know, the troops sent back a certificate of appreciation, which was presented in person by two National Guard sergeants Friday morning at Juniata Elementary.

During the short presentation, Sgts. Vally Jo Robinson-McDonald and Randy Peterson told the students how much the letters and supplies meant to the soldiers stationed overseas.

"When we get letters from students, it really helps our morale," Robinson-McDonald said. "We carry you with us."

Peterson told the students how he was in Iraq during Christmas 2005 when Juniata Elementary sent the first packages.

"Last year at this time, I was in Iraq, and we really appreciate the stuff," he said. "The letters really encouraged us."

The project of sending supplies and letters to troops began in 2005.

Each year, Juniata Elementary has a Veterans Day program in November. After the 2005 program, it was suggested to staff at the school to send letters and care packages to the soldiers in Iraq. The school was interested in the project.

Connie Consruck, a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, helped organize the activity by supplying lists of needs the soldiers had and also with packaging everything up. The school sent packages and letters again in December 2006.

Consruck said she read the letters before they were sent and many of the letters were touching.

She also was impressed with the variety of items the students brought.



"It was just neat what the kids thought of," Consruck said.

Consruck found out that the troops had sent the certificate of appreciation and invited Robinson-McDonald and Peterson to come speak to the students.

"They were more than willing to come out," Consruck said.

The third-grade class acted as official receivers of the certificate, and each went through to shake hands and hug Robinson-McDonald and Peterson.

After Robinson-McDonald and Peterson presented the certificate of appreciation to the students, they answered some of the students' questions, which impressed Consruck.

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Tribune

Top: Sgt. Randy Peterson greets Juniata Elementary School third-grader Nicholas Wahlmeier Friday at the school. Peterson came to the school to show appreciation for the care packages students sent to soldiers in Iraq. Left: Sgt. Vally Jo Robinson-McDonald talks to the students.

Minden woman recalls her shot at state song

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MINDEN — In 1966, Minden resident Lois Nelson wrote a song and sent it to the Nebraska Legislature to be considered for the state song as Nebraska celebrated 100 years of statehood.

Although her song wasn't selected, the 86-year-old Nelson still fondly remembers the process of changing a poem she had written into a song, called "Nebraska: Gateway to the West."

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BRENT MCCOWN/Tribune

Ginger ten Bensel sings "I Love Nebraska" while Sen. Carroll Burling listens Friday at the YWCA Adams County.

Burling: State song hot topic

SENATOR SAYS HIS PROPOSAL CERTAINLY HAS GENERATED PLENTY OF DISCUSSION

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When state Sen. Carroll Burling introduced a bill to change the state song, he didn't know the attention the bill would receive.

On Jan. 11, the Kenesaw resident introduced LB345 to change the state's song from "Beautiful Nebraska" to "I Love Nebraska."

"I had no idea there was so much inter-

est in the state song," Burling said Friday.

Burling spoke about the state song, a proposed statewide smoking ban and other legislative issues during a forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters Friday at YWCA Adams County, 604 N. St. Joseph Ave.

Hastings resident and KHAS-TV reporter Ginger ten Bensel performed her song, "I Love Nebraska" prior to Burling's talk.

Ten Bensel said she wrote the song while riding her horse in a Nebraska field. She grew up in western Nebraska and later moved to Nashville, Tenn., to pursue a singing career.

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Weather

Lo: 18
Hi: 32

Snow accumulation up to 1 inch possible today. Cloudy tonight.



Art by Kassi Hussman, 8, Sandy Creek Elementary

World

IRANIAN CONNECTION?

MUNICH, Germany — Serial numbers and other markings on bombs suggest that Iranians are linked to deadly explosives used by Iraqi militants, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Friday in some of the administration's first public assertions on evi-

dence the military has collected.

While the Bush administration and military officials have repeatedly said Iranians have been tied to terrorist bombings in Iraq, they have said little about evidence to bolster such claims, including any documents and other items collect-

ed in recent raids in Iraq.

Officials in Washington and Iraq have been working for weeks on a presentation intended to provide evidence for Bush administration claims of what they say are Iran's meddlesome and deadly activities. *The Associated Press*

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Obituaries

ALLAN C. WOOD

Lincoln resident Allan Cass Wood, 46, died Tuesday, February 6, 2007, in Lincoln.

Services are 3 p.m. Monday at Butherus, Maser and Love Funeral Home in Lincoln. There will be no viewing or visitation. He was cremated. Condolences may be sent to www.bmlfh.com.



Wood

ing. Allan enjoyed fishing, cooking, was a historian on classic rock 'n roll, was everyone's friend and lived life to the fullest.

He is survived by fiancée, Cindy Cramer of Lincoln; dad, William Wood, Sr. of Fairbury; sons, Christopher Wood, Ricky Kuehn; brother and sister-in-law, William Wood, Jr. and Lesa of Mahaska, Kan.; sisters and brother-in-laws, Linda and Rob Morris of Kearney, Sharon and Bob Breckner of Hastings; nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy J. Wood; and grandparents, Dr. C. Cass and Dazel Camp.

HELEN WEIZEL

Harvard resident Helen Weitzel, 99, of Harvard Rest Haven, died Friday, February 9, 2007, at the rest home.

Services are pending at Livingston-Butler-Volland Funeral Home and Cremation Center.

Judge rules James Brown's partner can get her things from home where they lived

KATRINA A. GOGGINS
The Associated Press

AIKEN, S.C. — The woman who claims to be James Brown's fourth wife planned to return to the home she shared with the singer, after a judge ruled Friday that she could retrieve her belongings.

Tomi Rae Hynie says she has been locked out of the Beech Island home since Brown died Christmas Day at age 73. She was to go into the home Friday afternoon with the estate's trustees.

"I'm happy to be getting my things and my son's things," Hynie said after the hearing.

Judge Doyet Early said Hynie also could take pictures and videotape of the inside of the house if she wanted. If there is any dispute between Hynie and trustees about whether something belongs to her, that item will be set aside until its ownership can be clarified later, Early said.

Hynie, who wore a wedding band to Friday's hearing, says she and Brown were married, which is disputed by Brown's attorneys. The judge offered to hear arguments on that issue Friday, but Hynie's attorney said he would present that case another day.

Hynie and the singer's six adult children were in court in an attempt to remove three trustees who are handling the late singer's estate. They claim the estate has been mismanaged. Although their relationship has been strained in recent weeks, the children and Hynie appeared united in efforts to have the trustees removed.

Attorneys for the trustees said they plan a countersuit. An attorney handling Brown's will, Strom Thurmond Jr., asked the Aiken County judge for a restraining order against the children, saying they have interfered with the administration of the estate.

The judge said he would decide next week on the children's request either to remove the trustees or appoint a special administrator for the estate.

"We think we need a special administrator," said Hynie's attorney Robert Rosen. "There is so much at stake in this case."

The singer's embalmed body remains at an undisclosed location, in the same sealed, gold casket seen at his funeral, awaiting a decision on where to bury it, officials at the funeral home that handled Brown's funeral confirmed Friday.

Baldwin was working when warrant was ordered

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Daniel Baldwin was in Detroit working on a locally produced horror film when a warrant was ordered for him in California on charges he skipped a court hearing in a stolen car case.

The warrant was ordered Tuesday by a Superior Court judge in Newport Beach, Calif., the court said Thursday.

Baldwin, the brother of actors Alec, Stephen and William Baldwin, was in the Detroit area this week for the filming of "Little Red Devil," which is being produced by Milford-based Skeleton Factory. He is playing Luc, the demonic title character.

He was charged in December with two felony counts of unlawfully taking a car and receiving stolen property. He could face up to three years in prison if convicted.

The district attorney's office in Newport Beach said Baldwin missed his arraignment, so an arrest warrant was to be issued,

though the office couldn't say exactly when that would happen.

In a voicemail left with the Detroit Free Press, Baldwin said the accusation that he stole a car "is erroneous and a mistake. ... It isn't true. ... I'm sober today, and I'm working real hard on my career and becoming a productive member of society."

The actor's manager, Daniel Spilo, said earlier this week: "You guys need to get your facts straight and call us back," but declined further comment about why Baldwin failed to show up for the hearing.

Baldwin has been free on bail since being arrested in Santa Monica, Calif., in November while driving a white 2003 GMC Yukon reported stolen in Orange County. At the time, the sheriff's department said the vehicle belonged to a friend but Baldwin didn't have permission to take it.

Baldwin, 46, appeared in the TV series "Homicide: Life on the Street" and the movie "Car 54, Where Are You?"

Star of 'The Mod Squad' dies

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Tige Andrews, the Emmy-nominated character actor who portrayed a police captain in charge of a trio of hip, young crime fighters in "The Mod Squad," has died. He was 86.

Andrews died Jan. 27 of cardiac arrest at his home in the San Fernando Valley, his family said.

The actor often played detectives during his television career, which spanned five

decades and included appearances on more than 60 shows. His daughter said he was proud of his stint as Capt. Adam Greer on "The Mod Squad," which aired during the late 1960s and early 1970s. The popular TV drama starred three young actors — Clarence Williams III, Michael Cole and Peggy Lipton.

The actor's wife of 46 years, Norma Thornton, died in 1996.

CROWE'S RUGBY SPORTS

TEAM CUTS CHEERLEADERS

SYDNEY, Australia — Russell Crowe says his rugby league club's cheerleading squad is being cut because skimpily clad cheerleaders detract from the game and make spectators uncomfortable.

The Oscar-winning actor, who is part-owner in the South Sydney Rabbitohs club, said the club had become concerned that the cheerleaders — whose uniform includes fishnet stockings and tasseled miniskirts in the white, green and red team colors — were inappropriate entertainment.

"It makes women uncomfortable and it makes blokes who take their son to the football also uncomfortable," Crowe was quoted as saying in News Ltd. newspapers Friday.

"We examined game day and wanted to contemporize and make the focus (on) football," he said.

A team of percussionists will replace the cheerleaders, the club announced this week. The club's Web site invited drummers to audition.

Crowe, a longtime Rabbitohs supporter, helped save the club from obscurity a few years ago before buying a major stake in 2006.

'THE PRETTIEST UGLY GIRL'

MEXICO CITY — Being ugly may be in fashion for TV viewers around the world, but not for those who experience its repercussions in real life, says Angelica Vale, star of the popular Mexican soap opera "The Prettiest Ugly Girl."

"At one point they fired me from my job as the host of a television program because it's true, I was pretty fat," Vale told The Associated Press in an interview about her character's recent transformation from ugly duckling to swan.

But Vale's perceived physical disadvantages became a blessing when she landed the part of Leticia Padilla Solis, a nerdy office worker with thick black glasses, greasy hair, pimples and braces.

"The Prettiest Ugly Girl" is one of the most popular telenovelas in the history of Mexico's dominant Televisa network. It is broadcast in numerous countries, including the United States.

In the last few episodes of the show, which ends Feb. 23, Padilla rapidly transforms into Aurora, a stunning and mysterious woman whose loud makeup, red hair and long dresses with gloves recall images of Mexico's movie-star divas of the 1940s and 1950s.

HOPING NOT TO GET AN AWARD

ROME — Ennio Morricone hoped he would never get an Oscar.

The 78-year-old Italian composer, who will receive an honorary Academy Award later this month, said Thursday that getting five nominations and no awards would have been "something peculiar, something not to be forgotten — almost better than an accidental Oscar."

"After five nominations I expected

NewsMakers

Warm-up to the Grammys



KEVORK DJANSEZIAN/AP

Country LeAnn Rimes and her husband, Dean Sheremet, arrive to the Grammy Foundation's ninth annual Music Preservation Project "The Soul Country" event celebrating the history of country music at Wilshire Ebell Theater in Los Angeles Thursday.

nothing, in fact I hoped I'd remain without an Oscar," he told reporters at the Foreign Press Association.

"I would have remained in the company of illustrious non-winners," Morricone said, singling out Stanley Kubrick and other greats who never won the coveted statuette.

"I see the Oscar as a little bit of a fluke — even if those who win deserve it," he said.

"That doesn't mean that I'm not happy about it," he added. "I have received so many beautiful, incredible prizes, but there was a little hole. ... Maybe the Oscar fills the hole."

He had original score nominations for "Days of Heaven," "The Mission," "The Untouchables," "Bugsy" and "Malena."

Morricone will receive the honorary Oscar during the Feb. 25 awards ceremony at the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood, Calif.

BIRTHDAYS

Opera singer Leontyne Price is 80. Actor Robert Wagner is 77. Singer Roberta Flack is 68. Singer Jimmy Merchant (Frankie Lyman and the Teenagers) is 67. Olympic gold-medal swimmer Mark Spitz is 57. ABC's "This Week" host George Stephanopoulos is 46. Actress Laura Dern is 40. Country singer Duke Mowrey is 35. Actress Elizabeth Banks is 33. Pop singer Rosanna Tavarez (Eden's Crush) is 30. Actress Emma Roberts is 16.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Morality is moral only when it is voluntary."

— Lincoln Steffens, American journalist (1866-1936)

The Associated Press

Tribland

It was reported Thursday that a 20-year-old Ayr man, a 20-year-old Alma woman, a 19-year-old man and 18-year-old woman, both of Hastings, were cited with minor in possession of alcohol in the 700 block of North Pine Avenue.

It's not too late! You still have time to purchase your tickets for Hastings Museum's Sweetheart Night! Call today, 1-800-508-4629, option zero. -Adv

VFW bingo, Sunday, 2:00 p.m.; Valentine's party. -Adv.

Allison Moul now at Hair Design Team and Nails. 462-4499 -Adv.

Basic Machine Quilting begins Tuesday, February 20. Call Susan at Central Community College, 402-461-2431 or 1-877-222-0780, extension 2431. -Adv.

Best Breakfast and Lunch! Now Best Dinner! Valentine's night, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.! The Goldenrod Cafe, 461-4999. -Adv.

Carol Curry-Fisher is now located at the Gary Thompson Agency at Landmark Center, Suite 420, Hastings. Call 463-0596 or 469-9032. -Adv.

Do winter conditions have your vehicle steering off course? Call Kelly's Alignment and Brakes, 462-9899. -Adv.

Downtown Divas Valentine's lunch or dessert. Reservations call 462-5151. Bring a friend! -Adv.

Elks Wednesday burger and baked steak night 6:30 to 8:00. Public welcome. -Adv.

Prime rib \$10.95 Saturdays at Taylors; dine-in. 462-8000. -Adv.

Pamela S. Edwards, of 211 E. 12th St., reported Thursday that her door was damaged at her residence.

Seniors, Hastings Museum will host Senior Tea and Tour February 12, sponsored by The Kensington. Enjoy refreshments at 9:00 a.m., "Forces of Nature" 10:00 a.m., planetarium show, museum all for one low price. RSVP by Friday, 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.

It was reported Thursday that a 21-year-old Hastings man was cited for shoplifting at Russ's Market, 611 N. Burlington Ave. The value of items taken was \$10.29.

Have you, or anyone you know, been injured on Pioneer Spirit Trail, Hastings Lake area? Email bmaul@inebraska.com or write Diane, 1340 Kingsdale Road, Hastings 68901. This section of path is dangerous. -Adv.

Karaoke at Wanda's, Saturday, the 10th, 9:00 p.m.; music by Mike's Music. -Adv.

Korky Lightner Auction, 213 South Woodland...new items, Monday, February 12, 5:30. -Adv.

The Hastings Tribune delivery deadlines are 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. Saturday morning. If you have delivery problems please call 402-461-1221 or 1-800-742-6397. -Adv.

A parked vehicle owned by Dolores A. Runcie, of 3025 N. Wendell Drive, was reportedly struck Thursday by a hit-and-run driver on 10th Street near Oswego Avenue.

YMCA swim lesson session to begin week of February 19; registration now available online www.hastingsymca.net or on site. 463-3139 for more details. -Adv.

Landmark Back-Rib Lounge; make your Valentine reservations now...prime rib and shrimp \$11.95. 402-463-0546. -Adv.

Treat your sweetie to Hugs and Kisses at Lied Super Screen Theatre, February 10 thru 14. See any large-format film for just \$10/couple. Receive candy from Hometown Variety; register to win prizes from Quiznos, Eileen's Cookies, Garden Cafe, Bob Sass Flowers. Call 461-4629, option zero, for details. -Adv.

Rave Revue final days winter clearance; 50-percent off plus take an additional 25-percent off. 718 East Side Boulevard. -Adv.

St. Michael's breakfast 8:00 to 11:00, February 11. Proceeds to Close Up. Public welcome. -Adv.

Valentine's dinner and dance, Saturday, February 10, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., \$10.50; Longhorn Band, 9:00 to 1:00; \$3.00 cover or \$26 per couple for dinner and dance. Everyone welcome. DAV Club, 302 South Elm. Also carry-out. -Adv.

Have openings for residential cleaning clients, 460-0391. -Adv.

Keye Jacobs, of 3239 N. Wendell Drive, reported Friday a compact disc player was taken from a vehicle at his residence.

VFW stag Tuesday, February 13, 6:30 to 8:00. Tickets \$9.00 at usual places...\$10 at door. -Adv.

Youngsters bring your favorite adult to "Teddy Bear Tea" for Preschool Playday at the Hastings Museum, February 13 at 10:00 a.m. and February 17 at 1:00 p.m. 1-800-508-4629, option zero for reservations. -Adv.

Imperial Jewelers in Downtown Hastings Valentine's Day Sale offering savings from 15- to 50-percent off everything. -Adv.

Area funerals

Today

◆ Dallas Bruns, 91, of Hastings, 10 a.m. at Good Samaritan Village All Saints Chapel in Hastings.

◆ Rudolph Fangmeier, 85, of Hebron, 10:30 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Hebron.

◆ Charlotte Peterson, 92, of Aurora, 11 a.m. at Simonson-Williams Funeral Home chapel in Red Cloud.

Sunday, Feb. 11

◆ Lois Bruening, 96, of Superior, 2 p.m. at Williams Funeral Home chapel in Superior.

Monday, Feb. 12

◆ Veronica Pochop, 89, of Hastings, 10 a.m. at Brand-Wilson Funeral Home chapel in Hastings.

◆ Lois Geitz, 83, of Hastings, 2 p.m. at Brand-Wilson Funeral Home chapel in Hastings.

◆ Harold Rust, 76, of Grand Island, 1:30 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church in Hastings.

◆ Eleanor Schiermeyer, 67, of Lake Crystal, Minn., 2 p.m. at Salem Lutheran Church in rural Superior.

Tribland five-day forecast

Art by Kassidi Hussman, 8, Sandy Creek Elementary



SNOWY TODAY
High: 25 Low: 18
Wind: Southeast 10
Chance of snow 70 percent.



SNOWY SUNDAY
High: 32 Low: 16
Wind: South 10-15
A 20 percent chance of snow and light sleet.



SNOWY MONDAY
High: 22 Low: 10
Cloudy with a 30 percent chance of snow.



CLOUDY TUESDAY
High: 19 Low: 8
Partly cloudy Tuesday night.



PARTLY CLOUDY WEDNESDAY
High: 23 Low: 8
Partly cloudy at night.

British firm buying Greyhound owner Laidlaw for \$2.8 billion

DAVE CARPENTER
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Greyhound looks to be on the go again — to an uncertain destination.

British bus and train operator FirstGroup PLC announced a \$2.8 billion deal Friday to acquire Greyhound owner Laidlaw International Inc., whose business is focused more on its fleet of 40,000 school buses.

If it goes through, the transaction would pair the two largest school bus operators in the United States and Canada and give the combined company 40 percent of the school bus market.

It also may leave Greyhound Lines Inc. in need of yet another new driver.

FirstGroup CEO Moir Lockhead said the deal "will considerably enhance the group's existing activities in North America," namely a 13 percent stake in the North American school bus market. He and other executives were mum about plans for Greyhound, stoking speculation that the historic bus line will be sold.

Analysts suggested that not only are inter-city buses not FirstGroup's core area of expertise, owning Greyhound would risk a negative reaction to an iconic American operation being run by foreigners. One suggested Greyhound would be a better fit with Stagecoach's Megabus USA operations.

Change and uncertainty have been common in recent years for Greyhound, which Naperville, Ill.-based Laidlaw claims to have rejuvenated since emerging from a two-year bankruptcy reorganization and moving its headquarters from Ontario, Canada, in 2003.

Unprofitable routes were eliminated, travel times reduced, terminals overhauled and buses refurbished during a makeover from mid-2004 until early 2006 as the "silver dog" scrambled to compete better with discount air fares and other factors that had eaten away at its share of the travel market.

"A few years ago, the question at Greyhound was 'Will we survive?'" Kevin Benson, president and chief executive of Laidlaw International, at the com-

pany's annual meeting Friday in Lisle, Ill. "This past year, it's been 'What's next?'"

Now, he contended, "Greyhound is on the move."

Still, the changes haven't all been received favorably — or stopped the annual decline in ridership that now is around 20 million after reaching 25.4 million in 2004.

Laidlaw last month reported a lower quarterly profit, citing fewer Greyhound passengers because of fare increases. A streamlined Greyhound accounted for less than 33 percent of the company's revenue in the first quarter of fiscal 2007, down from 40 percent for all of 2006.

The line still serves 1,700 U.S. destinations, but 1,000 were eliminated during the restructuring, mainly in smaller, rural areas.

"It's not even a fifth the size it was in the early '80s," said Bruce Hamilton, a union leader and driver who has been with Greyhound since 1971. "There's been this downward pressure on our jobs ever since."

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RESERVATION SHOOTING

UKIAH, Calif. — A 14-year-old boy accused of gunning down a man believed to be his sister's boyfriend on a small American Indian reservation shook his head and cried Friday as a judge explained the murder charge.

A judge set bail at \$550,000 for Marcos C. Escareno, who is being charged as an adult and did not enter a plea. The judge postponed arraignment until Feb. 21 after Escareno's family asked for more time to hire a lawyer.

Authorities say Escareno used a rifle to shoot the man in the head and back as the man sat in a van Tuesday on the Manchester-Point Arena Rancheria, Mendocino County Sheriff's Lt. Kurt Smallcomb said. The victim was not immediately named because he had not been positively identified by family members, but authorities said they think he dated Escareno's 22-year-old sister.

Escareno, who arrived in county court wearing an orange jail shirt with his hands shackled at his waist, is a member of the Manchester Band of Pomo Indians.

The Associated Press

Medical examiner: More tests needed in Smith case

CURT ANDERSON
The Associated Press

DANIA BEACH, Fla. — Prescription drugs were found in Anna Nicole Smith's hotel room, but there were no pills in her stomach, and investigators said Friday they are awaiting tests that could tell whether the former centerfold died of an overdose, as some close to her suspect.

Dr. Joshua Perper, the Broward County medical examiner who did the autopsy, said no illegal drugs were discovered in Smith's room at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Hollywood after the 39-year-old pinup collapsed there on Thursday. He would not identify the prescription drugs.

But CNN quoted an unidentified law enforcement source as saying there were large amounts of prescription drugs, including Valium and antibiotics, as well as over-the-counter cold and flu medication.

Perper said there were no pills in Smith's stomach and no other immediate signs of an overdose, but officials "do not exclude any kind of contribution of medication to the death." He reported signs of inflammation in Smith's heart — "Something which looks a little bit unusual" — but added,



This file photo shows Anna Nicole Smith, holding her daughter, Daniellynn Hope, and Howard K. Stern during an interview with "Entertainment Tonight" at the couple's home in the Bahamas on Oct. 28, 2006.

"It may be nothing."

He said it would take three to five weeks to conclude the investigation. Authorities also planned to interview a nurse and others and examine medical records before settling on a cause of death.

Seminole Police Chief Charlie Tiger said there was no indication the voluptuous blonde was

the victim of a crime, and Perper said the autopsy was able to exclude any kind of physical injury such as blows to the body or asphyxiation.

"There are a number of possibilities" as to the cause of death, Perper said, including natural

causes, a drug reaction or some combination of the two.

Perper said she had been sick for several days with some kind of stomach flu.

Meanwhile in Los Angeles, a judge overseeing a paternity dispute over Smith's baby daughter ordered that the model's body be preserved for at least 10 days for a possible DNA test. That could interfere with plans for a funeral.

And in yet another strange twist in the case, a third man — the husband of actress Zsa Zsa Gabor, Prince Frederick von Anhalt — stepped forward Friday to claim he may be the baby's father.

Smith, a small-town Texas girl who went from topless dancer to Playboy Playmate of the Year, Guess jeans model and bride of an 89-year-old oilman, was found unconscious in her hotel room by a private nurse, officials said. A bodyguard performed CPR, Tiger said, but Smith was declared dead at a hospital.

In recent TV appearances, Smith's speech was often slurred and critics said she seemed drugged-out.

Michael Scott, a former attor-

ney for Smith in the Bahamas, said he suspects drugs "featured in her death." And Smith's mother said Friday she believes her daughter died of an overdose. Smith's 20-year-old son, Daniel, died in September of what was believed to be an accidental drug overdose, around the time Smith gave birth to her daughter, Daniellynn.

"I think she had too many drugs, just like Danny," her mother, Vergie Arthur, told ABC's "Good Morning America." "I tried to warn her about drugs and the people that she hung around with. She didn't listen."

"She was too drugged up," Arthur said. "By the last interview I saw of her, she was so wasted."

Smith's attorney, Ron Rale, dismissed claims her death was related to drugs as "a bunch of nonsense." Rale said he had talked to her on Tuesday or Wednesday, and she had flu symptoms and a fever and was still grieving over her son.

In Los Angeles, a judge ordered that Smith's body be preserved until a Feb. 20 hearing in the paternity case.

Non-Invasive, Non-Surgical Technology Designed To Treat Herniated Discs And Severe Back & Leg Pain

Grand Island— Have you considered or tried pills, therapy, injections, massage, stretching or surgery for your severe back, buttock or leg pain and failed? It can certainly make you wonder if your severe back pain will ever go away? If you'll ever be able to have a "normal" life again? The frustration of chronic daily pain combined with a long line of failed treatment can be enough to drive even the most well grounded folk over the edge...

- They told you to take more and more pills
- They told you to stop bending.
- They told you to stretch
- They told you to go to therapy
- They told you to do exercises
- They told you to stop doing the things you love most
- They told you to try injections
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Democrats' oversight begins

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Congressional Democrats promised during the election that once in control of Congress they would launch a long overdue series of oversight hearings on the performance of the Bush administration. This week they began to make good on that promise.

The House Oversight and Government Reform Committee began looking into the incompetence of the Coalition Provisional Authority that squandered billions while failing to bring order to post-war Iraq.

The committee summoned the head of the now disbanded CPA, L. Paul Bremer, but won only an admission of the official who presided over the disbanding of the Iraqi army, police and, effectively, the government and the looting of Baghdad that in hindsight he might have done some things differently.

Washington Post reporter Dana Milbank suggested that the Democratic members' inability to go for the jugular was lack of practice during their 12 years in the minority. And the chairman did make a rookie mistake by letting each member of the committee read an opening statement, consuming over two hours of valuable Q-and-A time.

The Senate Judiciary Committee had better luck investigating what seems to be the politically motivated firing of seven U.S. attorneys in the South and West. The Justice Department denied that politics was involved but it sure looked that way.

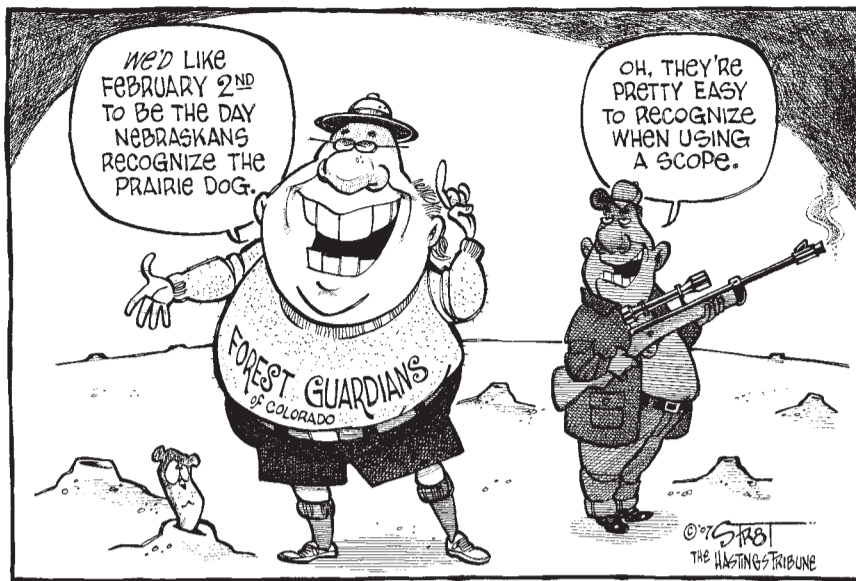
The top federal prosecutor in Little Rock was removed to be replaced by a former aide to presidential intimate Karl Rove and Republican National Committee staffer. Another who was removed was the respected U.S. attorney in San Diego who won the bribery conviction of former Republican Rep. Duke Cunningham and who has an ongoing investigation into GOP-linked government contractors.

The Justice Department took advantage of an obscure provision slipped into the USA Patriot Act that allows the president to appoint U.S. attorneys on an indefinite interim basis, thus avoiding Senate confirmation. A plan to strike that provision seems to be picking up bipartisan support.

At a House appropriations subcommittee hearing into the Department of Homeland Security, the lawmakers heard from top government investigators Comptroller General David Walker and the department's own inspector general, Richard Skinner, who the department impedes through inaction investigations into fraud and waste.

The department's policy is "delay, delay, delay," said Walker. Getting documents can take weeks and the department stalls on producing officials for interviews. A departmental letter Skinner wrote last summer explaining the IG's functions and urging workers to cooperate still hasn't been distributed.

True, there may be an element of bipartisanship in the oversight, but in their unwillingness to confront or even faintly criticize the Bush administration the Republicans let an important function of Congress lapse.



Yesterday

2006 — The youth group at the First Presbyterian Church bought more than \$400 in groceries to be given to families in need. The youth had raised about \$600, of which \$200 went to provide food for families in other countries.

1997 — The Hastings City Council approved Hastings College's request for rezoning adjacent areas, clearing the way for the college's 10-year master development plan.

1987 — The possibility of a Minnesota developer renovating Hastings' historic Clarke Hotel into elderly housing were "looking very good," a downtown planner said.

1977 — Thermostats in the Imperial Mall were being kept at 65 degrees during the day, as shoppers wore coats and store employees dressed in layers.

Too bad more Grandma stories aren't news

Gina Dell thought her grandmother was worth a human interest story. In an e-mail to tribune@hastingstribune.com last week, Gina wrote that her grandmother lived in Hastings nearly her whole life and touched many lives.

Her grandmother, Frieda Newman, died Jan. 31 at age 93. At the time, she was living in a nursing home near a daughter in Colorado.

"She wasn't on the city council or any board of directors," Gina wrote from her home in Kalispell, Mont. "She was simply a strong mother, good friend, hard worker and dedicated Christian."

I wondered why we should write about Gina's grandmother since it sounded to me like the same could be said about a lot of grandmothers. Why should we write about her grandma? Because, if we did, we would get tons of calls to write about more of them.

I made a phone call anyway. Maybe there was something she could tell me about her grandmother that I would find interesting.

As she spoke, I had a hard time taking good notes because my mind would wander to similar stories about my grandmother. As I listened, I found that they had several things in common.

That's why I couldn't resist writing about Gina's grandmother today. I could tell almost matching stories; therefore, the stories about her grandmother appealed to me.

Early in the conversation, Gina talked about her grandmother having two children but her husband, Wally, died in 1950 of jaundice when Gina's father was 5. Her grandmother never remarried. Three years after her husband's death, another man had proposed to her. Since her father didn't approve of the man, they did-



Darran Fowler

n't get married. Her grandmother never pursued marriage after that.

That story parallels somewhat with my grandmother, Vera Fowler, who is 86 years old and lives at Good Samaritan Village. She also had two children. Her first husband died when he and two other men were electrocuted in 1939 while working on an outdoor

water pump at a school near Deweese. A pipe came in contact with a power line. Her husband was 22 years old at the time. She was 19. They had a 9-month-old son.

My grandmother remarried two years later. She married Merle Fowler, a brother of one of the other two men killed by the power line. My father became her second child.

Meanwhile, after her husband's death, Gina's grandmother moved from California to Hastings where her parents and four siblings lived. Her father had built two homes in Hastings. Her parents lived in one of them and her brother and his wife lived in the other, which was across the street. Her grandmother moved into her brother's basement at 322 S. Bellevue Ave. Later, when he moved into another house, she lived alone in the same home until she moved to Colorado in 2000. It was her home for 50 years.

While I can't imagine moving in with one of my sisters or them even allowing me in, that didn't seem so unusual back then, as my grandmother has often told how she shared a home with siblings.

Her father died when she was 4. At age 12, her mother died. At the time, there were two older brothers, two older sisters and two

younger brothers still living at home. They took care of each other.

Later, after her first husband died, her youngest brother moved in with her in a home she rented in Deweese until he graduated from high school. He also moved in with her for a while after she remarried. In those early years, there were other times when she and her siblings lived with one another.

As Gina shared more memories and told more stories, I found that I could relate to them, as well.

Gina said she never heard her grandmother swear but she always made her point known. I could say the same about mine.

Her grandmother was a simple woman. So is mine.

Her grandmother was dedicated and loyal to her family. Mine, too.

She used to spend a lot of time on her grandmother's front-porch swing. I remember doing that as a kid, as well.

When her grandmother was stressed, she would go for a drive. My grandmother is known to worry, too, but she has never had a drivers license and never drove anywhere.

And on and on and on. For two days, the death of Anna Nicole Smith has been the dominant story in the news.

It's too bad that stories about people who have lived good, wholesome lives like Frieda Newman are too common that they don't always make the news.

But I at least found this one interesting.

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Animal lovers respond to Barbaro column

This week I'd like to share with you reaction to last week's column, some of which was overwhelmingly sad. Last week, I wrote about positive procedural changes the thoroughbred racing industry could undertake to improve the lives and safety of the valiant horses needlessly made to suffer on the track.

Many wrote poetically about Barbaro and his heroism. Barbaro was a hero indeed. But most of the people saying so also ignore a lack of oversight to practices used in the sport of horseracing that are unnecessarily cruel to tens of thousands of other equines.

But Jerry Jamgotchian, who wrote to say he owns a stable of racehorses, is livid about the commonly-allowed practice of heel-nerve. According to the Daily Racing Form Web site, "Heel-nerve, more properly known as a neurectomy, is a form of blocking or desensitizing an area of the equine foot through either conventional or cryogenic surgery."

A few enlightened states such as Arizona now ban the practice. But many states continue to allow the practice, done to allow horses to feel no pain as they run on an injured leg or hoof and which can lead to an increase in the severity of the injury and even cripple the horses.

California, which Jamgotchian calls home, is among those that allow heel-nerved horses to race.

Jamgotchian wrote, "There is absolutely no reason why cutting the heel nerves of any



Bonnie Erbe

racehorse should be legal in California. Besides being barbaric, it could also cause a serious racetrack catastrophe that might injure or kill other horses and jockeys."

Would that pain-relieving tactics such as heel-nerve were limited to the racetrack.

A well-respected veterinarian in the mid-Atlantic once advised me to "bute" one of my horses that came down with ringbone, a form of osteoarthritis, so I could continue to jump him. The practice is common in the hunter/jumper world. The only problem is that "bute," short for phenylbuterazone, can cause ulcers and liver and kidney damage when used over long periods. Needless to say, my horse is sound (not lame), off "bute" and will never be jumped again.

Another reader wrote: "It would be really interesting to read a more in-depth article on your viewpoints of the entire horse industry in general. So many people believe that the only area of issue is the racing industry. Very few know of the parallel problems with the jumping, cutting and reining, barrel racing, etc., industries."

Well, I try. But one can only write so much about animal cruelty without being labeled a zealot, which destroys one's credibility. Instead I refer readers to Matthew Scully's widely acclaimed book, "Dominion," which examines

all animal cruelty. It is a stunning look at how insensitive human culture is to animal cruelty.

Another reader wrote, "We horse lovers who think of our horses as members of our family and beloved friends are often laughed at and chided by those whose only apparent reason for having horses is ego and money."

"You're spoiling that horse and he'll kill you," I hear from these self-absorbed people. Yeah? Well, two of our horses are rescues aged 30 and 31. They didn't have easy or pleasant lives before they came to us, so it's darned well about time they had some pleasure and joy in their lives. Our older horses taught hundreds of people to ride. The least we can do is give them some long overdue paychecks and remind them that it does matter that they're breathing and that they're having a little fun now."

Well said, my friend. I was having similar thoughts as I sat in my ob-gyn's reception area for an annual checkup. The waiting room was full of obviously pregnant women. Many of them were wearing fur coats, unaware that even as they were excited about giving new human life they were needlessly taking animal life and flaunting it.

We are startlingly oblivious to the animal cruelty we inflict. It's great to know many of us are waking up. Maybe someday we will.

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The joy of board games

Our 10-year-old grandson climbs up to the highest shelf in the house to retrieve the Monopoly game anytime he can find another enthusiast or a parent or grandparent either guilt ridden or unable to come up with a viable excuse.

The game isn't housed on the Mount Everest of our daughter's home because it is so valuable, but because of the notion "out of sight, out of mind." The idea doesn't work on this limber, 3-foot-high board game fanatic. He will risk life and limb to get that game if he finds someone who will play with him.



Joyce Ore

Board games seem never ending. No doubt, the Guinness Book of Records is full of games that are being continued through the generations. "I bequeath my place at the table to my favorite grandson."

I play board games not because I like them, but because they put me in contact with friends and family, which really doesn't matter since little conversation takes place at a board game.

"Whose move is it, anyway?" is asked by some impatient player anytime I try to stir up some scintillating conversation on such topics as the cute trick my dog did earlier in the day, a great recipe I just tried or my big find at the mall.

A board game is not like Go Fish, where a player can deliberately lose and be put out of his misery. About the time a player is ready to place the final token in the proverbial winner's circle and the end of the game is in sight, an opponent sends him back to begin all over again and the opportunity to go to bed before the end of late, late, late show is lost.

Board games bring out the wickedness in people. I have seen people whose good deeds could put them into contention for the Nobel Peace Prize strike their fellow players with a vengeance that would bring The Donald to his knees.

The biggest problem with board games is that there seldom is room on the table for beverages, chips and dip, popcorn, nachos or any other snack food that could bring a touch of culture to this game playing.

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Calendar

HASTINGS

- ◆ "Casino Royale," 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Lied Super Screen Theatre at Hastings Museum.
- ◆ Sunday Sundaes, 2-3 p.m. Sunday, College View Assisted Living, 1100 N. Sixth Ave. Must be at least 55 years old.
- ◆ Alanon, 8 p.m. Sunday and 8 p.m. Monday, First United Methodist Church, and noon Monday, The Kensington.
- ◆ Alcoholics Anonymous, noon and 8 p.m. Sunday; and noon, 5:15 and 8 p.m. Monday, 521 S. St. Joseph Ave.
- ◆ Alzheimer's/Dementia Information Session, 6:30 p.m. Monday, Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital Medical Services Building, classroom G.
- ◆ Overeaters Anonymous, 5-6 p.m. Monday, basement of Mary Lanning Medical Center.
- ◆ Narcotics Anonymous, 8 p.m. Monday, 401 N. Lincoln Ave.
- ◆ Gamblers Anonymous, 6:30 p.m. Monday, basement at Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital Education Building, Room D.
- ◆ Chorus of the Plains, 7:30 p.m. Monday, ballroom of Kensington.

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WINNING NUMBERS

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Kansas Pick 3 9-2-1
Nebraska Pick 3 5-1-7
Nebraska Pick 5 11-12-24-25-36
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Smith County voters say no to zoning

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SMITH COUNTY, Kan. — The results are in, and nearly 90 percent of voters here say they do not think the county should pursue zoning regulations.

The Smith County Commissioners have listened to the people's opinion. All registered voters in the county — about 3,300 of them — received ballots for a non-binding advisory election.

The ballot asked the following: "Should Smith County pursue zoning of the land more than three miles from the city limits of the incorporated towns, with the initial costs of developing zoning reg-

ulations as well as the yearly costs of administering the zoning regulations being paid by tax dollars?" Those voters had the second half of January to return the ballots. Of the ballots returned, 89.7 percent said no; 10.15 percent said yes; and .15 percent, or four voters, abstained.

Even though the election was non-binding, the three commissioners followed the results.

They crafted a resolution that was passed during their Jan. 29 meeting that stated they intended to disband the planning commission they formed during their June 5, 2006, meeting.

The commission would have cre-

ated zoning regulation recommendations for the commissioners.

"After consideration of several factors, including, but not limited to, the results of an advisory election and the costs of continuing with the planning commission, the Smith County Commissioners find that it would not be in the best interest of the people of this county to continue said planning commission," the resolution stated.

According to estimates from planning commission members and their consultant, about \$45,000 would be needed to form the commission, and \$40,000 to \$60,000 would be needed on an annual basis to

enforce the plan by hiring a zoning administrator.

"Now, therefore be it resolved that the Planning Commission of Smith County, Kansas, is hereby dissolved and abolished, and the funds allocated for said commission in the general fund budget are now unallocated," the resolution stated.

Zoning became a hot topic in Smith County once two groups associated with Transcendental Meditation announced they planned to create the Global Center for World Peace in the county.

In April 2006, three men from the Fairfield, Iowa, area — home to the Maharishi

University of Management — spoke to Smith County residents about their experience with meditation.

Turnout for this election ended up being fairly high. County Clerk Sharon Wolters said her office received 64 percent of the ballots, although 20 of those percentage points belong to 751 ballots that were undeliverable because the voter no longer lived in the county.

However, the remaining 44 percent is on par with presidential election numbers.

"Obviously, local voters cared enough to respond," Wolters said.

Murder suspects released

VICTIM IN 2003 CASE
EX-DESHLER RESIDENT

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Both of the men who had been charged in Illinois in the murder of a former Deshler woman have been released, according to a story in the Champaign News-Gazette on Jan. 30.

Helen Melchi, 84, was found dead in her home in Champaign, Ill., on July 1, 2003. She had been beaten and strangled, bound and gagged.

Melchi was born in Deshler in 1918 to Christian and Anna (Gerberling) Meyer. She was married to Art Sorge and moved with him to the West Coast during World War II. They later divorced, and she was married in 1948 to Charles Melchi, who preceded her in death.

A son, daughter and stepdaughter survived.

In February 2004, Ramone Roebuck, 30, was arraigned on a charge of first-degree murder in her death. Those charges were dismissed on Jan. 29, 2007, shortly before a pre-trial hearing was scheduled.

State's Attorney Julia Reitz said she did not believe there was sufficient proof to find Roebuck guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

She said Roebuck was one of several suspects, and remains a suspect. Since there is no statute of limitation on murder, charges may be refiled if better evidence is uncovered.

The case remains under investigation, Reitz said.

The other man who had been accused in the Melchi murder, William Lee, 22, of Champaign, was convicted by a jury in September 2004. The conviction was set aside in June 2005, when a judge ruled that Lee's statements to police had been coerced, given his diminished mental capacity.

Both Roebuck and Lee now are on parole for other, unrelated crimes.

Bruning delivers check to Roseland

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ROSELAND — Attorney General Jon Bruning visited the Roseland Volunteer Fire Department Friday to give a check for \$1,500 from a settlement in an environmental case.

Bruning said a volunteer firefighter was burning without a permit last year, but the fire got out of control and Roseland volunteer firefighters had to extinguish the fire.

Instead of suing the man, Bruning said a settlement was reached in August 2006 to pay \$1,500 to the Roseland Volunteer Fire Department, and \$4,500 to the Nebraska Common Schools Fund.

"We've discovered the government can work on behalf of the people," he said. "I don't think the government has to be the hammer all the time. We had the fine go where it will do the most good."

Fire Chief Randy Klein said the extra money would help the department and be used to purchase extra equipment.

Bruning said he wanted to personally deliver the check to have the chance to thank the members of the volunteer fire department.



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Central Community College-Hastings students John Adams (left), Melissa Hohfeld (center) and Matt Adams (right) take notes and listen as Robin Buckallew lectures on habitat and niches during her Earth Science class Wednesday morning.

Saving the planet

AREA RESIDENTS WORK IN SEVERAL WAYS TO PROMOTE CONSERVATION

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With headlines such as those accompanying the recent report by the 113-country inter-governmental panel on climate change, which said there is little doubt that global warming is caused by man, energy conservation has become a hot topic in contemporary society.

Many Hastings residents are taking steps to conserve resources and reduce their contribution to climate change. The Citizens for Renewable Energy are among those conservationists. The CRE was created in 2002 as a response to the planned expansion of Hastings Utilities' Whelan Energy Center. The group has about 100 members.

"We were looking to pursue wind power as opposed to building a coal plant," CRE spokeswoman Robin Vodehnal said. "There was some resistance when we brought up wind power from lack of knowledge from Hastings Utilities. I think they were a little concerned and didn't know what it is all about."

HU established a wind power program, to which 160 customers subscribed.

"They are very supportive — there is talk of building a turbine," Vodehnal said. "I believe over half the people on the utility board contracted for wind. So we're very, very pleased with the response we've had."

Conservation has begun in class rooms as well as board rooms. Robin Buckallew, a biology teacher at Central Community College, said she emphasizes the need to move toward conservation in her classes.

"I'm trying to help the students understand how their individual choices make a difference," she said.

Last year, she had her students keep a water diary, monitoring water use. "As they started tracking it for a week, their water use went down," she said. "They began changing behavior



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Central Community College-Hastings student Kim Streff takes notes during Robin Buckallew's Earth Science class while a turtle swims around in its tank Wednesday.

just from becoming aware."

Recently, Buckallew worked with the students in her "Earth and its Environment" class to track their ecological footprints, monitoring their energy consumption.

"Being in central Nebraska we don't have to worry about it that much," student Jordan Binfield said. "It's not really a huge issue in our lives, but it's going to be here sooner than we know it, so we better start doing something about it now."

One of the ways Hastings could show its commitment to energy conservation would be to join the more than 350 "cool cities" that signed the agreement, stating intent to lower carbon dioxide emissions voluntarily.

Right now, Omaha, Lincoln, and Bellevue are the only "cool cities" in Nebraska.

"We would be a leader in central Nebraska in care for the environment,"

Vodehnal said. "With us getting ready to build on to Whelan and triple the capacity, we're looking at caring for the environment."

Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels created the cool city program in response to the lack of U.S. participation in Kyoto protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate .

The protocol was opened for signature Dec. 11, 1997.

President George W. Bush has indicated that he does not intend to submit the treaty for ratification.

Participation in the cool city program would be similar to the requirements of the Kyoto Protocol, which assigned mandatory targets for the reduction of carbon dioxide emissions.

There are four steps Hastings must take to become a "cool city," beginning with Hastings Mayor Matt Rossen signing the U.S. Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement setting the goal of reducing the city's global warming carbon dioxide pollution to 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2012.

Vodehnal said she had gotten an indication from Rossen that he would sign the agreement.

Other steps include conducting a global warming emissions inventory, creating a solutions plan and implementing and monitoring progress.

CRE hopes to educate local officials and residents.

"We want this to be what cool cities is," Vodehnal said. "Anybody can sign something, it's no big deal. What we want to see is monitoring that would go along with this to lower CO2 missions to be at or below Kyoto levels."

This is a perfect time to act on conservation, Vodehnal said, since the city is near the beginning of an 18-month process to create a comprehensive plan for the city.

"Many of us consider it a religious and a spiritual issue," CRE member Charles Richardson said. "We really aren't entitled to substantially destroy the earth."

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THE TIES THAT BIND

TRIBLAND FAMILY
GATHERS MEMORIES
THROUGH ANNUAL
QUILTING PROJECT

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Quilting has become the fabric that has kept the Herz women connected for the last 10 years. The annual event — which started in Lawrence and is now held in Hastings — has become a much-anticipated family activity for mother Mildred Herz, a resident at Great Samaritan Village, and her five daughters: Patty Berg, Marilyn Roelfs, Annette Troysynski, Lynda Percival and Rose Selko.

This year's event, which was Feb. 1-4 at Good Samaritan, was no exception as the women put together a good portion of a sunflower cross-stitch quilt.

Though attendance by extended family members was down from previous years, the core group was still able to make the date a successful one, with an aunt, two nieces, a sister-in-law, a daughter-in-law and a few other invited guests rounding out the gathering of women.

"It went real well," said Mildred, 82. "There wasn't as big of a crowd as usual, but then the weather had a lot to do with that. It's always a good way to get together."

Though the event centers largely around her, Mildred is actually the only one in the group who doesn't crochet. An avid sewer while the girls were growing up, she taught each to sew. Quilting is an art they all eventually picked up on their own, she said.

"I've had five mini-strokes, and my fingers don't work very well," she said. "I don't quilt, I don't crochet, and it takes an act of Congress for me to sew a button, but I sure enjoy it. I just sit there and enjoy them."

In addition to the sunflower cross-stitch quilt, this year's event included making individual wall hangings for each participant to take home. Additionally, a side project included making "artsy-craftsy" greeting cards with other Good Samaritan residents.

The women take turns claiming the mostly finished quilts, which are then completed by the lucky recipient at home (except Mildred's which is completed by one of the sisters). All of them have at least one quilt. Mom has two.

"I very much look forward to it," said Lynda, 40, who runs a house cleaning service from her home in Igor, Idaho. "My only complaint about it is it goes by too quickly."

To her, the annual gathering embraces a family tradition that dates back to her great grandmother. "It helps us keep in touch with our past," she said. "My great grandmother and grandma used to quilt, and I know my mom really looks forward to it. We decided that it was important to keep the family connection going."

The tradition of getting together annually isn't exactly a new concept for the family. The eight Herz brothers have been meeting each year at different sites across the state to hunt



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Above: Pat Herz (left) cross stitches while Patty Berg works on a quilt Feb. 3 at Good Samaritan Village. Top: Various quilts that the Herz family has made are displayed on a bench while they work on a new one. Once a year for the past 10 years, Mildred Herz and her family get together to make a quilt. Below: Patty Berg (right) hands her mom, Mildred Herz, the Herz family recipe book during a break from quilting. Marilyn Roelfs (left) leafs through a book that Herz's granddaughter wrote and illustrated.

pheasant for more than a decade, Lynda said.

"We used to send them care packages with Kool-Aid mixes, brownie mixes, orange caps and disposable cameras so they could take pictures for us," she said. "We watched them and said, 'Hmmm, we need to do something ourselves.'"

The secret to pulling it off each year, she said, is organization.

"We've become pretty good at this," she said. "Organizing is the key. Our weekend is very scheduled. It takes a lot of planning. We try to divvy up and switch duties so we're not always doing the same thing."

The idea of including an activity as a focal point for the gatherings is one that fit the family mindset well, said Annette, 46, a data analyst who resides in White Fish Bay, Wis.

"We're the kind of people where you can't just get together, you've got to have a project," she said. "Quilting or sewing is something we've been around a lot. It gives us a reason to get together and keep the tradition of quilting alive."

The main reason for the gathering, however, remains the family.

"I think it's kind of nice that we can carry on the tradition that my grandma instilled in us, that family is

the No. 1 thing in your life," said Marilyn, 54, a day care director from Sun Prairie, Wis. "When I tell people we're doing this, they can't believe how close my sisters and me are."

She marvels at how all the sisters have managed to attend the annual event without fail despite their multiple commitments to families and jobs.

"I think it's remarkable that we've been able to do it for 10 years," she said. "It really means a lot. It always goes by too fast."

Preparation of the event can take up to four months," said Rose, 51, a computer programmer living in Littleton, Colo.

"We enjoy the get-together. We try to take it all in. It's a great outing. It's something we look forward to," she said. "We keep in touch constantly, either by phone or e-mail," she said.

"We start preparing in November for this just to make it work for everybody."

They also enjoy coming back to their home state.

"It's just an awesome family gathering," said Patty, 56, a hospital outreach and community relations department director who lives in Sunburg, Minn. "It's a social time, and we look forward to it. I love coming back to Nebraska."



Keeping a scrap book of each gathering helps to close the gap in between outings, she said.

"We have a scrap book of all the quilts we've made in the past 10 years," Patty said. "Mom has it. It has samples of fabric, pictures, where it was held and who all was there. Mom shows that off a lot."

Though the energy expelled on multiple activities tends to take a toll

on the women — especially Mildred — none of them would have it any other way, Patty said.

"My mother is very proud of all her daughters and our skill in sewing," she said. "We've produced some beautiful things. When we visit with the residents, it's a special time for mom. I know she gets tired, but she obviously looks forward to this weekend. We all do."

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'Big Dally' remembered

Deli owner reflects on restaurant's namesake — his father

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Dallas Bruns was never officially affiliated with Big Dally's Deli in any way. Nevertheless, his name will always be synonymous with the business owned and operated by his son, Michael Dal Bruns.

"He was my inspiration," Bruns said of his father, who died at age 91 from brain complications Tuesday at The Kensington nearly two years to the day after the death of his wife, Helen, who passed away Feb. 9, 2005. The couple had been married for 64 years.

Bruns will close both Big Dally's Deli restaurants the entire day today to allow himself and his employees time to grieve and attend his father's funeral at 10 a.m. in All Saints Chapel of Good Samaritan Village.

To Bruns, who opened the first Big Dally's restaurant in the Imperial Mall in 1988, the idea of working with meat for a living seemed only logical. It was working as a meat cutter that his father earned a living in Hastings at Jack and Jill's store on South and Elm from 1956 through 1980.

"He was a meat cutter, so it really wasn't much out of line to make sandwiches with lots of meat on them," Bruns said. "He was always the inspiration for hard work, he and mom both. They worked hard and they were both givers. They never let us want for anything."

Through September of last year, the elder Bruns was a frequent visitor at the flagship Big Dally's store at 801 W. Second St. Never one to remain idle, he would often volunteer to do bank runs for the restaurant, using his walker to get around and make change at Heritage Bank.

"There was never a time when he wasn't helping somebody," Michael said. "In October of 2005 — the same day as my brother-in-law Scott's funeral — he mowed his own lawn. In September of 2006, he came to the restaurant and gathered trays and



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Michael Bruns selects a type of bread while making sandwiches at Big Dally's Deli Friday.

wiped them. You could write 100 pages about him."

Ironically, the sandwich named for Dallas — Big Dally's Favorite — was never among his favorites at the restaurant.

"He only had a couple of sandwiches he liked: corned beef (or) roast pork, or a 'Downtown Combo,' with corned beef and roast pork," he said. "Maybe I should have named that one Big Dally's Favorite instead."

As a native of Glenvil during the Depression, Dallas would often travel to California with friends to look for work.

"They would take whatever jobs they could find as migrant workers," Michael said. "Sometimes they'd only have two dollars between them

to get there. One time they coasted down all the mountains to save gas. When the car broke down, they traded a 100-pound sack of potatoes they got from relatives in Colorado for the repairs so they could continue on to where the jobs were."

After he and Helen were married in 1940, they spent the next two years living in California before returning to Nebraska. He worked at the naval ammunition depot in Hastings from 1942 to 1946 before taking his first job as a meat cutter at O.P. Skaggs in downtown Hastings in the Kip's Cigar Company building on Second Street.

During his lengthy run as meat cutter at Jack and Jill's, he made numerous friends in the neighbor-

hood. Many of them became his neighbors when he moved to Good Samaritan Village with Helen in 2000.

"He had a lot of friends," Michael said. "He knew at least half the people there one way or another." After suffering a broken hip in 2006, he moved into the Kensington, where he lived his final days.

With his father's passing, Michael said his two restaurants have taken on an even deeper significance in his life.

"Technically, he was never part of the business, but he and mom did whatever they could to help us out," he said. "I could never sell now, could I?"

Nebraskans remember Anna Nicole

The Associated Press

LINCOLN — The death of Anna Nicole Smith is a personal loss for a Lincoln man who says he got to see another side of Smith at a kids' charity event.

"You could see she was a real person just like anybody else and not just what the media was making her out to be," said Andy McEntee, who met Smith in 2004 when she came to Lincoln for a celebrity fundraiser. "There's always another side to people."

The benefit was for Camp Kindle, a nonprofit organization that helps kids infected or affected by HIV or AIDS.

Smith was in pain that June day from two ribs broken while jet skiing for her reality television show. She had thought about canceling out of an Omaha autograph session and the Lincoln karaoke performance, but she showed up and put on a brave face.

"She was just in pain, so it wasn't as big as she wanted it to be," said McEntee, a Camp Kindle administrator and counselor.

Smith later spent time with some camp kids.

"She did anything and everything to make those kids happy, including dressing up head-to-toe as a clown," McEntee said. "I think she had a really big heart, and it wasn't always shown."

An episode of Smith's show showed her at the camp, he said, but it didn't show any of her hour in the dunking booth or waking up at 5 a.m. to go on a nature walk with the kids.

In a statement on the Camp Kindle Web site, founder and president Eva Payne said Smith "embraced the camp experience and touched the lives of many of our campers."

"Anna Nicole will be remembered, by our Camp Kindle community, as a kind and generous woman," Payne said.

After Smith left camp that year, McEntee said, he hoped she would overcome her demons "and become the woman she could have been."

"I would love to let everyone know, get the pictures and stories out about how she helped these kids, and maybe see her in another light like we did," McEntee said.

Ex-Sen. Mossey draws jail time for violating probation terms in 2005 DUI case

The Associated Press

PAPILLION — A former state senator will serve 10 days in jail for violating probation on a 2005 drunken-driving conviction nearly two years after sending his car into a ditch.

Former state Sen. Ray Mossey admitted in Sarpy County Court on Thursday that he violated his probation. Mossey pleaded guilty in 2005 to drunken driving and no contest to prescription fraud. Prosecutors alleged Mossey

failed to provide proof he attended counseling and that he did not show up for a 2006 hearing. Sarpy County Judge Robert

Wester ordered Mossey to serve 10 days in jail for missing that hearing. Mossey flew in from Galveston, Texas, where he was living under the

probation watch of Texas officials. Mossey said he wanted to get the case behind him. Mossey retired from the

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Brenda Breckner puts together a floral arrangement for a Valentine's Day order Friday at Brenda & Co. Floral in Hastings.

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When it comes to expressing love on Valentine's Day, there are few ways more popular than sending flowers. Typically one of the biggest selling products of the holiday, these fragrant tokens of affection likely will keep area florists hopping through the middle of next week.

At Bob Sass Flowers in Hastings, specialty arrangements figure to take center stage alongside the always-popular red rose, owner Amy Hamburger said.

"This year we're doing Valentine's arrangements named after movies," she said. "We'll attach a little card to the arrangement and give a little trivia about the movie behind it."

Movies represented include: "Pretty in Pink," "Moonstruck," "Moulin Rouge," "Gone with the Wind" and "Love Story."

Hamburger, whose store has served residents of Hastings for more than half a century, said she'll have an extra cooler on hand to help store the thousands of flowers that will be used to make Valentine's Day arrangements.

Several orders already have been placed at the store for delivery on the 14th, she said. Though orders still will be accepted on the actual day, Hamburger said she's recommending day-early delivery to customers in order to maximize the showcase factor.

"We're promoting the 13th so that their Valentine can have it all day on the 14th," she said. "Obviously, the day after nobody wants it — the thought is gone — so that is really never an option unless they completely forgot."

At Brenda and Co. Floral in Hastings, preparations for the

big rush will begin on Sunday, owner Brenda Breckner said. "It's going to be busy," she said. "We plan a couple months in advance because you've got to book your flowers early."

In addition to roses, Breckner said, mixed bouquets and basket arrangements figure to be her best sellers this year.

She's confident there will be plenty of flowers in her store to accompany the masses, but nevertheless is encouraging customers to place their orders in advance of the big day.

"We've ordered a lot," she said, "but they should still order early. They should be all right on Valentine's Day, as long as we don't run out of flowers or the delivery guys run out of time. We do the best we can."

Though already regarded as the top-selling holiday by most florists, this year's midweek date figures to make the day of love a particularly lucrative occasion for those who peddle petals.

"It's huge," said Andy Znamenacek, whose store, Roses for You! in Grand Island, serves the Hastings area. "When the day falls in the middle of the week, it's usually the best because people have a couple days to think about it. If it falls on Monday, you either remember or you don't."

Znamenacek anticipates his store will move 12,000 roses before the day is through, using extra hired help to accomplish the task. With extended hours planned and 24-hour online ordering available, the rush to put it all together will likely hit full stride on Monday, he said.

"We'll pretty much have crews working around the clock to prepare for Valentine's Day," he said. "We pre-do everything and get all our containers lined up so when our flowers come in we can process them and make arrangements."

Though the store will be taking orders through Valentine's Day, Znamenacek recommends that customers shop early for best selection.

City Council to eye road closure

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The Hastings City Council is scheduled Tuesday to consider an agreement to allow for temporary closure of 70th Street from Showboat Boulevard to Blaine Avenue.

In mid January, the Adams County Board of Supervisors approved 6-1 the closure of the minimum-maintenance road.

While the county board approved closing the road and giving the property to the adjoining landowners, officials with the city and Hastings Utilities recently have expressed concerns.

At the Jan. 31 meeting of HU's governing body, the city Board of Public Works, City Administrator Joe Patterson said this stretch of 70th Street could someday be part of the city, as the city continues to grow to the northeast.

Part of the mile is within the city's two-mile jurisdiction.

If the road is given over to the property owners, Patterson said, the city would be limited in building streets in that area.

While there are no utilities along this one-mile stretch at the present time, HU coordinating engineer Ron Sekora said the road's closure could be detrimental if no ownership of the right-of-way was left to HU for future installation and maintenance of utilities.

The road closure initially was proposed by resident Scott Franssen, of 1424 Crane Ave., after learning he could not build on his property along 70th Street. As a minimum-maintenance road, it would need to be closed or improved before Franssen could build a house on the adjacent property.

At least 25 area residents sup-

ported the closure by signing a petition.

On Tuesday, the City Council is scheduled to consider an agreement to allow for closure of the road without having the ownership transferred to the adjacent property owners.

The issue now also is being considered by the West Blue Township board.

The council meets 7 p.m. at City Building, 220 N. Hastings Ave.

The council also will:

- ◆ Conduct a public hearing on the request of the Hedwig Buss Revocable Trust to rezone the proposed Hedwig Buss Subdivision, located on the north side of Prairie Lake Road west of Marian Road, from agriculture to R-1A single-family, large-lot residential.
- ◆ Conduct a public hearing on an consider Ordinance No. 4112 to extend the city's two-mile extraterritorial jurisdiction boundary map, to extend the boundary of the city's comprehensive land use map and to zone the city's two-mile extraterritorial jurisdiction boundary map.
- ◆ Consider authorizing the mayor to sign the 2007 Trees for Nebraska Town grant project agreement.
- ◆ Consider authorizing the mayor to sign a contract with the Housing Development Corp. to undertake owner-occupied housing rehabilitation in the city using the Perpetual Housing Rehabilitation Fund.
- ◆ Consider the request of the Housing Development Corp. to reduce the interest rate from 3 percent to zero on the April 27, 2000, promissory note between the city and HDC.
- ◆ Consider Resolution No. 2007-2 for the acceleration of special assessments levied by the city on Miller property, Davis property and Johnson property and that all future installments of assessments are due and payable on or before April 16, 2007.

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Two men face charges in Grand Island sex sting

The Associated Press

GRAND ISLAND — Two men face felony charges here, accused of arranging to meet an underage girl for sex.

Grand Island police say a 46-year-old Columbus man and a 28-year-old Lincoln man were arrested.

Police say they received word both men arranged via the Internet to have sex with a girl who they thought was younger than 16.

Both men face charges of sexual assault by use of a computer.

Bookmobile

Monday

- ◆ Gingerbread Daycare, 9:15-9:40 a.m.
- ◆ Pooh Corner West, 9:45-10:30 a.m.
- ◆ God Made Me Preschool, 10:40-11 a.m.
- ◆ HPS Preschool at Longfellow, 1:15 p.m.
- ◆ PAC 2, 1:30 p.m.
- ◆ 900 block of East Sixth Street, 1:35-2:05 p.m.
- ◆ College View, 2:10 p.m.
- ◆ Pooh Corner College, 2:30 p.m.
- ◆ 100 block of Paul Street, 2:55 p.m.

Tuesday

- ◆ Holstein School, 9:15-10 a.m.
- ◆ Silver Lake Elementary (Bladen), 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

- ◆ District No. 15, 8:45-10:45 a.m.
- ◆ 800 block of West Eleventh Street, 11-11:30 a.m.
- ◆ District No. 60, 1:15-2:50 p.m.

Thursday

- ◆ 700 block of North Lincoln Ave., 9-9:30 a.m.
- ◆ Ayr School, 10-11:20 a.m.
- ◆ Zion Lutheran School, 1:15 p.m.
- ◆ 900 block of Glenwood Avenue, 2:30 p.m.

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Local

**VALENTINE'S DAY
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Middle school students can dance the night away at today's Middle School Valentine's Day Dance.

The dance will be at the City Auditorium, 400 N. Hastings Ave., from 8-10:30 p.m.

Concessions will be available. The dance is being sponsored by the Mayor's Youth Council. There is a fee for admission.

Planet: Group promoting good stewardship

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He said the current population has an obligation to future generations.

"What do we tell our grandchildren?", he asked "Grandpa, why is the Earth such a mess? Well you see back there around 1989 they said it was getting bad and we really didn't do anything. Kid, you've got a hell of a mess you're living in."

Vodehnal said one way to reduce carbon dioxide emissions option that had been adopted in a few Canadian cities was to build gardens on rooftops. The plants help absorb the carbon dioxide.

Other ways the city could become more energy-efficient include things like converting the city's fleet to hybrid cars, converting light bulbs and traffic signals to florescent lights, and timing traffic signals to make driving around town more efficient.

Richardson equated refuting global warming to refuting the fact that cigarettes cause cancer.

"The intergovernmental panel gave it a probability of greater than 90 percent — they're very cautious people," he said. "You take your child to the doctor and he says, 'It's kind of serious here. If we don't start medication there is a 90-percent chance of dying. So how many parents would say, 'Ten percent, let's wait till you really get it down. The magnitude of this is so great, and we're not even erring, but if we were erring, we'd err of the side of caution.'"

Buckallew said conservation is important because it is like disease prevention. "It's saving it in advance," she said.

"Conserving it now is a lot easier and a lot more sensible than trying to fix it later."

Troops: Soldiers visit Juniata to say thanks

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"They were so kind to the kids and answered their questions so well," Consruck said.

Consruck said she was glad the two soldiers could come because it reminded everyone of the sacrifices still being made overseas.

The visit also lets the troops know that they are constantly thought of, Consruck said.

"That's another reason we did this," she said. "We want them to know that we're thinking of them all of the time. These men and women need our support all the time."

Markets

Friday's closing local markets

Corn	3.77
Soybeans	6.77
Milo	3.75
Wheat	4.51

Stocks of local interest

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McDonald's	44.56	+0.21
PepsiCo	63.91	+0.60
TierOne	30.15	-0.08
Tricon Global Restaurants	60.49	-0.30
Union Pacific	99.64	-0.94
Wells Fargo	35.36	-0.20
Williams Cos.	27.81	-0.04
Wal-Mart	47.97	-0.34

Senator: Burling says state song proposal hot topic

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"After being gone, I was so grateful to come back and live in Nebraska," she told the group.

Burling decided to introduce LB345 after ten Bensch performed at Gov. Dave Heineman's inaugural ball in early January.

He said several people approached him about making "I Love Nebraska" the state song.

Burling said he decided to introduce the bill to create a forum for discussion on the topic.

Almost immediately after he introduced the bill, Burling said he was surrounded by media wanting to know about the bill.

Then recently he received a phone call from National Public Radio in Washington, wanting to do a live interview with him about the proposal.

Burling said he was flooded with e-mails from people across the country thanking him for bringing the state song to the limelight. He said people didn't have an opinion one way or another about adopting a new song. They just supported his decision to create a forum for discussion.

Whether the bill is passed, Burling said he is simply glad there are more people in the state that know the state song than there were a month ago.

Another issue Burling said is receiving a lot of publicity is LB395, a bill introduced by Sen. Joel Johnson of Kearney to establish a statewide smoking ban.

Burling said he personally supports the idea of a statewide ban, but said he prefers to keep his per-

sonal opinion out of decision-making in the Legislature.

Instead, Burling said, he has to ask himself a series of questions about any bill and how it would affect the people of Nebraska.

"Is this good policy for the state of Nebraska? Is it constitutional? Does it protect property rights? Those are things I have to think about," he said.

Burling said he believes the Legislature is receiving mixed signals from people who say they want local control on the use of permits for concealed handguns. However, he said those same people are now asking for the Legislature to establish a statewide ban on smoking.

"What happened to local control?" he said.

The proposed smoking ban would prohibit smoking in all public places — specifically bars and restaurants, the two main public places where smoking still is allowed.

While the votes for those in support of the ban are obvious, Hastings resident Robin Vodehnal asked what the arguments were against the ban.

Burling said those against the ban say smoking is a legal activity and that establishing this sort of law would infringe on individual rights.

Those in favor of the ban include some bar and restaurant owners who say a ban needs to be statewide to keep smokers from going to the next community over to smoke in a bar.



AMY ROH/Tribune

Lois Nelson, of Minden, wrote the lyrics to "Nebraska, Gateway to the West," a song she hoped would become the Nebraska state song in 1966.

'I Love Nebraska'

Here are the lyrics to the song By Ginger ten Bensch:

I live in a state where the wildlife runs free
And you can step out on your front porch and hear a meadowlark sing
You can see the wheat fields waving and the corn growing tall
I'm from Nebraska and I believe that says it all.
The third largest city is Memorial Stadium
And you can hear the crowd a cheerin' "We're number one!"
You can see the sea of red on the streets of the capitol saying "We're all from Nebraska" and I believe that says it all.

(Chorus)
Oh Nebraska, what a beautiful place to be
Where you can wake up Sunday morning and hear a church bell ring
You can watch an eagle spread its wings and soar into the sky
I love Nebraska, there are a million reasons why
The sky fills up with colors at the end of the day
You can hear a train a comin' from miles and miles away
You can ride your horse down the river, see the first snowflake fall
I'm from Nebraska and I believe that says it all.

(Chorus (twice))
Oh Nebraska, Oh Nebraska
I'm from Nebraska. I believe that says it all.

'Beautiful Nebraska'

Here are the lyrics to "Beautiful Nebraska" by Jim Fras:

Beautiful Nebraska, peaceful prairie land,
Laced with many rivers and the hills of sand.
Dark green valleys cradled in the earth,
Rain and sunshine bring abundant birth.
Beautiful Nebraska, as you look around,
You will find a rainbow reaching to the ground.

All these wonders by the Master's hand,
Beautiful Nebraska land.
We are so proud of this state where we live.
There is no place that has so much to give.
Beautiful Nebraska, as you look around,
You will find a rainbow reaching to the ground.
All these wonders by the Master's hand,
Beautiful Nebraska land.

Minden: Woman recalls her shot at state song in 1966

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"It didn't make the state song but I — and the lady who helped me — had fun," Nelson said.

State senators debated the selection of the state song through several legislative sessions and many songs were submitted in the process, according to the secretary of state's Web site.

"Beautiful Nebraska," written by Jim Fras in 1960, was adopted in 1967 on a vote of 31-4. The site states it took one hour to write the song and seven years of campaigning to be chosen.

Nelson, who had written poetry since she was 17, said the lyrics from her song came from a poem she had written upon re-entering Nebraska from a trip. While she enjoyed her vacation, she said it reminded her how much she loved her home state.

When she decided to submit her song to the Legislature, Nelson recruited Milrae Bayer, a music teacher from the area, to write the music.

"I always had the tune in my mind, but I didn't know how to write it out," Nelson said. "She said, 'Just sing it to me, and I will put it down. It didn't take long for her to put the notes to my lyrics.'"

Nelson said the time-consuming part of the process was getting a copyright. She said her music was sent to Tennessee, and it took six months before the copyright was obtained.

Even though her song wasn't selected as the state song, Nelson said she and Bayer had fun working together on the project. She said Bayer died about 10 years ago.

"It was just something I did because I thought it was fun to do," Nelson said. "I did the

lyrics, and she did the music. Together, we worked it out."

Nelson said the song was used around Minden, where people knew about it.

She said she almost lost her copies of the sheet music when her house burned down about eight years ago. She said the living room was spared and she was able to recover her piano and bench — with the music inside.

When asked about the bill before the Legislature to change the state song to "I Love Nebraska," Nelson said it doesn't matter to her. While she doesn't hold any ill feelings toward "Beautiful Nebraska," she said it doesn't seem to be used much anymore.

"It's not a tune that sticks with you," she said of "Beautiful Nebraska." "They just don't use it a whole lot."

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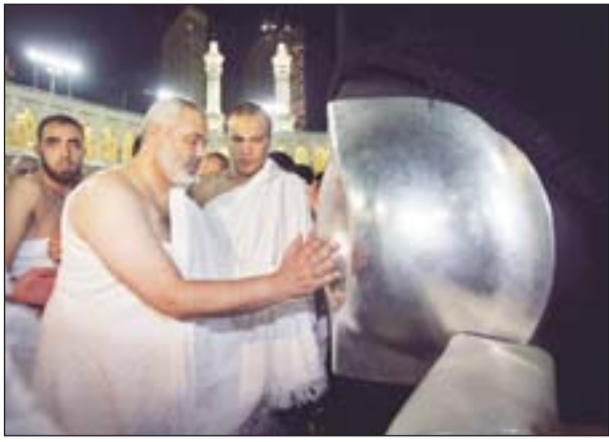
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Palestinian Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh touches the black stone inside the Kaaba in the Grand Mosque in Mecca early Friday.

Palestinians reach deal

MANY WONDER WHETHER AGREEMENT ANNOUNCED IN MECCA WILL END BLOODSHED

SARAH EL DEEB
The Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Palestinians in Gaza were cautiously hopeful Friday that a new power-sharing deal would end months of deadly factional violence, but a Hamas leader's defiant vow to push on with the militant group's war against Israel was a stark reminder of how difficult it will be to make the accord stick.

Not only was there concern whether both sides would hold their fire, but the

mutated international response left many wondering whether the agreement between Hamas and the more moderate Fatah party of President Mahmoud Abbas would be enough to end crippling sanctions on the Palestinian government.

"Our situation has become really difficult. ... We need this agreement," said Mohammed Abdel Aziz, a 55-year-old restaurant owner in Gaza's Shati refugee camp.

Tensions between Fatah and Hamas, a radical Islamic group that calls for Israel's destruction, soared after Hamas won parliamentary elections last year. The elections divided the government and sparked street battles in Gaza that have killed more than 130 people.

Negotiations for a unity government repeatedly broke down in disagree-

ments over powerful ministries and how far the government would go toward recognizing Israel, one of three Western conditions for lifting the sanctions imposed after the elections. The West also demanded that Hamas accept past peace agreements with Israel and renounce violence.

Late Thursday, the two sides finally reached agreement during talks in the Muslim holy city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia.

"We have left behind all those black days forever and started a new page on a new government and a new way in Palestine," Abbas said.

The platform agreed to Thursday says the new government pledges to "respect" previous deals, instead of "abide by" them, as Abbas initially demanded.

Gates: Evidence links Iran to Iraq bombs

LOLITA C. BALDOR
The Associated Press

SEVILLE, Spain — Serial numbers and markings on explosives used in Iraq provide "pretty good" evidence that Iran is providing either weapons or technology for militants there, Defense Secretary Robert Gates asserted Friday.

Offering some of the first public details of evidence the military has collected, Gates said, "I think there's some serial numbers, there may be some markings on some of the projectile fragments that we found," that point to Iran.

At the same time, however, he said he was somewhat surprised that recent raids by coalition and Iraqi forces in Iraq swept up some Iranians.

Just last week, Gates said that U.S. military officers in Baghdad were planning to brief reporters on what is known about Iranian involvement in Iraq but that he and other senior administration officials had intervened to delay the briefing in order to assure that the information provided was accurate.

Speaking to reporters at a defense ministers conference here, Gates said Friday, "I don't think there was surprise that the Iranians were actually involved, I think there was surprise we actually picked up some."

He and other U.S. officials have said for some time that Iranians, and possibly the government of Iran, have been providing weapons technology, and possibly some explosives to Iraqi insurgents.

The improvised explosive devices (IEDs) have been a leading killer of U.S. forces in Iraq, where more than 3,000 servicemen and women have died in the nearly four-year-old war.

The Bush administration has promised a detailed accounting of allegations that Iran is contributing to violence or instability in Iraq but has not yet released that dossier. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and other officials have faced skeptical questions from lawmakers about the strength of the evidence and the parallels to administration claims about Iraq before the 2003 invasion.

"Under the circumstances and given the attention that this has gotten we want to make sure that we provide you the best information possible, but do so in a way that doesn't compromise sources and methods, that doesn't make it harder for us to deal with the situation that's there," State Department spokesman Tom Casey said Friday.

Gates, who is attending his first NATO defense ministers meeting, said Iran is "very much involved in providing either the technology or the weapons themselves for these explosively formed projectiles. Now they don't represent a big percentage of the IED attacks but they're extremely lethal."

Gates said the raids combined with the movement of an additional U.S. aircraft carrier into the Persian Gulf have created a stir, but said the Bush administration has no intention of attacking Iran.



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A Palestinian (right) peers from his shop as Israeli police officers move to their new positions during clashes in east Jerusalem's Old City Friday.

Israeli police, Muslim rioters clash

CONSTRUCTION NEAR JERUSALEM HOLY SITE PROVOKES VIOLENCE

DIAA HADID
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Anger over Israeli construction to repair a damaged ramp near a disputed Jerusalem holy site erupted into violence Friday as police used tear gas and stun grenades to disperse thousands of rioting Muslims. Protests spread across the Arab world, with demonstrators accusing Israel of plotting to harm Islamic shrines.

Israeli officials accused Palestinians of distorting the project to rally their fractious population against the Jewish state a day after the competing Hamas and Fatah factions announced an agreement in the

Saudi holy city of Mecca to end the internecine violence that has claimed 130 Palestinian lives since last May.

The Israelis insist that the replacement of the ramp, which was damaged in a 2004 snowstorm, would not harm the holy site about 200 feet away.

"We have nothing to hide and yet extremist elements with a hateful agenda have cynically provoked violence by deliberately spreading mistruths about what we're doing," Foreign Ministry spokesman Mark Regev said.

Known to Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary and to Jews as the Temple Mount, the compound has repeatedly been a flashpoint for violence between Israel and the Palestinians, and there were fears the unrest could spread.

The compound is home to the golden-capped Dome of the Rock

shrine and Al Aqsa mosque and is believed to be the site where the Prophet Muhammad ascended to heaven. Jews venerate the compound as the site of their biblical temples, and one of its outer walls — known as the Western Wall — is the holiest site in Judaism.

Small protests against the renovation began as soon as work started this week. They became violent after Friday prayers, when Muslims at the compound began throwing rocks at police stationed outside, according to Jerusalem police spokesman Shmuel Ben Ruby.

About 200 riot police streamed onto the compound, scuffling with some of the 3,000 Muslim worshippers. Clouds of tear gas rose up at the holy site, and stun grenades set off sharp booms.

Outside the compound, near Lion's Gate, hundreds of teenagers

who had been barred from the mosque hurled stones, iron bars, vegetables and at least one firebomb at police, authorities said. Police responded with stun grenades.

Jewish worshippers were evacuated from the Western Wall plaza at the foot of the compound as a precaution.

The situation grew especially volatile when 150 protesters barricaded themselves inside Al Aqsa. But police did not enter the mosque, and the protesters began leaving 90 minutes later, following negotiations between police and Muslim representatives.

The melee slightly injured 17 protesters and 19 police officers, and 17 rioters were arrested, police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said. Officers shut all the gates leading to the complex, and disconnected loudspeakers that they said were used to incite worshippers.

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Central Community College plans two-day customer service workshop. For information contact Sue Carlson at 308-398-7527

The second day of the workshop will discuss building people and relationships. Topics will include:
 Seeking to understand; Using careful word choices; Learning the components of active listening; Asking

forward-focused questions; Recognizing communication barriers; Understanding the message; Building people and relationships and Using nonverbal communication. The workshop will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Central Community College in Kearney, Grand

Island and Hastings. The dates and locations are Feb. 20 and 27 in Room 134 at CCC-Kearney, March 13 and 20 in Room 905 at CCC-Grand Island and April 17 and 24 in the Dawson Building, Fir Room, at CCC-Hastings. Seating is limited so

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Public view of Congress improves

BUT A MAJORITY STILL
DISAPPROVES

JIM KUHNHENN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Three months after a power shifting election, a majority of Americans still disapprove of Congress — a sign of public impatience with the new Democratic majority even among party loyalists.

Still, an Associated Press-Ipsos poll conducted this week shows that Congress' public image has improved slowly but steadily since the November elections when Iraq, corruption and partisan fighting drove congressional approval ratings below those of President Bush.

According to the poll, 65 percent of those surveyed disapprove of the way the president is handling his job,

slightly up from his disapproval ratings last month. As for Congress, 58 percent disapproved of the work of lawmakers, a slight decrease from last month and a 14 percentage-point decrease from congressional disapproval last October.

Democrats ran on a message of changing the country's direction on the war and domestic policies, but Congress is still trying to find its voice on Iraq and legislation at the top of the Democratic agenda has yet to make its way through the Capitol and to the president's desk.

Even a majority of Democrats — 52 percent — disapprove of the work of Congress, indicating a desire for quicker action from the new Democratic management. Just 39 percent of Democrats approved of Congress, though that rating is a significant improvement from the 9 percent who approved in October.

"They are caught in a Catch-22, because Iraq is the thing that's on most people's minds and it has to be dealt with, and it leaves very little time and energy to do anything else," said Diane Bania of Clifton, N.J., who described herself as somewhat liberal and leaning Democrat.

Added Eleanore Putman, 86, of Deltona, Fla.: "The Democrats, right now, don't seem to be progressing well. They don't agree on much. I'm disappointed they don't immediately stop the troops from going to Iraq that Bush wants. I can't conceive that they would just sit there and talk."

The poll of 1,000 adults was conducted Feb. 5-7. It has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The modest bounce in congressional approval is similar to that experienced by lawmakers after the 1994 elections that put Republicans in control of

Congress.

Before the November 1994 elections, 23 percent approved of Congress, according to the Gallup Poll. Approval for Congress jumped to 33 percent in January, then 38 percent the following month before it stalled. Back then, the House quickly passed a number top Republican priorities only to see most of them die in the Senate.

The unease over the current Congress is also evident with some lawmakers, particularly those who were just elected on a message of change.

"It's going to take a lot more than a few weeks to show them that we are serious or that we are capable of making change," said Sen. Claire McCaskill, a newly elected Democrat from Missouri. "This is not the easiest place in the world to make change happen, and all of us who are new are

kind of shaking our heads."

Senate Democrats and a handful of Republicans have been prepared for a week to vote on a nonbinding resolution opposing Bush's troop-boosting plan in Iraq. But Republicans blocked an attempt to move to the resolution and Republicans and Democratic leaders have been unable to agree on how to proceed to a vote. The House is expected to take up a resolution against the troop increase next week.

Meanwhile, the House in January moved swiftly through legislation that increased the minimum wage, lowered rates on certain tuition loans, expanded embryonic stem cell research, eliminated tax subsidies for oil companies and required the government to negotiate lower drug prices under Medicare. But that legislation is pending in the Senate, which traditionally moves at a more deliberate pace.



BILL HABER/AP

Chef Paul Prudhomme (left) talks with Cannon Wiest as he looks at the stock pot at his French Quarter restaurant, K-Paul's Louisiana Kitchen, in New Orleans Feb. 2.

Still sinfully delicious

NEW ORLEANS, CITY OF RICH FOOD, IS NOT ABOUT TO JUMP ON TRANS FATS BAN-WAGON

STACEY PLAISANCE
The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Visitors who come to the Big Easy with a big appetite for its sinfully rich food need not fear: This city of beignets, crab cakes, fried oysters and gumbo is not about to jump onto the trans-fat ban wagon.

New Orleans, which regularly ranks among America's fattest, most out-of-shape cities, is simply not the kind of place to let health concerns interfere with the exquisite pleasures of a meal

cooked with butter, bacon drippings, heavy cream and lard.

"We take it to the butter-load, baby," said chef Paul Prudhomme at his world-famous French Quarter restaurant, K-Paul's Louisiana Kitchen, where cooks brush melted butter over pans of jalapeno bread and sauté plump Gulf of Mexico shrimp in butter and seasonings.

In truth, most of New Orleans' big-name, white-linen restaurants do not even use trans fats for their haute Cajun and Creole cuisine, but only because they prefer the rich flavors of natural oils and fats.

Prudhomme and others agree a good roux — the flour browned in oil that helps give gumbo and Louisiana sauces their color and flavor — is done with natural oil like peanut oil.

"And there's nothing wrong

with dripping a little pork loin in there," said Prudhomme, who is famously overweight himself.

Some cooking oils, shortening and margarine contain artificial trans fats, which give oil a longer shelf life and sustain higher cooking temperatures. But trans fats have come under fire from health advocates for clogging heart arteries.

In December, New York City banned artificial trans fats at restaurants. Around the country, Starbucks, KFC, McDonald's and Burger King say they will phase them out, and Crisco, introduced in 1911 and the first shortening product made entirely of vegetable oil, is getting a new formula that nearly eliminates trans fats.

Several states, including Michigan, California and Oregon, are studying a possible ban. But there has been

no such talk in Louisiana.

Over the years, New Orleans has made a number of lists for the fattest and most out-of-shape residents. In 2005, it was lumped among the top 10 fattest cities in a less-than-scientific survey done by Men's Fitness magazine.

The Louisiana-based WOW Cafe & Wingery, which has restaurants in 17 states, announced this month it is switching to a trans fats-free canola oil. But there are a number of restaurants in the bulk frying business that are reluctant to change.

Deanie's Seafood Restaurant in New Orleans, where the menu includes fried artichoke hearts, fried crawfish tails, fried shrimp and crab claws and fried soft-shell crab, has no plans to change its frying oil, which contains trans fats.

EU plan would make damaging environment criminal act

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The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Companies and individuals found responsible for environmental disasters should face criminal charges, the European Union's executive said Friday in proposing a measure that would punish serious offenses across the 27-nation bloc with up to five years in prison or a \$975,000 fine.

Under the proposal, European courts would be allowed to put a company out of business and order those convicted to clean up the environment.

EU Environment Commissioner Stavros Dimas said those found responsible for such disasters as last year's dumping of toxic waste in Ivory Coast, in which 10 people died, should be punished.

"The recent hazardous waste disaster in the Ivory Coast shows how environmental crimes can have devastating effects on people and the environment," he said.

The proposal faces a tough review by member governments and the European Parliament, which will have the final say on whether to adopt the measure.

Several nations, including Britain and Denmark, are reluctant to give the EU a say over such a sensitive national issue as criminal sanctions — laws traditionally drafted by national parliaments and not the EU institutions in Brussels.

EU Justice Commissioner Franco Frattini said the measure was "crucial to avoid criminals profiting" from different judicial systems among member countries. "We cannot allow safe havens of environmental crime inside the EU."

Frattini said corporations were behind 73 percent of environmental crimes. "It is not enough to punish and prosecute managers. It's very important also that corporations pay fines," he said.

Dumping toxic substances, shipping hazardous waste or trading in endangered species can have devastating effects on health and the environment, the EU executive said.

"In serious cases, criminal sanctions such as prison sentences should be applied, as they have a much higher dissuasive effect than, for example, administrative sanctions," the proposal said.

This law would not cover oil spills, which would be included in separate proposal on pollution from ships later this year.

Friday's proposals are a legal first for the European Commission. The EU's Court of Justice ruled in 2005 that the commission has the power to draft criminal laws and decide what constitutes a crime, notably in the area of the environment.

The bulk of the EU's proposals are already punishable under civil or criminal statutes in the United States. In December, for example, two oil tanker crew members were indicted by a federal grand jury after allegedly dumping fuel-tank sludge and oily bilge water into Northern California waters.

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St. Cecilia's Matt Sterup passes against Grand Island Central Catholic's Jake Johnson in the second quarter Friday night at St. Cecilia.



GICC pulls away from St. Cecilia

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The game tape of Grand Island Central Catholic's battle with St. Cecilia Friday night could be marketed and sold as an instructional video on how to play devastating defense.

The Class C-1 No. 2 Crusaders used their patented, smothering man-to-man defense to hold C1 No. 4 St. Cecilia to just 29 percent shooting on their way to a 55-38 victory in front of a near-capacity crowd at Chapman Gymnasium.

The 38 points was easily a season low for the Bluehawks, whose previous low was 50 against Sutton in December.

St. Cecilia entered the game averaging nearly 65 points a game but struggled mightily against the Crusaders, committing 12 turnovers to go with its poor shooting performance.

"I thought that was probably the biggest

key in the game was their defensive intensity," St. Cecilia coach Scott Rosno said. "Taking away our inside and us not screening very well on the outside to get some clean looks was probably the biggest key as to why they continued to pull away and we didn't stay with them."

Senior Jake Johnson scored a game-high 24 points for Central Catholic and the Crusaders shot an efficient 44 percent from the field as they improved to 18-2 on the season.

"I think our focus was very good, I think our players understood what we wanted to try to do and what we wanted to try to take away," GICC coach Bill Gavers said. "Sometimes you can talk about that, you can watch it on film and you can practice it and it doesn't always get executed."

"This group has done a great job all year of executing things defensively that we want to against different types of opponents."

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AMY ROH/Tribune

STC's Craig Farmer dribbles against GICC's Blake Sekora on Friday.

Defense leads E-M to win

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SHICKLEY — The Class D-1 No. 10 Exeter-Milligan girls basketball team used a stifling defense to hold Class D-2 No. 6 Shickley without a field goal for nearly 12 minutes en route to a 36-29 win Friday night in both teams' regular season finales.

E-M, which won its second game over Shickley this season, improved its record to 16-5 while the Longhorns fell to 14-5.

"Shickley is an excellent ball club and playing them (here) is tough," E-M coach Jason Arbuck said. "They are a very tough team to beat, but we are happy that we got the win."

The Longhorns were held scoreless from the 2:10 mark in the second quarter until they scored on a layup from Andrea Sweitzer at the 5:52 mark of the fourth quarter.

"It was a battle of two great defenses," Shickley coach Scott Shipley said. "We had six shots underneath the basket, but E-M got a 5-0 lead on us (in the quarter)."

Arbuck said when things were not going well on offense, especially during the third quarter, his team has to rely on its defense.

"I was pleased with the way our defense played tonight," Arbuck said. "Any time you can hold a team to no points, that shows how well our defense was playing."

Both teams struggled to get any points on the board in the final couple minutes in each of the first three quarters. Despite the lack of points, both coaches felt their defenses did what they needed to do.

"We came out very strong in the beginning attacking the basket," Shipley said. "We did have problems getting some points in the closing minutes of the first two quarters."

E-M held a 19-17 lead at half-time before outscoring Shickley 5-0 in the third quarter to take a 24-17 lead.

Shipley knew his team still had a chance to win the game as it started to become more fluid with its shots.

At one point, the Longhorns had cut the lead to 25-21 with 5:32 left to play in the game. However, E-M turned up its defense and denied Shickley any chance of getting back into the game.

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District wrestling under way



Patriots advance 8 to semis, take lead after first day

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Adams Central put itself into position Friday night to capture the school's first district wrestling tournament.

The Patriots owned the lead in the team standings going into today's action at the Adams Central gym. AC sends eight wrestlers into the semifinals beginning at 9 a.m.

"That's what's propelled us into the lead right now," Patriot coach Dan Lonowski said. "Hopefully we can maintain that. We've never won a district title in the history of our school, so our kids are pretty motivated to try and do that."

AC finished with 49 points Friday, four points ahead of Grand Island Northwest. All 13 Patriot wrestlers survived Friday night rounds to compete today.

Hastings High advanced four wrestlers into the semifinals. The Tigers are in ninth place in the 12-team tournament. Ten of 12 HHS wrestlers will compete today as six are alive in the consolations.

Minden qualified one wrestler for the semifinals. South Central did not advance into the semifinal round.

Wrestlers who finish in the top four places in each weight class will advance to the state tournament Thursday through Saturday at Omaha's Qwest Center.

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BRENT McCOWN/Tribune

Above: Hastings High's Sam Gnagy tries to pin Adams Central's Travis Rust during the quarterfinals of their 125-pound match of the Class B, District 3 wrestling meet at Adams Central on Friday. Top left: South Central's Ryan Musgrave (top) controls HHS wrestler Adam Dunnick's head during their match at 215 pounds in the first round. Top middle: Minden's Jordan Smith tries to escape from York's Oscar Spader during their 125-pound match. Top right: AC's Nick Lonowski tries to pin the Tigers' Kellen Fraser during the 140-pound quarterfinals.

Hastings High freshman swimmer overcomes challenges



AMY ROH/Tribune

Hastings High freshman Marisol Serrano competes in the 50-yard freestyle Feb. 2 at the 16th Street YMCA.

Editor's note: Interpreter Kathy Koch, of Hastings, helped translate what Hastings High freshman swimmer Marisol Serrano said in her interview for this article.

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Marisol Serrano is a typical teenager. She hangs out with her friends, watches movies, reads books and plays sports.

But she does all of this without one of her senses — hearing. Serrano, who has been deaf since the age of 1, is enjoying life just like any teenager.

A freshman at Hastings High School, Serrano is a member of the swimming team. Even though she didn't swim much as a kid, Serrano decided to join the team in her first year of high school.

"I found it interesting, and I wanted to try it," she said. "I like it so much; I would like to try diving next year."

Serrano competes in the 100-yard freestyle and the 50 freestyle. She is also a member of the 200 medley relay team and the 400 freestyle relay.

HHS co-head coach Thor Larson said Serrano has been a great addition to the team. He said she has improved a tremendous amount since joining.

"During her first two days with the team, she had trouble swimming one length of the pool without choking on water," Larson said. "And I'm not talking just choking a little bit — it was concerning."

He said in his 14 years of coaching swimming, he had never expe-

rienced someone with that kind of trouble when swimming.

He said the team helped her understand the timing of a breath and showed her that she should breathe in the mouth and out of the nose when swimming.

But, the work wasn't done yet. He said the next challenge was diving off the blocks.

"She was not very comfortable being elevated above the concrete deck with a limited surface area in which to stand on," Larson said. "So, we worked on associating good feelings to standing on the blocks with an 'anchoring' technique."

Larson said anchoring can be best described as a feeling associated to an object, noise, smell or situation.

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Basketball

Prep Boys Results

Alma 55, Cambridge 53, OT
Arapahoe 49, Bertrand 47
Arcadia 46, Elba 41
Maxwell 55, Arcadia 43
Mead 54, Omaha Central Academy 38
Meridian 52, Dorchester 43
Millard North 67, Omaha Northwest 55
Mullen 71, McPherson County 52
Nebraska City Lourdes 45, Pawnee City 23
Norris 49, Lincoln Plus X 47, OT
North Bend Central 58, Tekamah-Herman 47
O'Neill 55, Ord 42
Oakland-Craig 61, West Point-Beemer 43
Omard 57, Wausa 42
Overton 54, Eustis-Farnam 35
Perkins County 40, Nebraska Christian 40
Palmyra 67, Cedar Bluffs 31
Papillion-La Vista South 51, Millard West 46
Paxton 59, Sutherland 47
Perkins County 50, Chase County 34
Pine Bluffs, Wyo, 67, Potter-Dix 56
Plattsmouth 38, Gretna 34
Pleasanton 70, Louisa 53
Ponca 38, Homer 46
Raymond Central 65, Douglas County West 51
Sargent 45, North Loup 36
Shelby 54, Osceola 46
Shickley 57, Exeter/Milligan 52
Southwest 15, Thayer Center 54
St. Edward 73, Dundey County 59
St. Joseph 42, Lincoln High 45
St. Paul 57, Spalding/Spalding Academy 48
Stapleton 61, Medicine Valley 53
Sterling 56, Nebraska SE Consolidated 38
Summer-Edwille-Miller 57, Brady 15
Superior 65, Lawrence-Nelson 28
Tri County 67, Auburn 50
Wallace 47, Hitchcock County 41
Wauwata-Palsade 67, Maywood 26
Wayne 73, Madison 55
Wilcox-Hildreth 48, Silver Lake 45
Wood River 67, Doniphan-Trumbull 37
York 48, Seward 38
Yutan 74, Tecumseh 72

East-West Shootout Tournament
Gering 65, Lexington 59
North 65, Alliance 30
Scottsbluff 61, McCook 54
Prep Girls Results
Anselmo-Melba 47, Litchfield 32
Arapahoe 52, Bertrand 30
Arcadia 63, Elba 40
Antell 52, Elwood 30
Bellevue East 47, Omaha North 35
Bellevue West 56, Omaha Bryan 30
Mead 54, Omaha Central Academy 38
Bruning-Davenport 42, Franklin 23
Callaway 41, Ansley 26
Cambridge 48, Alma 37
Mullen 71, Augustus 31
Centura 54, Loup City 29
North Bend 32, Tekamah-Herman 47
Chambers 60, St. Mary's 50
City Center 37, McCool Junction 36
Seward 46, York 41
Shelton 74, Harvard 41
Southern Valley 67, Dundey County 36
Spalding/Spalding Academy 77, St. Edward 41
Spencer-Kioper 51, Burdett 44
St. Joseph's Academy, Mo, 48, Falls City 26
Sterling 76, Nebraska SE Consolidated 16
Summer-Edwille-Miller 42, Brady 25
Superior 45, Lawrence-Nelson 30
Sutherland 43, Paxton 39
Tecumseh 55, Yutan 52
Theodor 48, Cody-Kioper 32
Twin River 57, Luther High Northeast 33
Wauwata-Palsade 43, Maywood 40
Wausa 48, Omaha 34
Wayne 64, Madison 47
West Point Central Catholic 67, Pierce 49
Wheeler Central 50, Elgin 40

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3rd — \$6,500, 4f, cloudy.
2 (2) Another Audible (B.Buller) 4.20 4.00 3.20
8 (7) Thoughts of You (L.Delorme) 4.80 3.00
3 (3) Gorgeous Tale (D.Collins) 2.60
OFF 2:52, Time 0:46.80. Fast. Scratch—Easter
Monday. Also Ran—Maywood's Carlie, Diabetsch,
Ketchy, Sarah's Cow Girl. Exacta (2-8) paid \$51.00.
Trifecta (2-8-3) paid \$104.00.
4th — \$9,400, 4f, cloudy.
OFF 2:52, Time 0:46.80. Fast. Also Ran—Ima
Lugger, Lawson's Miracle, You and I Are Wild,
Bergal Be Back. Pick 3 (5-4-3) Correct Paid
\$362.00. Exacta (5-4) paid \$29.80. Trifecta (5-4-3)
paid \$146.00.
5th — \$7,500, 4f, cloudy.
4 (4) My Sweet Star (D.Bald) 14.20 5.20 2.80
6 (6) Jasper County (D.Collins) 5.60 3.20
5 (5) Wagonwayoneway (J.Carkeek) 4.00
OFF 3:48, Time 0:46.80. Fast. Also Ran—Brushy
Lake, Alone At Midnight, Shanny O Near, Little
Trifecta (5-4-3) Correct Paid \$74.20. Exacta
(4-6) paid \$9.40. Trifecta (4-6-5) paid \$578.00.
6th — \$6,200, 6f, cloudy.
Olympic Junction (R.Williams) 18.80 6.20 3.40
Beppie (M.Harting) 7.00 3.40
Steve Mote (D.Collins) 5.00 3.60
OFF 4:15, Time 1:14.80. Fast. Also Ran—Quick
and Crafty, Whamo, Louie Ferguson, dq.—Whamo
(3-5). Pick 3 (5-4-3) Correct Paid \$144.00. Exacta
(5-3) paid \$85.20. Trifecta (5-4-3) paid \$518.20.
7th — \$9,500, 4f, cloudy.
2 (2) Track Hero (R.Williams) 7.00 3.00 2.10
5 (5) Pager (D.Collins) 3.00 2.20
OFF 4:45, Time 0:46.80. Fast. Also Ran—
Subsequently, Richest Half. Pick 3 (4-5-2-3) Correct
Paid \$296.00. Exacta (2-5) paid \$13.60.
8th — \$4,800, 4f, cloudy.
6 (6) Tazumun (L.Delorme) 9.80 4.60 4.20
7 (7) Derby Affair (D.Collins) 5.00 3.60
8 (8) Baby Be True (Riggs) 4.80
OFF 5:12, Time 0:47.00. Fast. Also Ran—Brett's
Cat, Meeting in Hawaii, Jazzing, Timmy Marie,
Halorysummerdream. Pick 3 (5-2-8) Correct Paid
\$417.20. Daily Double (2-8) Correct Paid \$53.80. Exacta
(6-7) paid \$54.40. Superfecta (6-7-8-5) paid \$2,399.20.
Trifecta (6-7-8) paid \$566.40. Attendance unavail-
able. Track Handle unavailable.

Horse Racing
Friday's Fanner Results
1st — \$5,200, 4f, cloudy.
5 (4) Flano Girl (D.Collins) 8.40 3.20 2.10
1 (1) Baldo On Tour (R.Williams) 3.00 2.10
2 (2) Wars Done (B.Buller) 2.10
OFF 2:02, Time 0:46.60. Fast. Scratch—Special
Lovin. Also Ran—Joan's Red Dancer. Exacta (5-1)
paid \$15.20.
2nd — \$4,300, 4f, cloudy.
Nales Picture (L.Delorme) 94.20 26.40 11.20
Ilya Balos (D.Williams) 9.60 4.60
Demary Wild (R.Williams) 8.60 4.60
OFF 2:27, Time 0:46.60. Fast. Also Ran—As-
dumps, Wabaronan, Sm City, High Dividend.
Daily Double (5-4) paid \$129.80. Exacta (4-6) paid
\$452.00. Trifecta (4-6-ALL) paid \$921.60.

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Tribland SATURDAY

USHL hockey: Omaha Lancers at Tri-City Storm ... 7:05 p.m.
College men's basketball: Concordia University at Hastings College ... 4 p.m.
College women's basketball: Concordia University at Hastings College ... 2 p.m.
College baseball: HC vs Colorado Christian at Pueblo, Colo. ... 11 a.m.
College men's tennis: Hastings College at Simpson College ... 10 a.m.
Prep boys basketball: Aurora at Hastings High ... 5:15 p.m.
Prep girls basketball: Aurora at Hastings High ... 7 p.m.
Prep wrestling: Adams Central, Hastings High at B-3 District at Adams Central
Prep swimming: Hastings High at GNAC at Columbus ... 11 a.m.

SUNDAY

College baseball: HC vs. Regis at Pueblo, Colo. ... 11 a.m.

Saturday's TV broadcasts

Auto Racing
7 p.m., NASCAR, Nextel Cup, Budweiser Shootout FOX
9 p.m., NHRA, qualifying for Winternationals ESPN2
Boxing
8:45 p.m., Welterweight championship, Mosley vs. Collazo HBO
College Men's Basketball
7 p.m., Denver at Milwaukee ALT
College Women's Basketball
11 a.m., Marquette at Georgetown ESPN
11 a.m., Southern at Arkansas-Pine Bluff ESPN2
12 p.m., Illinois at Indiana or regional coverage CBS
12:30 p.m., Iowa State at Texas ALT
1 p.m., Iowa at Wisconsin ESPN
1 p.m., Middle Tennessee State at Western Kentucky ESPN2
2:30 p.m., Kansas at Missouri or regional coverage ABC
3 p.m., Hofstra at George Mason ESPN2
3 p.m., Texas Tech at Oklahoma State ESPN2
3 p.m., Oklahoma at Baylor ALT
5 p.m., Providence at Pittsburgh ESPN
5 p.m., Creighton at Southern Illinois ESPN2
5 p.m., Colorado at Kansas State ALT
7 p.m., Xavier at George Washington ESPN2
8 p.m., Florida at Kentucky ESPN
College Women's Basketball
1 p.m., Oklahoma at Texas A&M FSN
3 p.m., Nebraska at Colorado FSN
1 a.m., UCLA at USC FSN
3 a.m., Washington at Stanford FSN
Football
5 p.m., Pro Bowl CBS
2 p.m., PGA, Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, third round CBS
9 p.m., Philadelphia at Calgary VERS
Rodeo
8 p.m., PBR, The Amp'd Mobile Invitational VERS

Saturday's radio broadcasts

College Men's Basketball
12:15 p.m., Wake Forest at North Carolina KYPN (1460 AM)
4 p.m., Concordia at Hastings College KHAS (1230 AM)
College Women's Basketball
1:45 p.m., Concordia at Hastings College KHAS (1230 AM)
Prep Boys Basketball
5 p.m., Aurora at Hastings High KLIQ (94.5 FM)
Prep Girls Basketball
7 p.m., Aurora at Hastings High KLIQ (94.5 FM)
Prep Wrestling
2 p.m., Franklin, Wilcox-Hildreth at D-3 District KKPR (98.9 FM)

Sunday's TV broadcasts

Auto Racing
1 p.m., NASCAR, pole qualifying for Daytona 500 FOX
7 p.m., NHRA, Winternationals, final eliminations ESPN2
Basketball
Noon, San Antonio at Miami ABC
2:30 p.m., Los Angeles Lakers at Cleveland ABC
7 p.m., Chicago at Phoenix ESPN
Bowling
1:30 p.m., PBA, Geico Classic ESPN
College Men's Basketball
Noon, Connecticut at Georgia Tech CBS
1 p.m., St. John's at Syracuse ALT
2 p.m., Boston College at Florida State FSN
4 p.m., Duke at Maryland FSN
6 p.m., Stanford at Washington FSN
College Women's Basketball
2 p.m., Kansas State at Texas Tech or regional coverage ESPN2
4:30 p.m., DePaul at Notre Dame or regional coverage ESPN2
Golf
2 p.m., PGA, Pebble Beach Pro-Am, final round CBS
Hockey
2:30 p.m., Colorado at Dallas or regional coverage NBC
Rodeo
7 p.m., PBR, The Amp'd Mobile Invitational VERS

Sunday's radio broadcasts

College Men's Basketball
3:45 p.m., Duke at Maryland KYPN (1460 AM)

Local

STORM FALLS TO STARS

LINCOLN — The Tri-City Storm remain winless against the Lincoln Stars this season after a 6-3 loss Friday at the Icebox.
The Storm (23-12-2) has lost all six meetings this season and seven straight dating back to last season against the Stars.
Jordan VanGuilder scored two goals, one shorthanded and one even-strength. Calle Ridderwald also scored for the Storm. Tommy Mannino added a pair of assists and Tristin Llewellyn and Jesse Martin had one each.
The Storm has lost three straight since moving into a tie for first place on Feb. 2.

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KU AD APOLIGIZES TO KSU AD
LAWRENCE, Kan. — Kansas' athletic director apologized to his Kansas State counterpart for incidents in which jayhawks fans taunted Wildcats basketball coach Bob Huggins for his past legal problems, a newspaper reported.
The Lawrence Journal-World reported that Kansas' Lew Perkins called Kansas State's Tim Weiser on Thursday to apologize for fans' actions during Wednesday's game.
During the second half of the ninth-ranked jayhawks' 97-70 victory, fans chanted "DUI, DUI," at Huggins — a reference to Huggins' 2004 conviction for drunken driving in Ohio, while he was still Cincinnati's coach.
The Associated Press

Correction

In Wednesday's Tribune, the players from the Kenesaw-Red Cloud girls basketball game from Tuesday were identified with the incorrect team. The players listed under Red Cloud were Kenesaw players while the players listed under Kenesaw were Red Cloud players.

E-M: Timberwolves win defensive battle

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"We had a clean defensive plan tonight," Arbuck said. "We now need to go out and play smart next week as we head into subdistrict play."
Shickley got another good performance from Arielle Brinkman as she scored 10 points and grabbed a game-high 17 rebounds.

"She is a great athlete with a huge heart," Shipley said. "She goes a great job inside and she does things that we need her to do."
Kimberly Sladek scored a game-high 15 points for the Timberwolves. Megan Kuska led E-M with eight rebounds.

Shickley will await the winner of the Clay Center-Heartland Lutheran game in the semifinals of the Class D-2, Subdistrict 3 tournament, while E-M will await the winner of Meridian and Diller-Odell in Class D-1, Subdistrict 2 tournament. Both teams will play Tuesday.

Exeter-Milligan (36)
Lindsay Moore 0-4 3-4 3, Kimberly Sladek 6-15 3-6 15, Megan Kuska 1-8 2-2 5, Allee Kuska 2-12 2-2 6, Jenna Rhodes 0-1 0-0 0, Tina Kaskis 0-0 0-0 0, Amber Filipi 0-1 0-0 0, Kayti Mark 2-3 0-0 4, Rachel Manning 1-1 0-0 3, Team 12-45 10-14 36.
Shickley (29)
Kyle Schweitzer 2-14 0-0 6, Andrea Schweitzer 4-16 1-3 9, Arielle Brinkman 5-10 0-0 10, Stephanie Swartendrubler 2-7 0-0 4, Anne Troyer 0-2 0-0 0, Emilee Doll 0-1 0-0 0, Anna

Brinkman 0-0 0-0 0, Megan Alfs 0-0 0-0 0, Team 13-52 13 39.
E-M (16-5) ... 6 13 5 12 — 36
Shickley (14-5) 8 9 0 12 — 29
Three-point field goals — E-M 2-7 (Moore 0-1, Megan Kuska 1-2, Allee Kuska 0-2, Filipi 0-1, Manning 1-1), S-2-18 (Kyle Schweitzer 2-11, Andrea Schweitzer 0-6, Swartendrubler 0-1). Rebounds — E-M 28 (Megan Kuska 8), S 34 (Arielle Brinkman 17). Turnovers — E-M 13, S 20. Total fouls — E-M 10, S 16. Fouled out — none. Technicals — none.

Serrano: HHS swimmer overcomes challenges

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"Everyone has experienced anchoring," he said. "Usually it happens when a person's emotions are running high and something significant happens. Then every time that person hears that noise or son, or smells that aroma, or encounters that object they have the same exact emotions come back that they experienced the first time."
He said these emotions can be good or bad depending on what happened at the time a person becomes emotionally charged.
"In Marisol's case, we had her just stand on the block and clap her hands until she was excited," Larson said. "Once she was charged up and smiling we asked her to just jump off the block feet first. Then when we saw her smiling as she stepped onto the block, we knew she was ready to tackle diving. From then on, her talent was shown through, and we just help her refine it."
Larson feels that as one of her coaches, there are two challenges she faces. The first is starting a race and the second is getting timely feedback.
He said most starting officials at swim meets are not considerate of her deafness. He said HHS' officials for

their swim meets are great, but when the Tigers visit other teams he said it seems they have a hard time making adjustments.
"A great example would be the starter at the Omaha Westside Invitational," he said. "It was such a big meet there and the pressure was on the starter to keep the meet moving quickly along."
He said when Serrano's 100 freestyle event came up she was in heat one and she was the only swimmer in the heat because the other two swimmers had scratched.
"Marisol is very cautious when she steps up onto the block," he said, "and while she was getting her balance together the starter gave the command 'take your mark'. Well of course she didn't hear it and the teammate we sent to the block with her was having a hard time getting her attention because she was concentrating on keeping her balance."
He said the starter started the race, despite the fact that the rules specifically state that all contestants must be motionless before the start of a race, and if they are not it is the starter's job to stand them up and give the command again.
He said the starter was horrible and instead of reset-

ting the clock, he just looked at Serrano and said "well, are you going to go?"
"After much confusion, she dove in and started the race — 10 seconds late," he said. "This was her only individual race and because an official was more focused on getting races started right away and not the right way, Marisol suffered."
The other challenge is timely feedback. Larson said in practice the coaches whistle at swimmers to stop if they need their attention.
However, it is a bit different with Serrano as she cannot hear the whistle.
"Obviously, Marisol cannot hear this whistle and we might miss an opportunity to catch her doing something right or miss avoiding a collision at that moment," he said.
Serrano said when she swims or watches others take to the pool, she likes to copy what other people do. She says that is how she learns some of her moves and techniques.
"I wasn't good at first," Serrano said. "I learned from watching what the other swimmers were doing, and I have gotten a lot better."
Her best event, by far, is the 50 freestyle. She also likes being a part of the 200 relay team, but she insisted that she likes the 50 the most.

"(Doing the 50 yards) is a lot easier for me," Serrano said. "I swim a lot faster than the 100 (freestyle) or the 200 medley, but, for me, I love the 50."
When she is not swimming or learning new techniques, Serrano is busy making friends.
She said the first time she walked to the pool, she didn't know anyone. But, as the season progressed she continues to make new friends and having a lot of fun with her swimming friends.
"I didn't know anybody when I started on the swimming team," she said. "There are some who still can't communicate with me, but they are still my friends. Some of the swimmers sign to me and some know how to finger spell."
Larson said it is a challenge to communicate with all swimmers, hearing impaired or not. He said swimming is an unique sport in that, as coaches, they don't get in the water and demonstrate what they want the swimmers to do.
"We have to choose our words very carefully, keeping in mind the picture we are trying to communicate in our heads so it matches the picture in the swimmer's head. I sometimes get the impression

that it is hard for the person assigned to communicate with Marisol through sign language to sign words that are unique to swimming, like streamline, flipturn, rotary breathing, etc."
Larson said her interaction with the team is pretty normal. He said she has those that she is closer to, usually other freshmen or sophomores, but as a whole he thinks her teammates are very supportive and encouraging.
"When she first started there was a swimmer that gave her anxiety," he said, "but eventually that person washed-out and couldn't handle the challenges of competitive swimming. In a way, I think, that gave Marisol a sense of pride — she was hanging on when others were letting go."
Larson thinks by the time she becomes a senior, the Tigers may have another state contender on their hands.
Serrano will continue to make improvements to her swimming and she said she would like to tackle diving next year. But as for the near future, she will look to finish off this swimming season and move on to soccer.
"I like to play soccer mainly because I love to run," she said. "So, I want to try to play on the soccer team this year."

Prep Girls Basketball Wild-Card Standings

Table with 3 columns: Team Name, Record, and Standings. Includes Class B, Class C-1, Class C-2, Class D-1, and Class D-2 categories.

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The lowdown on girls subdistrict basketball

RYAN MURKEN

With postseason basketball right around the corner, 2007 appears as if it could be a year of repeat champions in girls basketball.

All six of last year's state champs appear poised at another state title run with four of last season's champions posting one loss or none to date.

Gretna (19-0) in Class B and Humphrey St. Francis (19-0) in Class D-1 both sport perfect records while 2006 champions Crofton (19-1) in C-1 and Newcastle (19-1) in D-2 each have just one blemish on its slate.

Last spring's Class A champ, Bellevue East (15-3) will certainly be right in the mix again this year as will reigning Class C-2 champ Ravenna (15-6).

It won't be easy for any of last year's champions as six other undefeated teams still loom, including Crete (17-0) in Class B, Fort Calhoun (20-0) in Class C-1, and Perkins County (17-0) and Kearney Catholic (20-0) in C-2.

Class D-2 also boasts a pair of undefeated squads in 18-0 Prague and 15-0 McPherson County.

Humphrey St. Francis and Crofton will both be aiming for dynasty status as they go after their third straight titles this March.

Tribland teams will once again play a key role in who advances to Lincoln with nine Tribland squads in the top 15 in the point standings of their respective classes.

With only eight spots in Lincoln open in each class, there are a lot of things that can happen between now and March 1.

Here's a look at what stands between the Tribland teams and a trip to Lincoln.

*Records are accurate as of tournament

seeding time. See page C2 for wild-card standings entering Friday's games.

CLASS B, DISTRICT 4

AT AURORA

Who: Aurora, Hastings High, Schuyler, Seward, York. The lowdown: Hastings High is likely one of the best seven teams in the state. The Tigers (4-12) have lost seven games to teams with a 500 record or better and their other five losses have all come at the hands of Class A schools. Hastings will likely be the third seed in the district and face second-seed Seward (11-6) in the first round. The Tigers are familiar with Seward, having defeated the Blue Jays 50-29 in the season opener. Host school Aurora (12-5), ranked No. 6 in Class B, will likely await the winner in the district finals. Hastings will get a chance to test themselves against the Huskies in a regular season battle tonight. Districts will get under way Feb. 20.

CLASS C-1, SUBDISTRICT 2

AT YORK

Who: Fillmore Central (6-11) vs. Wilber-Clatonia (3-15), Feb. 12, 7 p.m.; winner vs. Fairbury (15-4), Feb. 13, 6 p.m.; Centennial (9-7) vs. Milford (13-7), Feb. 13, 7:45 p.m.; Championship, Feb. 15, 7 p.m. The lowdown: Fairbury is the clear-cut favorite in this district, dropping to C-1 this season after reaching the semifinals last year in Class B. Fillmore Central hopes to get another crack at the Juffs after falling at Fairbury 86-27 in its season opener. The Panthers are hoping to have some bounce go their way for a change after losing six games this season by seven points or fewer. The subdistrict winner won't get much of a break as No. 8 Lincoln Lutheran will likely emerge from the other side.

CLASS C-1, SUBDISTRICT 9

AT KEARNEY HIGH

Who: Adams Central (9-9) vs. Doniphan-Trumbull (4-15), Feb. 12, 7 p.m.; winner vs. Minden (15-3), Feb. 13, 6 p.m.; Gibbon (11-6) vs. Hastings St. Cecilia (14-5), Feb. 13, 7:45 p.m.; Championship, Feb. 15, 7 p.m. The lowdown: Interest in this subdistrict has certainly gone up in the past week with Adams Central's victory over St. Cecilia. The Patriots and Hawkettes enter postseason play heading in different directions. Adams Central enters playing its best basketball of the season, winners of three of its past five with two close losses to ranked foes St. Paul and Ravenna. St. Cecilia enters district play struggling, losing its past three games, including the 61-58 setback to Adams Central. Both teams have plenty of work to do before they can think about an all-city rematch in the subdistrict final. The Hawkettes open with third-seeded Gibbon while Adams Central must get past Doniphan-Trumbull. Minden enters at the top seed and is still a possible contender for a wild-card spot, currently sitting seventh in the points standings. With one wild-card almost surely going to Norfolk Catholic or Crofton, the Whippets don't want to worry about wild-card points. A possible matchup with Adams Central would be a rematch of the final of the Minden holiday tournament in December, a 42-38 Whippet win. St. Paul, Centura and Grand

Island Central Catholic will battle it out on the other side of the district.

CLASS C-2, SUBDISTRICT 2

AT WILBER-CLATONIA

Who: Southern (11-9) vs. Friend (4-14), Feb. 12, 6 p.m.; Winner vs. Malcolm (13-6), Feb. 13, 6 p.m.; Tri County (11-8) vs. Thayer Central (0-18), Feb. 12, 7:45 p.m.; Winner vs. McCool Junction (15-4), Feb. 13, 7:45 p.m.; Championship, Feb. 15, 7 p.m. The lowdown: It has been another tough season for Thayer Central, to win or two in Subdistricts would give the Titans a building block for the future. Thayer Central will try to snap a 39-game losing streak when it takes on Tri County in the opening round. The district looks to be wide open with no team in the top 17 in wild-card point standings. Top-seed Malcolm, second-seeded McCool Junction, third-seed Tri County and fourth-seed Southern all sport winning records. The other side of the district appears to be just as open with Humboldt-Fable Rock-Stainauer and Elmwood-Murdock the top contenders.

CLASS C-2, SUBDISTRICT 9

AT ST. CECILIA

Who: Sandy Creek (8-12) vs. Superior (5-12), Feb. 12, 6 p.m.; Winner vs. Blue Hill (18-2), Feb. 13, 6 p.m.; Sutton (15-4) vs. Shelton (5-12), Feb. 12, 7:45 p.m.; Winner vs. Heartland (15-4), Feb. 13, 7:45 p.m.; Championship, Feb. 15, 7 p.m. The lowdown: Perhaps the toughest district in the state, this district at St. Cecilia will draw plenty of interest from across the state. With five teams in the district currently in the top 10 in wild-card points this district will likely produce one of Class C-2's two wild-card recipients with the other wild card likely going to either Homer or West Point Central Catholic. Simply put, this district is loaded. Blue Hill, which has won 15 straight games and currently sits fifth in wild-card points, is the top seed in Subdistrict 9. Sutton enters the postseason seeking its sixth consecutive trip to state after receiving a wild-card berth last year. The third-seeded Fillies are currently eighth in the wild-card standings and will likely need to win the district to get back to Lincoln. Sutton certainly will not be lacking motivation for its first two foes as the Fillies will open with first-year head coach Andy Gerelac's old team, Shelton. Awarding Sutton in the semifinals would be rival Heartland, which has already defeated the Fillies twice this season. No one can afford to overlook a Sandy Creek team coached by Russ Ninemire, who has his Cougars playing well down the stretch. Sandy Creek is coming off a victory over Fillmore Central and has won four of its last seven.

CLASS C-2, SUBDISTRICT 10

AT MINDEN

Who: Wilcox-Hidreth (6-11) vs. Loup City (2-14), Feb. 12, 6 p.m.; Winner vs. Kearney Catholic (19-0), Feb. 13, 6 p.m.; Franklin (6-11) vs. Alma (1-16), Feb. 12, 7:45 p.m.; Winner vs. Ravenna (14-6), Feb. 13, 7:45 p.m.; Championship, Feb. 15, 7 p.m. The lowdown: The other half of the most loaded district in the state doesn't get much easier with top-ranked Kearney

Catholic and defending state champ Ravenna as the top two seeds. Kearney Catholic has looked untouchable for most of the season, after dropping down from C-1 following last year where it reached the state semifinals before losing to eventual champion Crofton. Ravenna has six regular season losses but has played a tough schedule with five losses coming to C-1 schools and the other loss a 57-49 setback to Kearney Catholic in December. Wilcox-Hidreth will be looking to make its first state tournament appearance ever and open with Loup City. Franklin will rely on its postseason experience as the Flyers have two starters back from last year's team that earned a wild-card berth to state. The Flyers are familiar with first-round foe Alma having defeated the Cardinals 52-44 last January.

CLASS D-1, SUBDISTRICT 2

AT FAIRBURY

Who: Meridian (7-8) vs. Diller-Odel (6-12), Feb. 12, 7 p.m.; Winner vs. Exter-Milligan (15-5), Feb. 13, 6 p.m.; Dorchester (8-10) vs. Bruning-Davenport (10-11), Feb. 13, 7:45 p.m.; Championship, Feb. 15, 7 p.m. The lowdown: You can never count Exter-Milligan out of the mix when the postseason comes around. The Timberwolves are back in Class D-1 this season after a two-year stint in C-2 and are seeking their fourth consecutive trip to Lincoln. After losing all five of last season's starters to graduation, head coach Jason Artuck has done perhaps the best coaching job of his career this season as Exter-Milligan enters the postseason winners of seven of its last eight. The Timberwolves are familiar with both of their potential first-round foes having defeated Meridian twice this season and Diller-Odel by 12 in December. Bruning-Davenport has shown flashes of being a very dangerous team this season as was evident in two close losses to Deshler and a four-point loss at Exter in his first trip to state since 2004 and the first state tournament victory in the school's history. The other side of this district features two teams in the top eight in points in top-seeded Freeman and second-seed Mead. A Freeman vs. Exter-Milligan district final would be a dandy as Freeman defeated the Timberwolves 48-39 earlier this season on a neutral court at the MUDCEAS tournament. With one wild-card almost certainly going to Bancroft-Rosalie or Humphrey St. Francis and the other likely headed for Axtell or Eustis-Famam, it will be winner take all.

CLASS D-1, SUBDISTRICT 6

AT FILLMORE CENTRAL

Who: Red Cloud (11-7) vs. Silver Lake (9-8), Feb. 12, 6 p.m.; Winner vs. Deshler (15-4), Feb. 13, 6 p.m.; Lawrence-Nelson (11-6) vs. Harvard (4-13), Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m.; Winner vs. Kenesaw (14-5), Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m.; Championship, Feb. 15, 7:30 p.m. The lowdown: Probably the most even subdistrict in D-1, this should be a lot of fun to watch. With four teams in the top 20 of the point standings and two teams in the top nine, this district is not only even, it's full of talented teams. There will be no strangers in this district as five of the teams compete in the Twin Valley Conference and the only non-IVC member, Kenesaw, has played games against five of the subdistrict's teams. One of the best stories in the entire state this

year, Deshler went from 2-17 last season to 15-4 this year and is the subdistrict's top seed and currently sixth in points standings. With the two wild-card spots probably spoken for, the Dragons are concentrating on winning their district. They will see a Twin Valley Conference rival in their first game. Red Cloud and Silver Lake will battle for the third time this season for the right to take on Deshler. Red Cloud has won the first two meetings by a combined five points. Silver Lake enters postseason hoping to right the ship. The Mustangs have lost four in a row and five of their past six since starting the year 8-4. A state qualifier last season, Lawrence-Nelson is seeking its fourth state tournament appearance in the past seven years. The Raiders will see a very familiar foe in the opening round when they take on Harvard, a team they have beaten twice this season, including a 37-32 win over the Cardinals on Tuesday. Harvard coach Jamie Lipker is no stranger to the postseason atmosphere, having led the Cardinals to the state tournament twice as a player. Kenesaw moves up from Class D-2 where it was a state qualifier last season. The Blue Devils defeated potential opponent Lawrence-Nelson 45-38 in the finals of the Kenesaw holiday tournament in December. A potential Deshler vs. Kenesaw matchup in the subdistrict finals would be a battle of two contrasting styles with Deshler's potent offense and Kenesaw's speedy guards. The winner of this subdistrict will have a great opportunity to advance to state as the other side of the district features just one team, second-seeded Osceola, with a winning record. Shelby, the top seed, is 7-10 and sits 31st in wild-card points.

CLASS D-2, SUBDISTRICT 3

AT SANDY CREEK

Who: Clay Center (4-13) vs. Heartland Lutheran (4-15), Feb. 12, 7 p.m.; Winner vs. Shickley (14-4), Feb. 13, 6:15 p.m.; Hampton (6-11) vs. Gilmer (14-4), Feb. 13, 8 p.m.; Championship, Feb. 15, 7 p.m. The lowdown: Despite losing three starters from last year's state tournament squad, the Longhorns haven't missed a beat. Shickley is the top seed and enters postseason play eighth in wild-card standings. One wild-card spot in D-2 will likely go to Falls City Sacred Heart or Prague, but the other wild-card spot appears to be up for grabs and possibly with the Longhorns' grasp. Shickley would rather not rely on the wild-card as it did last year. To do so, the Longhorns will have to get by a couple of Crossroads Conference rivals. Second-seeded Gilmer is seeking its first-ever state tournament berth. The Hornets are playing their best basketball of the season over the past several weeks. Gilmer has won four straight games entering postseason play, including wins over C-2 McCool Junction and D-1 Exter-Milligan. Shickley and Gilmer have split a pair of games this season with Gilmer winning 59-51 in December and Shickley taking the most recent game in the semifinals of the STC tournament 43-34. Clay Center has shown the ability to be a dangerous team this season, as was evident by 44-34 upset of Gilmer back on Jan. 5. The winner of this subdistrict could see number of teams emerge from the other side as top-seed Sumner-Eddyville-Miller is the only team with a winning record. Third-seeded Eba or second-seed Arcadia will likely see S-E-M in the finals. Gilmer has defeated Eba twice this season, including a 53-34 win earlier this month.

STC: No. 4 Bluehawks fall to No. 2 Grand Island Central Catholic

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GICC led 12-8 after the first quarter, taking advantage of five Bluehawk turnovers in the first quarter.

St. Cecilia stormed back to take its only lead of the game at 18-17 on a layup by Jake Hamburger with 3:45 left in the first half.

The lead was short lived as Johnson scored five points in the next two minutes to give Central Catholic a 22-19 lead.

After St. Cecilia cut the lead to 22-21 on a basket by Matt Sterup, Joe Partington gave the Crusaders a 25-21 halftime cushion by hitting a three-pointer from deep in the corner that just beat the buzzer.

GICC put the game away in the third quarter with defense, holding St. Cecilia to a season-low five points in the third quarter as the Crusaders slowed the

pace of the game and held the Bluehawks to just 2-of-13 shooting in the quarter while taking a 37-26 lead.

"If you are playing them and you don't make it a priority to take away transition, then you probably need your head examined because they are so good in the open court and transition," Gavers said. "Our players were disciplined getting back, they were disciplined pointing and hollering, matching up and finding people. And that is always a key when you play them."

Johnson drilled three-pointers on back-to-back possessions midway through the third quarter to push the lead to nine as the Crusaders slowly pulled away.

"The bottom line is we didn't quite keep our end of the deal up as far as scoring points," Rosno said. "That kind of stretched the game away and a lot of

that credit goes to their defense."

The 6-foot-3 Johnson provided all the offense that GICC needed, hitting 9-of-14 shots from the field, including 2-of-3 from beyond the three-point arc while grabbing a game-high 13 rebounds.

"He is just an extraordinarily passionate player," Gavers said of Johnson. "People see him on Friday night; you ought to see him Monday at practice."

"That is where you become a great player — Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, when some guys think, 'Oh, this is just practice.' He approaches everything with total focus and total commitment to his team."

Partington added 11 points and Brad Kulus, another senior, had 11 for Central Catholic.

St. Cecilia held a 37-30 rebounding advantage, including 15 offensive

rebounds, but the Bluehawks were unable to capitalize on many of their second-chance opportunities.

The Bluehawks even struggled when they were unguarded, hitting just 9-of-20 free throws.

"In a game like this, you have two or three possessions like that and all of a sudden the rim tightens up a little bit on you," Rosno said of missed putback opportunities. "You combine that with the fact that we didn't hit some free throws. We got to the line plenty of times but you have to convert on those."

Matt Sterup led St. Cecilia with nine points while Riley Nikkila and Blake Wright each added eight.

GICC and STC could see each other again this season in a district final.

St. Cecilia will now have a week off before wrapping up its regular season

Friday at Centura.

"To be honest right now, Centura is our only target," Rosno said. "Seeing (GICC) again would be great, but it's not going to do any good if we don't focus on our first-round opponent in subdistricts."

Grand Island Central Catholic (55)

Spencer Fahey 1-4 2-3 4, Blake Sekora 0-0 0-0 0, Joe Partington 4-14 2-11, Alex Witmer 0-0 2-2 2, Brad Kulus 4-6 2-2 10, Brent Moravec 1-1 0-0 2, Jake O'Connor 1-1 0-0 2, Jake Johnson 9-14 4-6 24, Andrew Chalupa 0-1 0-0 0, Team 20-45 12-15 55.

St. Cecilia (38)

Aaron Esch 2-7 2-5 6, Jono Schwenka 1-2 2-2 4, Craig Farmer 0-6 1-2 1, Riley Nikkila 3-10 1-3 8, Jake Hamburger 1-5 0-0 2, Blake Sekora 0-0 0-0 0, Zane Anstine 0-0 0-0 0, Justin Sam 0-0 0-0 0, Matt Sterup 4-8 1-4 9, Team 14-47 9-20 38.

GICC (18-2) 12 13 12 18 — 55
St. Cecilia (16-2) 8 13 5 12 — 38

Three-point field goals — STC 1-7 (Esch 0-2, Farmer 0-1, Nikkila 1-4), GICC 3-16 (Fahey 0-3, Partington 1-6, Kulus 0-1, Johnson 2-3, Sekora 0-2, Chalupa 0-1). Rebounds — STC 37 (Nikkila 7, Wright 7, GICC 30 (Johnson 13). Turnovers — STC 12, GICC 6. Total fouls — STC 14, GICC 19. Fouled out — GICC (Moravec). Technicals — none.

AC: Patriots advance 8 to semis

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An Adams Central-Hastings High matchup will take place in the 171-pound semifinal contest today.

AC's Scott Schmidt will tangle with the Tigers' Eric Rundle. Schmidt will be looking to earn his second state tournament berth. He qualified for state three years ago.

Three other Adams Central returning state qualifiers made it to the semifinals. They are two-time state qualifier Ben Jones (119), Nick Lonowski (140) and Andrew Eberhardt (285).

Both Nick Lonowski and Eberhardt were battling the flu earlier in the week but found the stamina to score quarterfinal wins Friday night.

"Andrew and Nick were both

sicker than dogs. But they both came back and looked pretty good, so I was happy with their performances," Dan Lonowski said.

Other AC wrestlers who will compete in the semifinals are Alex Rostvet (130), Richard Coats (160), Riley Ames (189) and Jeremy Hansen (215).

Hastings High's two-time state qualifier Sam Gnagy (125) earned a spot in the semifinals along with teammate David Gonzalez (135). Gonzalez will be seeking his second trip to the state tournament. The Tigers' Adam Jorgensen advanced to the semifinals in the 119-pound weight class.

Tiger coach Rod Tickle said members of his team have also had to contend with the flu this week.

"It's just going to be a grinder to get through," Tickle said about

today's action. "Everybody's going to have a real challenge ahead of them on account of this blasted flu."

Tickle said he hoped some of his lower-seeded wrestlers could qualify for the semifinals.

"I was hoping they could come in and take care of some business," he said. "In some cases they did. I thought our kids looked a little tense, especially the younger ones."

Minden will be represented in the semifinals by Danny Pesek in the 112-pound division. Pesek will be looking for his first state-tournament appearance.

Team Standings

Adams Central 49, Grand Island Northwest 45, Seward 42, Aurora 40, O'Neill 36.5, Boone Central 35, York 35, Broken Bow 34, Hastings High 26.5, Holdrege 16, South Central Unified District 16, Minden 6.

C-3 DISTRICTS

GENEVA — St. Cecilia had three wrestlers advance to the semifinals after the first day of the Class C, District 3 meet Friday. Scott Micek (125), Nick Konen (160) and Jordan Stovall (171) will compete in the semifinals today. Nick Mangers (103) and Devin Ostrander (285) are still competing in the consolations.

Red Cloud/Blue Hill had seven wrestlers advance to the semifinals. Taylor Premer (103), Brett Rupprecht (135), Chase Henderson (145), Nathan Petska (152), Sam Krueger (160), Garrett Schroeder (189) and Cameron Trumble (285) will be competing in the semifinals today. Brock Hansen (112) and Art Oberlechner (215) are returning in the consolation matches.

Doniphan-Trumbull's Tyler Lee (112), Danny Treat (130), Nick Williams (140), Thomas Delka (145), Bill Bunde (160), Anthony Holroyd (215) and Sam Nelson

Tribland Wrestling Roundup

(285) will all be returning today in the consolations.

No other information was available.

C-4 DISTRICTS

WEEPING WATER — Kenesaw/Shelton had three wrestlers advance to the semifinals after the first day of the Class C, District 4 meet Friday. Matt Ellis (112), Matt Duffy (160) and Patrick Fletcher (285) will compete in the semifinals today. Tanner Hawks (145) is still competing in the consolations.

No other information was available.

D-3 DISTRICTS

AMHERST — Franklin is tied for third place after the first day of the Class D, District 3 meet Friday. Franklin's Simon James (112), Garrett Rubendall (125), Ethan Kahrs (130), Cody Dorn (135), Justin Weaver (140), Logan James (145) and Russell Walton (160) are all going to the semifinals today.

No other information was available.

Tribland Basketball Roundup

Hastings High girls 45
Norris 35
Hastings High defeated Norris 45-35 Friday night.
Kaylin Cook led the Tigers with 11 points. Teammate Taylor Flohrs tallied nine points while Melanie Patrick added seven points.
Norris (7-10) 6 5 12 12 — 35
HHS (5-11) 15 5 11 14 — 45
Hastings High (45)
Rikki Lay 4, Allison Kern 4, Sadie Martin 6, Nicole Wolahn 2, Taylor Flohrs 3, Melanie Patrick 7, Hannah Rundle 2, Kaylin Cook 11
Norris (35)
Shanee Berry 9, Taylor Krajci 6, Abbie Gabel 6, Megan Poe 6, Sarah Hoeller 6, Kaylann Scheidt 2

Bruning-Davenport girls 42
Franklin 23
DAVENPORT — Bruning-Davenport defeated Franklin 42-23 Friday night.
Brittany Hoins led B-D with 16 points. Teammate Cecelia Catlett tallied 11 points while Kelsey Werner added six points.
Franklin's Rachel Walton tallied seven points while Jess Dorn and Chelsea Kneahs both added six points.
Franklin (6-12) 6 8 4 5 — 23
B-D (12-11) 6 10 20 6 — 42
Bruning-Davenport (42)
Lichelle Schroeder 5, Kelsey Werner 6, Cecelia Catlett 11, Kelsey Olt 4, Brittany Hoins 16
Franklin (23)
Emily Wentworth 2, Steph Minick 2, Rachel Walton 7, Jess Dorn 6, Chelsea Kneahs 6

Clay Center girls 37
McCool Junction 33
CLAY CENTER — Clay Center defeated McCool Junction 37-33 Friday.
Ashley Borman had a game high 15 points for the Wildcats.
Mikaela White led McCool Junction with 14 points.
McCool (15-5) 9 6 6 12 — 33
Clay Center (5-14) 8 7 14 8 — 37
Clay Center (37)
Judy Borman 15, Abby Sorenson 8, Stephanie Hoyt 7, Jesse Sorenson 5, Brendal Stutnicka, Mikaela White 14, Andrea Hall 10, Molly Underwood 1, Carle Georges 8
Superior girls 45
Lawrence-Nelson 35
SUPERIOR — Superior defeated Lawrence-Nelson 45-35 Friday night.
Houston Purcell led Superior with 16 points. Teammate Shae Turna tallied 12 points while Stacia Gebers added eight points.
L-N's April Wilton tallied 14 points while MacKenzie McCartney added 13 points.
Lawrence (6-12) 9 15 5 16 — 45
L-N (11-7) 17 7 2 9 — 35
Superior (45)
J.J. Hoins 2, Houston Purcell 16, Brittanie Simonson 2, Chelsea Baker 5, Shae Turna 12, Stacia Gebers 8
Lawrence-Nelson (35)
Jaycee Catlett 3, MacKenzie McCartney 13, Julie Wehman 4, Kayla Hoelling 1, April Wilton 14
Giltner girls 46
Hampton 35
HAMPTON — Giltner defeated Hampton 46-35 Friday.
Johnny Lockwood led Giltner with 16 points. Teammate Natalie Harmon tallied 11 points while Stasia Ott added eight points.
Giltner (16-4) 11 6 12 17 — 46
Hampton (6-12) 7 8 9 11 — 35
Giltner (46)
Christi Burson 4, Chelsea Stallings 2, Natalie Harmon 11, Gretchen Krutz 5, Johnny Lockwood 16, Stasia Ott 8

Cloud 85-31 on Friday night.
Taylor Schlegel led Kenesaw with 15 points. Teammate Trevor Stickle tallied 14 points while Adam Schutte added 12 points.
Red Cloud's Wes Olson tallied 11 points while Aaron Vescoat added eight points.
Kenesaw (13-4) 20 23 20 22 — 85
Red Cloud (1-15) 10 6 5 10 — 31
Kenesaw (85)
Trevor Stickle 14, Matt Cline 4, Ethan Vobke 2, Aaron Cammack 8, Brandon Stevens 8, Evander Smith 10, Taylor Jacobitz 15, Jeremy Shuniger 2, Adam Schutte 12, Kirk Marble 5
Red Cloud (31)
Justin Goodell 2, Jon Schriener 4, Aaron Vescoat 8, Patrick Hoyt 2, JayDee Snell 2, Nathan Van Wey 2, Wes Olson 11
Sutton boys 52
Fillmore Central 43
FAIRMONT — Sutton defeated Fillmore Central 52-43 Friday night.
Brooks Wiebe led the Mustangs with 20 points. Teammate Jake Bergen tallied 18 points while Justin Hultman added seven points.
FC's Riley Bohlen tallied 12 points while Roby Taylor added 10 points.
Sutton (14-4) 18 14 12 8 — 52
FC (7-9) 10 13 12 8 — 43
Sutton (52)
Brooks Wiebe 20, Justin Hultman 7, Jake Bergen 18, Matt McElfresh 4
Fillmore Central (43)
Dustin Himes 6, Michael Baumann 3, Raby Taylor 10, Sean Hoery 7, Jordan Ulrich 5, Riley Bohlen 12

Superior boys 66
Lawrence-Nelson 28
SUPERIOR — Superior defeated Lawrence-Nelson 66-28 Friday night.
Andrew Pritchard led Superior with 14 points. Teammate Kyle Schultz tallied 10 points
Cloud 85-31 on Friday night.
Taylor Schlegel led Kenesaw with 15 points. Teammate Trevor Stickle tallied 14 points while Adam Schutte added 12 points.
Red Cloud's Wes Olson tallied 11 points while Aaron Vescoat added eight points.
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Red Cloud (1-15) 10 6 5 10 — 31
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while Tanner Krajnik and Andrew Brazil both added nine points.
L-N's Steven Schroer tallied nine points while J.C. Hinz added five points.
L-N (2-16) 5 4 8 11 — 28
Superior (5-12) 19 18 15 14 — 66
Superior (66)
Mike Kinyoun 4, Andrew Pritchard 14, Tanner Krajnik 9, Nick Miller 4, Logan Crockett 1, Spencer Trap 6, Andrew Brazil 9, R.J. Hamilton 5, Jake Edwards 1, Kyle Schultz 10, Ryan Renz 3
Lawrence-Nelson (28)
Steven Schroer 9, J.C. Hinz 5, Gage Bilott 3, Cody Bole 3, Garrett Svoboda 3, Andy Peterson 3, Zach Hult 2
Franklin boys 41
Bruning-Davenport 38
DAVENPORT — Franklin defeated Bruning-Davenport 41-38 Friday.
Blake Erickson led the Flyers with 14 points. Kurtis Tritson added 11 points for the win.
Franklin (14-4) 13 3 16 9 — 41
B-D (15-7) 4 12 12 10 — 38
Franklin (41)
Blake Erickson 14, Kurtis Tritson 11, Zach Dean 4, Corey Blair 4, Luke Siga 1, Brent Adam 2, Cole Gottlieb 2
Brun

Hallmark Channel breaks into cable's top ranks



JAMIE TRUEBLOOD, Hallmark Channel/AP

John Newton appears in a scene from the Hallmark Channel's popular film "The Christmas Card" as a soldier serving in Afghanistan who is deeply touched when he receives a homemade Christmas card simply addressed to "a member of the U.S. Army."

BUT WILL ITS GROWTH CREATE FINANCIAL SUCCESS?

LYNN ELBER

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — In January 2002, before David Kenin's first news conference as Hallmark Channel's programming chief, Kenin's then-boss told him that he'd be introduced with the mandate of making the fledgling enterprise a top-10 cable channel.

"I said, 'Could you just wait until I get back from the bar? I'm not going to be prepared to defend that right away,'" Kenin recalled, wryly.

Five years later, Hallmark has achieved what seemed unlikely for a channel that started with what Kenin called "flatline" ratings and gained early traction with reruns of hoary broadcast series including "The Rifleman."

Hallmark finished 2006 as the No. 9 advertiser-supported cable channel in U.S. households, the result of its self-proclaimed "family friendly" prime-time lineup stuffed with TV movies as sweetly sentimental as a traditional Hallmark greeting card.

For fourth quarter 2006, it came in at No. 6 and, during December weekend prime time, was the most-watched ad-supported

channel. It bested competitors including TBS and USA Network with big seasonal guns like the original movie "The Christmas Card," and with the U.S. TV premiere of the hit documentary "March of the Penguins."

In 2005, the channel ranked No. 11 in household ratings. It averaged 930,000 daily viewers in 2005, with the number rising to nearly 1.2 million last year.

The ratings indicate "there is an insatiable demand for what is now a very limited supply of family friendly programming," said Henry Schleiff, president and chief executive officer of Crown Media Holdings Inc., which owns and operates the channel.

While most channels try to be "a little bit hipper, a little bit cooler, a little bit sharper than the other one," he said, Hallmark is serving audiences in search of "good stories and classic series."

Kenin, who oversees selection of the nearly two-dozen original movies that air annually on Hallmark, said he has a simple rule when reviewing scripts: "If I'm not crying, we don't do them."

"Most of our materials, in a very complex and troubled world, are situations that elevate the human spirit and cherish human relationships and celebrate life," said Kenin, Crown's executive vice president for programming.

It's natural for executives to tout their programs and ratings to the media. But Hallmark is reaching for a different audience: the cable and satellite carriers it needs to convince that the channel's popularity should earn it higher license fees.

Cable industry realities have kept the channel's subscriber fees in the cellar despite audience growth.

"We're an independent, so we're not part of a larger group that says, 'If you pay us more we'll throw in such-and-such other networks. We have to do it the old-fashioned way, which is to say on the merits,'" Schleiff said. "And in this real, cruel world we live in, the merits are not always rewarded commensurate with the real value."

Other channels with comparable ratings but corporate connections can get up to a dollar per subscriber per month, "way above what Hallmark Channel" receives, Schleiff said. (One news report put Hallmark's license fees at 5 cents per subscriber.)

That has forced Hallmark to rely largely on advertising revenue, compared to the "duel revenue" streams of ad sales and carriage fees other channels enjoy, he said. The combination of startup costs from Hallmark Channel's August 2001 launch and its operating deficit has created a \$1 billion debt for Crown, Schleiff said.



LAURIE SPARHAM, Miramax Films/AP

Actress Helen Mirren portrays Queen Elizabeth II in a scene from the film "The Queen." Mirren is a favorite in 2007 to win a best actress Oscar for her role.

The Police will patrol Grammy Awards

TERRY MORROW

Scripps Howard News Service

Somebody called The Police.

The veteran rock band is reuniting to open the show at the 49th annual Grammy Awards (7 p.m. Sunday, CBS). It marks the first time in four years the trio has performed together.

The Police is commemorating its 30th anniversary this year. The group consists of singer Sting, drummer Stewart Copeland and guitarist Andy Summers.

Reuniting now feels appropriate, Sting told TV critics recently. "It seems an organic time to discuss the past and say, 'Hey, what did we achieve?' It would be nice to do something," he said.

As for ill feelings among the three, Sting shrugs it off.

"I'm deeply, deeply fond of both of them," Sting said of his fellow Police men. "I'm very proud of the band that we were in."

"I left the band because I felt I wanted to grow as a musician, to mature as a musician and to try more things than a band is able to do."

"A band is very constricted. And you know, I spent the last 25 years exploring that freedom and having a great time doing it. We're still great friends ... but definitely no hate. The opposite."

As for the Grammy Awards themselves, Mary J. Blige has a leading eight nominations going into the night.

Other artists vying for the coveted trophies include Christina Aguilera, Beyonce, Dixie Chicks, Gnarls Barkley, Ludacris, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Justin Timberlake and Carrie Underwood.

Presenters include the Black Eyed Peas, Ciara, Nelly Furtado, Terrence Howard, Samuel L. Jackson, Pink and Rihanna.

Other highlights for the week of Feb. 11-17 (listings subject to change; check local listings):

SUNDAY

◆ "Extras" (9 p.m. HBO). Andy thinks he's getting a dream job with a film icon. If only his dreams were so easily realized.

◆ "Tim & Eric Awesome Job Good Show" (10:45 p.m. Cartoon Network). The guys behind "Tom Goes To The Mayor" star in this new wacky adventure, the animated channel's first live-action series.

MONDAY

◆ "24" (7 p.m. Fox). The day gets longer for Jack in this two-hour episode.

◆ "Blue Smoke" (8 p.m. Lifetime). An arsonist dogs a woman in this adaptation of the Nora Roberts novel.

◆ "Grey's Anatomy" (8 p.m. ABC). A two-part episode gets wrapped up on this new night.

WEDNESDAY

◆ "Friday Night Lights" (7 p.m. NBC). Racial tensions build on this beautifully crafted series.

◆ "American Idol" (8 p.m. Fox). The 24 semi-finalists are announced.

THURSDAY

◆ "The Office" (7:30 p.m. NBC). Dwight chases a bat around the office.

◆ "How To Eat Your Watermelon In White Company (And Enjoy It)." (8 p.m. IFC). Melvin Van Peebles' struggles as a filmmaker are explored in this documentary.

FRIDAY

◆ "Las Vegas" (8 p.m. NBC). Sandra Bernhard gambles and loses as James Caan's new maid.

FEB. 17

◆ "Kim Possible" (7 p.m. Disney Channel). The girl power cartoon is back.

◆ "The State Within" (8 p.m. BBC America). It's "24" with really fancy accents.

Oscars favor women in disguise

JAKE COYLE

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — When the Oscar is given for best actress, everyone watches for waterworks.

Best actresses are renowned for their weepy acceptance speeches, just as their winning performances often feature crocodile tears. An analysis of this category over the past decade found several such trends — including the academy's propensity to honor beautiful women who hide it.

Nicole Kidman donned a nose extension to play Virginia Woolf in 2002's "The Hours." In 1999's "Boys Don't Cry," Hilary Swank made herself resemble a boy, and she beefed up to win her second Oscar, for 2004's "Million Dollar Baby." Julia Roberts looked mostly like herself in 2000's "Erin Brockovich," but she did give a boost to her bust.

Charlize Theron is the queen of camouflage, wholly inverting her

OSCAR'S WINNING WAYS

Leading lady lessons? Oscar nominees might want to pay attention to the winning trends from the past decade. In the Best Actress category, previous winners had:

CATEGORY	OUT OF 10
Performances that included crying	●●●●●●●●●●
Roles with Southern accents	●●●●●●●●●●
Characters with blonde hair	●●●●●●●●●●
Winners previously nominated	●●●●●●●●●●
Depicted sex on screen	●●●●●●●●●●
Won best picture	●●●●●●●●●●
Played a villain	●●●●●●●●●●

Helen Mirren stars in "The Queen."

beauty to play a murderous prostitute in 2003's "Monster." And Helen Mirren is widely expected to win this year for her performance as Queen Elizabeth II in "The Queen" — a costumed look quite different from the youthful, sexier roles many associate with the British actress.

"We often confuse the art of disguise and makeup with the art of acting," says film critic Emanuel

Levy, whose books include "All About Oscar: The History and Politics of the Academy Awards." "I guess we go for actors who are willing to go to the extreme."

Levy jokes that one trait would be surefire Oscar bait: "They could have a hump!"

Interestingly, all the above performances (except for Swank's in "Million Dollar Baby") were mod-

eled on real people. Roberts played the unlikely paralegal Erin Brockovich-Ellis, who helped win one of the largest class-action suits in history. Kidman depicted the famous British author; Swank played the transgendered man Brandon Teena who was raped and murdered; and Theron portrayed the troubled Aileen Wuornos, who was executed for killing seven men.

Last year, Reese Witherspoon won for her performance as June Carter, Johnny Cash's second wife, in "Walk the Line." "The trend is getting so strong they should probably just change the name of the award from best performance by an actress to best imitation by a star," says Tom O'Neil, a columnist for the Los Angeles Times' awards site TheEnvelope.com

Mirren fits this trend as well, but she stands out from past winners in one notable respect: She's 61 years old. Only six actresses over 50 have ever

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The New York Times Crossword Puzzle

ANSWERS NEXT SATURDAY

LETTER OPENERS By PAUL GUTTORMSSON/ EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

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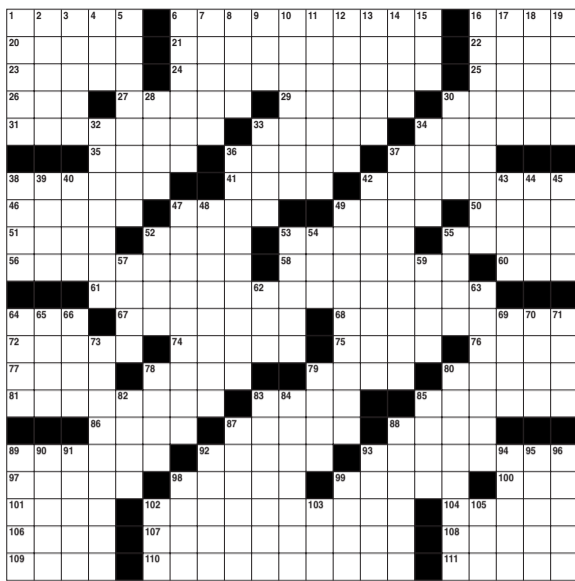
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- 25 Rock music's Better Than
- 26 Serpent suffix
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- 29 Works on
- 30 Roman fountain name
- 31 Executes
- 33 Acknowledge
- 34 Cheat
- 35 Some Ivy Leaguers
- 36 Philosopher Kierkegaard
- 37 Perfectly
- 38 Existing at birth
- 41 Always
- 42 Terse response to an interruption
- 46 Ties up
- 47 Symbol of speed
- 49 Author Silverstein
- 50 "not"
- 51 Section
- 52 Zero
- 53 Infamous innkeeper
- 55 Info on an electric bill
- 56 Rants
- 58 One doing the twist, e.g.
- 60 Deli order
- 61 What the answers to the 15 starred clues have
- 64 Summer hrs. in N.Y.
- 67 Lean
- 68 Biker's prop
- 72 Retired N.H.L. great Hull
- 74 Palm, say

- 75 Mock-scared cries
- 76 Mil. school
- 77 Years in old Rome
- 78 Inured (to)
- 79 Nonprofit?
- 80 Central courts
- 81 Sang on high?: Var.
- 83 Paramount
- 85 Unyielding
- 86 In order (to)
- 87 King or queen
- 88 Comedian
- 89 "The Paper Chase" author John Jay Jr.
- 92 Ill
- 93 Treat for a dog
- 97 Golf outing
- 98 Where St. Paul was ship-wrecked, in Acts
- 99 Ballot listing
- 100 Quiz feature: Abbr.
- 101 Still
- 102 Period of future bliss
- 104 Motown singer Terrell
- 106 Scrubbed
- 107 Diet soda feature
- 108 Resting, say
- 109 Backup for Dick Tracy
- 110 Gridiron line-up
- 111 Benjamin

DOWN

- 1 Show stopper?
- 2 To whom a dictator answers
- 3 Word with an arrow
- 4 Cautious investments, for short
- 5 Places for Peeping Toms
- 6 Units of heat
- 7 Pats on the back?
- 8 Mind
- 9 Its slogan was once "Be there"
- 10 Diner sign
- 11 Trigger
- 12 Activate

- 13 Buddy of TV
- 14 Vigoda and Fortas
- 15 Kit
- 16 Campari and Cinzano
- 17 Goes slowly
- 18 Temerity
- 19 "In-box contents"
- 28 Kalahari-like
- 30 Isley Brothers hit "Lady"
- 32 Its logo is a rearing horse
- 33 It's nothing
- 34 Shade of black
- 36 Like sororities, at times
- 37 Nowheresville
- 38 Apple variety
- 39 Best-selling author Roberts
- 40 War of 1899
- 42 Product in an orange box
- 43 Caulk
- 44 Villain who says "For I am nothing, if not critical"
- 45 Natural history museum attraction
- 47 Some restaurant employees
- 48 Chosen
- 49 Umpire's call
- 52 Kinnock, 1980s-'90s British Labor Party leader
- 53 Saloon floozie
- 54 Author Rand
- 55 Modern addresses
- 57 Part of M.I.T.: Abbr.
- 59 Battle of Fair ___, 1862
- 62 Open field
- 63 Majestic
- 64 Fortune 500 company based in San Jose, Calif.
- 65 Villain who says "That's a Dom Perignon '55. It would be a pity to break it"



- 66 Gravitate
- 69 Israeli port
- 70 It's right at your fingertip
- 71 Critical time
- 73 Gets blitzed
- 78 Bator
- 79 -white
- 80 Fit
- 82 Follower of "Q"
- 83 Important exam
- 84 Home of Spelman College
- 85 Put (away)
- 87 Higher up
- 88 Gobs
- 89 Certain gasket
- 90 Corot painting "The Burning of"
- 91 Dieter's problem
- 92 Md.'s largest city
- 93 Villain who says "So you don't like spinach?"
- 94 1980s Stallone role
- 95 Not fulfilled
- 96 It's usually not played
- 98 Upset
- 99 Acapulco approval
- 102 French month
- 103 D.C. base-ball
- 105 Common female middle name

ANSWERS TO LAST SATURDAY'S PUZZLE

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'SportsCenter' hits 30,000 milestone

RICK KUSHMAN
Sacramento Bee
ESPN's "SportsCenter" reaches its 30,000th episode Sunday night, and it's time for a shout-out to the representin' people there. You can only hope to contain them 'cause their show is straight butta.

See, uh, that's supposed to be kind of like the slick and cool "SportsCenter" talk and, apparently, it's harder than it looks. They haven't always made it look easy, but by show No. 30,000 — which will be the 10 p.m. Sunday edition — the place does run like butta.

"SportsCenter," which produces up to a dozen new shows a day, started on Sept. 7, 1979, as the first offering from the new ESPN, and no one could remotely imagine the enduring marks it would carve into the culture.

It's a nightlight for sports fans across America, it created one of the all-time great ad campaigns, it's now broadcast seemingly constantly and everywhere, and it has international versions produced in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Hindi, Mandarin, Cantonese, Korean and Japanese.

Not all of "SportsCenter's" cultural impacts have been great, and I say that as an addicted fan. It turned sports highlights from the truly spectacular plays — the big-time throw from the outfield, the quick ball movement for a key basket — into a repetitive string of dunks, home runs and touchdown dances.

The dunks and home runs have dramatic effects on a game when you're watching it. But there isn't much thrill to seeing another ball sail into the seats or another guy hanging on the rim. And athletes at every level have turned being a

"SportsCenter" highlight into a secondary goal, right after winning and before being a good sport. (Though, lack of class is not something you can blame on "SportsCenter." Me, I'd start with Bobby Knight.)

"SportsCenter" did bring a certain intelligence and wit to sportscasting, embodied for better and worse in the eminent line of catchphrases that go with the highlight reels.

The downside of that is that local sportscasters — many, frankly, without the chops for it — felt obligated to inflict their work with signature calls of their own.

But from the major-leaguers at "SportsCenter," catchphrases have become high art. Two of the hall-of-famers ring through pop culture: "En fuego" from Dan Patrick, and Stuart Scott's landmark "Boo-yah."

For sheer enthusiasm, the big dog is Chris Berman, whose calls include: "He ... could ... go ... all ... the ... way."

"Rumblin', stumblin', bumblin'."

"Back, back, back, back, back."

"That's why they play the game."

"Da Raiders."

Here are a few more of my favorites:

- ◆ "Spank me" — Craig Kilborn
- ◆ "No soup for you" — Rece Davis
- ◆ "Resistance is futile" — Larry Beil
- ◆ "You want me on that wall. You need me on that wall." — Rich Eisen
- ◆ "Get down with your bad self" — Robin Roberts
- ◆ "None shall pass" — Trey Wingo

Oscars: Academy favors performances in disguise

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won the best actress Oscar, most recently in 1989, when 80-year-old Jessica Tandy won for "Driving Miss Daisy."
"This is the big test of Oscar voters this year, whether they really are babechasing geezers," says O'Neil. "It's rare when we have one of those Jessica Tandy years, but they're being tested this year to see if they're not the ageists they've been accused to be."
Levy says that while male actors win

most of their awards in their 40s, actresses win more often in their late 20s and early 30s. It's surely a reflection of not just the academy's penchant for younger actresses, but Hollywood in general.
"It goes beyond the Oscars. It has to do with American culture and American society," says Levy. "The academy is a microcosm of the film industry, and the film industry in many ways is a microcosm of American society at large."

This year's group of nominees holds some hope for change, though. Alongside typically young actresses as 31-year-old Kate Winslet and 32-year-old Penelope Cruz are Mirren; Meryl Streep, 57; and Judi Dench, 72.
The other best actress winners of the past decade include Frances McDormand ("Fargo"), Helen Hunt ("As Good As It Gets"), Gwyneth Paltrow ("Shakespeare in Love") and Halle Berry ("Monster's Ball").

It was Berry whose gushing acceptance speech put the waterworks on full blast, though the most famous crying done for a best actress winner was probably Chad Lowe, who sobbed from the audience while he watched Swank, then his wife, win (ironically) for "Boys Don't Cry."
A few possibly illuminating stats from the winners of the past decade:
◆ Seven of the performances include crying.

- ◆ Six of the roles played have Southern accents.
- ◆ Five of the characters played are blonde.
- ◆ Four of the winners had previously been nominated.
- ◆ Three of the actresses depict sex on screen.
- ◆ Two of the 10 films won best picture ("Shakespeare in Love" and "Million Dollar Baby").
- ◆ One of the actresses played a villain.

The expedition must be expeditious

In "Works and Days," the classical Greek poet Hesiod wrote, "Observe due measure, for right timing is in all things the most important factor."
In bridge, timing is often critical. If you misstep, you fail, but if you pace in a timely fashion, you make or defeat the contract. This deal is an example. You are the declarer in four spades. West leads the club 10 and East overtakes with his jack. How would you plan the play?



Phillip Alder

North
♠ Q 10 2
♥ A 7
♦ 8 6 5 3 2
♣ 7 5 4

West
♠ 9 7 4
♥ K 8 5 2
♦ K 9
♣ 10 9 8 6

East
♠ 3
♥ J 10 9 6 3
♦ Q 10 7 4
♣ K Q J

South
♠ A K J 8 6 5
♥ Q 4
♦ A J
♣ A 3 2

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
4 ♠ Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 10

prematurely removing one of those vital dummy entries), take the spade ace, then cash the diamond ace and continue with the diamond jack. Let's assume West wins with his king and leads another club, East taking two tricks in the suit before switching to the heart jack. Cover with your queen and take West's king with dummy's ace. Ruff a diamond high in your hand, play a spade to the board, ruff another diamond high, lead a trump to the board, and cash the established diamond eight, discarding your remaining heart.

Phillip Alder is a columnist for Newspaper Enterprise Association.

Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 2/10

Sudoku

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9-by-9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 box contains the same number only once. There is only one solution to each puzzle. The difficulty level of the puzzle increases from Monday to Saturday. Answers to each day's puzzle will appear in the next edition of the Tribune.

FRIDAY'S ANSWERS

5	9	4	6	1	3	7	2	8
1	8	7	2	5	9	6	4	3
3	6	2	8	4	7	1	5	9
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2	5	6	4	3	8	9	7	1
4	7	3	1	9	6	2	8	5
7	3	9	5	8	2	4	1	6
6	4	5	3	7	1	8	9	2
8	2	1	9	6	4	5	3	7

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

Head of Cartoon Network resigns after marketing stunt

The Associated Press
ATLANTA — The head of the Cartoon Network resigned Friday following a marketing stunt that caused a terrorism scare that shut down bridges and roadways in Boston and led police to call in the bomb squad.
The announcement of Jim Samples resignation was made in an internal memo sent to Cartoon Network staff members. Samples said he regretted what had happened.

"It's my hope that my decision allows us to put this chapter behind us and get back to our mission of delivering unrivaled original animated entertainment for consumers of all ages," Samples said.
He said he felt "compelled to step down, effective immediately, in recognition of the gravity of the situation that occurred under my watch."
Blinking electronic devices had been planted around 10

cities in a guerrilla marketing campaign to promote the cartoon "Aqua Teen Hunger Force," but when Boston authorities got a series of 911 calls about the suspicious devices on Jan. 31, they feared the then-dark circuit boards with wires in them could be explosives.

A few hours later, Cartoon Network's corporate parent acknowledged the boards were harmless and part of a marketing move.

The Cartoon Network is a division of Atlanta-based Turner Broadcasting, whose parent is media giant Time Warner Inc. On Monday, Turner Broadcasting and an advertising agency involved agreed to pay \$2 million in compensation for the emergency response the devices had spurred in Boston.

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Squalls bury county under 100 inches of snow

NEW YORK'S GOVERNOR
DECLARES DISASTER

The Associated Press

OSWEGO, N.Y. — New York's governor declared a disaster in Oswego County, where five straight days of lake-effect squalls have dumped nearly 100 inches of snow, and even more snow was forecast through the weekend.

The heavy snow started sweeping in off Lake Ontario late Sunday and has pounded the area almost relentlessly since then.

"Oswego is like right in the middle, so every time it goes by us, we get a little bit of snow — actually, a lot of snow," said Oswego Mayor Randy Bateman. "At certain periods of the day, the wind just keeps it right over us. Dumping and dumping."

"You know, it was neat when it start-

ed because we hadn't gotten any snow in December or January," Bateman added. "It's getting old now."

Gov. Eliot Spitzer declared a state disaster emergency Thursday, authorizing all state agencies to help assist municipalities and residents in the storm-wracked region. The cities of Oswego and Mexico had already declared their own emergencies, kept schools closed most of the week, and restricted all nonessential travel.

Parts of the county were getting as much as 3 inches of snow an hour Thursday night, said Dave Sage, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service. On top of that, high wind was creating whiteout conditions.

By Friday morning, the town of Parish had gotten 94 inches of snow.

"They'll get more tonight, probably enough to eclipse 100 inches over seven days," weather service

spokesman Jon Hitchcock said Friday.

More than a week of bitter cold and slippery roads have contributed to at least 20 deaths across the northern quarter of the nation — five in Ohio, four in Illinois, four in Indiana, two in Kentucky, two in Michigan, and one each in Wisconsin, New York and Maryland, authorities said.

Tennessee and northern Alabama were getting a taste of the wintery weather as well Friday morning — sleet and freezing rain iced over roadways, and some precipitation was turning to snow.

In Oswego, water main breaks and an animal ice rescue were adding to the challenges for city workers, Bateman said.

"Unfortunately, the forecast is for the same through the weekend," the mayor said. "Hopefully, it won't be as intense. But if it is, we'll just clear it as the snow stops and wait for it to start again."



DENNIS NETT/AP

Diane Hunter, of Parish, N.Y., shovels out her sidewalk that was too narrow for her snowblower Thursday.



LYNNE SLADKY/AP

Isaac Daniel shows sneakers he designed with a tiny Global Positioning System embedded in the shoe in Miami Jan. 10. The Quantum Satellite Technology promises to locate the wearer anywhere in the world with the press of a button.

Sneakers locate wearer with press of a button

KELLI KENNEDY
The Associated Press

MIAMI — Isaac Daniel calls the tiny Global Positioning System chip he's embedded into a line of sneakers "peace of mind."

He wishes his 8-year-old son had been wearing them when he got a call from his school in 2002 saying the boy was missing. The worried father hopped a flight to Atlanta from New York where he had been on business to find the incident had been a miscommunication and his son was safe.

Days later, the engineer started working on a prototype of Quantum Satellite Technology, a line of \$325 to \$350 adult sneakers that hit shelves next month. It promises to locate the wearer anywhere in the world with the press of a button. A children's line will be out this summer.

"We call it a second eye watching over you," Daniel said. It's the latest implementation of satellite-based navigation into everyday life — technology that can be found in everything from cell phones that help keep kids away from sexual predators to fitness watches that track heart rate and distance. Shoes aren't as easy to lose, unlike phones, watches and bracelets.

The sneakers work when the wearer presses a button on the shoe to activate the GPS. A wireless alert detailing the location is sent to a 24-hour monitoring service that costs an additional \$19.95 a month.

In some emergencies — such as lost child or Alzheimer's patient — a parent, spouse or guardian can call the monitoring service, and operators can activate the GPS remotely and alert authorities if the caller can provide the correct password.

But the shoe is not meant for non-emer-

gencies — like to find out if a teen is really at the library or a spouse is really on a business trip. If authorities are called and it is not an emergency, the wearer will incur all law enforcement costs, Daniel said.

Once the button is pressed, the shoe will transmit information until the battery runs out. While other GPS gadgets often yield spotty results, Daniel says his company has spent millions of dollars and nearly two years of research to guarantee accuracy. The shoe's 2-inch-by-3-inch chip is tucked into the bottom of the shoe.

Experts say GPS accuracy often depends on how many satellites the system can tap into. Daniel's shoe and most GPS devices on the market rely on four.

"The technology is improving regularly. It's to the point where you can get fairly good reflection even in areas with a lot of tree coverage and skyscrapers," said Jessica Myers, a spokeswoman for Garmin International Inc., a leader in GPS technology based in Kansas. "You still need a pretty clear view of the sky to work effectively."

Daniel, who wears the shoes when he runs every morning, says he tested the shoes on a recent trip to New Jersey. It tracked him down the Atlantic Coast to the Miami airport and through the city to a specific building.

The company also has put the technology into military boots and is in talks with Colombia and Ecuador, he said.

But retail experts say the shoe might be a tough sale to brand-conscious kids.

"If (parents) can get their kids to wear them, then certainly there is a marketplace. But I think the biggest challenge is overcoming ... the cool marketplace," said Lee Diercks, managing director of New Jersey-based Clear Thinking Group, an advisory firm for retailers.

TV personalities among winners in Google's YouTube purchase

MICHAEL LIEDTKE

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO

Television talk show host Maury Povich hasn't always been a big fan of YouTube Inc. because the online video sharing pioneer frequently displays unauthorized clips from his copyrighted program.

But Povich's feelings softened a few days ago when he found out that he was on a long list of universities, foundations, Silicon Valley executives and, yes, television personalities who will share in the windfall from YouTube's recent \$1.76 billion sale to Internet search leader Google Inc. His windfall: More than \$80,000.

"It's like I caught lightning in a jar," Povich said in a Thursday interview. "I had no idea I even owned a part of YouTube."

Povich's piece of action came through a small contribution he made a few years ago to a venture capital fund managed by Sequoia Capital, a Menlo Park firm that parlayed an \$11.5 million investment in San Bruno-based YouTube into one of Silicon Valley's biggest paydays since the dot-com boom.

The biggest winners, not surprisingly, are YouTube's co-founders, Chad Hurley, Steve Chen and Jawed Karim, who, collectively, received nearly \$700 million worth of Google stock — the prized currency used to finance the acquisition.

That payoff punctuates the meteoric rise of a pop culture phenomenon that began in a Menlo Park garage two years ago when the Hurley, Chen and

Inner Tube payout

A new regulatory filing revealed details of Google's \$1.76 billion acquisition of YouTube.

Google payouts to selected parties in the YouTube deal

Shares directly granted

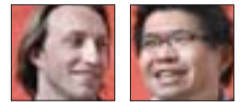
Shares deposited into a trust

Approximate dollar value in bold

Sequoia Capital
Funded YouTube prior to the Web site's launch in December 2005

941,027 shares \$442.3 million

NOTE: Approximate values calculated using Google's closing price on Wednesday of \$470.01.



Chad Hurley

Co-founder; chief executive officer

Steven Chen

Co-founder; chief financial officer

694,087 \$345.6 million

41,232 \$326.2 million

Jawed Karim

Co-founder; left the company

137,443 \$64.6 million

SOURCE: Google Inc.

AP

Karim — all of whom are in their 20s — began working on a sketchy idea for a video sharing site that was initially funded by credit card debt.

The Google deal also made instant millionaires out of at least 18 other YouTube employees, including Hurley's younger brother, Brent, and the office manager, according to a Securities and Exchange Commission filing Wednesday. Hurley's parents also are getting nearly \$5 million in Google stock.

The eye-opening numbers laid out in the SEC documents will probably fuel even more dealmaking, predicted Keith Rabois, who agreed to invest in YouTube during a June 2005 barbecue.

"You can sort of look at Silicon Valley as a giant casino where you need the slot machines to pay off at certain intervals," said Rabois, now an executive at LinkedIn, a professional networking site. "It's payoffs like this that makes people

want to keep taking risks." Eager to cash in his winnings, Rabois on Thursday sold about 25 percent of the roughly \$4 million in Google stock that he received in the sale.

Google shares gained \$1.02 Thursday to close at \$471.03 on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

While clearing the way for YouTube's employees and investors to begin selling their Google shares, Wednesday's SEC filing also provided a rare glimpse at the institutions and people given a chance to participate in the venture capital funds that make risky bets on unproven startups like YouTube.

Venture capitalists usually don't disclose the names of their limited partners, but the YouTube sale forced Sequoia Capital to make an exception.

The breakdown included many of the universities and foundations that regularly pour money into venture capital funds as part of their investment strategies.

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Marie Schroer

The family of Ashton Burr wishes to express their gratitude to everyone who reached out to us with love and compassion in the days and weeks following Ashton's accident. Ashton touched and was touched by each of you in a unique and special way, filling each and every day of her life with profound joy, friendship, fun and laughter. She loved all of you and would be elated to know how much she was in turn loved. Bless you all!

Mark, Marcy, Whitney, Kelsey, Justin

Words cannot express our thanks to all our relatives, friends and neighbors for the calls, food, cards, floral arrangements and memorials sent to honor the life of Earl Reiss. We want to thank the nurses on 4th floor at Good Samaritan Hospital for the tender care provided to Earl the last days of his life. Our sincere thanks to Rev. C.L. Wimer for the touching service and to Cassandra Pfeil and Kinsley Henry for the beautiful music. Also, we would like to thank the ladies of the First Christian Church for providing lunch following the services and also to Dave Craig and Layton Craig Funeral Home for helping us through this difficult time. The outpouring of love and support we have been shown in the last several weeks has been overwhelming.

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Brad Cabrera Secretary
Board of Education
February 10, 2007

Legals

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
You are hereby notified that pursuant to a power of sale contained in the deed of trust in the original principal amount of \$108,000.00 executed by Robert D. Novotne and Melissa A. Novotne, husband and wife, which was filed for record on April 3, 2006, as Instrument No. 20061392 in the office of the Register of Deeds of Adams County, Nebraska, the property described below will be sold by the undersigned at public auction to the highest bidder for cash or certified or cashier's check, in the main lobby of the Adams County Courthouse, 500 West 4th Street, in the City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska, at 10:00 a.m. on March 15, 2007.

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Legals

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continuously current, will be available prior to the Work Session for public inspection at the Superintendent's Office located in the Administration Offices, 714 West 5th Street, Hastings, Nebraska, during regular business hours.

Brad Cabrera Secretary
Board of Education
February 10, 2007

Legals

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
You are hereby notified that pursuant to a power of sale contained in the deed of trust in the original principal amount of \$108,000.00 executed by Robert D. Novotne and Melissa A. Novotne, husband and wife, which was filed for record on April 3, 2006, as Instrument No. 20061392 in the office of the Register of Deeds of Adams County, Nebraska, the property described below will be sold by the undersigned at public auction to the highest bidder for cash or certified or cashier's check, in the main lobby of the Adams County Courthouse, 500 West 4th Street, in the City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska, at 10:00 a.m. on March 15, 2007.

The West Eighty feet (W 80') of Lot Twenty (20), Block Two (2), Buswell Addition to the City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska, according to the recorded plat thereof.

The highest bidder is required to deliver cash or certified funds to the undersigned by the close of business on the day of sale, except this requirement is waived when the highest bidder is the beneficiary. The purchaser is responsible for all fees or taxes, including the documentary stamp tax. This sale is made without any warranties as to title or condition of the property.

Eric H. Lindquist
Successor Trustee

Eric H. Lindquist, P.C., L.L.C.
Attorney at Law
8712 West Dodge Road, Suite 260
Omaha, Nebraska 68114
February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3, 2007

Legals

Notice
Estate of HAZEL M. SCHUKEI, Deceased. Estate No. PR07-13.

Notice is hereby given that on February 5, 2007, in the County Court of Adams County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will and Informal Appointment of Personal Representative and that Roger L. Schukei, whose address is 1320 Turner Avenue, Hastings, Nebraska 68901, has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate.

Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before April 11, 2007, or be forever barred.

Tom Hawes
Clerk of the County Court

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February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3, 2007

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Notice
In the County Court of Adams County, Nebraska Estate of CLIFFORD L. GLOVER, Deceased. Estate No. PR07-10.

Notice is hereby given that on a Petition for Adjudication of Intestacy of said Decedent, Determination of Heirs and Appointment of Deanna K. Mead as Personal Representative has been filed herein and is set for hearing in the County Court of Adams County, Nebraska, located at Hastings, Nebraska, on February 28, 2007, at or after 9:00 o'clock a.m. or as soon thereafter as same may be heard.

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by Central Community College, in the Board Room, 3134 West Highway 34, Grand Island, Nebraska, up to the hour of 2:00 p.m. local time, on Thursday, the first (1) day of March, 2007, for the furnishing of all labor, materials, and equipment for Central Community College North Education Ceiling Renovation on the Columbus campus. At which hour, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Owner will proceed to publicly open the bids received for the furnishing of said labor, materials and equipment necessary for the proper construction of the aforesaid project. The owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to pass upon the regularity or waive any irregularities of the bidders. The owner reserves the option to interview and select a contractor from the two lowest responsible bidders, taking into consideration the best interests of the Owner, the experience of the contractor, the quality performance of the Contractor, and his ability to perform the work.

There will be a pre-bid conference on Monday, February 26, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. Interested contractors should meet at the south entry to the North Education Building on the Columbus Campus. No project tours will be given by the campus except for the pre-bid conference.

BIDDING

Contract Documents: All work shall be furnished in strict accordance with the Drawings and Specifications prepared by Wilkins Hinrichs Stober Architects, L.L.C., 323 West 11th Street, P.O. Box 2045, Kearney, Nebraska and bids will be received only upon the printed Proposal Forms furnished through the Architect.

The North Education Center Ceiling Remodel consists of 17,000 square feet of ceiling removal and replacement. Light fixtures in remodeled ceilings will also be replaced. The project also involves miscellaneous gypsum board walls, carpet replacement, and electrical wiring and outlet installation. The estimated cost of the project is \$250,000. All work will be under one Bid. All subcontractor quotations shall be sent to the General Contractor.

BONDS:

Bid Security - Bid Security is required to be submitted with bid proposal form. Make payable to the Central Community College in the amount of 5% of the Lump Sum Bid Amount. Bid Security shall be of: cashiers check, certified check, or Bid Bond issued by a Surety licensed to conduct business in the State of Nebraska. Form of Bid Bond is AIA Document A310. Any agent signing a bid bond on behalf of the Surety must attach a Power of Attorney effectively evidencing the agent's authority to bind the Surety to the performance of the Bid Bond. Performance Bond - The Contractor shall be required to furnish acceptable bonds to complete the work and pay for all labor and materials used, said bonds to be in the amount of 100% of total amount of the Contract. See Document A701, Instructions to Bidders.

TAXES:

The Contractor by his contract with Central Community College becomes a purchasing agent for the Owner on their behalf and under Statute 77-2704 does not pay sales tax. All Bidders are requested to make a careful, close examination of the entire site area involved in the construction prior to submitting their bid. See Section 01 1000 Summary of Work for phasing requirements.

SCHEDULE:

Partial Substantial Completion of rooms 901, 904 and 906 will be June 22. Substantial Completion of the balance of the project will be July 20, 2007 and Final Completion will be August 3, 2007.

INSURANCE:

Prior to the start of work, completed copies of the CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE, AIA Document G705, shall be submitted to the Owner and Architect. DRAWINGS AND PROJECT MANUAL SHALL BE EXAMINED AT: Wilkins Hinrichs Stober Architects, L.L.C., 323 West 11th Street, P.O. Box 2045, Kearney, Nebraska 68848.

F.W. Dodge Plan Room,

3059 Huntington Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska 68154. Omaha Builders Exchange, 4255 South 94th Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68127. Reed Construction Data, 30 Technology Drive South, Suite 500, Norcross Georgia 30092. Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce, 764 33rd Avenue, Columbus Nebraska 68602-0515. Hastings Builders Bureau, 301 South Burlington, Hastings, Nebraska 68902. Central Nebraska Plan Service, 4006 Redwood Drive, North Platte, Nebraska 69101. Builders Plan Service, 309 West 2nd, Grand Island Nebraska 68801. Kearney Plan Service, 1007 2nd Avenue, Kearney Nebraska 68847.

DEPOSIT:

General, Mechanical and Electrical Contractors may obtain full sets of Drawings and Project Manual from the following locations: A&D Technical Supply Company, 4320 South 89th, Omaha, Nebraska 68127 (402) 592-4950 extension 4. Wilkins Hinrichs Stober Architects, L.L.C., 323 West 11th Street, Kearney, Nebraska 68848. Or by the Virtual Plan Room of A&D Technical Supply at www.adtechsupply.com. Drawings available online at the Virtual Plan Room will be:

Instructions to Bidders, Bid Form, Specifications Table of Contents, Section 01100 Summary of Work, Construction Drawing Images, Addendums. A deposit in the amount of \$30.00 (made payable to Wilkins Hinrichs Stober Architects) will be required for each set of bidding documents. If shipping is required there is a non refundable flat rate of \$15.00 per set made payable to A&D Technical Supply. The deposit will be returned in full only if the Drawings and Specifications are returned within fifteen (15) days of the bid date.

Return all Bid Documents to: Wilkins Hinrichs Stober Architects, L.L.C., 323 West 11th Street, P.O. Box 2045 Kearney, Nebraska 68848. Do not return plans to A&D Technical Supply Company.

AWARD OF CONTRACT:

The owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to pass upon the regularity or waive any irregularities of the bidders. It is the owner's intention to interview and select a contractor from the two lowest responsible bidders, taking into consideration the best interests of the Owner, the experience of the contractor, the quality performance of the Contractor, and his ability to work.

CONTRACTORS PLEASE NOTE that no technical questions will be answered by the Architect's/Engineer's office(s) during the twenty-four (24) hours immediately preceding the bid opening time and date. The Architect does not intend to issue any addenda to the bidding documents within three (3) working days of the bid opening time and date. February 10, 15, 21, 2007

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The Site ADA and Gazebo project consist of grading, concrete paving, footings, foundations, gazebo erection, landscaping, irrigation, lighting and electrical work. Estimated cost of construction is \$120,000. All work will be under one Bid. All subcontractor quotations shall be sent to the General Contractor.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on February 21, 2007, in the Chamber Development Center Conference Room, the Housing Development Corporation will hold a public meeting concerning an application to the Department of Economic Development for a Nebraska Affordable Housing Program Grant. This grant is available for local affordable housing activities.

The Housing Development Corporation is requesting Nebraska Affordable Housing Program Grant Funds of \$295,000 for: down payment assistance (maximum \$12,000 per family) for 10 Income Eligible, First Time Homebuyers and Closing Cost Assistance (maximum \$3,000 per family) for 10 Income Eligible, First Homebuyers as HDC partners with St. Francis Medical Center in the Employer Assisted Homebuyer Program. HDC and St. Francis Medical Center will purchase, rehabilitate, and resell 10 homes to employees of Saint Francis Medical Center and St. Francis Foundation who meet HDC eligibility requirements. The grant funds will also cover other related costs, i.e. interest payments, holding fees and developer costs.

NAHP	\$295,000
St. Francis Medical Center	\$ 35,000
St. Francis Foundation - In Kind	\$ 5,000
Homeowner Contribution	\$ 5,000
Private First Mortgage	\$600,000
TOTAL INCOME	\$940,000

0531 SF Purchase/Rehab/Resale	\$ 30,000
Closing Costs	\$100,000
Developer Fees and Holding Costs	\$120,000
Downpayment Assistance	\$600,000
Private - First Mortgage	\$ 5,000
Homeowner Contribution	\$ 5,000
St. Francis Downpayment Assistance	\$ 35,000
St. Francis In-Kind Contribution	\$ 5,000

0580 Housing Management	\$ 20,000
NAHP	\$ 10,000
0580a Housing Management Paint	\$ 15,000
Testing Risk Assessment, NAHP	\$ 10,000
0181 General Administration	\$ 15,000
NAHP	\$ 15,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$940,000

One hundred percent of the grant funds will benefit low to moderate income. No persons will be displaced as a result of the grant and project.

The grant application will be available for public inspection at the Chamber Development Center Conference Room. All interested parties are invited to attend this public hearing at which time you will have an opportunity to be heard regarding the grant application. Written testimony will also be accepted at the public hearing scheduled for 10:30 a.m., February 21, 2007, 301 South Burlington. Written comments can be addressed to Linda Addison at P.O. Box 1005, Hastings, Nebraska 68902 and will be accepted if received on or before February 24, 2007.

Individuals requiring physical or sensory accommodations including interpreter service, Braille, large print or recorded materials, please contact Linda Addison at 301 South Burlington Avenue, Hastings, Nebraska 68901, 402-461-8407 no later than February 16, 2007. February 10, 2007

Legals

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You are hereby notified that the following-described property will be sold by Paul J. LaPuzza, Successor Trustee, at public auction to the highest bidder at the Adams County Courthouse on March 21, 2007, at 10:00 a.m.

Lot 3 and the East 2 feet of Lot 4, in Heartwell and Webster's Subdivision of Lots 7, 8, part of 9, 13, and 15 of Haire's Subdivision in the City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska, according to the recorded plat thereof.

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DATED This 31st day of January, 2007.
Paul J. LaPuzza, Successor Trustee
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February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3, 2007

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Things don't always add up

"Are you going to watch the Super Bowl with me?" Alvin asked his wife Mabel as the biggest night in American football — after whatever bowl game the Nebraska Cornhusker football team was playing in — arrived.

"Oh, sure," Mabel said. "I want to see the commercials."

"This game is not about the commercials," Alvin replied. "It's about who has the best team."



Denise Andersen

Mabel didn't say anything; she just sat down in her chair. A couple of minutes later, she got up to check the roast cooking in the oven. She managed to make it back in time for the next commercial break, but then decided she needed to start a load of laundry. The recent wet and snowy weather had gotten the rugs on the back porch filthy.

She settled again in her chair and watched two plays. "Who's ahead?" she asked.

"It says right there on the television," Alvin replied.

Mabel peered at the television. Oh, yes, she could see it now. They watched in silence for a few minutes, then a commercial break was taken. Mabel watched until the commercials were over, then went to the kitchen to peel potatoes.

She rushed back for the next set of commercials and sat down to watch the game.

"Did they score another touchdown?" she asked Alvin.

Alvin shook his head. "No, they scored a touchdown and a field goal while you were gone."

"But they're only ahead by seven points," Mabel protested.

"They're ahead by nine points," Alvin said, pointing at the score on the television set.

Mabel peered at the score. "But twenty-two minus nine is only 14 points," she said.

Alvin looked at his wife and then at the television. "Twenty-two minus nine is 13 points," Alvin said.

"And 22 minus seven is 15 points," Alvin continued.

"Are you sure?" Mabel asked. Alvin got up and went to the office for his calculator.

He added everything up and showed Mabel the math.

"So, they should have 24 points," she said matter-of-factly. "Don't those scorekeepers know how to add? They get paid, don't they, so they should know how to add. After all, this is an important game."

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A super weekend for TV sales

AREA STORES REPORT SPIKES IN BUSINESS FOR SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

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As is the case annually, television sales in Hastings soared during Super Bowl week.

With CBS offering a high definition broadcast of the game, locals flocked to area stores clear through game day

to purchase new television sets in hopes of viewing the monumental telecast in style.

"It always plays a role," said Jim Hill, owner of Rogers Inc. in Hastings, of the game. "Anytime you have anything special on television to watch, sales always pick up a little bit. Everybody's gotta have them before the game. That's just life."

At Rogers, high definition, or HD, sets with digital light processors (DLP) and liquid crystal displays (LCD) were all the

rage, with customers pushing sales numbers upward the entire week, Hill said.

"Honestly, for us, I think it peaked a lot earlier," he said of sales. "People were starting to look earlier. They weren't waiting for the last minute. Part of that reason was high definition. That's about all you're buying anymore."

With HD television, set-up can require a bit more time and effort to achieve optimum viewing results, Hill said. For that reason, a large percentage of his customers elected to purchase

their sets earlier in the week.

"You don't just walk into a customer's house, plug it in and leave it," he said. "It takes a little more to make sure everything is set up and running properly."

At Video Kingdom in Hastings, business was booming on Friday and Saturday before the Super Bowl, owner Ken Winfrey said. His best sellers weren't limited to big screen models, either.

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JOHN HUTHMACHER/Tribune

Dr. John Pershing and his son, Dr. Matt Pershing, are keeping the family tradition of dentistry and orthodontics alive in Hastings. Matt, who joined Pershing Orthodontics in June 2005, is a fourth-generation dentist and third-generation orthodontist. Together, they've helped expand their practice to several neighboring communities — including, most recently, Grand Island.

Growing the family business

DENTISTRY, ORTHODONTICS A FAMILY AFFAIR FOR DR. JOHN PERSHING AND HIS SON

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Dentistry and orthodontics have long been the profession of choice in the Pershing family. So it wasn't particularly surprising, then, that Dr. John Pershing's son, Matt, should join the family

practice that was started by his grandfather, Robert Butz, in 1956.

A fourth-generation Nebraska dentist and third-generation orthodontist, 32-year-old Matt joined his father's practice in June 2005 after completing his orthodontic residency program at the University of Pennsylvania earlier that year.

A Hastings High School and Hastings College graduate, Matt received his doctor of dental surgery degree from the University of Nebraska Medical Center's College of Dentistry in 1999. From there, he served four years as a captain in

the U.S. Army.

He and his wife, Stephanie, have two children.

"I guess it's partially in my blood," Matt said about his decision to follow in the family tradition of dentistry and orthodontics. "I really like working with the patients. The orthodontic patients are so much fun because we work with generally junior high age, and it's a lot of fun to see the kids grow and to help them through the adolescent stage. Getting a beautiful smile in the end is the reward."

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Budget bill, USDA's farm bill going nowhere

When longtime Texas congressman "Cotton" Charlie Stenholm got bushwhacked for re-election by colleague Tom DeLay's infamous Texas redistricting plan in 2004, most ag policy hands lamented that much of the House Agriculture Committee's Farm Bill experience went down with him.

Both resurfaced a weekend ago, however, when Stenholm was asked by DTN's Chris Clayton to compare Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns' proposed 2007 Farm Bill, announced Jan. 31, and President Bush's 2008 Federal Budget, announced Feb. 5.



Alan Guebert

"The secretary's proposal is not dead-on-arrival, but the president's budget is," cracked the congressman-turned-lobbyist.

While a clever quip, Stenholm's review overestimates the life expectancy of both. True, the President's 2008 budget is DOA on Capitol Hill. Also true is that none of the six Bush budgets arrived alive on the Hill.

That is especially so for the White House's 2008 spending plans for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Hundreds of millions for trade enhancement; billions in cuts for price support programs. Billions less public money for conservation, ag research and market stability; billions more for private crop insurers.

The most glaring killer in the White House budget plan for USDA, however, isn't money; it's policy. The Bush budget is built on an extension of the 2002 Farm Bill; the Johanns policy plan — announced just five days before the budget — largely dumps the 2002 law in favor of a dramatic, near-complete rewrite.

In fact, the two documents are so starkly different that aggies are left to wonder if Johanns' right hand knows what the White House's very right hand is doing.

For example, the Johanns plan increases Conservation Security Program and Environmental Quality Incentive Program spending by \$475 million a year. The 2008 White House budget, however, cuts the same two programs by \$430 million.

After spotting just that one difference (there are dozens more), Ferd Hoefner of the Sustainable Agriculture Coalition wondered if "the real White House Farm Bill proposal could please stand up?"

Standing will be difficult because the 2007 Johanns Farm Bill began to wobble the day it hit the ground.

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Your turn

What was your favorite Super Bowl advertisement?

Carla Fike, Hastings

"My favorite was the commercial with the crabs bowing to the Budweiser Select crown."



Shea Hyden, Hastings

"The rock, paper, scissors commercial because it's something me and my friends would do."



Casey Klein, Hastings

"The GMC robot one. It had a robot in a factory and the robot dropped a screw and so they fired the robot. He went to get another job, but he kept seeing the GMCs driving around and he got tired of it and went to jump off a bridge. Then he woke up and it was all a bad dream. I thought that was pretty funny."



Elizabeth Urrutia, Hastings

"The Doritos commercial that says spicy and cheesy and then there's a car wreck because at the end it says smooth, and I say that all the time."



Tom Dixon, Hastings

"The one with Oprah (Winfrey) and (David) Letterman because they hate each other. I loved that one. I thought it was great!"



Dave Aspegren, Harvard

"The Blockbuster mouse clicker ad was my favorite because it was witty and contemporary to the times. And it was cute."



New bills would support freeze victims

OLIVIA MUNOZ
The Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. — Lawmakers announced bills to provide more than \$1.2 billion in grants, low-interest loans and assistance to growers and workers affected by a recent crop freeze, last year's heat wave and flooding.

Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., introduced a bill Wednesday that would speed help to communities that lost an estimated \$1.2 billion last month in oranges, tangerines, avocados and other crops nipped by the cold. Rep. Jim Costa, D-Fresno, and Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Tulare, planned to introduce a similar bill Friday.

"We have communities that are now experiencing, as a result of the freeze, in excess of 50, 60, 70 percent unemployment," Costa said.

The bills would help growers and workers in 22 counties that Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger declared disaster areas, said Bob Sanders, a Costa spokesman. State officials have urged President Bush to declare a disaster in several counties and extend federal money to help workers with unemployment assistance and food stamps.

The bills propose raising disaster payouts to farmers to \$125,000. Typically, disaster aid bills limit farmers to \$80,000 each. Lawmakers also proposed providing food coupons, housing assistance and grants to farmworkers, Costa said.

Schwarzenegger called the Boxer bill

a "giant step" toward helping the agricultural industry and those left hungry and jobless by the freeze.

"It will provide much-needed assistance to help Californians recover from this disaster," he said in a statement Wednesday.

More than 20,000 field and packing house workers lost their jobs, and rural communities in the San Joaquin Valley's citrus belt have struggled to keep their food banks stocked, according to the United Farm Workers union.

A third of the more than 3,400 unemployment insurance claims the state has gotten related to the freeze have come from Tulare County, said Victoria Bradshaw, the governor's labor secretary.

"This is an economic disaster for California," Bradshaw said. "It's important that there be a federal component because the state and the communities don't have the resources to handle it."

Though the state aims to reach out to all affected workers regardless of their immigration status, there are some programs that require documentation, she said.

Growers may not discover the freeze's long-term effects on their crops until next season, said Kerry Whitson, a Tulare County farmer.

"Some of the lemon and grapefruit trees look as though they've gone through a fire. Those will take two years to recover," he said.

Last summer's heat wave caused at



GARY KAXANJIAN/AP

Drip irrigation creates icicles and forms an insulation, a way of protecting oranges on the trees Jan. 13 in Exeter, Calif. Federal lawmakers announced bills this week to provide more than \$1.2 billion in grants, low-interest loans and assistance to growers and workers affected by a recent crop freeze, last year's heat wave and flooding.

least \$30 million in losses to the dairy industry when cows produced less milk. Floods earlier in the year and in late 2005 flooded some farmers' fields,

destroying crops.

"Combined with this freeze, California has really taken a kick from the increment weather," said A.G.

Kawamura, the state agriculture secretary. "We recognize that our food supply is not dependable. In fact, it is vulnerable."

TV: Area stores report increase in business during Super Bowl

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"Friday and Saturday were two of the busiest days outside of Christmas that I've seen," he said. "They were really good. Big screens always pick up before the Super Bowl, but these were the 32, 40, and 46 (inch) and flat panels. They were not necessarily having a big gathering, they just wanted the new TV to watch the Super Bowl in high definition."

Sony and Mitsubishi were the store's

top-selling models during Super Bowl week, he said. And that included game day sales.

"Normally, the day of the game you don't sell too many TVs," he said. "We sold several TVs at the very last minute."

Winfrey said he understands why customers are into the high definition craze. The clarity is clearly superior, he said.

"It's at least twice the picture quality as regular TV," he said. "It's the future, I guess."

At the Hastings Wal-Mart Supercenter, television sales peaked on Saturday before the Super Bowl, with display models being the sets of choice, assistant manager Brandi Richey said.

"On Saturday, we had a huge spike," she said. "TVs that we had on the warehouse rack, because they were displays,

were all gone. People were just looking and grabbing."

As was the trend in other stores, HD sales ruled the day, she said, with Magnavox earning brand-of-choice honors.

At Kmart in Hastings, size wasn't the primary consideration when purchasing a Super Bowl week set, electronics manager Larry Owens said.

"We weren't selling the big ones like

we usually do at this time," he said. "This year, more of the high definition LCDs were moving pretty good."

With all of its televisions discounted the week before the game, sets were moving out the door pretty consistently, especially the Sylvania 19-inch model, he said.

"The week before the Super Bowl is always a good time for snacks and TVs," he said.

Family: Dentistry, orthodontic practices growing for Pershing, son

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As a student at HC, Matt had the opportunity to work with his father as an assistant in his practice. It was during this time that his decision to pursue a career in orthodontics took root, he said.

"I always knew I pretty much wanted to be a professional," he said. "When I was an assistant for my dad, when I went to Hastings College, I

realized we got along very well. I enjoyed working with the patients and felt dentistry was my calling."

John, who joined the practice of father-in-law, Robert, in 1977, said working with his younger son has been everything he hoped it would be. John and his wife, Cathy, have been married 38 years and have two children.

"It is very much an exciting time,"

he said. "I think it's every father's dream. Matt's been on this career track since he was a young boy."

With Pershing Orthodontics now operating offices in Hastings, Holdrege, Superior and most recently Grand Island, business has never been better, John said. At the Grand Island location, the family recently assumed the practice of Jim Butz, Matt's uncle, who retired from his post in

December 2006.

"We were requested by a number of our general dentists in Grand Island with the retirement of Dr. Butz, but we've always had a strong following there," John said. "It's pretty common in a rural area to have satellite offices."

Like his father — who has been practicing orthodontics for 30 years — Matt said he plans to keep the family

name alive in the field for many years to come.

"The practice is growing, which is what we wanted to see happen when I came in," he said. "My goal is to basically grow our practice and keep it as lively and vibrant as it can be. I want to continue on the tradition my father started — and continues — that I've been lucky enough to be part of."

Andersen: Things don't add up

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Alvin didn't know what to say. He had known for years that math was not Mabel's area of expertise, although she managed to double and triple recipes with no trouble and could figure nearly to the inch how much material she would need for a sewing project.

Every time he asked her to check on the cows and make sure they were all there, they had to have a conversation about it.

"I thought we had 35 cows," Mabel would say. "We do," Alvin would answer.

"Why are there only 33 cows in the pasture?" Mabel asked.

At that point, Alvin would jump up and run out and count all the cows again. He was sure all the cows were in. He counted and sure enough, there were 35.

"I counted twice," Mabel said. "There were only 33. Here, I'll show you."

They would traipse back out to the pasture and count together. Sure enough, Mabel only counted 33 cows, while Alvin, standing right next to her, counted 35.

"I think you're the one who

can't count," Mabel would say.

Alvin recalled that conversation as he tried to explain the football game's scoring system.

"Oh, wait," Mabel said, "it's time for a commercial."

Alvin looked at the television. Sure enough, it was halftime. How had he missed most of the second quarter?

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Guebert: Farm bill going nowhere

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Take the Secretary's idea to spend \$500 million per year to support specialty crop (mostly fruit and veggie) prices. Under the Johanns proposal, though, specialty growers would lose a key market protector — the rule that current farm program recipients cannot grow specialty crops.

In short, if the 10-million-acre fruit and veggie growers want USDA's money they must welcome growers of the other 200-million-plus acres of farm program crops into the fruit and veggie game.

After the Specialty Crop Farm Bill Alliance, an 80-member coalition of veggie, fruit, nut

and wine grape grower groups, studied the Johanns idea for 10 minutes Jan. 31, it posted a "Dear Mike: No thanks" press release on its Web site.

A couple of days later, a coalition member correctly described Johanns' cash-for-competition idea as a sop to Brazil which has threatened a WTO complaint unless U.S. specialty crop growers are stripped of their acreage protections.

"Why would we want to get rid of the only safety net that specialty crop growers have in this country?" he asked the Secretary through the press.

They wouldn't, especially since Brazil has yet to file a WTO gripe.

The reason can be found in other big changes proposed by the Secretary, like farm program payments tied to revenue, not base yield or production, and loan rates switched from prescribed levels to floating, best-three-out-of-the-last-five-year averages.

All are built on trade: Secretary Johanns is the last person in Washington who believes the WTO will write the 2007 American Farm Bill.

It won't, Congress will, and his Farm Bill won't survive spring.

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Churches often misguided in singles efforts

After years of single life in New York City, Dawn Eden knows how to study a crowded social event. She knows how to let her gaze wander from man to man, while a voice in her head whispers, "That one's handsome," "That one's with someone," "That one's too old," "That one's got a wedding ring," "That one looks too interested in the man he's speaking to."



Terry Mattingly

Eden heard that voice a lot during her years as a rock-music writer, back when she knew the music scene, knew the hot musicians and knew the score — in every sense of that word. Then she converted to Christianity and her beliefs about love and marriage turned upside down.

The irony, said Eden, is that many clergy seem to think it would be a good thing if singles kept playing the spot-the-hot-date game in church.

"I am not an expert in church singles groups because I am not a connoisseur of them," said Eden, author of a controversial book titled "The Thrill of the Chaste." The title betrays her work as an award-winning tabloid headline writer, as does the book's pushy subtitle, "Finding Fulfillment While Keeping Your Clothes On."

While doing online research into the Christian singles scene, Eden found a New York group that was promoting an "Extreme Charity Pub Crawl." Then there was the ski-retreat invitation that told young believers to prepare for fellowship in the hot tub.

This isn't what singles need from churches at Valentine's Day or any other day, said Eden, 38, who currently works as an editor at the New York Daily News.

"My church life got so much better the minute I stopped trying to look for someone to date at Mass," she said. "I mean, it isn't a good thing if people learn to look each other over at church the same way they look each other over in a bar."

This is not the kind of woman whose work usually shows up on shelves in Christian bookstores. Dawn Eden Goldstein was reading the Bible by the time she was in second grade, witchcraft books by fifth grade, had her bat mitzvah at 13 and wandered into agnosticism shortly thereafter. Later, her encyclopedic knowledge of '60s pop landed her a steady stream of jobs writing album liner notes and magazine profiles.

Then, in 1996, a rocker introduced her to the books of the Christian apologist and journalist G.K. Chesterton. It took time for Eden's grasp of the New Testament to trump her knowledge of the Kama Sutra, but one thing led to another and she eventually became a modest, chaste, but hip Roman Catholic.

Changing her lifestyle was hard, she writes in her book, because she "had dutifully followed the Cosmo rule, which is also the 'Sex and the City' rule and really the Universal Single-Person Rule in our secular age: 'Sex should push the relationship.' This rule also can be expressed as, 'We'll talk about it in bed.'" The logic of this doctrine convinces many women that men can be forced into lasting commitments "through the persuasive force of your physical affection. It forces you to follow a set of Darwinian social rules — dressing and acting a certain way to outperform other women competing for mates." In the end, said Eden, she realized that her strutting self-confidence wasn't real and that "you can't transform a pair of \$14.99 Fayva slingbacks into a pair of \$600 Manolo stilettoes with a mere coat of paint."

If church leaders truly want to reach out to women and men who are looking for an alternative to that lifestyle, said Eden, they must realize that the last thing single adults need is a singles ministry that turns "your church basement into a sort of 'Animal House' with crosses."

What congregations should do is rally single adults around worship, prayer, books, the arts and service to others, she said. Then friend-

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Talk show host headlines banquet

HASTINGS PHYSICIAN ALSO TO SPEAK AT SANCTITY OF LIFE EVENT

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Nationally syndicated Catholic radio talk show host Teresa Tomeo and Hastings physician Michael Skoch will speak at the sixth annual Sanctity of Life Banquet hosted by Central Nebraskans United for Life at 6 p.m. Thursday at Hastings Holiday Inn.

In addition to her on-air presence, Tomeo, who hails from Detroit, Mich., is an author, motivational speaker and

media consultant who specializes in faith and media issues. Her address for the evening is titled "The Media and The Culture of Death."

Additional information on Tomeo is available online at www.teresatomeo.com.

Skoch is founder of the Moscoti Health Center located in Crosier Professional Park. A family practitioner, he serves as consultant for Creighton Model Natural Family Planning. The husband and father of seven can be heard most Sundays playing organ at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church.

His talk is titled "Let God Smile," and will focus on "the connection

between contraception and abortion and how they all contribute to the mental outlook that we as a society have arrived at," Skoch said. "I hope to just illustrate the sanctity of life by discussing those connections and some things we can do to try to disconnect them."

Proceeds from the fundraising event will benefit the AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center in Hastings, said Mike Dycus, event founder.

"My wife, Deb, is director of AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center, so I was pretty much aware of the needs that they had financially," Dycus said. "They are privately funded and do

not accept government money." About 200 people are expected to attend the event, which has raised more than \$4,000 each of the last two years for the center. The funds are used to supplement the center's operational costs, he said.

Located in Crosier Professional Park, AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center logs an average of 500 visits from women each year. Services include financial care, parenting classes, and other abortion alternatives.

Tickets for the banquet are available at the door, through area Christian bookstores, or by calling (402) 463-7726.



MIKE DERER/AP

Abdul Kareem Dulaimi demonstrates Mandaean prayers at the home of his son-in-law, Dr. Suhaib Nashi, in Morristown, N.J., Jan. 30.

EXTINCTION OF A RELIGION

BECAUSE OF IRAQ WAR, A SMALL RELIGIOUS GROUP SUFFERS

CHRIS NEWMARKER
The Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — Among the casualties of the Iraq war is a little-known religious faith called Mandaeanism that has survived roughly two millennia and whose adherents believe that John the Baptist was their great teacher.

While there were more than 60,000 Mandaeans in Iraq in the early 1990s, only about 5,000 to 7,000 remain. Many have fled amid targeted killings, rapes, forced conversions, and property confiscation by Islamic extremists, according to a report released last week by the New Jersey-based Mandaean Society of America.

Among the roughly 1,500 U.S. Mandaeans, there have been continual phone calls with endangered friends and relatives, collections of money, and unsuccessful lobbying efforts in Washington to get Mandaeans out of Iraq, as well



MIKE DERER/AP

Dr. Suhaib Nashi holds a 100-year-old hand-written prayer scroll for the Mandaean religion at his home in Morristown, N.J., Jan. 30.

as neighboring Jordan and Syria.

"Unfortunately, we're not big in numbers, and numbers talk," said Dr. Suhaib Nashi, a 53-year-old pediatrician who helps run the Mandaean Society of America out of his Morristown home.

Mandaean leaders say tens of thousands of their brethren are now scattered around the world, including a U.S. community centered around New York and Detroit.

With the dispersion comes concern that the faith is withering, especially as more Mandaeans marry non-Mandaeans, with no mechanism to bring their children into the fold.

"There's not much hope for us to survive to two or three generations," Nashi said.

Scholars who study the Mandaean religion and culture say its extinction would be a great loss, the end of an ancient religious movement. Dating to the time of the Roman Empire, it survived primarily in what is today Iraq and Iran, a branch of the Gnostic movement that borrowed elements of Christianity.

Mandaeans view John the Baptist as a great teacher, and engage in baptisms to come in closer contact with a "world of light" that is better than the material world on Earth.

"It represents a slice of the culture of the Middle East before the rise of Islam. It's a view to a for-

mer world. And frankly, we don't know very much about it," said Charles G. Haberl, an instructor in Middle Eastern studies at Rutgers University.

Haberl, who says he's trying to arrange a reprint of one of the Mandaeans' main holy books for the first time in about 150 years, laments that an "enormous literary tradition" may soon entirely disappear.

"It would be as if a museum or library were put to the torch," Haberl said.

Driven from both Iraq and Iran, many Mandaeans have adapted to their new homes, enjoying financial success as medical doctors, civil engineers and jewelers, Nashi said.

But being scattered means that many in the younger generation have found spouses outside the community. And since a Mandaean has to be born a Mandaean, the children of such marriages have a questionable status in the religion.

Mamoon Aldulaimi, 60, of Lake Grove, N.Y., is a civil engineer who's a leader in the Mandaean community.

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Some doctors hold back information

Medical morality

Some doctors do not feel obligated to tell patients about medical options they oppose morally.

Opinions about controversial clinical practices

Object to Do not object to

Terminal sedation
83 1

Abortion
5 4

Prescription of birth control without parental approval
4 5

Do you have an obligation to ... present all possible options to the patient?
Yes 86% 8 6
No Undecided

... refer the patient to someone who does not object to the requested procedure?
71 18 11

Would it be ethical to describe to a patient why you object to a requested procedure?
63 22 15

SOURCE: The New England Journal of Medicine AP

LINDA A. JOHNSON
The Associated Press

A disturbing number of doctors do not feel obligated to tell patients about medical options they oppose morally, such as abortion and teen birth control, and believe they have no duty to refer people elsewhere for such treatments, researchers say.

The survey of 1,144 doctors around the country is the first major look at how physicians' religious or moral beliefs might affect patients' care.

The study, conducted by University of Chicago researchers, found 86 percent of those responding believe doctors are obligated to present all treatment options, and 71 percent believe they must refer patients to another doctor for treatments they oppose. Slightly more than half the rest said they had no such obligation; the others were undecided.

"That means that there are a lot of physicians out there who are not, in fact, doing the right thing," said David Magnus, director of Stanford University's Center for Biomedical Ethics.

According to an American Medical Association policy

statement, doctors can decline to give a treatment sought by an individual that is "incompatible with the physician's personal, religious or moral beliefs." But the physician should try to ensure the patient has "access to adequate health care."

The survey did not examine whether these doctors act on their beliefs — that is, whether they actually withhold information or refuse to refer patients. But the researchers calculated that tens of millions of Americans might be going to such doctors.

"Conscientious objection is fine ... as long as it doesn't conflict with the rights of the patient," Magnus said. "You can't abandon the patient or essentially coerce the patient by saying you won't do the procedure or refer them to someone else."

The study was published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine and led by Dr. Farr Curlin, a University of Chicago ethicist and internist. The findings were based on a survey mailed to 1,820 practicing U.S. family doctors and specialists, chosen randomly from a national database; 63 percent responded.

Doctors describing themselves as very religious, particularly Protestants and Catholics, were much less likely than others to feel obligated to tell patients about controversial treatments or refer them to other doctors, and were far more likely to tell patients if they had moral objections.

Overall, 52 percent said they oppose abortion, 42 percent opposed prescribing birth control to 14- to 16-year-olds without parental approval, and 17 percent objected to sedating patients near death.

Female doctors were much more likely than male ones to feel obligated to refer patients for treatments they personally oppose, far less likely to present their own objections to a patient and slightly more likely to disclose all treatment options.

Dr. Jeffrey Ecker, chairman of the committee on ethics at the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, said he was encouraged that most doctors agreed patients deserve to be told about all appropriate medical options and referred to other doctors when needed.



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Local

BREAKFAST

The St. Michael's Catholic Church Men's Club will sponsor a breakfast from 9-11 a.m. Sunday at the church hall, 715 Creighton Ave.

Free-will donations will be taken. Proceeds will go toward the St. Cecilia High School junior class Close Up trip to Washington, D.C., in March.

Region

CHOIR CONCERT

SMITH CENTER, Kan. — The North Central Christian Choir will present its 23rd annual music festival Sunday at the Smith Center Junior-Senior High School.

Concert time is 3 p.m. Prelude music begins at 2:30.

This year's theme is "Old Friends," honoring the festival's longtime audience and the love of old gospel music.

Choir director is Betty Jo Banks of Downs, Kan. Accompanist is Helen Van Kooten of Phillipsburg, Kan.

The 125 members of the choir come from 60 area churches in Kansas and Nebraska and range in age from 5 to 97 years old. They come from as far west as Quinter, Kan., and as far east as Omaha.

This year, the Mount Suribachi Detachment No. 105 Marine Corps League Color Guard will participate in the patriotic musical selections.

A social time, complete with refreshments, in the school commons area will follow the concert. A second concert has been scheduled for Feb. 18 at the Huck Boyd Center in Phillipsburg, Kan., with the prelude beginning at 2:30 p.m. and the concert starting at 3. The public is invited to both performances.

For more information, call Connie Bowman at (785) 389-5481.

Singles: Church efforts misguided

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ships and relationships can develop out of activities that strengthen the faith of those that choose to participate.

"You really don't have to dumb things down for us," said Eden. "There are plenty of ways for single adults to get less church if that is what they really want. Why not talk to some of your young adults and ask them what they really want. They may want more church — more faith — not less."

Terry Mattingly is a columnist for Scripps Howard News Service. Contact Mattingly on-line at www.tmatting.net

Internationally known organist to perform recital

HASTINGS TRIBUNE
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Internationally known organist Michael Burkhardt will perform the third in a series of four Langenberg Organ Recitals at 5 p.m. Feb. 18 at First Presbyterian Church, 621 Lincoln Ave.

The free recital will be followed by a light meal in Fellowship Hall.

Burkhardt, a faculty member at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wis., is known for his innovative and inspiring hymn festival and creative work with children. He is in constant demand as a clinician, recitalist, and hymn festival leader.

The author of "Singing and Understanding" (a curriculum using hymns, folk songs and spiritual of the church) he is director of the Carthage Choir. In addition to being the college organist and artist in residence, he has performed and led seminars at national and regional events for the American Guild of Organists, The Hymn Society, the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, and the American Choral Directors Association.

A graduate of Carthage College, he completed a master's degree at Southern

Methodist University in Dallas, and a doctoral degree at Arizona State University, Tempe.

The Langenberg Organ Recital Series commemorates the 50-year anniversary of First Presbyterian Church's Austin organ. Through the generosity of the Langenberg Music endowment, a four-year organ enhancement/renovation project was launched in 2002.

Established in 2001 following the death of Luella Langenberg, the endowment provides for special needs of the church's music program, including the purchase of a Steinway piano, honoraria for collegiate chancel choir section leaders, and the purchase of Orff instruments.

The recitals are part of a series of "Sanctuary Vespers" concerts at First Presbyterian that includes two different recital series. Hastings College Ensembles will perform six concerts in the series.

The organ recital series is co-sponsored by Hastings College Department of Music, Hastings College Vocation and Values Program, and First Presbyterian Church.

The final organ recital in the series will be performed by Paul Oakley on March 25.

A long-standing tradition of women prayer leaders among China's Muslims

ALEXA OLESEN
The Associated Press

WUZHONG, China — At a tiny courtyard mosque tucked down a back alley in China's Muslim heartland, Wang Shouying leads other Muslim women in prayers and chants.

Every day, Wang dons a green velvet robe and white scarf and preaches to dozens of women at the Little White Mosque in western China's Ningxia region.

Wang is a keeper of a centuries-old tradition that gives women a leading role in a largely male-dominated faith. She is a female imam or "ahong," pronounced ah-hung, from the Persian word "akhund" for "the learned."

"We need to train and educate our female comrades how to be good Muslims," Wang said between prayer sessions. "Women among are the best qualified to do this because they can relate to the female faithful in ways the male ahongs can't."

Religion was banned during Mao Zedong's radical Cultural Revolution but faith made a comeback in the 1980s, increasing the numbers of Buddhists, Taoists, Muslims and Christians. The communist push for gender equality helped broaden Muslim women's roles.

China's women imams are not the equals of male prayer leaders. They do not lead salat — the five daily prayers considered among the most important Muslim obligations. Those prayers are instead piped via loudspeakers into the female mosques from the male ones nearby.

Still, the female imams guide others in worship and are the primary spiritual leaders for the women in their communities.

Although it's not unusual in Islam for women to lead other women in prayer, China's female imams are part of a trend of greater leadership roles for Muslim women in many nations, said Omid Safi, professor of Islamic studies at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

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Anniversary

ELLIOTT 40TH



The family of Russel and Marsha Elliott would like to honor them with a card shower for their 40th Anniversary on February 11, 2007. Russel Elliott and Marsha Trout were married February 11, 1967 at First United Methodist Church in Hastings, NE. Best wishes may be sent to them at: 2515 Bateman, Hastings, NE 68901.

Menu

Adams County Senior Services Inc. provides noon meals Monday through Friday at the Golden Friendship Center, 509 S. Bellevue Ave., and Good Samaritan Village Goldbeck Towers, 721 S. First Ave., for people 60 and older. Reservations must be made by calling (402) 463-4439 by 2:30 p.m. one day in advance.

♦ Tuesday: Pepper steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, three-bean salad, wheat dinner roll and banana pudding.

♦ Wednesday: Ham, baked sweet potato, cauliflower with cheese sauce, perfection salad, corn bread muffing with honey and fruit cocktail cake with whipping topping.

♦ Thursday: Oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, boiled cabbage, green bean salad, wheat dinner roll and frozen fruit cup.

♦ Friday: Beef stew with vegetables, cranberry relish salad, ½ deviled egg, biscuit and honey and bread pudding with raisin with lemon sauce.

♦ Feb. 19: closed
Noon meals also are served at the Kenesaw Senior Center on the second Thursday of the month; at the Roseland Town Hall on the first and third Tuesdays of the month; and at Juniata the third Thursday of the month. Reservations may be made by calling the Golden Friendship Center by the Friday before the serving day.

FCE

COUNCIL

The Adams County Family and Community Education Council met Jan. 29 in the Adams County Annex Building. Robin Vodehnal, of the YWCA, spoke about the Y's new program "the Source."

Outgoing chairwoman Pam Reichstein installed Bev Stein as chairman, May Wierenga as secretary and Lisa Prior as treasurer. Stein presided over the business meeting.

Carol Hurst, president of the Young at Heart Club, reported the club has completed 11 baby quilts that will be distributed to community agencies.

The proposed 2007 goals and budget were approved. Informational materials will be distributed to Adams County schools for the fifth grade writing contest. Applications also will be distributed to the school counselors for two \$500 scholarships for graduating high school students. The Council also will continue to support the Adams County Spelling Contest.

SOCIAL GUIDELINES

- ♦ The deadline to submit social announcements and club news is Monday for same-week publication.
- ♦ Club news items must be received no later than one month after the meeting.
- ♦ Five-generation photos will be published.
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Clubs

CHAPTER G, P.E.O.

Chapter G, P.E.O. met Feb. 2 at Judy Hoch's home with Jo Seiler, Hauli Sabatka, Angela Graham and Alison Osborne as co-hostesses.

The program was given by Kathy Samuelson on "What Does Global Mean?" with particular reference to water.

The next meeting is Feb. 16 at Amy Hermes' home. The program is be the President's letter by Stephanie Bliss and a program about the seven founders.

QUILT GUILD

The Hastings Quilt Guild met Feb. 1 at First St. Paul's Lutheran Church. "Town and Country Quilters" provided the refreshments.

President Elsa Barr called the meeting to order with 48 members and one guest present.

Lori Anderson won the door prize and the raffle prizes were won by Mary Kay Kissell and Rose Lindstrom. Deb Thompson was elected nominating committee chairwoman.

Shaw and tell followed the meeting. The speakers, from Material Girl in Grand Island, brought quilts and wall hangings "embellished with color." The group also had a quick lesson in fabric painting and was provided with wares to buy from their shop.

The next meeting is March 1 at the church with Laura Franchini, of Wisner, presenting "Quilting-Funrier Than You Realized." The group will also have its annual garage sale.

ALPHA DELTA KAPPA

The Hastings Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa met Feb. 1 at Adams Central High School.

The guest speaker was Connie Anderson of Healthy Beginnings. She spoke about the services Healthy Beginnings provides in the community and surrounding areas.

A short business meeting was conducted. The members voted on four organizations that the sorority's altruism money will be given to.

Jeanne Loch, Karen Myers, Diane Jennings and Nella Kincaid attended the Alpha Delta Kappa executive board meeting Jan. 13 at Central Community College-Grand Island campus. The president, Maydelle Messerschmidt, presided at the meeting.

The next meeting is 6:30 p.m.

March 1 at Watson Elementary School. The program will be an ABC Potluck Supper.

OUTLOOK STUDY CLUB

The Outlook Study Club met Feb. 1 at Helen Jacupke's home. Mary Jo Connelly reviewed the book "Three Cups of Tea" by David Oliver Relin, detailing the life of Greg Mortenson.

The next meeting is Feb. 15 at Margo Blair's home.

4-C CLUB

Members and husbands of Trumbull 4-C Club met Jan. 18 at Bernardo's Steak House for dinner and cards.

New yearbooks for 2007 were printed and distributed by Dolores Rader to each member.

President Fran Kreutz presided at the business meeting. The group has been invited to join the New Dimensions Club meeting Feb. 6 at Central Community College-Hastings for dinner and program of proper formal etiquette.

The next meeting is 1:30 p.m. March 8 with Karen Samuelson as the host.

FIRST ST. PAUL'S WELCA

The Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America of First St. Paul's Lutheran Church were hosts for a Mission Festival Feb. 4 in the Founder's Hall.

Gayle Lysthaug, Lillian Barth, Joan Bramble, Gwen Hoylman, Dorothy Kent, Marilyn Stroman and Darlene Veberg, of Group 1, were the hostesses.

Members of the special events committee were the coordinators for the event.

President Marge Eitzmann gave the welcome. Lysthaug gave the devotions "Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant."

Dave Christensen, of Lincoln, was the guest speaker. He is with Alegant Health and its Zahanati Health Dispensaries in Tanzania. He presented a slide program and explained the geography, facts, history, sights, church, healthcare and people of Tanzania. The program was followed by questions and answers.

The offering, with matching funds from WELCA, was designated for the dispensaries in Tanzania, to help that part of the world to improve health.

The Mission Festival was closed with a prayer.

Fake heart attack scares prowler

The Associated Press

HAMPDEN, Maine — An 80-year-old woman who was watching the Super Bowl alone discovered a way to scare off a man who had broken into her home: fake a heart attack.

The woman was watching Sunday night's Super Bowl when she spotted a man walking through her house, said Hampden police Sgt. Dan Stewart. When she asked the man what he was doing, he grabbed her from behind and began pushing her toward the bedroom.

Stewart said the woman pre-

tended she was having a heart attack and told the intruder her heart medication was in her car in the garage. After they retrieved the medication, the man fled.

"The lady had enough common sense to keep her wits about her to fake a heart attack and avoid becoming another victim," Stewart said.

A 45-year suspect was arrested a short time later and charged with aggravated criminal trespass and assault. He is a convicted sex offender in Alabama, police said.

Valentines from simple to sublime

GWEN SCHOEN

Sacramento Bee

The National Confectioners Association figures that nationwide, 36 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolate will be sold for Valentine's Day. Women will buy about half of those chocolates for their sweethearts.

Do you know why? That's because we know that when the box is opened, we'll be offered the first piece.

It's true. You can talk all you want about romantic dinners by candlelight, champagne, slinky lingerie and expensive perfume. The bottom line is, it's chocolate that will win our hearts.

Chocolate, according to the NCA, is the elixir for love. The association's Web site, www.candyusa.org, says that "throughout history chocolate has been used to prompt amorous feelings. Madame du Barry served it to all her suitors; Casanova consumed chocolate instead of champagne to induce romance; and Montezuma, the king of the ancient Aztecs, believed chocolate would make him virile. In the 1800s, physicians commonly advised their lovelorn patients to eat chocolate to "calm their pining."

With that in mind, we did a bit of detective work and came up with a few suggestions for romance-challenged lovers.

♦ In the mood to cook? There are lots of options

We found pasta in red-and-white hearts at Cost Plus World Market. And because chocolate is the theme for the day, you'll want a devil's food cake for dessert. Williams-Sonoma has a heart-shaped cake pan inspired by antique copper molds and old-fashioned valentines.

Or you might bake some chocolate cookies

— shaped like hearts, of course. Sur La Table (www.surlatable.com) has a set of copper cookie cutters in six different heart shapes. To make decorating simple, at Safeway you'll find valentine sprinkles for decorating cookies, cakes and cupcakes.

♦ No time to cook?

Forget red roses. Dove has something better: long-stemmed, hollow milk chocolate roses.

You can always count on See's to have plenty of chocolates in fancy heart-shaped boxes. You can choose from a tuxedo box, a puppy and kitten box, a basic red heart box and several others.

We were intrigued by New Tree dark chocolate bars called Vigor and Pleasure (Cost Plus World Market). If your sweetie loves very dark, rich chocolate, this one will win his or her heart — but make sure you choose the right one.

Vigor is made with a good dose of coffee beans. Combined with Pleasure, well, there's no telling what the results will be.

♦ Spin the beanie

One of our favorite finds was a plastic M&M's character wearing a spin beanie. You spin the arrow on his cap to learn your romance fortune: "friends 4 ever," "a secret admirer," "Love U" or "be mine." Flip the beanie up to dispense the M&M's inside.

♦ Hold the sugar

For sugar-free sweeties, York has a valentine heart box filled with dark chocolate-covered peppermint patties.

♦ Nothing like a Kiss

Hershey's Kisses are dressed up for the holiday and looking festive wrapped in red and pink foil. Instead of the usual paper strips, these have cute messages such as, "Kiss me quick."

Cards more laid-back

JAY DEDRICK

Scripps Howard News Service

Nicole Fraser had searched her heart, wracked her brain, worn down a pencil or two — and still she came up empty.

A greeting-card writer for Cleveland-based American Greetings, her assignment was to compose some long, involved prose for a verbose valentine.

"But it wasn't happening, so I just wrote, 'I love you.'"

That wound up on the front of a card.

"Then I wrote, 'It's as simple as that.'"

That went inside the card. "It was something simple that people responded to, and it was an instant best seller," says Fraser, senior creative consultant in the company's editorial studios. "That's my favorite."


The casual simplicity Fraser drew upon is splashed throughout the greeting-card aisles this Valentine's Day. Both American Greetings and the major competition, Hallmark, say valentines are growing increasingly laid-back.

"We definitely are seeing a trend where more cards are written in a very casual voice and have a casual look, as opposed to those fancy, frilly, over-the-top, idealized, sweet

cards of the past," says Hallmark spokeswoman Rachel Bolton.

At 48, Fraser calls herself "one of the old ladies" at American Greetings. In the late '80s, when she started at the company, the valentine line was very husband-and-wife-oriented — lots of cards for folks with serious romantic relationships. Demographic shifts — not to mention the influence of pop-culture forces "Sex and the City" and "Bridget Jones' Diary" — now have card-makers keeping singles in mind.

**ROMA (KRUEGER) HICKS
75 YEARS YOUNG**



Pam Nieting, the daughter of Roma Hicks, would like to request a card shower for her mom's 75th Birthday on Feb. 15th. Cards may be sent to: Roma Hicks, 9014 Cord Ave., Downey, CA 90240.
Thank you

NEW SOCIAL GUIDELINES

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1907 wedding dress re-created for new engagement

GUY KEELER
Fresno Bee

Mary Meux only wore the dazzling gown once. But that single day — nearly 100 years ago — was enough to give the dress a magical life that has transcended time and thrust it into a permanent place of honor in the Meux Home Museum in Fresno, Calif.

It all began the evening of Oct. 29, 1907, when Mary Meux married Harry E. Barbour in the parlor of her parents' house, now the Meux Home Museum.

"Everyone felt quite convinced that Miss Meux would be a beautiful bride, but none were quite prepared for the loveliness of her bridal finery, which was of the most elegant and in perfect harmony with her coloring," a reporter for the Fresno Morning Republican wrote.

"Her gown was of ivory satin, both the skirt and bodice being elaborately trimmed with Irish point brought to her from Europe by her sister and cousin. Down the front of the skirt was a beautiful panel of ornamentation of lace with touches of lace about the entire skirt, which was made with a long train and fastened above the waistline in the back in empire effect.

"The yoke of the bodice was of lace and about the shoulders fell in graceful folds fastened here and there with pearl ornaments. It was indeed a gorgeous wedding gown and was worn with distinction by the pretty bride."

Unlike Meux, who would go on to become the mother of two sons and see her husband elected to the U.S. House in 1918, the wedding dress quickly slipped from public view. It remained a family keepsake until 1978, when it was donated to the museum and put on display until its deteriorating condition impelled officials to see whether it could be restored.

"The 100th anniversary of Mary's wedding was coming up, and we decided to see if the dress could be restored," says John Campbell, the museum's executive assistant.

The dress was sent to the Textile Conservation Workshop in New York for an evaluation.

"They told us it couldn't be restored," Campbell says. "We were very disappointed."

The dress literally was falling apart at the seams. With little hope of saving the dress, it appeared the museum would have to preserve its memory through a bridal photograph of Meux — or have a duplicate made. Then fate brought Fresno seamstress Nancy Liddell into the picture.

Liddell met Campbell while she and a friend were attending a Valentine's Day tea at the Meux Home last year. When Campbell found out that Liddell was an experienced seamstress, he asked whether she could make a wedding dress like the one worn by Meux.

"Of course she can," said Linda Roy, Liddell's friend.

Liddell had been making wedding dresses for 40 years and was intrigued by the challenge of re-creating a dress



DIANA BALDRICA, The Fresno Bee/SHNS

Left: Nancy Liddell has restored a dress that was worn by Mary Meux at her wedding back in 1907. The dress was re-created by Liddell using all the original lace, ribbon and beadwork. Top right: Nancy Liddell lifts the outer skirt of Meux's wedding dress to show the detailed petticoat she restored along with the dress. The dress is on display at the Meux Home Museum in Fresno, Calif. Bottom right: A detail of the intricate work of the top portion of Meux's wedding dress.

made in 1907. She also felt drawn to the task by some common bonds she shared with Meux. She and Meux were both married on Oct. 29, and both had carried lily of the valley flowers in their bridal bouquets.

The original gown cost \$400 and took three seamstresses three months to make, Campbell says. Liddell went to work on the dress in late July and took four months to restore it at a cost of about \$7,000.

"All the satin, taffeta and organza had to be replaced," she says. "But I kept all the original lace, beads, pearls, hooks, boning, medallions and ribbon."

Liddell says it was fascinating to discover how dresses were made a century ago.

"They put in all kinds of detail you don't see in gowns today," she says. "The beads are so minute they had to have been strung by hand."

Liddell was intrigued to discover a single blue bead sewn into the dress in a place where it could not be seen. She figures it may have been a "signature" mark left by one of the seamstresses, or perhaps it was added to help fulfill the Victorian tra-

dition that encouraged brides to wear "something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue and a silver sixpence in her shoe."

Liddell says the dress was made in two parts. The bodice featured a pouter-pigeon (puffed up) front with wide bands of lace, gathered rows of silk tulle and faux pearls for trimming. The puffy elbow-length sleeves were trimmed with lace.

The gored skirt was made of satin, had a 9-foot-long train and was adorned with lace and rosettes made from gathered lace and medallions. Bodice and skirt both fastened in back with hook and eye closures in an alternating pattern that would have made it nearly impossible for the bride to get dressed by herself.

"Mary would have had servants to help her," Campbell says.

The dress was unusual in that it was cream-colored and used for one occasion, he says. In Victorian times, wedding dresses typically were made from dark fabrics and were worn again and again to church services and other weddings, he says.

The wedding dress currently is

on display in Meux's second-floor bedroom at the Meux Home.

Next fall, the dress will be one

of the featured attractions in a special exhibit to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the

wedding, says Colleen Sethre, president of the Meux Home Museum board of directors.

Doubts persist about drink's claim

STACY FINZ
San Francisco Chronicle

Consumers cruising the aisles of supermarkets this week will find a new green tea beverage with an astounding claim — drink it and burn calories.

The Coca-Cola Co. and Nestle say consuming three cans a day of their new product, Enviga, will burn 60 to 100 calories — and you don't have to run laps around the track, pedal a stationary bicycle or even bench-press weights. These calories can be burned merely by lifting the cans from table to mouth.

It seems too good to be true, and some say it is. In fact, one watchdog group already has filed a false-advertising lawsuit against the two companies, and Connecticut's attorney general has launched an investigation into the calorie-burning claim.

But Coca-Cola representatives insist that the drink has been scientifically tested and that it works. Food industry specialists say this is the first time bever-

ages have been marketed as negative-calorie drinks, and they believe it could be the wave of the future. Last year, Elite FX Inc., which started as a food research company in Florida, released Celsius, a green tea soft drink that the firm claims is the world's first calorie-burning beverage.

Green tea has become one of the nation's leading wonder ingredients, touted as an antioxidant that fights cancer and heart disease. While some clinical trials show a link between drinking green tea and increasing metabolism, most health experts don't consider it a weight-loss supplement.

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Term or whole life?

DEAR BRUCE: I am in the process of getting licensed and starting my own life-insurance/financial-planning business. As my education continues, I have to ask myself how I feel about the age-old question, term life or whole life? As I have listened to you often, I know you generally encourage people to buy term and invest the difference. Not a problem for me, I am working on my Series 7. It seems to me, though, you avoid a blanket indictment on whole-life products. What situations do you think merit whole life?



Bruce Williams

— J.D., via e-mail

DEAR J.D.: In general, I do suggest and encourage people to buy term insurance and invest the difference. However, there are situations, particularly end-of-life situations, where buying whole-life insurance can have a favorable impact on large estates.

However, most of the people to whom you will be selling are likely to purchase "death" insurance. They wish to provide for loved ones in case of an untimely demise. This is generally a younger client. Renewable, convertible and without evidence of insurability, term, in my opinion, is the way for most people to go.

That said, you are going to have to do a lot of shopping so you can offer the appropriate products to your clients. There are more than 1,000 companies in this country writing term insurance, many of which are well rated by Standard and Poor's, but the prices are all over the map. This is a place to do your homework so you can serve your clients well. It may not be that you will get wealthy selling term, but if you gain their trust, there are many other products and services that will benefit both parties.

DEAR BRUCE: As an "older" woman, how can I preserve my profit if I sell my home without buying into another? I have a house — purchased for around \$130,000 in 1996 — that would sell for three times that amount. What kind of taxes or penalty would be required and why? I would need to keep as much as possible in anticipation of future medical needs.

— M.T., via e-mail

DEAR M.T.: This home has been your primary residence for two or more years, which means you are eligible to keep the \$250,000 net profit without any federal taxes. Taking your numbers, that would be about \$260,000. (I'm sure you can find at least \$10,000 in capital-gains investment in your home over the past 10 years.) The reality is, you will pay no tax or, worst-case scenario, a very small amount. This tax relief can be repeated every two years, and it is in no way a condition on buying another house.

DEAR BRUCE: Should I be paying myself from my mother's money that I manage? Since moving back to Florida nine years ago, I have had increasing responsibilities for my 92-year-old mother, who lives 60 miles away. I have gotten her on Tricare. I have sold her house, car and moved her twice. I have gotten her an increase in her veteran's benefits. I put her money in CDs at a much higher interest rate than she was getting from her bank. For the past four years, I have had power of attorney. She was diagnosed with slow progressing Alzheimer's and has been staying in an assisted-living facility. I go there every two weeks and take her to all appointments. I manage her affairs and more.

My sister makes one trip here a year from another state, stays at our home and spends a few hours with mother, yet she is listed as executrix in mother's will. For the past few months, I have been buying a tank of gas when I go to see her but that is all I take. Her bills are now \$300 more a month than her income, but she is paid into a "life care" program where she lives, which costs more than \$50,000 and assures she will be cared for life, even if and when she can no longer pay.

My husband thinks I should be reimbursing myself for all I have done and am still doing. Her assets are about \$70,000, which is in CDs in my name and my husband's, with my sister as beneficiary. Any suggestions would be appreciated.

— S.K., Lencato, Fla.

DEAR S.K.: Given that your sister takes little interest in your mother and yet she will be the major beneficiary at the time of your mom's passing, I see no reason why you should not be reimbursed for expenses incurred looking after your mother's interests. It may be after the fact that your sister will take some exception to this, but it would appear to me that her practical options would be limited. I'd take the expenses. You haven't mentioned why your mom chose your sister as executrix and as the beneficiary of her CDs, but since your mother has Alzheimer's, we will probably never know.

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Booming business

27-YEAR-OLD'S COLLEGE
START-UP COMPANY GROWS
INTO MILLION-DOLLAR FIRM

DICK YOUNGBLOOD

Minneapolis-St. Paul Star Tribune

Nicholas Thomley's entrepreneurial impulses date to eighth grade, when he and a buddy organized a floating craps game at their middle school.

By the time school officials caught up with them and imposed a three-day suspension during which they were to contemplate their transgressions, they had pocketed \$100.

And that didn't count the proceeds from a retail business they were running, selling soda, candy and gum out of their lockers.

Thomley's creative focus has since shifted to more legitimate pursuits: He is the founder and CEO of Pinnacle Services, a rapidly growing firm that offers vocational, residential and financial management services to the elderly and people with disabilities.

I'm not usually the envious sort, but this guy's record has turned me a virulent shade of green. Consider:

- ◆ Thomley started the company as a sophomore at Concordia University.

- ◆ He grossed nearly \$2 million in his second year of operation and hoisted his revenue to more than \$7 million within five years after that.

- ◆ Oh, and he just turned 27.

Did I spell virulent correctly?

Along the way, Thomley also has completed his undergraduate studies, which were interrupted briefly as Pinnacle pushed him toward 90-hour workweeks.

As his schedule slowed to a mere 10 hours a day or so, he started taking night classes and earned a bachelor's degree in organizational management and communications at Concordia in 2003. And earlier this year, as Pinnacle's 2006 revenue headed for \$7.2 million, he collected a master's degree in business administration from Augsburg College.

Despite the long hours, Thomley calls the start-up period "the best time of my life; I loved the feeling that we were really building something."

The inspiration for the company grew out of a job he held in high school, working with disabled residents of a supported-living residence owned by a company that is now a "friendly competitor," as he put it.

"I really enjoyed that job, helping people," he said. "You felt as though you were making a difference."

Thomley started Pinnacle in December 1999 and spent a year marketing the business before landing his first client: a contract with Hennepin County, Minnesota, to manage the distribution of state and federal funds for therapeutic equipment, computer magnifiers and other needs of persons with disabilities.

He was on his way: By the end of 2001, he had 150 employees and revenue had climbed to \$1.9 million. Since then he has expanded his services and won contracts with eight other Minnesota counties.

What accounts for the success? "Exceptional client service," said Jen



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Nicholas Thomley, 27, founder and CEO of Pinnacle Services. Thomley's firm offers vocational, residential and financial management services to the elderly and people with disabilities.

Castillo, principal planning analyst in Hennepin County's human services department.

"(Thomley) has a sincere empathy, a real sensitivity to the needs of each client," Castillo said. "He believes each person is different, and he tries to find creative service options that make his business fit the client's needs, rather than the other way around."

Thomley started the company with a \$20,000 loan from his grandmother, who also put up her home as collateral for a \$100,000 bank loan. Those obligations have

long since been settled, and Thomley now has a \$500,000 credit line with North American Banking Co.

To hear North American Vice President Brad Benesh tell it, the credit was a no-brainer despite Thomley's youth.

"In my 27 years in business banking, he's one of the most impressive young people I've ever dealt with," Benesh said. "What he's done at his age is well above average by far."

"He has an innate business sense," Benesh added. "The kind they can't teach you; you just have it."

First-time home buyers navigate home maze

KARA MCGUIRE

Minneapolis-St. Paul Star Tribune

It's a great time to buy a house. That is, if you don't have to sell one first. Look around you. There are more for-sale signs than usual, meaning more choices. Sellers desperate to move are pricing their houses competitively. And mortgage rates remain near historic lows.

Still, just because it's a buyer's market doesn't mean that the time is right for you to leave renting behind.

I asked two real estate agents, a lender and a couple who closed on their first home last month to talk about what to consider before making what's normally the biggest purchase of one's life.

- ◆ Consider a first-time home buyer class:

Dustin May, 23, and Heidi Myogeto, 22, found a class through the Minnesota Home Ownership Center's Home Stretch program. The class covered topics such as affording a house, shopping for a loan and repairing a credit score. Even though Dustin and Heidi work in the financial services industry, they said they learned a lot and highly recommend the class.

- ◆ Save your documents: Keep your most recent pay stub,

W-2, bank and retirement account statements for the loan-approval process. The mortgage originator will pull your credit report to provide a snapshot of your outstanding debts. I'd be wary if a lender offers you a loan without checking these out.

It wouldn't hurt to check your credit report for free at www.annualcreditreport.com before you start the loan process to make sure there aren't mistakes that could hurt your chances of qualifying.

It's standard to be pre-approved for a loan before starting the home-search process. Just because you are pre-approved by one lender doesn't mean you must get a mortgage through that company.

- ◆ Play house:

As soon as Dustin and Heidi decided to look for a house, they began banking \$2,000 a month into a savings account. That gave them a taste of how their spending would change once they were homeowners. "I haven't seen the inside of a bar since New Year's," said Heidi, who said they've curbed going out to eat.

- ◆ Don't forget the snow shovel: Coldwell Banker Burnet agent Mary Thorpe-Mease talks to first-time home buyers about repairs,

assessments and other costs of homeownership. "I just want them to have their eyes open," she said.

- ◆ Don't buy too much house:

Dan Hughes, a loan officer at Summit Mortgage Corp. in Plymouth, Minn., said borrowers can qualify for a home loan that would take up more than half their pay. That usually translates to "much bigger payments than what they're typically comfortable with," he said.

Some first-time home buyers may be tempted to take on too large a mortgage; with the run-up of housing prices in the past few years, they're weighing the risk of being stretched by a big mortgage against the financial return of ownership.

Dustin and Heidi qualified for \$230,000, but by adding up their expenses and looking at their spending patterns, they determined that a loan of that amount "would have stretched us beyond belief," Dustin said. By purchasing a \$180,000 townhouse in Blaine, Minn., they were able to afford their home insurance, property taxes and association fees with a little left over for the recent college grads to buy some furniture.

That said, real estate agents point

out that in a softening market, buyers have more negotiating power. Some show homes slightly above their clients' price range and, through negotiating, will try to bring down the price to within the buyers' comfort zones.

Lenders also mention that mortgage interest is tax-deductible, and now, private mortgage insurance for new home buyers is, too. By changing the amount of tax withheld from your paycheck, you may find a higher monthly payment is doable.

- ◆ Decide what you're looking for: Dustin and Heidi carpool to work. When asked what they absolutely needed in their home, they both replied "Two showers."

Unsure of what else they wanted, they hit the Web, looking at homes of all types within their price range. Dustin made a list of what they liked about the roughly 50 homes they toured to help them narrow down the choices.

- ◆ Consider how long you'll stay: No matter what you see on TV, don't expect to flip your house. Masami Suga of Edina Realty cautioned: "It's awfully hard to get into any property today ... and be able to get out in a year or two and still make money."