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Utter presents treasurer's bill to committee

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Conversation on a bill to abolish the state treasurer's office was kept short in the Nebraska Capitol Friday.

Hastings Sen. Dennis Utter introduced his bill, LR284CA, to the Government, Military and Veteran Affairs Committee Friday afternoon.

"To paraphrase Ronald Reagan, we are a nation that has a government, not the other way around," Utter said. "I agree that we're a state that has a government and not a government that has a state. We need to be sure we keep

that thought in mind as we proceed."

Utter's resolution, which would require three votes of the Nebraska Legislature and a vote of the people, would abolish the office of state treasurer.

Utter spent about 10 minutes speaking about his bill and another 10 minutes answering questions from the committee.

There was no other testimony on the bill including proponents, opponents or neutral speakers.



Utter

Utter said the point of this resolution, as with many ideas he has supported, is to reduce the size of state government and state spending.

"Specifically, the state treasurer is an office that I think has duplication and redundancy in it," he said.

Utter said some of the duties of the treasurer's office are already performed by the Department of Revenue or could easily be absorbed by other state departments.

"There seems to me logical agencies to reassign these issues to like Health and Human Services, the Department

of Revenue, the Department of Administrative Services and others," he said.

In addition to eliminating redundancy, Utter said this bill also would cut some costs from the state's budget.

Of the treasury department's \$26.5 million annual budget, the \$5.5 million administrative line item could be significantly reduced.

A portion, about \$2.1 million, comes from the federal government for administering the child support program.

The other \$3.5 million comes from the state of Nebraska and is used to cover

the administrative costs of the office.

"The only real savings I can guarantee to you today is the \$117,000, which is currently the treasurer's salary plus benefits," Utter said. "It is not intended that the elected treasurer be replaced by an appointed treasurer."

Instead, Utter said the treasurer's duties would be absorbed by other offices along with some of the employees.

Of the nearly 60 employees in the treasurer's office, Utter said he doubts all the jobs will be needed once the duties are transferred.

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Insurers told to pay in EPA cleanup

DUTTON-LAINSON
LOSES APPEAL FOR
\$4.9M IN DAMAGES

Staff and wire

The Nebraska Supreme Court on Friday upheld a decision ordering two insurance companies to pay about \$550,000 of the cost of cleaning up industrial contamination in Hastings.

The ruling sets the standard in Nebraska for determining how much insurance companies are responsible for when they insure a company for only part of the time that the contamination occurred.

The Supreme Court said The Continental Insurance Co. and Northern Insurance Co. of New York should pay, but the court agreed with a lower court's ruling that the insurers should only be held responsible for part of the damages. Both companies insured Dutton-Lainson Co. during part of the four decades that it contributed to groundwater pollution in Hastings.

"We're pleased that they found we had sustained damages and ordered the insurance companies to indemnify us," David Brandt, vice president at Dutton-Lainson, said. "We're glad that it's come to a conclusion."

Continental has been ordered to pay more than \$475,000. Northern has been ordered to pay almost \$75,000.

The court refused Dutton-Lainson's appeal seeking \$4.9 million from the insurance companies to cover damages and the cost of defending itself.

Continental's attorney did not immediately respond to messages left Friday morning.

Northern's attorney, Tom Culhane, declined to comment on the ruling.

Dutton-Lainson attorney James W.R. Brown said he was still reviewing the decision, so he declined to comment on it.

Dutton-Lainson was one of several companies that settled with the Environmental Protection Agency over groundwater contamination. The Hastings-based maker of tools and trailer parts took some chemicals and byproducts of its manufacturing operation to city landfills because the law required it at the time.

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BRENT MCCOWN/Tribune

Hastings High's Mikaela Newlun plays her clarinet along with the Nebraska High School Honor Band during practice Friday morning in French Memorial Chapel on the Hastings College campus.



BRENT MCCOWN/Tribune

Papillion-La Vista South's Leanna Keith watches director Dan Laing while playing her piccolo along with the Nebraska High School Honor Band during practice Friday morning in French Memorial Chapel.

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200 OF STATE'S BEST YOUNG
MUSICIANS GATHER AT HC

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Sleet, snow and slick roads couldn't keep several hundred high school musicians from descending on Hastings.

Students from across the state arrived in Hastings Thursday night for the annual Nebraska High School Honor Band, Choir and Chamber Orchestra Festival hosted by the Hastings College Music Department.

The group of about 200 students practiced eight times over the course of Thursday night, Friday and this morning before performing in a concert open to the public this afternoon.

HC Music Department chairman Robin Koozer said this festival is a chance for the students to work with other talented musicians from across the state in an intense musical experience.

"We bring in the cream of the crop of high school musicians from across the state of Nebraska," he said.

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This year's Super Bowl ads goofy and frugal

EMILY FREDRIX

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Game on! Super Bowl ads are returning to their goofy roots.

Men march across a hillside without pants, toys joyride in Vegas and the miserly Mr. Burns from "The Simpsons" loses his fortune but finds happiness. It's a sign that people are feeling better — or at least want to feel better — about the economy, experts say.

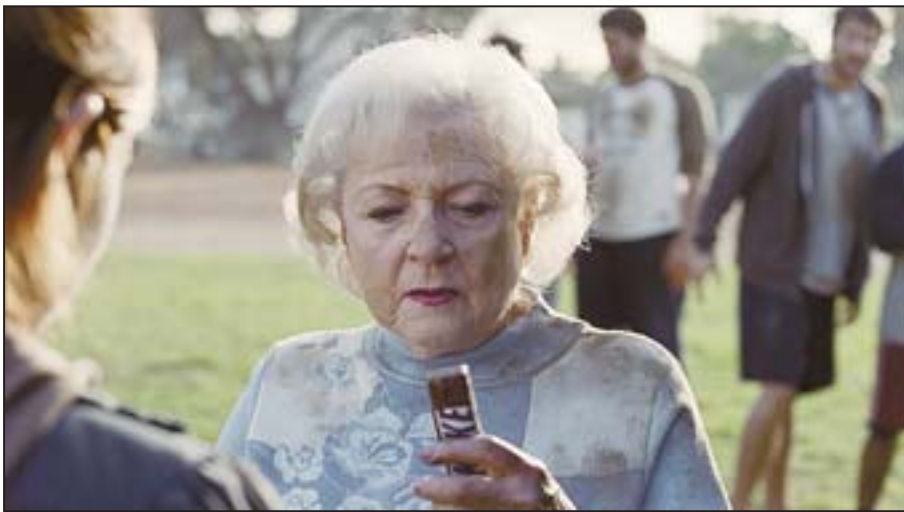
The commercials Sunday on advertising's most expensive showcase also aim

to appeal to people's focus on value.

The ad line-up includes everything from economy-priced televisions by Vizio to budget cars from Kia. Denny's touts free Grand Slams again, Charles Barkley raps about \$5 meal deals at Taco Bell, and the 1985 Chicago Bears' resurrect their "Super Bowl Shuffle" for prepaid cell phone brand Boost Mobile.

Super Bowl ads are a much anticipated, and usually funny, sideshow. The broadcast is watched as much for its

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Snickers/AP

This image provided by Snickers shows part of a television ad featuring actress Betty White scheduled to air during the 2010 Super Bowl.

Weather

Hi:
32
Lo:
25

Cloudy today with areas of fog in the morning.



Art by Bailey Kiburz, 8, Thayer Central School

JERSEY CLASH

NEW ORLEANS — A Louisiana high school student says he was sent home for wearing an Indianapolis Colts jersey Friday — the day the principal encouraged students to wear New Orleans

Nation

Saints black and gold as the teams get ready to face off in the Super Bowl.

"If they tell other students to support their team, why can't I support mine?" Brandon Frost, 17, told The Associated Press. The senior at Maurepas High School moved three

years ago from Indianapolis to the rural town 30 miles from Baton Rouge.

A Livingston Parish School Board member said Frost wasn't sent home, but was told he couldn't wear the blue jersey at school.

The Associated Press

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Obituaries

LLOYD J. 'JIM' HOHLEN

Juniata resident Lloyd James "Jim" Hohlen, 64, died Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010, due to the result of a car accident.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Christ Lutheran Church, rural Juniata, with Pastor Greg Volzke officiating. Burial will be at Concordia Cemetery near Juniata. Visitation is 1-9 p.m. Sunday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday with family present 6-8 p.m. at Livingston-Butler-Volland Funeral Home in Hastings and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the church.

Memorials may be given to the family; a memorial will be established at a later date. Condolences may be sent to www.lbvfh.com.



Hohlen

Jim was born July 22, 1945, in Hastings, Neb., to Lloyd E. and Mary V. (Alberts) Hohlen. He was baptized and confirmed at First St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hastings. He graduated from Hastings High School in 1963 and married Judy Struss in 1965. He enlisted with the Army National Guard for five years and worked with his brother-in-law doing custom harvesting. He also

worked at Hastings Industries for 15 years and most recently at Krael Cattle Company for 29 years. He was a member of Christ Lutheran Church. First and foremost things in his life were his wife, kids and grandkids. He also enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, trapping and camping with his family and friends.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; twin sister, Mary Jean Hohlen; brother-in-law, Larry Peters; and father-in-law, Paul Struss.

Survivors include his wife, Judy Hohlen of Juniata, Neb.; children and spouses, Jeremy and Heidi Hohlen of Lincoln, Neb., Jeff and Staci Hohlen of Lincoln, Neb., Jeana and Tom Niday of Topeka, Kan.; grandchildren, Rachel Hohlen, Mitchell Hohlen, Hunter Hohlen, Gage Hohlen, Amelia Hohlen, Anna Hohlen, Kasey Hohlen, Kylie Hohlen, Ally Niday, Erika Niday; sisters and spouse, Pat and Rich Junker of Kenesaw, Neb., Sharon Peters of Hastings, Neb.; mother-in-law, Gerry Struss of Kenesaw, Neb.; brothers-in-law and spouses, Dennis and Suzy Struss, Mike and Karen Struss, Rick and Vicki Struss; sisters-in-law and spouse, Becky Struss, Heidi and David Hadenfeldt; many nieces, nephews and friends.

PAMELA L. THEIS

Hastings resident Pamela L. Theis, 54, died Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010, at Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital in Hastings.

Services are 11 a.m. Monday at 11 a.m. at All Saints Chapel, Good Samaritan Society-Hastings Village with Pastor Paul Duffy officiating. There will be no visitation; the body was cremated. Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials may be given to Heartland Pet Connection, Hastings, Neb.

Condolences may be sent to www.brandwilson.com.



Theis

Pamela was born October 20, 1955, to Donald and Delores

(Sorenson) Adams in Beatrice, Neb. She graduated from Hastings High School in 1974 and the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Neb., in 1978. She married Joe Theis on May 28, 1977, in Hastings, Neb. She was a teacher for the Lincoln Public Schools from 1977 to 1996 and at present worked for the Hastings Literacy Program.

She is survived by her husband, Joe of Hastings, Neb.; three children, Alisa Theis of Lincoln, Neb., and Niki and Adam Theis both of Hastings, Neb.; two grandchildren, Summer Theis of Lincoln, Neb., and Raegan Theis of Hastings, Neb.; one brother, Greg and wife Deb Adams of Kenesaw, Neb.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and one brother, Doug Adams.

MINNIE P. RIDGE

Hastings resident Minnie P. Ridge, 92, died Friday, Feb. 5, 2010, at Good Samaritan Society-Hastings Village (Perkins Pavilion).

Private family services are pending at Livingston-Butler-Volland Funeral Home & Cremation Center in Hastings.

Coroner: Casey Johnson's death caused by diabetes

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Socialite Casey Johnson died of a complication of diabetes, the Los Angeles County coroner said Thursday.

Johnson, 30, an heir to the Johnson & Johnson health care products fortune, died of diabetic ketoacidosis, the coroner said in a brief statement. Diabetic ketoacidosis is a life-threatening condition caused by lack of insulin and sky-high blood sugar.

An autopsy was conducted Jan. 5, a day after Johnson's body was found at her home. The coroner's office said it would not be able to discuss specifics until the autopsy report and toxicology results become available within two weeks.

Dr. Michael Baden, former chief medical examiner in New York City, said Johnson probably slipped into a diabetic coma, but people can usually be resuscitated from that in the first 24 hours.

"If you have somebody with diabetes, there should be somebody checking up on that person," said Baden, who has been an expert witness in cases involving the late comedian John Belushi and former pro football star O.J. Simpson.

A message left for a family

spokesman was not immediately returned.

Johnson, the daughter of New York Jets owner Robert "Woody" Johnson, lived a party life. In December, she announced her engagement to bisexual reality TV star Tila Tequila.

Her body was flown east for a private funeral.

Johnson had been an insulin-dependent diabetic since childhood. A memorial fund in her name was set up with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Her father is chairman of that organization and co-author of the book "Managing Your Child's Diabetes."

Casey Johnson lived in a quiet neighborhood behind big wooden gates marked "Grumbelenot," but she often partied with high school friend and fellow heiress Paris Hilton.

Johnson was charged in December with burglary and receiving stolen property for allegedly taking \$22,000 in clothing, jewelry and other items from a friend's home. She pleaded not guilty and faced a February hearing.

She is survived by her parents, two younger sisters, and an adopted child she named Ava-Monroe, after her idol, Marilyn Monroe.

STRAHAN SAYS PARTIES REAL DRAW OF SUPER BOWL

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — The Super Bowl is just an afterthought for Michael Strahan.

The former Super Bowl champion says the real draw is the days of partying leading up to Sunday's game.

At a party Thursday, he said: "By the time you get through the partying, who cares about the game, to be honest with you." He added: "If you party right, the game is the last thing you worry about, you wake up in the fourth quarter."

Strahan — now a Fox Sports commentator — won with the New York Giants in 2008. He didn't party during that Super Bowl but didn't feel like he missed anything because he had been to so many Super Bowls before that.

Says Strahan: "If you focus enough and win the Super Bowl, the party is after anyway."

CLYDESDALES TO APPEAR IN SUPER BOWL AD AFTER ALL

NEW YORK — The Budweiser Clydesdales will be in the Super Bowl, after all.

Anheuser-Busch says its trademark horses will appear in a 60-second ad in the fourth quarter of the game.

The horses weren't originally scheduled to air during Sunday's game on CBS. But the longtime Super Bowl advertising leader received a different cut of a proposed Clydesdale ad and decided to consider it.

The brewer asked its fans to vote on Facebook whether to include the horses out of a field of three more ads, all by ad firm DDB.

The company — a unit of Anheuser-Busch InBev — now says the horses will appear in the ad, called "Fence." It tells the story of friendship between a young Clydesdale and a young steer.

SPRINGSTEEN WANTS NAME OFF LAWSUIT AGAINST BAR

NEW YORK — Bruce Springsteen wants his name off a lawsuit demanding licensing fees from a Manhattan bar where a band played his songs.

A statement on Springsteen's Web site Thursday said he didn't know about the lawsuit that was filed Wednesday in federal court and wouldn't have agreed to be a plaintiff if he had been asked.

It says Springsteen's representatives demanded the immediate removal of his name Thursday morning after learning about the lawsuit filed by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers. ASCAP didn't immediately return a telephone call seeking comment Thursday night.

The suit claims Connolly's Pub violated Springsteen's copyrights by letting an unidentified band perform two of his songs for profit.

A man who answered the phone at Connolly's said the pub had no comment.

SIRE RECORDS FOUNDER TESTIFIES IN MURDER TRIAL

NEW YORK — Sire Records founder Seymour Stein is helping Manhattan prosecutors detail his ex-wife's last day alive — and the activities of the personal assistant accused of murdering her.

NewsMakers

Tiger protection project



ANDY WONG/AP

Actor Jackie Chan poses with two tiger toys during a ceremony to launch a tiger protection project with WildAid in Beijing Friday. The project will raise public awareness to protect the endangered tiger species.

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame member testified at Natavia Lowery's trial Thursday that he spoke briefly to his former spouse, Linda Stein, at 10:16 a.m. on Oct. 30, 2007. He said when he called Stein again six hours later, Lowery answered and said she was out running.

Prosecutors say she actually was dead after a beating by Lowery. Lowery denies killing Stein, a real estate broker who had co-managed the Ramones.

Seymour Stein says testifying marked "a very sad day for me."

He's known for signing such acts as Madonna and the Talking Heads.

'DAYS OF OUR LIVES' STAR FRANCES REID DIES AT 95

NEW YORK — NBC says Frances Reid, who played matriarch Alice Horton on "Days of Our Lives" for four decades, has died in Los Angeles. She was 95.

The network says Reid died Wednesday. She was among the original cast of the daytime soap opera, which premiered in 1965. Reid starred opposite Macdonald Carey, who played her husband until his death in 1994.

Her final appearance as a regular was in 2007.

Reid received the Daytime Emmys' Lifetime Achievement Award in 2004.

She was born in Wichita Falls, Texas, in 1914.

KERR: BANKER SHOULDN'T LOSE JOB OVER PHOTO

SYDNEY — Miranda Kerr says an Australian banker left red-faced when a live TV broadcast showed him looking at her scantily clad photos at work shouldn't be fired.

Macquarie Bank worker Dave Kiely was at his desk as a colleague was being interviewed about interest rates when the camera showed him apparently opening e-mail attachments of nearly nude photos of the model.

The clip became a YouTube hit and

other media broadcast it during prime-time Tuesday. Macquarie Bank said it was investigating, and Kiely is expected to meet with his bosses soon to learn his fate.

Kerr, a 26-year-old Australian-born model engaged to "Pirates of the Caribbean" star Orlando Bloom, said she hoped the banker would not lose his job.

"I am told there is a petition to save his job, and of course I would sign it," news.com.au quoted her as saying.

BIRTHDAYS

Actress Zsa Zsa Gabor is 93. Actor Patrick Macnee is 88. Actor Rip Torn is 79. Actress Mamie Van Doren is 79. Actor Mike Farrell is 71. Former NBC News anchorman Tom Brokaw is 70. Singer Fabian is 67. Actress Gayle Hunnicutt is 67. Actor Michael Tucker is 66. Producer-director-writer Jim Sheridan is 61. Singer Natalie Cole is 60. Actor Jon Walmsley is 54. Actress Kathy Najimy is 53. Rock musician Simon Phillips (Toto) is 53. Actor-director Robert Townsend is 53. Actor Barry Miller is 52. Actress Megan Gallagher is 50. Rock singer Axl Rose (Guns N' Roses) is 48. Country singer Richie McDonald is 48. Singer Rick Astley is 44. Rock musician Tim Brown (Boo Radleys) is 41. Actor Brandon Hammond is 26.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The first duty of a leader is to make himself be loved without courting love. To be loved without 'playing up' to anyone — even to himself."

— **Andre Malraux, French author (1901-1976)**

The Associated Press

FACT OF THE DAY

France is the most popular nation in the world among tourists, receiving nearly 80 million visitors annually.

NUMBER OF THE DAY

76 — percentage of Israel's population that is Jewish.

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Tribland

The following couples recently applied for marriage licenses at the Adams County Clerk's Office: Rudel Isaac Lopez Rivera and Adriana Hernandez, Darrell Wayne Seeley and Marti A. Shada, Michael Paul Martin Sr. and Megan Renee Hawley, and Keith William Olinger and Holly Marie Traxler, all of Hastings.

Free H1N1 Vaccine: Adams County Fairgrounds, February 10, 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. Information? Call South Heartland District Health Department, 1-877-238-7595. -Adv.

Hastings Symphony Orchestra fundraiser dinner/more February 28; tickets \$35. Call 402-469-9396. See ad page AA2 -Adv.

Vehicles reportedly driven by Thomas R. Warburton of 1035 W. H St. and Steven D. Craig of 602 N. Leisure Lane collided Thursday at Hastings Avenue and South Street.

Send a message to your Special Valentine in "Sweet Sentiments" to publish in Tribune on February 13. Deadline February 9. 461-1234 for details. -Adv.

Vehicles reportedly driven by Donald L. Skelton of 1214 W. and June E. Kneifel of 1417 W. Sixth St. collided Thursday at Bellevue Avenue and Sixth Street.

Taylor's prime rib special, \$9.95, Saturday only. 462-8000 -Adv.

Adams County Judge Jack Ott Friday sentenced Molly M. Fringer, 47, of 411 S. Elm Ave. No. 312 to one year probation, a \$400 fine, 60-day drivers license revocation and completion of a victim impact panel and driving attitudes course for refusing a blood alcohol test on July 19, 2009. Fringer pleaded no contest Dec. 4, 2009, and prosecutors dropped a charge of second-offense of driving under the influence of alcohol. Refusing to submit to a blood alcohol test is a Class W misdemeanor punishable by up to 60 days in jail and a \$500 fine.

Dazzle your Valentine with a gift from Bath Bliss Gifts, 536 West 2nd Street. -Adv.

DAV, Monday night special: spaghetti, 302 South Elm. Veterans half price. -Adv.

Vehicles reportedly driven by Diane P. Meyer of Cedar Rapids and Jesus Hernandez of 738 N. Williams Ave. collided Thursday at 3609 Osborne Drive West.

Gingerbread has full-time infant opening, 463-2444. -Adv. VFW, Saturday, full kitchen menu. Krokin' Karaoke, free pool, darts, cards. All welcome -Adv.

Murphy's Annual Pitch Tournament Saturday, February 6, 3:00 p.m. Sunday breakfast buffet 9:00 a.m. to 1:00. Football party 4:00; free movies, shot specials and prizes. -Adv.

We buy cars. Jackson's Car Corner, Inc. 463-0688. -Adv.

Vehicles reportedly driven by Timothy L. Behrends-Spencer of Ruthven, Iowa, and Joshua J. Stromer of Harvard collided Thursday at Showboat Boulevard and Seventh Street.

Michael C. Cacy of 200 E. Ringland Road reported Thursday that two televisions and a camcorder were taken from his residence.

It was reported Thursday that an unknown motorist left Casey's General Store, 406 S. Elm Ave., without paying for \$20.01 in fuel.

Matthew J. Gimple of 1610 W. Bateman St. reported Thursday that his check card was used without his permission.

Chorus of the Plains "Singing Valentines" by quartets February 13, 14. Call 402-462-2630. Reminder: deadline February 8! -Adv.

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Personal Touch Wigs, new looks, styling and wig products. 402-463-3240, 469-2548. -Adv.

Hey, sports fans! You'll find results of local and area games first at hastingstribune.com -Adv.

VFW stag/stagette February 9; all tickets \$10, 6:30 to 8:00 -Adv.

Vehicles reportedly driven by Jennifer S. Engel of 2770 S. Adams Central Ave. and Anne E. VanSkliver of 1314 N. Country Club Drive collided Thursday on Park Lane Drive near Marian Road.

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.

Korky Lightner Auction, 1104 South Elm; all new items Monday, February 8, 5:30. -Adv.

Area funerals

Today

♦ **Paul Baumann**, 61, of Grafton, 10 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Grafton.

♦ **Kenneth Christensen**, 91, of Minden, 10:30 a.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church in Minden.

♦ **Alvera Olena**, 85, of Hastings, 10 a.m. at All Saints Chapel, Good Samaritan Society-Hastings Village.

♦ **Dale Ridgway**, 88, of Fairfield, 10:30 a.m. at Community Presbyterian Church in Fairfield.

Monday

♦ **James Sluka**, 75, of Milligan, 10:30 a.m. at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Milligan.

♦ **Pamela Theis**, 54, of Hastings, 11 a.m. at All Saints Chapel, Good Samaritan Society-Hastings Village.

Tuesday

♦ **Lloyd "Jim" Hohlen**, 64, of Juniata, 10:30 a.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, rural Juniata.

Tribland five-day forecast

Art by Bailey Kiburz, 8, Thayer Central Elementary



CLOUDY TODAY

High: 32 Low: 25
Wind: Light
Slight chance of snow in the evening.



CLOUDY SUNDAY

High: 31 Low: 16
Wind: South 10 mph.
Snow likely throughout day and night.



MOSTLY CLOUDY MONDAY

High: 17 Low: 1
Chance of snow.



PARTLY CLOUDY TUESDAY

High: 19 Low: 2



MOSTLY SUNNY WEDNESDAY

High: 23 Low: 6

Obama: Health care overhaul may die

ERICA WERNER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — No, maybe he can't.

President Barack Obama, who insisted he would succeed where other presidents had failed to fix the nation's health care system, now concedes the effort may die in Congress.

The president's newly conflicting signals could frustrate Democratic lawmakers who are hungry for guidance from the White House as they try to salvage the effort to extend coverage to millions of uninsured Americans and hold down spiraling medical costs. Obama's comments Thursday night came hours after Republican Scott Brown was sworn in to replace the late Edward M. Kennedy, leaving Democrats without their filibuster-proof majority in the Senate, and Obama's signature health legislation with no clear path forward.

"I think it's very important for us to have a methodical, open process over the next several weeks, and then let's go ahead and make a decision," Obama said at a Democratic National Committee fundraiser.

"And it may be that ... if Congress decides we're not going to do it, even after all the facts are laid out, all the options are clear, then the American people can make a judgment as to whether this Congress has done the right thing for them or not," the president said. "And that's how democracy works. There will be elections coming up, and they'll be able to make a determination and register their concerns."

It was a shift in tone for the issue the "Yes we can" candidate campaigned on and made the centerpiece of his domestic agenda last year. In a speech to a joint session of Congress in September, Obama declared: "I am not the first president to take up this cause, but I am determined to be the last. ... Here and now we will meet history's test."

Sweeping health legislation to extend medical coverage to more than 30 million uninsured Americans passed the House and Senate last year and was on the verge of completion — though there were still disagreements between the two houses — before Brown's upset vic-

tory last month in a special election in Massachusetts. Since then it has been in limbo, and Obama has not publicly offered specifics to help lawmakers move forward. Congressional aides felt his remarks Thursday did not clarify matters.

"The next step is what I announced at the State of the Union, which is to call on our Republican friends to present their ideas. What I'd like to do is have a meeting whereby I'm sitting with the Republicans, sitting with the Democrats, sitting with health care experts, and let's just go through these bills. ... And then I think that we've got to go ahead and move forward on a vote," Obama said Thursday shortly after a White House meeting with Democratic congressional leaders that produced no apparent progress on health care.

"I think we should be very deliberate, take our time. We're going to be moving a jobs package forward over the next several weeks; that's the thing that's most urgent right now in the minds of Americans all across the country."

"Here's the key, is to not let the moment slip away," Obama also said.

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs told reporters Friday that there was no meeting set for the president to talk over health care strategy with Republican and Democratic lawmakers. The GOP has shown more interest in opposing Democrats on the issue than in working with them.

Bipartisan congressional leaders are planning to join Obama at the White House on Tuesday, but Gibbs reiterated that the meeting will be centered on how to create jobs and boost the economy. Gibbs said White House officials are "still working with Capitol Hill on the best way forward" on health care.

Rank-and-file Democrats are eager for their leaders to settle on a strategy by the end of next week, after which lawmakers will return to their states for a weeklong recess during which they're sure to face questions from constituents. The health legislation has become unpopular with voters and a political drag in a midterm election year.

Where is 'tea party' movement heading? Leaves are unclear

LIZ SIDOTI

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The "tea party" activists all agree: Government is too big. Spending is out of control. Individual freedom is at risk. And President Barack Obama's policies are making it all worse.

But that's where the consensus ends among the diverse groups of frustrated Americans who count themselves part of this fledgling coalition.

"We're afraid and we're fed up and we're angry," says Donna Henton of Blair, Neb. "But where this is going to go, we just don't know."

If the people attending the first national "tea party" convention here are uncertain, imagine the difficulties of the Republican and Democratic parties, both of which are trying to leverage this antiestablishment energy for their own gain. How it works out could make a big difference in elections this fall and beyond.

Here's what's clear: This is pure people-driven politics facilitated by the Internet. This is an ideological mix of libertarianism and conservatism with the common denominator being lower spending and smaller government. This is a loose collection of citizen groups with no leader but many voices. And this is the product of long-simmering anger.

Is it just a blip? Or will it emerge as a lasting political powerhouse shaping elections and government for years to come?

"This movement is beginning to mature ... not as a third party but a force to be reckoned with in the traditional party structure," declared Mark Skoda, a talk radio host who founded a Memphis "tea party" group and helped organize the convention.

Yet, candidates who have adopted the "tea party" slogan are running as independents in campaigns nationwide. There are "tea party" groups that insist the convention hosts don't speak for them. And viewpoints among attendees here vary.

Loren and Dora Nelson of Seattle, a couple in their 80s, see the coalition as a way to strengthen the GOP. "It's giving voice to the grass roots in the Republican Party," the husband said.

But it's not about ideology — or necessarily even party politics — for Eileen Millon, 50, from Huntsville, Ala. "It's a people movement," she said.

"Republican or Democrat, I don't care who they are if they truly represent the will of the American people."

Ty Reynolds, 34, of Topeka, Kan., put it this way: "It's about individual liberty vs. government control. Leave me alone and stop taxing me so much and be responsible stewards of the people's money."

In Washington, both major parties have struck a cautious stance, seemingly not sure what to make of the coalition but nonetheless trying to use it.

Republicans have sought to cajole the coalition into the GOP fold. Party Chairman Michael Steele has even called himself a member. The GOP knows that a conservative third party could threaten Republicans' electoral chances by splitting the right-flank vote and triggering Democratic victories. It happened in an upstate New York congressional race last fall.

Democrats, at times, have sought to demonize the coalition, casting it as an extreme right-wing part of the GOP. But Obama, himself, has stepped lightly, mindful that the members' anger is real, they hold allegiance to no political party and among their ranks are independent voters and even moderate Democrats.

What's taking place is at least somewhat similar to other modern political uprisings including the supporters of businessman Ross Perot in the 1990s. Less organized, there was the "silent majority" of middle America that rallied behind Richard Nixon two decades earlier. Much like the "tea party" contingent, those voters were largely white and middle class, a demographic Obama didn't win

during the 2008 campaign and has struggled to win over since he took office.

"Tea parties" popped up last spring in small towns and big cities alike as disillusioned Americans — many never before involved in politics — protested the \$787 billion economic stimulus measure, Wall Street bailouts and Obama's health care plan.

Since then, local leaders have struggled over the coalition's direction. There's even dispute over the name's origin: It was drawn from the 1773 tax revolt, or it's an acronym for "taxed enough already."

The coalition was tagged as extremist because of disruptions during health care town hall meetings last summer and signs like "Bury Obamacare with Kennedy" that sprouted at a Washington rally last fall following Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's death. And, while it claimed credit for Republican Scott Brown's surprise win for Kennedy's Massachusetts Senate seat last month, several "tea party"-backed candidates came up short in Illinois primary races this week.

The convention itself has had its controversies. It's a for-profit gathering organized by Nashville lawyer Judson Phillips at the sprawling Gaylord Opryland Hotel and Convention Center, where vendors hawk mementos that include tea-bag necklaces for \$89.99.

Some would-be attendees balked at the \$549 ticket price and Sarah Palin's \$100,000 fee to give the keynote address Saturday night, worried the cost was sully the grass-roots image and preventing activists from attending. Two featured speakers — Republican Reps.



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A man who asked not to be identified wears a National Tea Party Convention shirt as he awaits lunch at the event in Nashville, Tenn., Friday.

Michele Bachmann of Minnesota and Marsha Blackburn of Tennessee — pulled out, citing ethics concerns.

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Google searches for help

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The cyber attack on Google and other high tech U.S. firms originating in China last December continues to have consequences surely unforeseen by the attackers.

The intrusion sought out proprietary information and access to the g-mail accounts of Chinese human rights activists. The early suspicion was that the Chinese government was behind the attack, but it could have been an unaffiliated gang of aggressive hackers.

In any event, the attack prompted Google to state that it would no longer censor Internet searches for Beijing and that if the attacks and the demands for censorship persisted the giant search firm might pull out of China altogether.

The Chinese government, normally quick to take umbrage, was notably restrained in its response to Google.

Now it turns out that Google is in talks with the National Security Agency, the U.S. government's super-secret surveillance and eavesdropping organization, about ways to prevent a recurrence of the attacks and perhaps to finger the attackers.

It is a significant but understandable change of policy for a company that is doggedly independent and says it did not participate in the agency's post-9/11 terrorist surveillance program.

Defense of cyberspace has become a significant part of NSA's mission and that role was formalized last year with the creation of a "cyber command" in the agency.

An alliance, even one with strict safeguards, between the world's largest Internet search company and a government agency that is the world's largest and best electronic snooper, raises significant privacy concerns.

But once attacked, Google really had no choice but to seek help from NSA. The alternative was to leave the privacy of its users up to the goodwill of the Chinese.

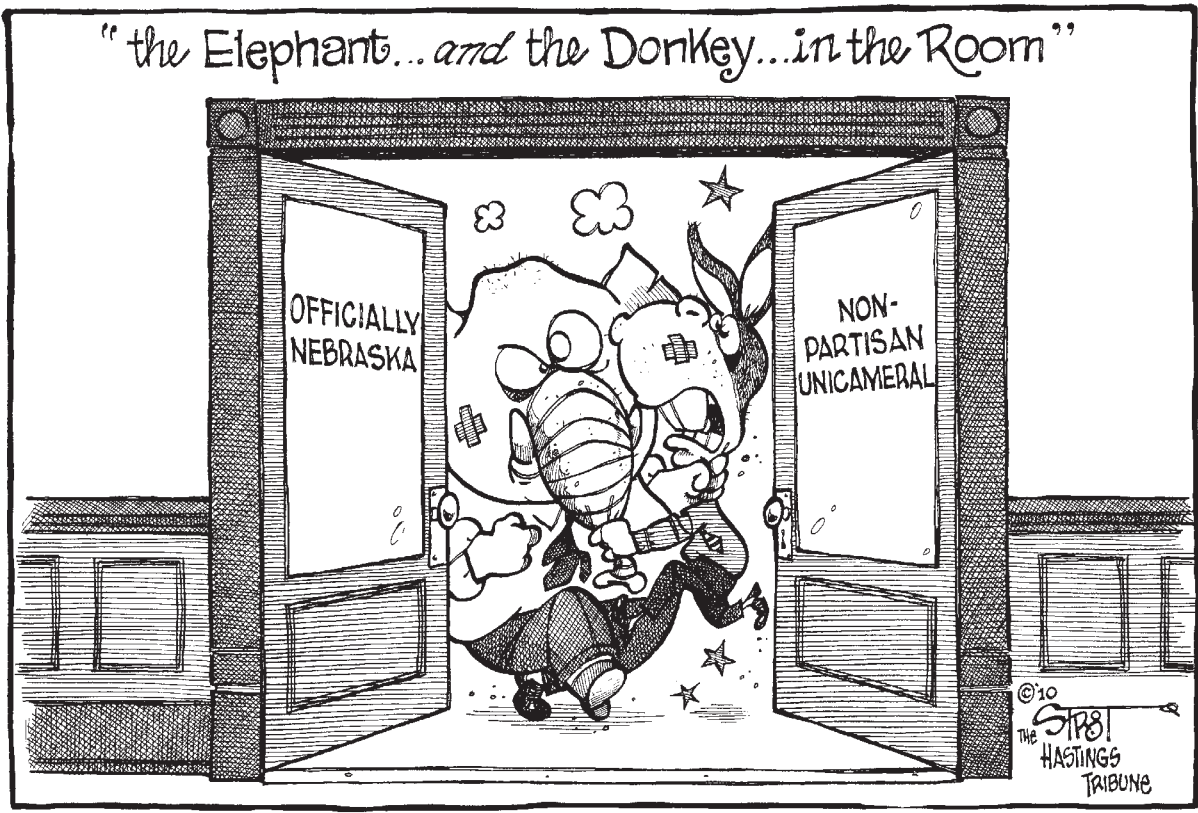
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Opinion



Yesterday

2009 — A Hastings woman was taken to the Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital shortly after she found her home at 1106 N. Hewett Ave. on fire because of a short in an extension cord.

2000 — A Denver businessman purchased the Hastings Holiday Inn at 2205 Osborne Drive East for \$2.35 million.

1990 — Clay Center Police Chief Dee Wilkerson filed to run for the office of the Clay County sheriff.

1980 — After 41 years of existence, the nursing education center at the Hastings Regional Center was being closed by the state.

Obama's failure on health care

Barring a political miracle, the likelihood that there will be no health care overhaul bill passed by Congress this year is strong. Back to the status quo, which, in fact, we never left.

With 49 million Americans lacking health care coverage, the government is about to reach another milestone — government programs soon will pay for more than half of all health care spending in the United States.

As Massachusetts's new senator, Scott Brown, took his seat to become the Republicans' best hope of killing the Democrats' health care legislation by virtue of denying the Democrats 60 votes to break filibusters, President Barack Obama warned of the high cost of doing nothing.

There is little dispute about that. The number of uninsured in the world's richest nation will rise. Those with pre-existing health conditions will continue to be discriminated against. Health care costs will continue to skyrocket. More families will go into bankruptcy or foreclosure because of sickness.

Obama now speaks with passion on the need for health care reform. But his words sound desperate. He has shown no ability to unify Democrats, let alone bring recalcitrant Republicans to the table. Obama was never able to explain exactly how health care would be overhauled, how much it would cost middle class families or precisely how it would benefit those who have insurance.

The White House has never had a coherent,



Ann McFeatters

steady, persuasive message about health care. It let the naysayers ridiculous claims that the government would set up "death panels" to decide which seniors would live and which would die take root.

Instead of presenting the best thinking of experts in a White House-endorsed bill for Democrats on Capitol Hill to champion, Obama left the hard work of crafting a bill up to warring factions within his party. Republicans sat on the sidelines, complaining loudly, and Obama let them convince millions of Americans that the Democrats were clueless about how to reform health care.

The debate bogged down on confusing rhetoric. The concept of a "public option," which only means that consumers could buy affordable insurance from the government if they could find no suitable private policies, became a mantra of opponents seeming to indicate that the evils of socialism were creeping into the American way of life.

Instead of guiding the debate and making the various options understandable, Obama muddled the waters. He warned the chances of passage would decline in 2010 because one-third of the Senate and the entire House are up for re-election — Congress notoriously does little in election years. But his urgency never translated to action.

Obama likes to be liked. He talks persuasive-

ly about the need for civility in politics. But it is time for him to knock heads together, threaten reluctant Democrats with political retribution and work on Republicans who agree that revamping health insurance is a giant piece of the health care/jobs puzzle. Less Jimmy Carter, more Lyndon Johnson.

It is also time for him to get the pork out of the package. Backroom deals such as the Cornhusker Kickback, that would have awarded Sen. Ben Nelson's home state of Nebraska special help for its Medicaid program, or the \$300 million Louisiana Purchase to reward Sen. Mary Landrieu's state's Medicaid coffers sullied the whole health care overhaul effort. Nelson's much maligned deal will be scuttled, but Landrieu is fighting for hers. Despite the grim trouble the health care plan is in, unbelievably, Democrats still cling to hidden special deals inserted to make the overall bill palatable for swing legislators.

Obama came into office vowing to end politics as usual. He hasn't.

His first priority in 2009 was to reduce health care costs and extend insurance to more Americans. So far he has failed.

This has become a monumental problem for him as he struggles to regain credibility that he is able to help fix the many problems facing us.

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Female suicide bombers nothing new

Female suicide bombers are nothing new. They first came under the scrutiny of scholars as rarities some 20 years ago, and their profiles rose during the Chechen conflict of the last decade. But more recently, this week in fact, dozens of people were killed in Iraq by a female suicide bomber in northeastern Baghdad.

This bombing was timed to coincide with a Shia pilgrimage for the Islamic holiday, Arbaen, marking the end of 40 days of mourning for the death of Prophet Muhammad's grandson, according to the British Broadcasting Corporation.

I have written about female Middle Eastern and North African immigrants who immigrate to the United States and continue to dress in the body-covering garb of their homeland. France is in the midst of a major legislative debate over whether and when to ban the burqa, the full-body covering, some of which don't even allow the woman's eyes to show. As female suicide bombings increase in Iraq, Europe and elsewhere, we would be wise to follow France's suit and begin a similar debate here.

My anti-burqa stance is founded primarily on cultural grounds. Generations of American women fought for the right to vote, to own property (and not to be treated under the law as



Bonnie Erbe

someone else's property), for equal pay and so on. Every time I observe a woman in my neighborhood in full body garb (note: they do not usually cover their faces or hands, but the rest of their bodies are covered) it feels like a gut-punch to the history of women's hard-won advancement here in the United States.

I am a strong supporter of First Amendment rights, freedom of religion and freedom of expression, especially. And I know well the arguments on the other side. Some Muslims say burqas are not an Islamic tradition, but a geographic one — more influenced by a woman's country of origin than by her religion. On the other hand, some Islamic burqa-bearing women themselves say they feel liberated when they cover up. Both claims fly in the face of American reality. My fear is their desire to cover up is setting American women back, as if all of us want to revert to the era when women were chattel.

But now there's an even more persuasive reason to consider a burqa ban, or at least of burqas in public areas or on public transit. Delia Lloyd at politicsdaily.com reports:

"According to an article in London's Daily

Telegraph, new intelligence suggests the women are being trained by the very same Yemeni group that was behind the Christmas Day bomb plot. Crucially, these female bombers are expected to "dress Western" and may be carrying Western passports."

It's interesting to note the terrorists training female suicide bombers are teaching them to "dress western." But the fact is, it will be much easier to detect explosives (which still require a fair amount of room to create enough of an explosion to destroy a large area) in clingy, western garb than it would if the woman were wearing a burqa or niqab or any other garment that covers a large portion of her body. This tactic may distract attention from female suicide bombers for a while, but it won't work over the long haul.

By the way, our homeland security protections should be gender-neutral. All men wearing body-covering gear should be checked just as closely as women. But we need to be on our guard especially against women in extensive covering. What will be next from these terrorists? Suicide bombs on children? Perish the thought.

Bonnie Erbe is a columnist for the Scripps Howard News Service.

Voice of the People

WHY NO TROUT STOCKED?

I agree with the recent article by Michelle Gentert that we have to travel far and wide to find decent fishing in south central Nebraska because we have no advocacy for the local fishermen or voice in such matters here in Hastings.

I would like to add that I was a personal advocate to the Game and Parks Department to get trout stocked in our city and was successful with the help of a handful of people.

We are now given the opportunity to have trout stocked in Heartwell Park three times a year by the Game and Parks Commission.

Much to my displeasure, after checking with the department, I was told the reason we did not get a December stocking at Heartwell was because our Hastings Parks and Recreation

Department said our lake is unsafe. The city said that two people fell thru the ice last winter so it did not want trout stocked in the winter freeze period.

I do not recall any articles about people falling into the Heartwell Park Pond last winter. Furthermore, our local parks department told the Nebraska Game and Parks Department that icefishing had been banned on Heartwell Lake this year. I guess no one told the people I have seen on the ice the past month or so.

Does the City Parks department know how much money is generated by fishermen or that all ice fishermen are aware of the risks and perils involved in fishing? I guess the people of Grand Island who fish Such's Lake in town have some special kind of ice that is magical because it supports fishermen and continues to receive all three trout stockings

that are supplied each year. Millions of dollars are generated by icefishing all over these great United State but here in Hastings, after much work to get a new opportunity, our city is trying to take it away.

I also request that if you feel as I do, contact the people who make these decisions for us that are not always in our own best interest. I still have not seen any postings at Heartwell that indicate no icefishing so why did our Parks Department try to hoodwink Nebraska Game and Parks.

We need to have a few good people take a position and stop losing the rights that we should have. Let's grow Hastings and our outdoor interests as well.

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Roosters don't rule roost in her house

Roosters are mean, ornery beings put on earth to frighten little children who are sent to the hen house by their mother to gather eggs.

"We are redoing our kitchen," said Matilda, my friend and former neighbor. "I am doing roosters. I need you to help me find items to follow my theme."

Boy, was she asking the wrong person. I grew up on a farm and I don't like roosters. As a kid, I had many a precarious relationship with macho roosters who thought they ruled the farmyard, and they weren't wrong. All our cats ran for their nine lives whenever Mr. Rooster approached. Roosters strut around so full of themselves, showing off their nasty dispositions. The only place they have in the kitchen is simmering in a pot on the stove, but rooster is even too tough for that. It seems to me our roosters just died of old — very old — age.

I understand the need of parents to decorate the nursery in cutesy animals. I'm talking baby bunnies, puppies, or even ducklings and chicks, all in keeping with the newborn. I also understand the requirement of having a theme for the male den. Here I am talking dark colors and animal heads with antlers. Yuck!

Roosters in the kitchen? There are some things in life way too puzzling to even acknowledge. Decorating with roosters is one of them. When first running across this decorating phenomenon, I believed that the decorator was a big city girl who never had a run-in with a rooster, but I know intelligent women who spend time in a kitchen eye to eye with a colorful replica of my childhood terror.

Still, I would like to see one of these home decorators try to move past a live rooster that is guarding the entryway into a "no room available" hen house. I'm talking serious damage to legs, ankles and toes.

Maybe Matilda should think about frogs.

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State

UNK BUDGET

KEARNEY — University of Nebraska-Kearney Chancellor Doug Kristensen says the campus needs to cut an additional \$1.6 million from its budget.

In a letter issued to staff on Friday, Kristensen says he's approved nearly \$800,000 in cuts recommended for the current fiscal year and warned that more were coming. He estimates the campus needs to further reduce the current year's budget by \$343,000 and next year's by \$1.3 million.

Kristensen cites the state Legislature's decision to reduce funding for the Nebraska system in light of the nation's economic woes as the reason for the cuts.

Last week, Lincoln Chancellor Harvey Perlman announced plans to cut \$5.2 million from its budget.

The Associated Press

Lotteries

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Union rejects request for pay freeze

NATE JENKINS
The Associated Press

LINCOLN — A union representing about 11,000 Nebraska state workers rejected Gov. Dave Heineman's request that they forgo pay raises next fiscal year, a move Heineman hinted could lead to layoffs.

"I'm very disappointed in the union's decision," Heineman said in an e-mail to reporters. "This was a good-faith attempt to save jobs and do what was best for all state employees and Nebraska taxpayers."

Heineman asked the union last month for members to give up 2.5 percent raises set to begin July 1. Union officials said then there was a good chance they'd agree if certain conditions were met.

But union director Julie Dake

Abel said Friday that Heineman's administration made no guarantees there'd be no or limited layoffs and didn't respond to questions about how many jobs might be saved if they agreed to the freeze.

"We had no guarantee of job security," Dake Abel said.

Bill Wood, director of employee relations for the state and it's chief negotiator, said it told the union 262 jobs might be saved, and he didn't think the union had formally asked for a guarantee that a certain number would be spared.

Wood added that a guarantee wouldn't be possible because the state won't know until after an economic forecasting board meets in a few weeks how much the state's budget hole has grown.

Union members also were unhappy that there was no guarantee that managers not covered by the union contract would have their pay frozen, Dake Gabel said.

"He needs to look to be the leader and sacrifice, not just ask the lowest-paid people," Dake Gabel said of the governor. In previous years, managers haven't give up as much as union employees, she added.

Wood said the governor offered to freeze nonunion employees' wages if union members agreed to his request. Heineman sent the union a letter last month saying 2,900 lower and middle managers not covered by union contracts would have their pay frozen if the union agreed to a pay freeze.

It's too early to say whether those managers will have their pay frozen despite the union's rejection of Heineman's request, Wood said.

Combined, freezing the wages of those managers and union workers would save the state \$10 million next fiscal year.

About 230 directors and managers that report directly to Heineman will not get raises next year.

The union's rejection of Heineman's request could force lawmakers to make more budget cuts should state revenue projections drop again when they are released later this month. Also, fiscal analysts say state government may have to close a \$640 million budget gap pro-

jected for the next two-year budget cycle that begins in July 2011.

All of that is on the heels of an emergency legislative session held in November where lawmakers and Heineman slashed \$334 million from the current, two-year state budget to stay out of the red.

Last month in reports to lawmakers, state agencies pointed to more than 200 jobs, from janitors to top-level administrators, that could be eliminated or left vacant because of budget cuts made by the Legislature.

Because those jobs include both union and nonunion employees, it's unclear how many, if any, of them could be spared if the union agreed to a pay freeze.

Man loses appeal in toddler's killing

The Associated Press

LINCOLN — The Nebraska Supreme Court has rejected another appeal from a man who is serving life in prison for beating to death his nearly 3-year-old daughter.

In a ruling issued Friday, the court denied arguments from Germai Molina that it had erred in denying his first appeal, in May 2006.

Molina again raised arguments about the effectiveness of his trial lawyer. The Supreme Court said the specific instances cited should have been raised during his first appeal, so it barred them on a procedural point.

For the same procedural reason, the high court rejected his argument that his sentences were excessive. He had said that imposing two consecutive sentences of 80 years-to-life in a case involving one death is excessive.

Now 28, Molina was convicted in 2004 of second-degree murder and felony child abuse in Grand Island.

His daughter, Diana N. Molina, died July 23, 2003, after enduring 24 hours of abuse that included being hit more than 100 times with a belt.

Court documents say the girl was not breathing and had no pulse when Molina and his wife took her to a Grand Island hospital. She was pronounced dead there.

Lawmakers allow storing of license info

The Associated Press

LINCOLN — Nebraska retailers will be allowed to electronically store names, addresses and driver's license numbers, barring a veto from Gov. Dave Heineman.

Lawmakers gave final approval on Friday to the bill (LB261) from Sen. Kent Rogert of Tekamah.

Supporters say the bill will make it easier to determine ages of people buying alcohol, tobacco and lottery tickets and that retailers already have access to the same information when people write checks.

Jaimee Napp of the Identity Theft Action Council of Nebraska says the bill increases the convenience of retailers at the expense of personal privacy.

Currently, only the courts and police can swipe driver's licenses and electronically store the information.



Tribune file photo

Boy Scouts from Troop 4 distributing Sunnyside Bags are shown in front of the YMCA in this Nov. 22, 1928, file photo.

Scouts prepared for 100th anniversary

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Throughout 2010, the Boy Scouts of America is celebrating 100 years of building character in boys and benefiting communities.

Bill Woods, chairman for the Pony Express District of the Overland Trails Council, said he isn't surprised that the organization has lasted 100 years because it has had a lot of support and helps the community.

"It gives the kids a lot of the basics," he said. "It gives them a winner's attitude and the confidence they need to be successful in life. I am absolutely sold on the program and I am convinced it's going to help the boys immensely."

Although Woods was not a scout as a child, he was glad to have his three sons involved with the organization as members of Pack and Troop 200. He saw the benefits firsthand by watching his children go through the program and earn their Eagle Scout badges.

"We're proud of that," he said. "It was a lot of fun through the years. They learned a lot of practical skills."

Even though his children have been out of the program for years, Woods



Tribune file photo

Participants of a Boy Scout Troop 200 camping trip are pictured in July 1955.

said he continues to donate to the Friends of Scouting organization and serves on the executive board.

He has five grandsons and one has joined the Cub Scouts. Woods said he hopes all his grandsons will be able to participate.

Woods' wife, Lou, said the scouts is a

wonderful organization.

"It's been in our family a long time," she said. "They learn so much that they have with them all their lives."

Dave Plond, scout executive for the Overland Trails Council, said the festivities for the 100th year began nationally

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Local

AC BOARD

The Adams Central Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday at 7:30 p.m. at District 15 Elementary, 1970 E. 12th St.

- Action items will include:
- ◆ Recognize the ACEA as the bargaining group for teachers for the 2010-2011 school year.
 - ◆ Adopt capacity resolution for the 2010-2011 school year.
 - ◆ Renew contracts of district principals, special services director and athletic director.
 - ◆ Approve contract of superintendent.
 - ◆ Authorize superintendent to submit application for Qualified School Construction Bonds.
 - ◆ Adopt NSAA resolution.
 - ◆ Approve membership to Nebraska Association of School Boards.

Discussion items will include in part:

- ◆ Budget goals and priorities for next year, long- and short-term goals of the school board.
- ◆ Time frame for future town hall meetings.

BOOKMOBILE
Monday

- ◆ 700 block of N. Lincoln Avenue, 9-9:30 a.m.
- ◆ 500 block of Oswego Avenue, 9:45-10:05 a.m.
- ◆ 1500 block of N. Kansas Avenue, 10:15-10:35 a.m.
- ◆ HPS Preschool at Alcott, 11:05 a.m.
- ◆ HPS Preschool at Longfellow, 1:30 p.m.
- ◆ PAC 2, 1:50 p.m.
- ◆ College View, 2:10 p.m.
- ◆ Pooh Corner College, 2:30 p.m.
- ◆ 100 block of Paul Street, 2:55 p.m.
- ◆ 1000 block of S. Hastings Avenue, 3:15 p.m.

- Tuesday
- ◆ Silver Lake Elementary (Bladen), 9:30-11:30 a.m.
 - ◆ Zion Lutheran School, 1:45-2:45 p.m.

- Wednesday
- ◆ 600 block of N. Platte Avenue (Juniata), 9:15-9:45 a.m.
 - ◆ The Homestead, 10-10:10 a.m.
 - ◆ St. Michael's School, 10:15-11:15 a.m.
 - ◆ Wallace Elementary, 1:15-2:50 p.m.

- Thursday
- ◆ Children's Ark, 9-9:45 a.m.
 - ◆ Pooh Corner North, 10-10:45 a.m.
 - ◆ 900 block of S. Franklin Avenue, 11 a.m.
 - ◆ Juniata Elementary, 1:15-2:45 p.m.

State

PANDERING CHARGE GRAND ISLAND — A charge of pandering against a 22-year-old Grand Island woman has been dropped.

Ashley Spates had pleaded not guilty to the felony charge in Hall County District Court.

Prosecutor Aaron Kunz said Friday that witnesses against Spates can't be found, so he had to request the dismissal. He says he can refile if the witnesses turn up.

Spates was arrested this summer with 50-year-old Gregory Farmer. The pair were accused of trying to recruit prostitutes, including two 17-year-old girls.

Kunz says the case against Farmer will proceed.

Farmer's trial is scheduled to begin Feb. 22. The charges are pandering and intentional child abuse.

The Associated Press

Calendar

HASTINGS

- ◆ **Alcoholics Anonymous**, noon, 5:15 and 8 p.m., 521 S. St. Joseph Ave.; and 7:30 p.m., 918 W. Fourth St. Sunday; and noon, 5:15 and 8 p.m., 521 S. St. Joseph Ave.; and noon, 835 S. Burlington Ave. No. 114 Monday.
- ◆ **Al-Anon**, 8 p.m. Sunday and 8 p.m. Monday, First United Methodist Church; and noon Monday, The Kensington.
- ◆ **Free Community Meal**, 5 p.m. Sunday, Crossroads Center, 702 W. 14 St. Volunteers also welcome.
- ◆ **Sunday Sundaes**, 2-3 p.m. Sunday, College View Assisted Living, 1100 N. Sixth Ave. Open to public ages 55 and older.
- ◆ **3 Steps to Recovery**, 8 p.m. Monday, Crossroads Center.
- ◆ **Chorus of the Plains**, 7 p.m. Monday, ballroom of The Kensington. Barbershop style music open to men of all ages.
- ◆ **Gamblers Anonymous**, 6:30 p.m. Monday, Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital Education Building basement, Room D.
- ◆ **Narcotics Anonymous**, 8 p.m. Monday, 401 N. Lincoln Ave.
- ◆ **Overeaters Anonymous**, 5-6 p.m. Monday, Mary Lanning Medical Services Building, lower level.

SHANNON DININNY

The Associated Press

YAKIMA, Wash. — The U.S. Department of Agriculture said Friday it has abandoned a program that was intended to trace the movement of farm animals around the country but garnered little support from farmers.

Instead, the department announced plans for a new, more flexible program to be administered by states and tribes to strengthen disease prevention and response. The program will only apply to animals

moved in interstate commerce and will encourage the use of low-cost technology.

The decision came after Agriculture Department officials heard widespread opposition to the national animal identification system at 15 meetings around the country last year.

"They finally came to their senses," said Mack Birkmaire, a cattleman in rural Joseph, Ore., laughing in a telephone interview.

Implemented in 2004, the voluntary program was intended to pinpoint an animal's location within 48 hours after a

disease is discovered, to better prevent and respond to outbreaks.

Last year, just 36 percent of farmers and ranchers were participating.

Among the concerns: The cost is too high for small farmers; the regulations amount to bureaucratic suffocation; the program neither prevents nor controls disease; and what's in a farmer's pasture is nobody's business.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said the federal government remains committed to working collaboratively with

states, tribes and the industry to build the new program.

"I've decided to revise the prior policy and offer a new approach to animal disease traceability with changes that respond directly to the feedback we heard," Vilsack said in a statement.

Paperwork follows all of his cattle to sale, Birkmaire said, leaving no reason why the government can't find out in a very few hours what ranch the cattle came from in the event of an emergency.

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Kenesaw honor roll

The following students made the honor roll for the second quarter and first semester at Kenesaw Public School:

SECOND QUARTER

A honor roll (93 grade point average or above, no grade below 86, and only one grade below 92)

- ◆ Seventh grade: Jordan Dassinger, Kory Heier, Natalie Hoffmann, Isaiah McChesney, Riley Pulver
- ◆ Eighth grade: Bridget Gallagher, Evan Uden
- ◆ Freshmen: Kelli Mack, Jennifer Peshek, Amanda Schumacher, Rachelle Steiner, Mason Stocker
- ◆ Sophomores: Natalie Augustin, Cheyenne Bittfield, Taylor Bittfield, Megan Blackford, Brad Bourg, Justin Burr, Jack Gallagher, Rachel Halbmaier, Cole Harpham, Adam Heier, Chase Rockefeller, Rebekah Uden, Chelsea VonDerfecht
- ◆ Juniors: Macey Beal, Jamie Burr, Paul Ryu, Austin Schroeder, Lauren Volzke
- ◆ Seniors: Riley Beal, Katie Finley, Deidra Ground, Deidra Heier, Sarah Mack, Jenae Parr, Josh Powell, Randi Simmons, Hannah Uden

B honor roll (86 or above, no grade below 81, and only one grade below 85)

- ◆ Seventh grade: Gunner Belz, Lily Hanke, Courtney Kuehn, Chance McKimmey, Brenna Schneider, Austin Schnitzler
- ◆ Eighth grade: Jeremy Blackford, Colton Blankenship, Rudi Bourg, Christian Brumbaugh, Ronne Cook, Josiah Powell, Lane Tibbs
- ◆ Freshmen: Dalton Bender, Samantha Cline, Jesse Dassinger, Kole Kimle, Meeka Reiman, Meghan Rockefeller, Tyler Schnitzler
- ◆ Sophomores: Nick Burr, Devin Gamble, Justin Hoffmann, Gavin Robinson, Mitch Schuster
- ◆ Juniors: Kade Clark, Ashley Herringer, Sara Krantz, Skylar Langenberg, Michael Wiese
- ◆ Seniors: Tia Alloway, Jared Gamble, Reed Hanke, Sharmayne Katzberg, Rebecca Rockefeller, Jeremy Shurigar, Mandi Weavers

FIRST SEMESTER

A honor roll

- ◆ Seventh grade: Kory Heier, Natalie Hoffmann, Isaiah McChesney, Riley Pulver
- ◆ Eighth grade: Jeremy Blackford, Colton Blankenship, Christian Brumbaugh, Bridget Gallagher, Evan Uden
- ◆ Freshmen: Kole Kimle, Kelli Mack, Jennifer Peshek, Amanda Schumacher, Rachelle Steiner, Mason Stocker
- ◆ Sophomores: Natalie Augustin, Cheyenne Bittfield, Taylor Bittfield, Megan Blackford, Brad Bourg, Brea Burling, Justin Burr, Nick Burr, Jack Gallagher, Rachel Halbmaier, Adam Heier, Rebekah Uden, Chelsea VonDerfecht
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- ◆ Sophomores: Devin Gamble, Cole Harpham, Justin Hoffmann, Dylan Magnuson, Gavin Robinson, Mitch Schuster, Dan Streff
- ◆ Juniors: Bryton Burling, Kade Clark, Elizabeth Duffy, Ashley Herringer, Michael Knuth, Skylar Langenberg, Michael Wiese
- ◆ Seniors: Kelly Allison, Trevor Augustin, Jared Gamble, Reed Hanke, Rebecca Rockefeller, Jeremy Shurigar



Tribune file photo

Boy Scouts plant trees at Lake Hastings April 21, 1979.

Scouts: Celebration 100 years in the making

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with a float in the Rose Bowl Parade. Locally, scouts celebrated with a special Klondike Derby at Camp Augustine near Grand Island last weekend. Every event through the year will be tied to the anniversary.

"The whole year is a kind of a celebration for our 100th year," he said.

New this year, Plond said the organization is putting together a Hall of Leadership to recognize outstanding contributions to the group.

He also said each of the cities in the Overland Trails Council, which includes 44 counties in central and western Nebraska, will have a proclamation issued by the mayor.

"The event kind of culminates with two huge activities in July and August," he said.

On July 3, the annual Merit Badge University will be held. Last year, participants from 11 states came to the event in Grand Island, which offered a chance at 92 different badges.

For the Nebraska State Fair in August, Plond said the scouts will have huge interactive displays and a rope course, as well as a dome to show movies.

This year, more of an effort will be made to include men who earned their Eagle Scout badge and donors. Special badges for the 100th anniversary are being offered by the organization this year and current scouts, past scouts, assisting adults and donors are eligible.

Plond said the program has a reputation for forging hardworking and trustworthy citizens,



Tribune file photo

Boy Scouts Troop 200 are packed into a bus for a camping trip in July 1955.

which betters communities.

"Our organization helps boys by preparing them to make ethical choices over their lifetimes," he said. "When a person says they have been through the scouting program, you know they have character."

Each Eagle Scout who graduates from the program has completed a community service project. Past projects have helped build improvements to churches or other organizations. Benches installed along the Pioneer Spirit Trail are one

example of the work done as an Eagle Scout.

The Boy Scouts also participate in a number of community service functions, such as marching in the Veterans Day parade, planting flags at veterans graves for Memorial Day and collecting food for local pantries.

Michael Johnson, Cubmaster of Pack 34, was a scout growing up and said he believes in the organization enough to want his 9-year-old son, Sam, to have the same experience.

"I think just the fact that it helps to build kids with strong values helps the community in the long run," he said.

When he moved back to the area, Johnson started serving on the advisory board for the group. When Sam became Tiger Cub, Johnson helped at the pack level and has served as Cubmaster for the last two years.

"I think it's very good at teaching character and values," he said. "It gives them a lot of experience in different areas."

HASTINGS PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2010
EDUCATOR-OF-THE-YEAR AWARD

Do you have a favorite Hastings Public School's educator? One whom you believe is clearly outstanding? Any adult may help us choose the 2010 Hastings Educator of the Year. Nominations may be made by stopping by one of the schools, the administration building at 1924 West A or by completing the online form at the District website: hastingspublicschools.org and emailing to dreiner@esu9.org. The 2010 Educator of the Year (if a classroom teacher) will automatically be nominated to be a candidate for the Nebraska Teacher of the Year award.

Each year, the Hastings Scottish Rite of Free Masonry makes a generous monetary award to the Educator of the Year in recognition of his/her outstanding work with young people. We would like to thank the Scottish Rite of Free Masonry for their support of education and for their support of this prestigious award.

If you have any questions, please contact Diana Reiner at the Director of Human Resources & Public Relations 461-7502. The deadline for submitting nominations is **February 22, 2010**.

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CITY COUNCIL

The Hastings City Council will consider awarding Monday the third of four federally funded street resurfacing projects.

At the Jan. 25 meeting, the council approved awarding bids to Werner Construction for resurfacing Seventh Street from Baltimore to Oswego avenues and Ninth Street from Burlington to Baltimore avenues.

On Monday, it will consider awarding a \$568,725 bid to Vontz Paving for resurfacing Baltimore Avenue from Second to 12th streets.

The city learned in March 2009 that it would be receiving \$1.28 million in federal stimulus dollars to resurface four busy Hastings streets.

The fourth street to be resurfaced with federal dollars is Showboat Boulevard, Seventh Street to just north of 12th Street.

The projects must be completed by Feb. 17, 2012.

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

During Monday's meeting, the council will also:

- ◆ Hold a public hearing on and consider the request of Hastings Utilities for a conditional use permit to allow for a water treatment plant to be located within the Westbrook Subdivision.
- ◆ Hold a public hearing on and hold the first vote on the 2010 incremental annexation of Eaton Corp., 300 E. 39th St.; Nebraska Cold Storage, 600 E. 39th St.; Pepsi Cola Bottling Co., 3800 Osborne Drive East; Van Diest Supply Co., 1600 W. G St.; ECHO Co., 1502 Park West Drive; L-H Manufacturing, 1605 I St.; and Central Logistic Service, 1850 Centennial Ave.
- ◆ Consider approval of the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for Orthophotos (GIS System) with the Central Platte Natural Resources District.
- ◆ Consider approval of the interlocal agreement for the Compact for Apprehension of Narcotics Dealers and Offenders.

State

GAGE CO. FATALITY

FILLEY — Authorities say one person was killed and another seriously hurt in a two-car collision on a snowy highway in southeast Nebraska.

Nebraska State Patrol spokeswoman Deb Collins says 75-year-old Eldon Oltman of Filley was heading east on U.S. Highway 136 in Gage County when he lost control of his van. It crossed the center lane, spun around, and was hit by a westbound car.

Oltman died at the scene of the crash, which was reported about 7:20 a.m. Friday.

Collins says the driver of the car, 44-year-old Regina Mitchell of Hebron, was taken to a Lincoln hospital with serious injuries.

The Associated Press

Markets

Friday's closing local markets

Corn	3.21
Soybeans	8.58
Milo	2.72
Wheat	4.09

Stocks of local interest

The following stocks of local interest were traded Friday:

	Last	Chg.
BN Santa Fe	99.72	+0.29
Berkshire Hathaway A	110,000.10	+1,100.10
Berkshire Hathaway B	73.57	+0.96
ConAgra	22.83	+0.54
Eaton Corp.	62.00	+0.08
Ingersoll Rand	32.91	-0.15
Level 3	1.33	-0.04
McDonald's	63.37	-0.69
PepsiCo	59.51	-0.13
TierOne	0.7799	+0.032
Tricon Global Restaurants	32.98	-0.42
Union Pacific	62.10	+1.12
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Boost Mobile/AP

This image provided by Boost Mobile shows part of a television ad scheduled to air during the 2010 Super Bowl.

Ads: Super Bowl line-up goofy, frugal

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commercials as it is for the game itself. (This year's extravaganza on CBS pits quarterback Drew Brees' New Orleans Saints against Peyton Manning's Indianapolis Colts.)

Last year's line-up had several uncharacteristically somber ads. Anheuser-Busch's Clydesdale ads were traditional and sweet, not funny. The more staid tone reflected the nation's mood, still in shock and worry over how deep the financial crisis would get.

To be sure, the commercials aren't all fun and games.

A prominent exception is an expected anti-abortion ad by conservative Christian group Focus on the Family. It stars former Florida Gators quarterback Tim Tebow, the 2007 Heisman Trophy winner who helped his team win two college football championships. Tebow's mom was counseled to end her pregnancy but chose not to.

But overall, the laughs are back.

"Six months ago if you were optimistic or happy, it was awkward and people looked and said, 'How insensitive can you be?'" said Allen Adamson, managing director of branding firm Landor Associates in New York. "Now it's socially acceptable not to be sullen and depressed, but within reason. And I think the Super Bowl provides one of those venues where you can still kick back and have a good time."

Advertisers recognize that and are still willing to pay top dollar for the exposure. The 30-second spots sold for a minimum of \$2.5 million; some sold for more than \$3 million. Last year's game brought in \$213 million, according to Kantar Media. CBS has not been claiming record prices, although it has said average prices are better than last year.



Anheuser-Busch/AP

This image provided by Anheuser-Busch shows part of a Bud Light television ad to air during the fourth quarter of the 2010 Super Bowl.

Ads to look for during the Super Bowl

EMILY FREDRIX

The Associated Press

Eight ads to look for during the Super Bowl, which airs Sunday on CBS:

- ◆ ANHEUSER-BUSCH: The brewer has five minutes of ads this year to pitch Bud Light, Budweiser and others. Scientists choose to drink when they realize an asteroid is coming and a man loves Bud Light so much he builds his house out of its cans. Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong appears in an ad for low-calorie beer Michelob Ultra.
- ◆ BOOST MOBILE: The 1985 Chicago Bears reunite to perform a new version of the Super Bowl Shuffle, this time pitching the prepaid wireless carrier. Original shuffler Jim McMahon stars, riding on an electric scooter. Other originals including Mike Singletary, Willie Gault, Otis Wilson, Richard Dent, Steve Fuller and Maury Buford, reappear, as does coach Mike Ditka. William "Refrigerator" Perry is absent.
- ◆ COCA-COLA: The world's largest soft drink maker has two Super Bowl ads this year. In one, miserly Mr. Burns, the richest man on "The Simpsons," loses his fortune but finds happiness. In another, a man goes sleepwalking through an African safari.
- ◆ DENNY'S: The restaurant chain is giving out free Grand Slams again and shows what the announcement will mean for chickens, who are urged in the ad

to take any unused vacation time so they can miss out on the extra work involved in serving more people.

◆ DOCKERS: Men march across a hillside, singing happily about not wearing pants. But the ad for Dockers, a Levi Strauss & Co. brand, tells men it's time to "wear the pants" as part of a new campaign to reinvigorate sales of khakis.

◆ KIA: Children's toys, including a teddy bear and sock monkey, joyride in the Sorrento SUV. They go bowling, get a tattoo, and party in Las Vegas, set to rock tune "How do you like me now?" by British band The Heavy.

◆ HOMEAWAY.COM: The vacation rental site launches a yearlong campaign tied to the Griswold family of "National Lampoon's Vacation" fame. The ad, starring Chevy Chase and Beverly D'Angelo as the quirky, traveling Griswold family, sends viewers to a 15-minute film on the company's Web site.

◆ SNICKERS: Actress Betty White plays football and tears past her opponents to set herself up for a pass in this ad for the Mars brand. In a teaser, the announcer says, "She's one of the most respected actresses in Hollywood but would you want her on your team? Watch the Super Bowl and find out." "Barney Miller" actor Abe Vigoda also appears.

Teen shot at middle school dies

The Associated Press

MADISON, Ala. — A ninth-grader was shot to death by another student during a class change Friday at a north Alabama middle school, authorities said.

Todd Brown, 14, was shot about 1:45 p.m. and taken by ambulance from Discovery Middle School to Huntsville Hospital, where he died, said hospital spokeswoman Kristen Bishop. She wouldn't release any other details.

The suspected shooter was arrested inside in the school, where police are regularly stationed.

Police did not release the name of the alleged shooter, also a ninth-grader, citing their ongoing investigation. No one else was injured and it wasn't immediately clear what prompted the gunfire.

Police Chief Larry Muncey said the student has been charged with murder. He also referred to rumors that something posted on the Internet may have been connected to the shooting.

"It's hearsay," he said. "We can't build cases on hearsay."

Dee Fowler, the city school superintendent, said churches were working with the school system to offer counseling throughout the weekend and counselors will be at the campus Monday.

USDA: Animal ID program abandoned

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"It sounds a little better, if the states are to have a bigger role," he said. "We still have to keep an eye on government, whether it's the states or the fed, but it sounds like a step in the right direction."

Dave Scott, president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, said he was both surprised and pleased by the decision. The association has always backed a voluntary program, opposing a mandatory one because of the financial burden it places on ranchers, Scott said.

Texas is the nation's leading cattle-producing state.

Under the previous program, farmers were to have voluntarily registered their properties with their states by January 2008. Mandatory reporting of livestock movements was to begin one year later.

As of March 31, 2009, the USDA had obligated \$119.4 million toward the program, which it said would help ensure the safety of the food supply, particularly for export markets that may refuse to accept U.S. beef, pork or poultry during a disease outbreak.

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Hollywood gets life in murder case

The Associated Press
SANTA BARBARA, Calif.

— Jesse James Hollywood was sentenced to life in prison Friday for orchestrating the kidnap-murder of a teenager, ending a 10-year legal odyssey that included an international manhunt and a movie inspired by the high-profile crime.

Superior Court Judge Brian Hill sentenced Hollywood, 30, to life without the possibility of parole in a Santa Barbara courtroom after denying a defense motion for a new trial.

Hollywood had faced a possible death penalty, but jurors recommended life after finding him guilty in July of first-degree murder. Prosecutors said Prosecutors said Hollywood ordered the killing of 15-year-old Nicholas Markowitz in August 2000 over a \$1,200 drug debt owed by the victim's half-brother.

The case drew national interest because of the brazen daylight kidnapping of Markowitz from a San Fernando Valley street, the details of his murder and Hollywood's notorious name.

It also captured the attention of producers who made the 2007 movie "Alpha Dog," with Bruce Willis, Justin Timberlake

and Emile Hirsch, who played "Johnny Truelove," a character based on Hollywood.

"I feel strongly that my client could not receive a fair trial because of the movie and the pretrial publicity," argued defense attorney James Blatt, who said Hollywood's case was the first ever in the U.S. depicted in a movie released prior to trial.

Four other defendants have been convicted in the killing, including the gunman, who was sentenced to death.

Hollywood fled after the slaying and testified at his trial he lived in Colorado, the Mojave Desert and various parts of Canada before he was captured in Brazil in 2005. He claimed he didn't order the murder and was not present when Nicholas was shot and buried in a shallow grave in the hills above Santa Barbara.

The case stalled for years after it was learned that Deputy District Attorney Ron Zonen had turned over probation reports, police files and other documents to "Alpha Dog" director Nick Cassavetes.

Zonen said in court documents that he gave the files to Cassavetes to help publicize the hunt for Hollywood.

Utter: Senator presents measure to abolish state treasurer's office

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"It's is my belief that substantial savings can be realized as duties of office are folded into existing state agencies," he said.

However, he said there are some employees who would be kept on to fill in as needed and to share their expertise.

Since the bill was introduced Jan. 11, Utter said some of those opposed to the bill have said this would eliminate part of the state's system of checks and balances.

To that, Utter said there is still the state auditor, another elected official, who performs many of the same checks as the treasurer.

And of course, Nebraskans still will have an elected governor, who is responsible for appointing the employees to oversee the departments that would absorb the treasurer's duties.

While this idea is bold, Utter said he can't claim it as something new. It was previously introduced in the Legislature in the 1980s and 1990s.

And there are already 11 states across the country that do not have treasurers. Instead, the head of the department of revenue or other departments oversees the state's spending.

At the conclusion of his introduction, members of the committee asked Utter questions regarding the legalities and details of the bill and possible outcomes.

Committee Chairman Sen. Bill Avery asked if Utter thought there would be any other savings with this resolution other

than the \$117,000 of the treasurer's salary.

"There's lot of ways that there could be savings realized," Utter said. "For example, simply eliminating the redundancy will reduce staff."

In one state department, Utter said he spoke with an employee who said they wouldn't need any additional employees to absorb one specific job of the treasurer's office.

"I'm not sure this in any way would create a situation where all those employees would be affected and would not transfer to some other departments," Utter said. "I'm certain some of the duties could use expertise as they're transferred."

Avery mentioned there also may be some savings in terms of elections by not having to elect another state official.

Regarding the closure of the office slated for Jan. 1, 2013, Utter said he would see the treasurer, which is to be elected this fall, as the person who would take charge of the transition.

Current State Treasurer Shane Osborn announced in September that he would not be seeking a second term.

With everything that is required to close down this office, Utter said he would expect legislation to go through the Legislature in 2011 to lay out the duties for closing the office.

The government affairs committee will take this bill under advisement and make a decision about passing it on to the full Legislature for discussion.

EPA: Insurers ordered to pay \$550,000 toward cleanup

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No one realized then the danger of what was being put in the landfills, Brown said.

Between 1948 and 1971, cleaning solvents used by Dutton-Lainson employees to clean machines and parts contained trichlorethylene, according to court records. From 1971 to 1985, the solvents contained 1,1,1, trichloroethane.

The solvents contaminated the soil and groundwater when the company deposited the solvents into the city landfills in compliance with then-existing laws and ordinances. Contamination also occurred as spilled solvents seeped through the concrete floor during manufacturing operations.

Brandt said the judgment will repay the company for a portion of expenses incurred since it was named as a potentially responsible party by the EPA in 1985.

"We've obviously expended sig-

nificant sums," he said. "This has been going on for some time."

The Supreme Court agreed with the Douglas County District Court's interpretation of how much Continental and Northern should be responsible for.

The court used the amount of time both insurers were involved with Dutton-Lainson to determine how much they owed. Continental insured Dutton-Lainson for 60 months out of the 480 months when contaminants were being deposited in the landfill. Northern insured the company for 14 months.

So Continental is responsible for 12.5 percent of the total \$3.8 million in damages Dutton-Lainson sustained. And Northern is responsible for just under 3 percent of the total.

This ruling does not have an effect on the amount of money the city of Hastings owes to the EPA for groundwater cleanup.



BRENT McCOWN/Tribune

Omaha Duchesne Academy's Kaitlin Grode plays her french horn with the Nebraska High School Honor Band during practice Friday morning in French Memorial Chapel on the Hastings College Campus.

Honor: High school musicians gather at HC

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"It's for the students so they can experience working with a conductor and the finest musicians in the state. Really, we hope they have a life-changing experience through their music."

Despite bad weather, students were on HC campus checking in and beginning rehearsals Thursday night.

"Neither rain, nor snow nor dark of night could keep them away, it seems," Koozer said happily.

HC has been hosting this festival for 48 years since it hosted the first honor band festival in the state in 1962.

Since then, other colleges and universities also have started honor music events. "This is a strong tradition at Hastings College," Koozer said.

Since then, HC has added the honor choir event, which was started 40 years ago, and the orchestra in 1979.

Evan Lee, band director with Norris High School, said he has been bringing students to this honor program for several years because of the program's quality.

"I think it's a great honors festival they run here," he said. "Every year, we bring kids out and they have a good time. They get to play in really high-end groups, so what is not to like?"

Michael Whalen, a senior at Bellevue West High School, is participating in the honor choir for the first time this year.

It was both his love of music and his personal interest in HC that encouraged him to try out for the choir.

"I heard so many good things about this school," Whalen said. "My sister's boyfriend goes here and he told me about the music program. I said, 'I've got to get here.'"

In fact, Whalen has been accepted to attend HC as a freshman next fall.

Fellow Bellevue West singer Zack Stargell is enjoying both his first year in choir and his first year at the honors event.

"I've always loved singing," Stargell said. "I've just never gone out for choir."

This year, a window opened up in Stargell's school schedule and he joined the choir. Then he thought he'd try out for the honor choir as well.

"I thought I'd give it a shot," he said. "I didn't know how I would do, but I thought I'd give it a shot to see if I could make it. And I did."



BRENT McCOWN/Tribune

Kearney High's Shelby Andersen-Holt goes over some sheet music with other members of the flute section during the Nebraska High School Honor Band practice Friday morning.

are required to audition by submitting a recording of a solo and other musical renderings, including scales.

In all, more than 600 students auditioned. The top 200 were selected by HC music faculty to participate this year. About 100 students are selected for the choir, 65-70 are chosen for the band and 35-40 are taken into the orchestra.

This year, those students will be directed by HC faculty including Fritz Mountford, Byron Jensen and Dan Laing.

Koozer said they alternate every other year between having HC faculty or outside people serve as conductors for each of the groups. This year, he said he was excited to showcase the HC talent.

"Quite honestly, these are people of national reputation," Koozer said. "They do all-state choir and band all over the nation. We just thought we ought to be sharing this talent with the Nebraska music community."

Emily Moravec, senior at Norris High School, said Thursday night she was excited to make music with other talented students.

This flute player made her way into the honor band when another student from Norris was unable to attend the festival. And Moravec said she felt lucky to fill in.

"I just think it's a great opportunity for a lot of people who are passionate about music to play together," she said. "And you make a lot of really cool music come to life."

Overall, Koozer said the goal of the festival is to allow the high school students to have a fun time making music together.

"I think the students look forward to seeing each other because they know each other from other festivals," he said. "It really is a great weekend of music-making and friendship and energy that I think is unsurpassed."

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Silver Lake's Bailey Morris (12) shoots over Shelton's Vanessa Rush (20) during their Twin Valley Conference girls basketball game Friday night in Doniphan.



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DONIPHAN — Silver Lake came into the Twin Valley Conference tournament the top-ranked girls basketball team in Class D-1 and the favorite to win a third straight TVC title.

The Mustangs looked every bit like both of those things Friday night.

Silver Lake raced to a 21-5 lead after the first quarter and cruised to a 65-36 win over Shelton in the semifinals of the TVC tournament at Doniphan-Trumbull.

The win sends D-1 No. 1 Silver Lake (17-0) into the TVC finals for the third straight year where it will face Class D-2 No. 9 Lawrence-Nelson at 5:30 p.m. today.

"One of the big goals for the girls was that they wanted to come back and defend the title



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you don't get this one, you don't get a shot at tomorrow night. I thought they really focused in."

Bailey Morris scored 14 of her game-high 18 points in the first half to help Silver Lake jump to a 38-14 halftime lead.

Silver Lake led 8-3 just more than two minutes into the game before rattling off 11 straight points in a span of 2:43 to stretch the lead to 19-3.

Kayla Timm had four points during the 11-0 run, and Cami Bruckman had five points during the spurt.

After a basket by Shelton's Emma Urbanek stopped the run, Carmi Grigg scored on a putback to push the lead to 21-

from the last two years," Silver Lake coach Keith Crowe said. "We knew we had to win tonight. Because if

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the start of the game," Crowe said. "We know Shelton has very good athletes, they are very quick and we wanted to jump out and get a lead and build on it."

Morris scored six straight points in the final 1:48 of the second quarter, including a layup that just beat the half-time buzzer that gave Silver Lake a 24-point lead at intermission.

The Mustangs shot 58 percent from the field in the first half, led by the 5-foot-3 Morris, who hit all five of her first-half field goals.

Leading 38-14 at the half, Silver Lake never let the Bulldogs get within 20 points in the second half.

Silver Lake had six players

5 after the first quarter.

"We talked a lot about really coming out intense and really getting after it at the start of the game," Crowe said. "We know Shelton has very good athletes, they are very quick and we wanted to jump out and get a lead and build on it."

finish with at least seven points, as Cami Bruckman added 11 points to go with the 18 from Morris.

Kayla Timm and Shelby Rupprecht each finished with nine points, and Mackenzie Skupa and Chloe Gibson each had seven points for the Mustangs.

"Typically we have good balanced scoring on our team and that's what makes us so tough to defend," Crowe said. "On any given night, I've got four or five girls who could end up in double figures."

Silver Lake shot 41 percent from the field for the game and outscored Shelton 20-3 at the free-throw line.

The Mustangs held Shelton to 30-percent shooting from the field and held a 50-27 rebounding advantage over the Bulldogs that included 20 offensive boards.

Gibson led Silver Lake with 10 rebounds, while Rupprecht collected eight rebounds.

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Bobcats start quick, down Silver Lake

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DONIPHAN — A quick start propelled Blue Hill to a 58-42 victory over Silver Lake in a boys Twin Valley Conference semifinal matchup Friday night.

After the Class C-2 No. 10 Bobcats controlled the opening tip, Chad Hastings quickly scored the first two of his game-high 17 points. Blue Hill held Silver Lake scoreless for more than three minutes and turned an 8-0 lead into a 16-5 margin after the first quarter.

"We didn't start the way we would have liked to in the first quarter," Mustang coach Terry Bauer said. "We thought we had a game plan to keep Hastings in check, but he was getting some open looks. ...

"The boys settled down in the last three quarters and fought and they didn't quit, so we're happy about that. We have a lot of work to do, but that was a very good Blue Hill ballclub that we lost to."

Blue Hill coach Jon Coffey said he talked at halftime about controlling the tempo and felt his team improved in the second half. A wide-open dunk by 6-foot-6 Kurt Burken in the third quarter picked everybody up, he said.

"If he's in the game, it makes a big difference for us," Coffey said.

Burken's presence in the middle opens things up for the other players, he said.

The teams battled on even terms in the second and third quarters, but Blue Hill went on a 9-0 run to open the final quarter. Riley Bonifas scored seven of his 15 points in the fourth quarter, and Thomas Ostdiek sank four free throws. Ostdiek joined Hastings and Bonifas in double figures with 10.

Sawyer Monroe led Silver Lake with 12 points, including three 3-pointers, and Kevin Hall and Jacob Trausch each added seven.

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Blue Hill's Kurt Burken (34) dunks the ball during a Twin Valley Conference tournament game against Silver Lake Friday night in Doniphan.

HC women set for top-5 matchup with Briar Cliff

No. 1 BRONCOS HOST No. 4
CHARGERS AT 2 P.M. TODAY

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There likely won't be a shortage of offense today when the NAIA Division II No. 1 Hastings College women's basketball team plays host to No. 4 Briar Cliff in a critical game in the race for the regular season Great Plains Athletic Conference crown.

The game, which tips off at 2 p.m. at Lynn Farrell Arena, features two of the top five scoring teams in the nation and the nation's individual leading scorer.

Briar Cliff (22-3, 11-2 GPAC) leads the nation averaging 89 points per game and is led by 5-foot-11 senior guard Liz Grider, who leads the nation averaging 27 points per game.

Hastings (22-3, 12-1) leads Briar Cliff and No. 5 Northwestern by one game in the conference standings. The Broncos enter today's game as the fifth leading scoring team in the nation, averaging 79 points per game.

The Broncos won the previous meeting on Dec. 12 against the Chargers 91-81. In that contest, HC All-American Lindsay Ducey tallied 28 points, including a 12-for-12 effort from the foul line. Fellow post player Alicia Statler finished with 27 points, and Heather McKeon drained seven 3-pointers en route to finishing with 21 points.

Grider tallied 30 points for the Chargers in the loss.

"There might be 200 points scored in this game (today), but I really believe the team that makes the most defensive plays and stops will be the winner," HC coach Jeff Dittman said.

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Patriots advance to LouPlatte title

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KEARNEY — The Adams Central boys moved one step closer to winning the LouPlatte Conference tournament, defeating St. Paul 62-51 in the semifinals Friday night at Kearney Catholic.

With the win, the Class B No. 8 Patriots will play C-2 No. 1 Ravenna in the championship today at 8 p.m. Ravenna (16-1) advanced with a 51-40 win over Kearney Catholic in the other semifinal game.

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Most leads Giltner past Longhorns

SENIOR MATCHES CAREER
HIGH WITH 30 POINTS

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GILTNER — Nate Most capped a big week for himself in Class D-2 No. 8 Giltner's 57-45 basketball win over Shickley.

Earlier this week, Most signed to play football for NCAA Division II Wayne State College. Friday night, the Giltner senior tied his career-best scoring effort with 30 points.

"Nate has the green light to shoot," said Giltner coach Matt Drew after witnessing the Hornets improve to 13-3. "His role is to score and we rely on that."

Most tied his personal scoring record that he established during his



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both basket attempts and at the free-throw line Friday night. He went 10-for-14 from the floor and canned all eight of his tries at the stripe.

Perhaps Most's commitment to play quarterback at Wayne State rubbed off on him during this week's basketball practice sessions.

"He's been hot all week in practice. Tonight it showed," Drew said. "He got real aggressive on the offensive boards, and he's got to get aggressive

freshman season.

Most, who ended his high school football career as the state's all-time passing yards leader, closed with superior marksmanship in

like that each night. It's starting to click for him."

Half of Most's game-high eight rebounds came on offense, where he finished with four putback baskets. He got help offensively from Hornet center Drew Ott's 13 points.

Most and Ott combined for 34 points after the first quarter, when the Hornets forged a lead that kept on growing until the game's final minutes.

After Shickley's 12-10 lead to end the first period, Giltner owned a 24-17 advantage at the break, then led by as many as 18 points with three minutes left to play.

"In the second quarter, the game started to go in our pace. We did a nice job of pushing the ball and getting some easy layups. And we got the ball up high and got some easy looks" Drew said.

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Shickley's Michael Reinsch (right) loses the ball against Giltner's Shay Hinrichs in the final minute of the second quarter Friday in Giltner.

Tribland roundups

Boys basketball

Gretna 67, Hastings 22

GRETNA — The Hastings High boys basketball team fell to Class B No. 7 Gretna 67-22 Friday. The Tigers were led by Jack Andraesen with eight points. Brady Menke chipped in with four points. **Hastings (2-13)** 6 9 4 3 — 22 **Gretna (13-3)** 19 17 16 15 — 67

Gretna (67)
Tanner Miller 11, Bo Shepard 9, Jared Blum 8, Cole Spurgeon 7, Matt Jones 6, Nolan Samuelson 5, Tyler Brumgardt 4, Zach Huber 3, Tyler Orlich 2, Jed Derr 2, Mitch Drey 2

Hastings (22)
Jack Andraesen 8, Brady Menke 4, Ben Reimer 3, Brady Rutt 3, Kayde Welke 2, Ty Anderson 2

Clay Center 60, Dorchester 51

CLAY CENTER — The Clay Center boys basketball team defeated Dorchester 60-51 Friday. Dakota Hoyt led Clay Center with 23 points while Phil Gosser tallied 12 points. Teammate Jur van Bussel added 15 points for the Wildcats. **Dorchester (8-8)** 11 7 15 18 — 51 **Clay Center (8-7)** 15 14 16 — 60

Clay Center (60)
Matt Johnson 4, Dakota Hoyt 23, Phil Gosser 12, Jur van Bussel 15, Garrett Calloun 4, Jesse Voisard 2

Dorchester (51)
Zoubek 9, Lee 16, Walton 10, Palley 4, Kotas 12

Ellis 69, Smith Center 61

SMITH CENTER, Kan. — The Smith

Center boys basketball team fell to Ellis 69-61 Friday. Dillon Corbett had 30 points and 12 rebounds to lead Smith Center while Alex Hobelmann added 16 points for the Redmen. Spencer VanderGeisen chipped in with eight points and 10 rebounds for Smith Center. **Ellis (11-17)** 11 17 14 27 — 69 **Smith Center (6-18)** 18 10 13 20 — 61

Ellis (69)
Dylan Pfeifer 9, Ryan Weber 7, Aaron Grad 11, Gideon Fuchs 21, Matt Erbert 21

Smith Center (61)
Alex Hobelmann 16, Jesse Winder 4, Kale Terrell 3, Dillon Corbett 30, Spencer VanderGeisen 8

Minden 57, Cozad 42

COZAD — The Class C-1 No. 7 Minden boys basketball team defeated Cozad 57-42 Friday. The Whippets were led by Max Anderson with 13 points. Carson Blum, Derek Kissinger and Pete Trausch all scored 11 points for the Whippets while Ryan Bergstrom chipped in with nine points. Traush led the Whippets with a team-high 10 rebounds. **Minden (14-3)** 13 19 15 10 — 57 **Cozad (3-14)** 13 11 11 7 — 42

Minden (57)
Max Anderson 13, Carson Blum 11, Derek Kissinger 11, Pete Trausch 11, Ryan Bergstrom 9, Colby Enal 2

Cozad (42)
Evan Worrell 16, Jordan Hickenbottom 13, Mason Fisher 6, Ty Rogers 3, Jed Paulson 2, Jon Kukis 2

Girls basketball

Dorchester 37, Clay Center 34

CLAY CENTER — The Clay Center girls basketball team fell to Dorchester 37-34 Friday. Brittney Veik led Clay Center with 11 points and 11 rebounds while Abby Sorensen also added 11 points for the Wildcats. Breanna Bailey chipped in with eight points and Brooke Yates had seven steals for Clay Center. **Dorchester (9-4)** 9 7 10 11 — 37 **Clay Center (8-7)** 9 9 7 9 — 34

No information available.

Clay Center (34)
Abby Sorensen 11, Brittney Veik 11, Breanna Bailey 8, Jill Bava 3, Brooke Yates 1

Giltner 53, Shickley 33

GILTNER — The Giltner girls basketball team defeated Shickley 53-33 Friday. Chelsie White led Giltner with 20 points and six rebounds. Lisa Lockmon finished with 12 points, seven rebounds, four assists and four steals. Molly Ocker chipped in with eight points and six rebounds for the Hornets. Caressa Reinsch led Shickley with 11 points while teammate Alex Kluna added nine points.

Shickley (1-15) 6 6 10 11 — 33 **Giltner (6-9)** 6 18 11 18 — 53

Giltner (53)
Chelsie White 20, Lisa Lockmon 12, Molly Ocker 8, Jordan Black 4, Abbey Pressler 4, Shayne Vaughn 3, Haley Most

Shickley (33)
Caressa Reinsch 11, Alex Kluna 9, Whitney Walters 7, Cynthia Mick

Smith Center 59, Ellis 45

SMITH CENTER, Kan. — The Smith Center girls basketball team defeated Ellis 59-45 Friday. Taylor Arnold poured in a game-high 20 points and grabbed eight rebounds to lead Smith Center. Sydney Benoit had eight points five rebounds and four assists for the Lady Red while McKenzie Benoit had eight points and six rebounds. Sara Timmons added eight points and six rebounds.

Smith Center (59)
Taylor Arnold 20, Tangee Hlaman 4, Whitney St. Clair 4, Bailey Ratliff 3, Sara Timmons 8, Kelsie Merritt 2, McKenzie Benoit 8, Jamie Shine 2, Sydney Benoit 8

Ellis (45)
Bailey Hensley 2, Alesha Brenner 10, Bethany Pollica 12, Mikayla Gottschalk 1, Kayla Jacques 3, Courtney Waidtschmidt 10, Natasha Hollingshead 7

Minden 49, Cozad 41

COZAD — The Class C-1 No. 7 Minden girls basketball team defeated Cozad 49-41 Friday. McKenna tenBensel led Minden with 19 points. Stadler and Hallie Bauer each

added nine points for the Whippets while Carly Storius chipped in with eight points. **Minden (14-3)** 7 12 17 13 — 49 **Cozad (6-11)** 11 10 7 13 — 41

Minden (49)
Carly Storius 8, Hallie Bauer 9, Neale Stadler 9, Baile Muller 4, McKenna tenBensel 19

Cozad (41)
Finnegan 5, Harbison 7, Reiss 3, Leibrandt 2, Henry 10, Pirkleman 14

Wrestling

Southern Nebraska Conference

HEBRON — The Thayer Central wrestling team had eight wrestlers finish in the top four Friday as the Titans finished fourth at the Southern Nebraska Conference meet with 142 points. David City won the team title with 181.5 points followed by Wilber-Clatonia with 146 points and Tri County with 143 points. Sutton got individual titles from Derek Bailey (112), Evan Carlson (125) and Mike Shoff (285) and finished fifth with 100 points. Fillmore Central was eighth with 50.5 points while South Central was ninth with 50 points and Superior was 12th with 22 points. Trevor Hartley was the lone individual champion for Thayer Central winning the 171 pound title. The Titans received runner-up finishes from Clayton Hintz (119), Ryan Lee (119) and Traygan Mumford (285) and a third place finishes from Nathan Elting (189). Dalton Kenning (103),

Tyler VanCleaf (140) and Kale Hintz (160) all finished fourth. Sutton had three individual champions and also got a third place finishes from Riley Nuss (135) and Mitch Nuss (160). Austin Hoy (119) and Jamison Nejezchleb (135) both earned runner-up finishes for South Central while Steele Chaput (119) finished third for Superior. Fillmore Central was led by Luke DeLong's runner-up finish at 145 pounds while Nate Parde was fourth at 285.

Team Results

1, David City 181.50; 2, Wilber-Clatonia 146; 3, Tri County 143; 4, Thayer Central 142.5; Sutton 100; 6, Millard 79; 7, Centennial 62; 8, Fillmore Central 50.5; 9, South Central 50; 10, Cross County 44; 11, Heartland 36; 12, Superior 22

Championship Results

103 — 1, Tanner Olsorny, MIL; 2, Cody Parise, CEN; 3, Taylor Summers, TRI; 4, Dalton Kenning, THA
112 — 1, Derek Bailey, SUT; 2, Austin Hoy, SC; 3, Christian Molina, WC; 4, Garrett Jacobs, CC
119 — 1, Zac Stubbs, WC; 2, Clayton Hintz, THA; 3, Steele Chaput, SUP; 4, Sam Olson, MIL
125 — 1, Evan Carlson, SUT; 2, Jake Bruss, WC; 3, Nathan Styskal, DC; 4, Ben Frain, TRI
130 — 1, Justin Ponnajha, WC; 2, Ryan Lee, THA; 3, Kaleb Mullen, TRI; 4, Zach Nelson, MIL
135 — 1, Ryan Pirkenton, TRI; 2, Jamison Nejezchleb, SC; 3, Riley Nuss, SUT; 4, Jake Martin, FC
140 — 1, Steven Verdes, DC; 2, Seth Schaldeckers, HRT; 3, Bryce Harmermeier, TRI; 4, Tyler VanCleaf, THA
145 — 1, Tanner Wiemhoff, DC; 2, Luke DeLong, FC; 3, Alex Snyder, CC; 4, Levi Likens, TRI
152 — 1, Aaron Rauscha, DC; 2, Dillon Bates, WC; 3, Zach Schuerman, TRI; 4, Kyle Burkhardt, MIL
160 — 1, Derek Worm, DC; 2, Sam Lindsey, TRI; 3, Mitch Nuss, SUT; 4, Kale Hintz, THA
171 — 1, Trevor Hartley, THA; 2, Kan Burkhardt Jr., MIL; 3, Jared Pirkenton, DC; 4, Michael Bursch, DC
189 — 1, Lucas Kast, DC; 2, Easton Eikenhorst, CEN; 3, Nathan Elting, THA; 4, Ryan Mussi, WC
215 — 1, Jacob Schwartz, DC; 2, Ethan Heiser, CEN; 3, Jared Erb, HRT; 4, Lucas Havel, WC
285 — 1, Mike Shoff, SUT; 2, Traygan Mumford, THA; 3, Logan Geler, MIL; 4, Nate Parde, FC

AC: Patriots down St. Paul

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Adams Central improved to 15-1 with the win, while St. Paul fell to 13-3. Against Class C-1 No. 8 St. Paul, Adams Central led just 23-22 at halftime before outscoring the Wildcats 21-8 to take a 44-30 lead into the

final quarter. The Patriots then held on for the 11-point win, their second victory over St. Paul this season. Adams Central also defeated the Wildcats 58-54 in January. On Friday, Zach Hunt led the Patriots with 16 points. Nate Arlt added 14 points, and

Brady Barrett finished with 12 on four 3-pointers. The Patriots will be trying to claim their first conference tournament championship since 2000 in tonight's game. **Adams Central (15-1)** 13 10 21 18 — 62 **St. Paul (13-3)** 13 9 8 21 — 51 **Adams Central (62)**
Jake Fowler 2, Matt Overmiller 2, Nate Arlt 14, Brady Barrett 12, Zach Hunt 16, Connor Lyons 8, Calvin Ott 8

Bobcats: Blue Hill downs Silver Lake

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Blue Hill will take a 10-game winning streak into tonight's TVC title game against Lawrence-Nelson. The Bobcats have not won a conference tournament title in 25 years, but edged the Raiders 47-44 on Jan. 26. "We're going to have to bring our 'A' game tomorrow," said

Coffey, who was a member of the last Blue Hill team to win the TVC title. "We're going to have to get better at rebounding. Lawrence-Nelson is very aggressive on the boards." **Silver Lake (7-9)** 5 12 15 10 — 42 **Blue Hill (14-3)** 16 11 16 15 — 58 **Silver Lake (42)**
Kevin Hall 1-3 4-4 7, Jake Polk 2-10 0-0 4, Nate Kosse 3-9 0-0 6, Jacob Trausch 3-10 0-0 7, Tyler Ostrander 1-3 1-4 3, Sawyer Monroe 4-8 1-2 12, Catarina Perez 0-3 1-2 1, Candy

Gomez 0-0 0-0 0, Conner Hansen 1-2 0-0 2, Jaydin Grabill 0-1 0-2 0, Jared Rathjio 0-0 0-0 0, Luis Perez 0-0 0-0 0, Team 15-49 7-14 42. **Blue Hill (58)**
Maverick Busboom 1-2 0-0 2, Thomas Ostiedik 3-6 4-4 10, Chad Hastings 6-14 2-2 17, Riley Bonifas 6-9 3-4 15, Kurt Burken 4-6 0-1 8, Brock Kunkle 2-6 1-2 5, Matt Thramer 0-1 0-0 0, Garrett Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Justin Toepfer 0-0 1-2 1, Trent Kohlmetscher 0-0 0-0 0, Kyle Mans 0-0 0-0 0, Team 22-44 11-15 58. Three-point field goals — SL 5-11 (Hall 1-1, Polk 0-3, Trausch 1-3, Monroe 3-4), BH 3-7 (Hastings 3-7). Rebounds — SL 32 (Hall, Kosse, Trausch 5), BH 20 (Burken 7). Turnovers — SL 18, BH 13. Total fouls — SL 14, BH 9. Fouled out — None. Technicals — None.

Giltner: Most leads Hornets past Shickley

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Shickley (9-7) ran a zone defense that slowed down the Hornets effectively. The Longhorns also looked good on offense, making 4-of-6 bucket attempts. Wade Walters' putback at the end of the first quarter gave Shickley its final lead. Giltner exploded early in the second quarter with an 8-0 run that included consecutive coast-to-coast layups by Shay Hinrichs, and a putback each from Most and Ott. The Hornet trio struck again with a bucket apiece to give Giltner its 7-point halftime lead. "Hinrichs goes coast-to-coast twice and we couldn't level him off. And we couldn't find Ott. There was eight points right there," Shickley coach Matt Koehler said. "In the second half, we had to start scrambling and (Giltner) took advantage."

Michael Reinsch and Spencer Walters gave the Longhorns their offensive spark, scoring 19 points and 12 points, respectively. Reinsch closed going 6-for-8 from the field and 6-for-9 from the stripe. Shickley managed only five points in the second quarter, all of them by Reinsch. Koehler was pleased with his Longhorns' defense, but said his team needed to find more answers on the offensive end. "To hold Giltner in the 50s, that's good," he said. "But to beat Giltner, we needed to find more easy ways to get buckets, and we didn't get that done."

Shickley (9-7) 12 5 10 18 — 45 **Giltner (13-3)** 10 14 17 16 — 57



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Shickley's Spencer Walters dribbles against Giltner's Sean Findley during the first quarter Friday in Giltner.

Shickley (45)
Michael Reinsch 6-8 6-9 19, Philip Hochstetler 0-5 1-2 1, Derek Swartzendruber 2-3 2-2 7, Wade Walters 2-3 0-0 4, Spencer Walters 4-13 3-4 12, Tyler Lauenstein 1-2 0-0 2, Team 15-34 12-17 45. **Giltner (55)**
Sean Findley 0-3 0-0 0, Cody Schacht 2-2 1-2 5, Shay Hinrichs 3-11 2-4 8, Nate Most 10-14 8-9 30, Drew Ott 6-9 1-2 13, Luke Richards 0-3 1-2 1, Trevor Poppen 0-1 0-0 1, Team 21-43 13-18 55. Three-point field goals — S 3-8 (Reinsch 1-2, Hochstetler 0-1, Swartzendruber 1-1, S. Walters 1-3, Lauenstein 0-1), G 2-4 (Hinrichs 0-1, Most 2-3). Rebounds — S 22 (Swartzendruber 6), G 23 (Most 8). Turnovers — S 18, G 14. Total fouls — S 14, G 14. Fouled out — none. Technicals — none.

L-N girls beat Deshler, make it back to TVC championship

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DONIPHAN — Last year, the Lawrence-Nelson girls basketball team was playing in the afternoon on the final day of the Twin Valley Conference tournament.

This season the Raiders are back to playing in the nightcap. Class D-2 No. 9 Lawrence-Nelson outlasted No.10 seed Deshler 38-23 Friday at Doniphan-Trumbull to return to the TVC title game for the second time in three seasons after a consolation game appearance last year. The Radiers will try to win their first TVC tournament crown since 2003 when they take on top-seeded Silver Lake today at 5:15 p.m. "Last year we were been playing for the consolation, so it feels good to be in the big one," Lawrence-Nelson coach Cathy Biltoft said. "Whether we can do two games like this in a row, we'll see."

Lawrence-Nelson (11-5) used a 5-0



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run to end the third quarter to break open a close game. Deshler, which downed seventh-seeded Franklin and No. 2 seed Kenesaw to reach the semifinals, had a three-game winning streak snapped and dropped to 5-12 with the loss. The Dragons will take on Shelton in today's consolation game at 3:45 p.m. "We didn't play our best tonight and we know that," Birkel said. "There are a lot of things, especially mental mistakes that we made, that we told the girls that we need to rise up to the occasion tomorrow because we have a chance to play for third place."

The score was tied 8-all after the first quarter, and Deshler took its final lead of the game at 11-8 when Kelsey Schilf converted a conventional three-point play 48 seconds into the secon quarter.

Lawrence-Nelson scored the next six points to take a 14-11 lead and, after a Bethany Meyer jumper drew Deshler within 14-13, the Raiders ended the half with three straight points. Kristin Drudik's running layup with four seconds left gave the Raiders a 17-13 halftime advantage. Deshler shot 42 percent from the floor in the opening half but committed 15 turnovers, three of which led directly to Lawrence-Nelson baskets. "Lawrence-Nelson played a good game," Birkel said. "They came ready to play, they made some big buckets, they created some turnovers with their press, which gave them some easy looks. So I give them a lot of credit."

Deshler cut the lead to 17-16 on a 3-pointer by Meyer with 6:32 left in the third quarter and trailed just 24-20 when Megan Pohlmann hit a spinning jumper with 3:31 left in the quarter. However, Lawrence-Nelson scored five straight points in the final 1:39 of the third quarter to take a 29-20 lead.

Brittany Miller started the 5-0 spurt with a pull up jumper and, after Natasha Wehrman hit one of two free frows, Marissa Kovanda scored on a putback with 1:21 left in the quarter. "I didn't say anything at halftime that I haven't been saying the last few games, but they really came out and played well," Biltoft said of the third quarter. "We just talked about taking care of the ball, running the offense and how we needed to get the ball inside."

Neither team scored for more than four minutes to start the fourth quarter before Kovanda gave Lawrence-Nelson a 31-20 lead with a basket in the paint. Deshler cut the lead to 31-23 with 2:33 left on a 3-pointer by Meyer but wouldn't score again. The Dragons shot just 22 percent in the second half, including 1-of-7 shooting in the final quarter. "We didn't hardly score in the second half and we didn't even get shots," Birkel said. "We lost our composure

and didn't execute and they kept playing good defense." Miller led Lawrence-Nelson with 11 points, while Kovanda added a double-double of 10 point and 10 rebounds. Kelsey Biltoft chipped in with eight points for the Raiders. "They did a good job in the second half," Biltoft said. "I thought we played good defense all game, but our offense kind of came around in the second half."

Meyer scored a game-high 12 points and eight rebounds for Deshler, while Schilf added five points and eight rebounds for the Dragons.

Deshler (5-12) 8 5 7 3 — 23 **Lawrence-Nelson (11-5)** 8 9 12 9 — 38

Brittany Miller 3-7 4-4 11, Kristen Drudik 1-5 0-1 2, Chelsie Stemper 0-5 3-4 3, Marissa Kovanda 5-11 0-0 10, Natasha Wehrman 1-1 2-4 4, Kelsey Biltoft 4-19 0-0 8, Team 14-48 9-13 38. **Deshler (23)**
Bethany Meyer 4-12 1-2 12, Tiffany Herbek 0-4 0-0 0, Megan Pohlmann 2-5 0-0 4, Kelsey Schilf 2-3 1-1 5, Shelby Schardt 1-4 0-0 2, Kelsey Durlinger 0-2 0-0 0, Team 9-30 2-3 23. Three-point field goals — LN 1-7 (Miller 1-2, Drudik 0-3, Stemper 0-1, Biltoft 0-1), DESH 3-13 (Meyer 3-5, Herbek 0-3, Schardt 0-3, Durlinger 0-2). Rebounds — LN 32 (Kovanda 10), DESH 27 (Meyer 8, Schilf 8). Turnovers — LN 17, DESH 27. Total fouls — LN 10, DESH 17. Fouled out — DESH (Herk), Technicals — None.



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Lawrence-Nelson's Andy Peterson (2) makes a layup in front of Shelton's Michael Clevenger (1) during their Twin Valley Conference boys basketball game Friday night in Doniphan.

a coach sitting on the bench. He's like another coach out there and it was really nice to see him play well tonight." Shelton missed 17 straight shots during the 25-0 run on its way to 9-percent shooting from the field in the first half. For the game, Lawrence-Nelson forced Shelton into 20 turnovers and limited the Bulldogs to 20-percent shooting from the floor and just 1-of-16 shooting from the 3-point line. "We have been playing really well on defense and that continued tonight," Jensen said. "I know Shelton didn't shoot very well, but I'd like to think our kids had something to do with that, too."

Shelton scored the first six points of the third quarter to make the score 29-10, but Lawrence-Nelson ended the quarter with a 13-0 run to take a 42-10 lead. Derek Harrington finished with eight points and nine rebounds for the Raiders, while Addison McCartney had six points. Ty Schoenfeld led Shelton with four points and 10 rebounds.

Shelton (6-10) 2 2 6 12 — 22 **Lawrence-Nelson (12-4)** 14 15 13 13 — 55

Lawrence-Nelson (55)
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President's love child hits nerve in South Africa

KRISTA LARSON
The Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG — Confirmation that President Jacob Zuma, who has three wives and a fiancée, has fathered a child with yet another woman has prompted jokes in South Africa's media but has also hit a nerve in a country hardest hit by the virus that causes AIDS.

For a president whose political career survived a rape trial, Zuma is expected to emerge relatively unscathed from the disclosure that he is the father of a baby girl born in October. Even so, the political opposition says he is a poor role model in a country where an estimated 5.7 million of South Africa's 50 million people are infected with HIV, more than any other country. And even ordinary South Africans are left wondering.

"All these AIDS campaigns tell us that to have one partner but our president has five," said Phemelo Mmitsinyane, an 18-year-old University of Johannesburg student.

While some South Africans see Zuma's polygamy as outdated, others applaud him for embracing what they see as traditional African values. South African law recognizes such traditional marriages, though fewer young people enter into them because they are seen as expensive and old-fashioned.

But after this latest indiscretion, The Star newspaper lambasted Zuma in an editorial: "His rampant libido has made South Africa a laughing stock of the world and may even harm the country's interest."

Helen Zille, leader of the main opposition Democratic Alliance party, said Zuma's polygamy and sex outside marriage undermines



MIKE HUTCHINGS/AP

In this June 3, 2009, file photo, South African president Jacob Zuma (second right) seen with his wives Sizakele Khumalo (right) Nompumelo Ntuli (left) and Tobeka Madiba (second left) after giving the State of the Nation address, at parliament in Cape Town, South Africa. Newspapers report that the country's polygamist leader had fathered a child out of wedlock. Some political opponents already have criticized Zuma, who has three wives and is engaged to a fourth woman, saying his alleged actions send the wrong message in a country where one-tenth of the population is living with the virus that causes AIDS.

the country's fight against HIV/AIDS. Experts say having multiple, concurrent partners heightens the risk of contracting the virus. And the fact that Zuma's mistress got pregnant indicates they may have had unprotected sex.

"Zuma believes he is above the law and social norms. He believes that — by virtue of his position — he can get away with anything," Zille wrote in a weekly newsletter

Thursday, a day after Zuma publicly acknowledged he was the baby's father.

The mother is Sonono Khoza, the 39-year-old daughter of a prominent South African soccer official who is helping lead preparations for the World Cup, according to local media reports.

Since the disclosure, Zuma has wound up being lampooned in political cartoons. On Friday, The

Star ran a list of Zuma jokes on the front page. One of the jokes said ruling party officials have stopped Zuma from kissing babies "because they might call him 'Daddy.'"

For his part, the 67-year-old Zuma said it is "mischievous" to argue he has undermined the battle against AIDS and admonished the South African media for identifying his daughter. The birth of Zuma's 20th child was first reported in



JIM R. BOUNDS/AP

Andrew Young, a former aide to John Edwards, is shown outside the Chatham County courthouse in Pittsboro, N.C., Friday, after he was found in contempt of court and ordered to turn over a "personal" videotape belonging to Edwards' mistress.

Former Edwards aide in contempt

MIKE BAKER
The Associated Press

PITTSBORO, N.C. — A judge declared Friday that a former aide to John Edwards was in contempt of court, demanding that he turn over a "personal" videotape being sought by Edwards' former mistress.

Superior Court Judge Abraham Penn Jones reprimanded Andrew Young in a court hearing Friday but declined to put him in custody. The contempt ruling will be lifted if Young turns over a videotape "of a personal nature" and other items by Wednesday, Jones said.

"These items are to be produced and turned over to the court," Jones said. "The court will put them under lock and key — and under seal — until the lawsuit is resolved."

Edwards' former mistress, Rielle Hunter, had won a temporary restraining order against Young that sought the return of what she called a private video she made in 2006, but when deputies went to retrieve the item, Young's attorney declined to release it. Young has said he has a copy of a video showing Edwards in a sexual encounter with a woman he believed to be Hunter.

Hunter has also filed a lawsuit accusing Young of invasion of privacy.

Young's attorneys had disputed whether he even had the tape in question. They contended that the woman in the video was pregnant, but Hunter had written in an affidavit that the tape was made in 2006, some 17 months before her child with Edwards was born.

It's not clear whether the discrepancy was resolved Friday. Jones held private discussions with attorneys before coming into open court to issue his decision.

In his recently released tell-all book about the affair between Edwards and Hunter, Young says he found the tape in a "box of trash" Hunter had left behind at a home he rented in Chapel Hill. He writes that the tape had been pulled out of its cassette casing, but that he was able to fix it.

Hunter wrote in an affidavit that she created a private video in September 2006.

"In or about December 2006, the decision was made that the Video should be destroyed," she wrote. She said she pulled out the tape from the cassette and stored it in a box with personal belongings.

Palin hasn't paid taxes on property

RACHEL D'ORO
The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Records show that Sarah Palin hasn't paid any property taxes on cabins that have been built on two backcountry plots partially owned by the former Alaska governor.

There are no tax assessments for the two-story, house-sized cabins, a workshop and a sauna spotted Thursday in an aerial survey. Property taxes totaling \$156.13 were paid on the land in 2009 — but that bill did not include anything for the structures because the local assessor didn't know about the new construction nearly 100 miles north of Anchorage.

The issue has attracted the attention of local tax officials who conducted the scheduled aerial survey of properties in the area on Thursday. The area is accessible only by floatplane, snowmobile or four-wheeler.

Dave Dunivan, the assessor for the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, said such a survey had not been done there in five years, before construction started on the cabins.

Palin's attorney, Thomas Van Flein, said it is not the responsibility of property owners to report structures that go up on their land.

"It is the borough's job," he said in an e-mail. "The property taxes on this parcel are fully paid and have never been delinquent."

Dunivan, however, said owners are required by state law to report any omissions or errors in their tax assessments. Often, the borough learns of new structures in remote areas when neighbors



Al Grillo/AP

Sarah Palin gestures during her resignation speech in Fairbanks, Alaska, in July 2009. Records show that Palin hasn't paid taxes on cabins that she partially owns.

report them. Dunivan said no one has called the borough on the Palin lots, among many in the region to add structures, the flyer survey found.

"Typically, if there are errors, we hear from owners," he said. "If there are omissions, we don't. Every once in a while we do have someone call us about omissions, but not often."

The properties are located along Safari Lake — an undeveloped area located near Denali State Park — and owned by Palin, her husband Todd and a family friend,

Scott Richter. According to borough records, the tax assessments are sent to Richter's post office box in Big Lake.

There is no phone listing in Alaska for Richter and he could not be reached Thursday.

The matter first appeared Wednesday on an Alaska political blog site, Mudflats, which has been critical of Palin, the 2008 Republican vice presidential candidate. Palin resigned as governor last summer and has since written a best-selling memoir. She signed on as a Fox News commentator last month.

"This is another blatant attempt to manufacture a story about the Palins following more defamatory swipes," Palin's spokeswoman Meghan Stapleton said in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

Dunivan said a photo of a large cabin posted on the Mudflats site — and later reported on the Huffington Post Web site — is one of the structures spotted in the flyover.

Van Flein said work is still being done on the cabins, but both are usable. He said construction began on one of the cabins in 2006, but he didn't know when construction started on the second one.

The two parcels of land, separated by one lot, total 25 acres and had a combined value of \$30,000 in 2007 through 2009, according to assessment records. Dunivan said the data collected in Thursday's survey will be calculated into 2010 assessment notices being mailed out at the end of the month.

It's too soon to estimate how much the structures will increase the taxes due, Dunivan said.

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U.S. H1N1 epidemic slowing

MIKE STOBBE
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Is the U.S. swine flu epidemic over? Federal health officials won't go so far as to say that, but on Friday they reported for the fourth week in a row that no states had widespread flu activity.

U.S. cases have been declining since October. An official with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says swine flu cases are still occurring and are likely to continue a while longer at some level.

But another expert said a future large wave of cases now seems very unlikely. The expert, Vanderbilt University's Dr. William Schaffner, said the epidemic has "one foot in the grave."

An estimated 70 million Americans have been vaccinated against swine flu through a government vaccination campaign that started in October. Meanwhile, an estimated 55 million or more got sick from swine flu and recovered, meaning they developed some level of natural immunity from the experience.

Combined, that means that 40 percent or more of the public has immunity to the virus. Such numbers will make it difficult for swine flu in its current form to reappear in a new wave, Schaffner noted.

Mid-Atlantic shuts down ahead of blizzard

NAFEESA SYEED
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Shoppers jammed aisles and emptied stores of milk, bread and shovels Friday as a massive snowstorm blew into the Mid-Atlantic. Forecasters predicted a record 30 inches or more for the nation's capital, and authorities already were blaming the storm for the deaths of father-son Samaritans in Virginia.

The region's second snow storm in less than two months could be "extremely dangerous," and heavy, wet snow and strong winds threatened to knock out power, the National Weather Service said.

Flakes started falling around noon in Washington, where the federal government sent workers home early. The storm's wide swath and predictions of historic proportions for an area ill-equipped for snow had airlines canceling flights and school districts closing hours before any snow arrived.

The last time D.C. got at least 28 inches of snow was in 1922. The city has seen more than a foot only 13 times since 1870, according to the National Weather Service. The storm was expected to track through Virginia and West Virginia, across Maryland into southern New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

At a Trader Joe's in Falls Church, Va., Errol Bailey, a 55-year-old tailor who works in northern Virginia, said he'd already stocked up on food at his home in Largo, Md., but realized he should have provisions at work too.

"I've got some cashews, some orange juice, some bread, cheese and I'm about to pick up a bottle of wine here now," said Bailey. "I hope I'll be enjoying the wine at home, but if it gets real bad maybe I'll have to pop that open at work."

Many residents scrambling for food and supplies found they were too late.

In Alexandria, Va., James Ivery, 60, and his wife had already bought supplies but were back at a Harris Teeter



SUSAN WALSH/AP

People walk in the snow past the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington Friday. The region's second snowstorm in less than two months could be "extremely dangerous," and heavy, wet snow and strong winds threatened to knock out power, the National Weather Service said.

supermarket to get out of the house one last time before the storm. Many shelves and bins were emptied of milk, vegetables, eggs and cold cuts.

"It just seems like people are panicking. I don't think it's going to be too bad," Ivery said. "As long as I got power and satellite service, I'll be fine."

Metro, the Washington-area rail system, said ridership Friday morning was down about one-fourth from the same day last week, a sign people were heeding official warnings to stay home. Metro warned it would likely have to

close all but the underground portions of the system during the storm.

In western Virginia, a tractor-trailer struck and killed a father and son who had stopped to help another driver who had wrecked in snow on Interstate 81, Virginia State Police said. William Edward Smith Jr., 25, of Morresburg, Tenn., and 54-year-old William Edward Smith Sr. of Sylva, N.C., died at the scene, authorities said.

Across the region, transportation officials were deploying thousands of trucks and workers and had hundreds of thou-

sands of tons of salt at the ready.

"This is not a good mix," said Joan Morris, a spokeswoman for the Virginia Department of Transportation. "Heavy, wet snow with gusting winds is going to make it a very tough storm for us. I expect visibility will be very poor in spots, and we'll have to deal with drifting snow."

Blizzard warnings were in effect for much of Delaware and southern New Jersey from Friday afternoon to Saturday night, with strong winds and blowing, drifting snow.

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The shop expansion project at Levander's Body Shop is underway. The expansion will double it's size to meet the increasing collision repair demands in Hastings. The original shop consists of 2,500 square feet and it is currently running at 100% capacity. The owners, Brian and Annette Levander, are enthusiastic about the reception from the Hastings community. They have decided that the expanded facility would allow Levander's to better serve their customers. This additional 2,500 square feet expansion is scheduled to complete in late February if the weather permits. "We feel privileged to serve Hastings and we hope that our new addition will allow us to serve everyone better!" exclaims Annette Levander. Levander's began their business as a mechanical repair shop in Grand Island in 1997. Soon after, they added auto body repair to



For all your auto body needs see the pros at Levander's Body Shop, located at 208 East J Street in Hastings. Pictured are (l-r) Annette and Brian Levander, owners, and Dave Nall.

their services. Since then they have increased their business greatly and have expanded several times. After realizing many of their customers were from the Hastings area, they opened their newest location in

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Sharon Randall Is Coming Back!

Sharon Randall, writer of an award-winning column that appears in the Hastings Tribune each Wednesday and 400 other newspapers nationwide, was last in Hastings in April 2000. The Hastings Tribune and YMCA are teaming up to bring her back to Hastings on March 27, 2010. A limited number of tickets are available now for this one-time only event happening at 2:00 p.m. at the YMCA, 1220 W. 18th Street, Hastings.

Sharon Randall began her personal column in 1991. Born and reared in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North and South Carolina, Randall grew up in Landrum, S.C., and has lived for 35 years in "California of All Places."

From 1972, when her first

child was born, until 1982, when her third child entered kindergarten, Randall was a self-described "full-time homemaker, Sunday School teacher, Little League scorer, and PTA volunteer." She credits her training as a writer to "15 years as a reporter, some 30 years as a wife and mother, and more than 50 years as a daughter, a sister and a friend."

A special edition of "Birdbaths and Paper Cranes," a collection of her columns from 2001, will be available for purchase at this event. Sharon will also be available for autographs.

Only 500 tickets are available for \$10 each at either YMCA location. Proceeds will benefit the Hastings Family YMCA Annual Support Campaign.



Sharon Randall will be appearing at the YMCA, 1220 West 18th Street in Hastings, March 27th at 2:00 p.m.

Some information in this article was taken from www.sharonrandall.com

Nation

DOG OPERATION

BARRINGTON, R.I. — A Rhode Island man who says he couldn't afford veterinary care for his dog has been charged with illegally operating on the pet.

Alan MacQuattie recently removed a cyst from the leg of his 14-year-old Labrador mix. The dog was operated on again by professionals to deal with an infection from the first surgery.

E.J. Finocchio, president of the Rhode Island Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, calls the surgery a "heinous crime."

Court records show MacQuattie pleaded no contest last week to misdemeanor charges of animal cruelty and unauthorized practice of veterinary medicine. He was allowed to keep the dog.

PLANE PIECE FALLS

MIAMI — A 17-foot-long panel fell from a cargo plane and landed outside a suburban Miami mall Friday morning, authorities said. No one was hurt.

It happened as an Atlas Air flight en route from Santiago, Chile, was starting its descent about 11:30 a.m., the Federal Aviation Administration said.

The panel landed in front of a Dillard's department store at the Miami International Mall, said Christina Bager, a spokeswoman for the city of Doral, the suburb where it happened.

Jorge Tadeo told The Miami Herald he was sitting in a car in the parking lot when the piece landed.

The Associated Press

Shark attack victim died from massive blood loss

BRIAN SKOLOFF

The Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.

— A shark up to 9 feet long likely intended to eat the man it fatally attacked off South Florida, a shark expert said Friday.

Stephen Schafer, 38, was kiteboarding about a quarter-mile offshore in Stuart, 100 miles north of Miami, when he went into the water Wednesday and was surrounded by at least three sharks.

In many cases, a shark attack on a human is simply a case of mistaken identity, a so-called "hit-and-run," when the animal bites a person instead of its intended target, another fish. But that didn't seem to be the case with Schafer.

"I don't think there's any doubt that this was an attempt by a larger-size shark to have a meal," said George Burgess, who oversees the International Shark Attack File at the University of Florida's Museum of Natural History. "This was more than likely a predatory attack."

Schafer was pulled from the water by lifeguard Daniel Lund, 46, who was himself a shark bite victim about 25 years ago along the same coast, an attack that left him unable to walk for several months.

Lund paddled for about 20 minutes to reach Schafer and pulled him back to shore. He died a short time later at a hospital. An autopsy revealed he lost more than half of his blood.

Dr. Linda O'Neil, an associate medical examiner in Martin



CHRIS SHULTZ/AP

A 2007 photo provided by Chris Shultz shows Stephen Schafer kiteboarding. Schafer, 38, was fatally attacked by sharks off a Stuart, Fla., beach Wednesday. Schafer was the first person killed in a shark attack in Florida in five years, experts said.

County, said Friday that Schafer was bitten twice, most likely by the same animal.

One bite was on his buttocks, leaving visible teeth marks, and the other a severe tear to his right thigh that gouged to the bone. His right hand was also wounded, but that apparently happened when the shark bit his thigh.

"It looks like the shark hit his leg and he put his hand down there and that became part of the same bite," O'Neil said.

The thigh wound, which severed branches of the femoral artery, was fatal.

"That was the more significant wound and would have caused death even without that bite to the buttocks," O'Neil said.

The culprit was likely a bull or a tiger shark, the most likely of the species typically found off South Florida to bite in a predatory attack, Burgess said.

"This one here clearly is an event where the shark knew what it was doing," Burgess said. If Schafer hadn't climbed on his kiteboard and been pulled to shore by Lund, the attack likely

would have continued.

It was the first deadly shark attack in Florida in five years. The last was in 2005 off the Panhandle, where a 14-year-old Louisiana girl was attacked while swimming about 100 yards off shore. Burgess said that attack was very similar to Wednesday's attack and was perpetrated by a bull shark.

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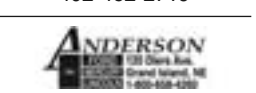
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The successful candidate will have excellent organizational and interpersonal skills, ability to meet tight deadlines and ability to work in a team oriented environment.

Salary is commensurate with experience. We provide a competitive wage and excellent benefits program that includes medical, prescription, dental, and vision insurance, 401k savings plan, retirement plan, life insurance (employee and dependent), and paid vacation and holidays.

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Part-time Outreach Coordinator/Recruiter
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Difficulty: 4 (of 5)								
5		6	8		1			
2					5			
	4			5				7
4		7						3
	9		6	2				
		8		9				
8		3		1		6		
		2	4					
	6			2			9	

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

HOW TO PLAY:
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

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LOSS CONTROL MANAGER

Allen's 100,000 sq. ft. Superstore is accepting applications for a Loss Control Manager. Must have Loss Control experience with strong ability to apprehend shoplifters. Excellent salary and company benefits including Blue Cross/Blue Shield insurance, AFLAC, Life, Dental, Cafeteria Plan, paid vacation and sick pay, 7 paid holidays, including birthday and valuable merchandise discount. This is an excellent career opportunity for the person who can oversee all areas of loss prevention including the use of our state-of-the-art electronic system. Apply office.



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Zoning Administrator Position -- 28 to 32 hours/week, some evening hours required for meetings; Computer skills required; Excellent people skills necessary; ag/live-stock knowledge beneficial; ability to read and understand legal descriptions and maps. Basic knowledge of and interest in Planning and Zoning laws. Completed application form with resume attached to be submitted no later than February 16th at 1:00 p.m. to Adams County Zoning office at 415 N Adams Central Ave., Juniata, NE 68955.

52 Educational

Extension Educator Stormwater Management University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Full-time, grant-funded, non-tenure leading, faculty position. Preferred location is Norfolk, Nebraska. Other suitable locations may be negotiated and could possibly include Omaha or Grand Island. The position will provide educational programming and statewide leadership in improving water quality and conserving water resources through an integrated approach to stormwater management and greenspace practice education. **Required Qualifications:** Master's degree with one degree in environmental studies, natural resources, engineering (Agricultural, Biological Systems, Civil, or Environmental), mechanized systems management, horticulture, landscape architecture or closely related field; or demonstrated experience in the focus area. Successful experience teaching in a formal or non-formal setting. Demonstrated ability to communicate (publications, teaching experiences, presentations). Criminal history background check will be conducted. Must meet driver standards according to UNL policy and have a valid driver's license. Review of applications will begin on 3/5/10. Position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found or search is closed. For a detailed job description, additional preferred qualifications and how to apply, go to <http://employment.unl.edu> and search for requisition #100043. The University of Nebraska has an active National Science Foundation ADVANCE gender equity program, and is committed to a pluralistic campus community through affirmative action, equal opportunity, work-life balance, and dual careers.

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52 Educational

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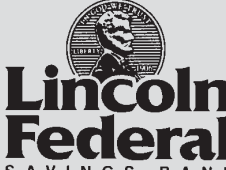
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94 Miscellaneous
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February 6, 2010

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Trip east a pleasant experience

Last summer I swore I was never going to travel with my husband again. We had just come back from a trip to Utah and some of it was stressful, to say the least.

Then one day a couple of months ago, Daryl said he was going to a groundwater seminar in Charleston, S.C., and did I want to go along?

"Sign me up," I answered.

I wouldn't be going to the seminars themselves, he said, but there would be activities for spouses and some things that the group would go to as a whole.

I was already packing my bag. I've never been to the East Coast and certainly not to Charleston, but I always enjoy learning about new things and seeing how agriculture is handled in other parts of the world.

We didn't rent a car when we got there, so I did most of my learning on foot. I soon learned that Charleston itself, the only place I could get to on foot, is not so much about agriculture as it is history and tourism.

I saw some spectacular historic homes and buildings. I wandered about in the market and tasted the local delicacies. I was not thrilled by the bennies cookies, which use ground sesame seeds as flour. I liked the local chocolate, though.

We went to a plantation one evening for an oyster roast. As we wandered about the grounds, a couple of things struck me. Plantations were their own communities. There were people who worked in the cotton and tobacco fields to produce a cash crop and people who handled the marketing and the packaging and shipping.

There were others who made sure everyone on the plantation was fed by growing gardens and cooking the food. Livestock was kept, and there were those who made sure the livestock was fed and healthy.

We walked around and stayed clear of the swamp that seemed to encompass the plantation. A tour of a swamp was offered at another plantation, but I was close enough. I don't think touring a swamp is necessarily a good idea.

I thought we would see part of an oyster-harvesting operation, but that occurs naturally in the ocean. Instead, I got a lesson on oyster shucking. The oysters were roasted — really, they were boiled, much like our roasting ears of corn — and then dumped on a plywood plank.

I took my glove and my oyster knife and proceeded to shuck. It wasn't as easy as some made it look. I was glad I had a glove on to hold the oyster or my hand would have been cut to pieces by the shell.

The good part was that we could eat them as we shucked instead of having to put them in a bucket and ship them somewhere.

They provided crackers and dipping sauce to help our eating cause, and I used those for the first five oysters or so. Then I got tired of having to stop between oysters, wrestle with my glove and the cracker and the dipping sauce, so I moved on to just eating the oysters plain and right from the shell.

They were good, but it was dark and my knife hand was getting cold. I also figured it would take about 300 of the oysters to fill me up, so I headed inside the building

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Denise Andersen



BRENT McCOWN/Tribune

Elbert and Marilee Aufdenkamp show their Hot Dog University diplomas and photos of their vending cart Jan. 27.

Hot dogs a joint venture

HASTINGS RESIDENTS
SEE DELICIOUS PROSPECTS
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CHARIS UBBEN

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There's only one way to make a Chicago-style hot dog, say Hastings residents Elbert and Marilee Aufdenkamp.

"A Chicago-style hot dog is a steamed poppy-seed bun and then it's a 100 percent all-beef premium hot dog. Then it has mustard, chopped onions, tomatoes, dill pickles, this neon-green pickle relish that they used to call Pickle Lilly, sport peppers that are kind of a medium-hot

pickled pepper, and then celery salt," Marilee said.

"And that's traditional, since the 1930s at least. They were a Depression-era hot dog, and it was like getting a whole meal in a bun. They call it 'Dragged through the garden' with all the vegetables on it. Or, back in the Depression days, sometimes they called it a salad dog."

No ketchup allowed, either. Vendors of Chicago-style hot dogs will sometimes wear T-shirts with a ketchup bottle in the center, circled and crossed out like a no-smoking sign crosses out a cigarette, Marilee said.

The Aufdenkamps do skip one ingredient when they're making a dog for themselves.

"I usually put everything on except for the sports pepper," Elbert said.

"Same for me. They're a little on the hot side," Marilee added.

Both Elbert and Marilee crunched into their first Chicago-style hot dog while attending Hot Dog University in Milwaukee. Called "the Harvard of encased meats," this two-day class taught them the business side of run-

ning a hot dog cart, then sent them into the streets to vend the dogs themselves.

The Aufdenkamps saw Hot Dog University on a national morning television show and enrolled because they felt it was time for a new venture.

Marilee turned 50 and the couple celebrated its 25th anniversary in June 2008. That year, they began to think about opening a small business that they could run together on evenings and weekends.

Elbert works full-time for Industrial-Irrigation putting engines together, and Marilee teaches nursing full-time for Creighton University on the Mary Lanning campus.

Elbert is "a pretty adventurous cook" and likes to share food with people, so that turned their attention to food service. They also wanted to bring something to Hastings that would be within everyone's price range but still felt special.

After research that included the Food Network, food magazines and more, they felt they found that product in the Chicago-style hot dog.

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Elitism in eye of beholder

Talk is cheap, but words have meaning. In a mid-January speech to the 400 or so farmers, vendors and state officials at the 10th annual Minnesota Organic Conference in St. Cloud, I spent most of my hour talking about words like "elitist," "educate," "farmer," "producer," "customer" and even "mule."



Alan Guebort

I thought the talk went well, but 10 days afterwards a letter from the president of the Minnesota Farm Bureau arrived to relate "a county Farm Bureau volunteer leader" had heard the speech and had emailed the prez about my "unrelenting attack of Farm Bureau, American Farm Bureau President Bob Stallman, and radio personalities in our state."

Had the ag leader been in attendance that day he would have heard for himself that my "unrelenting attack" consisted of two direct quotes from AFBF President Stallman's speech to his members at the group's annual convention earlier that week.

The first quote was Stallman's call for AFBF members to "aggressively" confront food "extremists": "A line must be drawn between our polite and respectful engagement with consumers and how we must aggressively respond to extremists who want to drag agriculture back to the day of 40 acres and a mule."

The second was more vague but equally charged: "The time has come to face our opponents with a new attitude. The days of their elitist power grabs are over."

Those are tough words, I related, so who was the voice behind the Voice of Agriculture referring to?

Maybe me, I joshed, because, after all, I was the only one in the building wearing a tie that morning.

Maybe you, I said, because the homegrown organic cheeses, sausages, ham, vegetables, milk, bread, butter and other treats you had served for

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After wet year, seed shortage may lie ahead

INCREASED DEMAND
A FACTOR, ALSO

MICHAEL J. CRUMB

The Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Dreaming of biting into a garden-fresh cucumber sandwich this summer? Better order your seeds now.

A poor growing season last year and increased orders from Europe could make it difficult for home gardeners to get seeds for the most popular cucumber variety and some vegetables this spring. Farmers, who usually grow different varieties than home gardeners, aren't likely to be affected.

Seeds for what's known as open-pollinated cucumbers seem to be most scarce, but carrots, snap peas and onions also could be in short supply.

"I suspect there will be some seeds you just won't be able to buy if you wait too long on it," said Bill Hart, the wholesale manager in charge of seed purchasing at Chas. C. Hart Seed Company in Wethersfield, Conn. "The sugar snap peas we're not able to get at all, and other companies that have it will sell out pretty quickly."

The problem is primarily due to soggy weather last year that



STEVE POPE/AP

Mel Brekke, owner of Brekke's Town & Country Store, talks about the predicted shortage of certain types of vegetable seeds this summer in Ames, Iowa.

resulted in a disappointing seed crop. European seed growers also had a bad year, leading to a big increase in orders for American seeds.

Demand for seeds in the U.S. soared last year, as the poor economy and worries about chemical use and bacteria contamination prompted many people to establish gardens.

Homegrown food seemed safer and more affordable. But some wonder if the wet weather that ruined gardens in many areas last summer will discourage first-time gardeners from planting again.

"A lot of people are getting into it, but it was a disastrous year for gardens last year because it was so cold and wet," said

wholesale seed distributor Mel Brekke, who owns Brekke's Town and Country near Ames, Iowa.

Kathy Gocke of Bondurant, Iowa, said she orders seeds early for herself and her county's master gardener's program and advises others to do the same.

"If you do it before the first of January, they have a pretty good stock," Gocke said.

Burpee Seeds in Warminster, Pa., bills itself as the largest provider of home garden seeds, and Chief Executive Officer George Ball said the company's huge reserves mean it will have plenty of seeds. But Ball said he understands why others might have limited supplies after a big spike in demand in the past two years.

"It was unlike anything I've seen in the past 30 years," he said.

Barbara Melera, owner of D. Landreth Seeds of New Freedom, Pa., expects carrot seeds to be especially hard to find because of big orders from Europe, which had a poor crop last year. Also, fewer farmers are opting to grow seeds, she said. Many now have switched to growing corn for the biofuels industry.

"In this country, farmers who grow things for seed are becoming an endangered species," Melera said. "The farms producing things for seeds is reduced significantly, and in the past two to three years they can get more money for growing corn for ethanol plants than carrots for seeds."

Jennifer Nothwehr, seed coordinator for the Shenandoah, Iowa-based Earl May seed and

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Wal-Mart lays off 300 at HQ

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DROPPED ALMOST
14,000 POSITIONS
OVER 13 MONTHS

CHUCK BARTELS
The Associated Press
LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Wal-Mart Stores Inc. is cutting 300 administrative jobs at its headquarters as it completes a yearlong series of changes to improve performance. The company has cut almost 14,000 jobs in the past 13 months.

Wal-Mart President and CEO Mike Duke told employees about the latest layoffs in a memo on Wednesday. “With this last major strategic piece in place, we are beginning our new fiscal year with every part of our business focused on being even more responsive to our customers,” Duke wrote. He said the world’s largest retailer trimmed its labor force to advance its strategy of improving its “growth, leverage and returns.”

The 300 being laid off this month at the company’s Bentonville, Ark., headquarters include workers in corporate affairs, finance, human resources, information systems and legal departments, Wal-Mart spokesman Dave Tovar said.

Wal-Mart, which generated \$400 billion in sales last year, has welcomed wealthier consumers trading down from higher-price stores during the recession. But it also has noticed financial strain among its core customers, including bigger swings in spending between paychecks.



In this undated photo provided by Wal-Mart Stores Inc., a sign in front of the company's Bentonville, Ark., headquarters is shown.

Duke said an essential part of Wal-Mart’s culture is always striving for greater efficiency. He said the company’s new fiscal year, which began Monday, is off to a productive start. “Last fall, we laid out three strategic priorities to deliver even more value for both customers and shareholders: growth, leverage and returns,” Duke wrote. “Each move has been designed to help us

become more global, take advantage of our scale, and move our business even closer to the customer.” The goal, company officials told investors in October, is to cut costs so it can lower prices for shoppers and in turn boost sales. Wal-Mart, which has 2 million employees worldwide, has changed its global sourcing network and, last month, cut

11,200 jobs in its 600-store Sam’s Club warehouse division when it turned over in-store demonstrations to an outside company. The cut amounted to 10 percent of Sam’s Club’s work force of 110,000. That cut included 10,000 workers, mostly part-timers, who offered product samples to customers and 1,200 workers who recruited new club members. Sam’s also closed 10 underperforming stores, which cost another 1,500 jobs. A year ago, Wal-Mart cut between 700 and 800 headquarters workers in its real estate, apparel and health and wellness departments. That layoff followed a reduction in the number and size of new stores Wal-Mart said it would build. The company also plans to renovate many existing stores. Wal-Mart said last week that it was realigning its U.S. operations in an effort to give more autonomy to executives in regional markets and reinvigorate U.S. growth. Vice Chairman Eduardo Castro-Wright said the changes would help the company better use its resources and “facilitate our growth as we seek to enter new markets and develop new segments across the U.S.” Wal-Mart isn’t alone in trying to reduce overhead as consumers continue to spend carefully. Home Depot Inc., the largest U.S. home-improvement retailer, said last month would lay off 1,000 employees as it cuts three pilot programs and some support positions. The cut amounts to less than 1 percent of Home Depot’s more than 300,000 workers.

Faces: Hot dogs joint venture for couple

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With their Hot Dog U. diploma in hand, the Aufdenkamps launched Hot Diggity’s Chicago-Style Dogs. It’s their own business, not a franchise, but they have branded with Vienna Beef. A graphic artist designed the logo — a hound dog holding one of their loaded hot dogs — and set up a Web site, www.eathotdiggitys.com. They purchased a steel vending cart — the kind they pull behind their car, not the kind

they push. Voilà, the Aufdenkamps were in business. They’ve served at local events like Cottonwood Days, Kool-Aid Days and more, as well as events in other Nebraska communities. They also cater to private gatherings. “It’s kind of like planning a big picnic or a big tailgating party. Get everything loaded up. We’ve gotten a system worked out over time,” Marilee said of preparing for an event. “My husband used

to work for Mayflower Moving Co., so he’s kind of a master packer. If there’s a crevice that something can fit in, he gets it in there.” Marilee notes that their cart is “exceptionally clean” because she is a nurse and very conscious of germs. Right now it’s more of a chance to spend time together than a money-maker for the couple, they said. But they’re hoping to add more events to their schedule this spring and summer, and to

see what happens in the future. “Our daughter is a freshman in high school, so once she’s grown and we’re close to retirement age, we could go on the road — who knows?” Marilee said. “It’s not a huge time commitment, and it’s pretty mobile. So, even if we’re out in Phoenix playing golf in our old age, we could still do the county fair events. We’ll have to first learn how to play golf, though.”

Guebort: Elitist or not, consumer is king

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supper and breakfast certainly didn’t come from the corn and soybean producers most Americans think of when they think of U.S. agriculture. In fact, I admitted, your idea of farming probably is elitist and a throwback to a mule-and-40-acres scene because you believe more strongly in feeding your customers what they want than in feeding the world what it can’t afford. I went on to note that while 1 billion people around the world will go hungry tonight, four out of five of ‘em will be hungry because they are poor, not because the food to feed them is unavailable. That’s a critical fact rarely mentioned by “feed the world” farm groups.

Another misnomer is calling farmers producers. Producers of what—pork, beef, corn, dairy, wheat? That sounds as if everything you grow comes off a production line rather than from a farm field, barn, pasture or ranch. Give customers — elite or not — a chance to pick between a pork chop “produced” by a pork “producer” or one raised with skill and husbandry by a hog “farmer,” and what chop will they take? Right; so give ‘em what they want, not what you want. And, please, please, please, I begged, farm and commodity group need to stop trying to “educate” me and everyone out here on what it is they do, want or need. Instead, farmers and farm

groups should honestly and openly “inform” consumers on what it is they do and how they do it and then trust consumers to make the right choice. Consumers are smart; they can already read and write. As such, they need more information, not more education. I finished to loud applause. As I walked off the stage the applause grew into a pulsating

wave that turned into a loud, long standing ovation. It stopped only after I raised my arms and joked, “Oh stop it; Lutherans don’t do standing ovations.” We don’t. Just ask any Lutheran Farm Bureau member. **Alan Guebort** can be reached at 21673 Lago Dr., Delavan, IL 61734 or e-mail at agcomm@sbcglobal.net.

Shortage: Weather, heightened demand could cause crunch

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nursery business, said she hasn’t run into shortages, but her company typically orders its seeds from wholesalers a year in advance. They received and packaged the seeds they’ll sell this year last fall, and because they set prices last spring, any shortage won’t affect them. Nothwehr also said that while popular varieties, like one known as the straight eight cucumber, may be hard to find, others are available.

“One of the most popular carrots we can’t get, but we have four other varieties we can get if a customer wants to try something different,” she said. Hart said his family business has a small retail operation, and he’s noticed people coming in earlier than usual this year, possibly because of worries over a shortage of seeds. “I don’t know if they’re hoping for spring or just hoping to get going,” he said.

Travel: Visit to South Carolina chance to soak up local culture

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where most everyone was eating barbecued pork. It was also good. In the end, my trip wasn’t so much about agriculture as it was about culture and history. We saw Fort Sumter and I learned about the H.L. Hunley submarine, which was fascinating — and a bad idea all the way around --- and we took a tour of a haunted building late at night. Yes, it was freaky. We took a trip to the beach in a taxi and discovered that

the beach is really cold in the winter. It was OK, though; it still looked and sounded like a beach. I’d like to go back, but the next time, I want a car so I can explore the countryside more and have more exposure to local agriculture. I would even go back with my husband. It was a great trip. **Denise Anderson** of Fairbury is a columnist for the Tribune. Contact her at 402-461-1264 or e-mail at tribune@hastingstribune.com.

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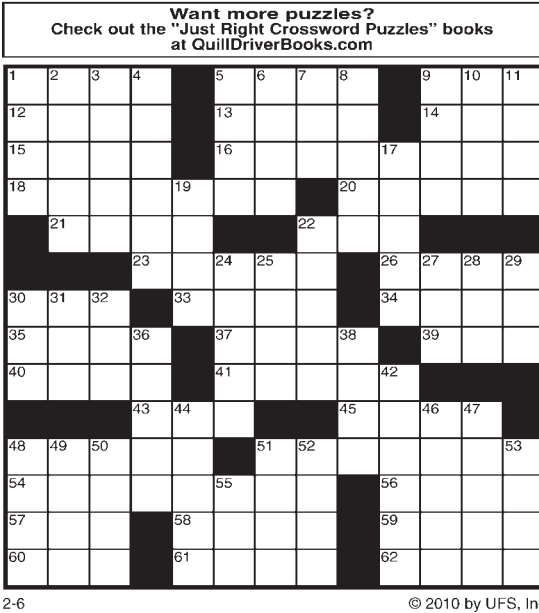
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Astrograph

SUNDAY, FEB. 7

Strong, established ties will become even closer and more powerful in the year ahead. You and your cherished relationships will bolster each other's efforts in ways that will help lift everyone up to higher places.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Family and friends will be looking to you to take the lead and establish the agenda for the day. You're the one with all the clever ideas to do something new and different.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Don't let anyone stop you from getting to the bottom of things that need solving. There's no one better than you at poking your nose beneath the surface.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — It isn't likely that you will want to spend your day without friends, so contact your pals early on and make plans that you can share with them, preferably doing something active.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — In order to feel fulfilled, your aspirations need to be in accordance with your highest standards. Excellence is the order of the day, so take on something that calls for it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Although you enjoy learning new things, you're more likely to spend your time engaging in a developed area. Bank on acquired knowledge to conduct your affairs.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Be cognizant of the fact that you have a certain advantage when conducting your affairs — experience. Get in the driver's seat, and take others where you want to go.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — By looking at life from another's perspective, it broadens your vision considerably, making it easier to get the cooperation of people whenever you need.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — People who have previously worked with you know what you have to offer. Use this to your advantage when negotiating an arrangement with another who needs your services.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Friends who have spent lots of time with you socially, and know what you have to offer, can help you in another area of your life. Let them do so when they offer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Be hopeful and focus on positive results, because it looks as if things are going to work out exactly as you would like. Positive thinking will smooth over the rough spots.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Stick to engaging in activities of a creative or mental nature in which you have lots of experience. By using your acquired knowledge, it will turn your day into a more gratifying experience.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — This is a better-than-average day to sit down and work on how to get more mileage out of your budget. You're particularly clever in figuring out more competent ways to do so.

MONDAY, FEB. 8

Although the year ahead could be one where the chickens come home to roost, if you've built a good foundation on which to erect a solid structure, your achievements will provide a great deal of satisfaction.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Friends or close associates are likely to be good influences in your life, so it's OK to let them call the shots — with one exception. Don't let anyone tell you how to spend your money.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Your chances for achieving some tough objectives are good, but that shouldn't give you cause to get careless and do something foolish out of sheer impulse. Be sensible about all things.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If you have faith in your ideas, you should accomplish most of your aims at this time. The minute you start to doubt yourself, though, you'll trip over your own thoughts.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Stay on your toes and be constantly alert in all commercial dealings. The moment someone catches you napping, he or she will try to pull the wool over your eyes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You won't go wrong if you heed your own thinking or the counsel of those you know and trust; however, accepting the advice of a recent acquaintance will be a poor choice.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Most everything you work on will likely do well. What can trip you up, however, is fatigue. If you tire, you're likely to lose momentum and never finish what you started.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Be your sweet self regardless of what kind of person you happen to run into. If someone gets on your nerves, walk away and don't let this individual bring you down to his or her level.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Your ambitions and good work habits are likely to remain strong throughout the day. But if you should have a momentary let-down, take a break and don't risk making a mistake.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Guard against making a last-minute change on matters that have gone particularly well for you. That alteration, regardless of how slight, could spoil what you've so skillfully accomplished.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — There are lots of indications that financial conditions will be particularly good, as long as you continuously use your head and don't get sloppy. The minute you do, you'll lose.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — In order to fully capitalize on what the day has to offer, you need to remain totally self-sufficient and try to operate independently from others if you can. Don't let anyone lead you astray.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Your perceptions with regard to things of a material nature will be right on the mark, but they will not necessarily be as good with regard to your social life. Watch what you say around friends.

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Teen reluctant to disappoint mom with a change of plan

DEAR ABBY: I am a 16-year-old girl who is starting to seriously consider colleges and plan for the future. I found an amazing school close to home that I'd love to attend — but there's a problem.

Two years ago, after much thought and consideration, I decided I wanted to be a doctor. My mother completely supported my choice and was more than a little happy about it.

I recently accepted a position as a tutor, and now I realize that I love being able to teach children and help them with their studies. The college I want to attend is a teaching college, not a school for premed studies.

I am confident in my decision to become a teacher, but I'm afraid my mother will be disappointed and upset that I no longer want to be a doctor. How can I tell her that my dreams have changed? — E.D. NOT M.D. IN MASSACHUSETTS



Dear Abby

DEAR E.D.: This is something that should be discussed with your guidance counselor at school. You set your goal of obtaining a medical degree when you were only 14. While your aspirations of becoming a teacher are admirable, it is possible that once you reach college and are exposed to a broader range of intellectual opportunities your goal may change again. This is why many college students declare their major upon completing their sophomore year.

As to talking about this to your mother, remember that careers in medicine and education have some things in common — among them dedication and determination. So start practicing now.

DEAR ABBY: My best friend and I are talented artists. She receives a lot of attention for her work. She sells whenever she wants to, shows her work in New York and teaches at a prestigious school.

I have many successes in my career, but I have had to work very hard for everything. She hasn't. I am beginning to resent it because I'm growing exhausted from trying to accomplish my dreams.

I have also noticed that on occasions when I have asked my friend for help, she hasn't followed through. I am starting to conclude that she doesn't respect me. I must admit that the amount of attention she gets for her work frosts me.

Is there a chance to save this friendship, or should we part ways? Or, am I too selfish and jealous? — **TALENTED ARTIST IN CANADA**

DEAR TALENTED ARTIST: Let me put it this way — unless you are able to find it within yourself to forgive your friend for her success, then I doubt your friendship will continue much further.

DEAR ABBY: My birthday is in two months, and it's a "big" one. As of today, two people — a close friend and my mother — felt the need to tell me that "someone" has planned a surprise birthday party for me.

I am disgusted that they spoiled the surprise. Why would someone want to take the joy out of something that way? I will do my best to act surprised, but it won't be the same.

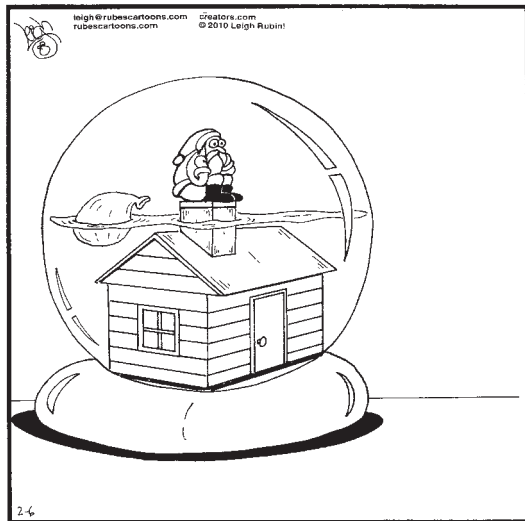
Abby, please tell your readers they are doing a disservice by doing this. It is not, in my opinion, the behavior of a true friend. — **BIRTHDAY GIRL-TO-BE IN GEORGIA**

DEAR BIRTHDAY GIRL-TO-BE: I'll pass along your message, but as your experience shows — some people just CAN'T keep a secret. Just as you wouldn't put water into a pitcher that leaks, it's a mistake to confide your secrets in the Town Crier. If there is an upside to this, it's that you know there are two of them in your life and who they are. Mum's the word!

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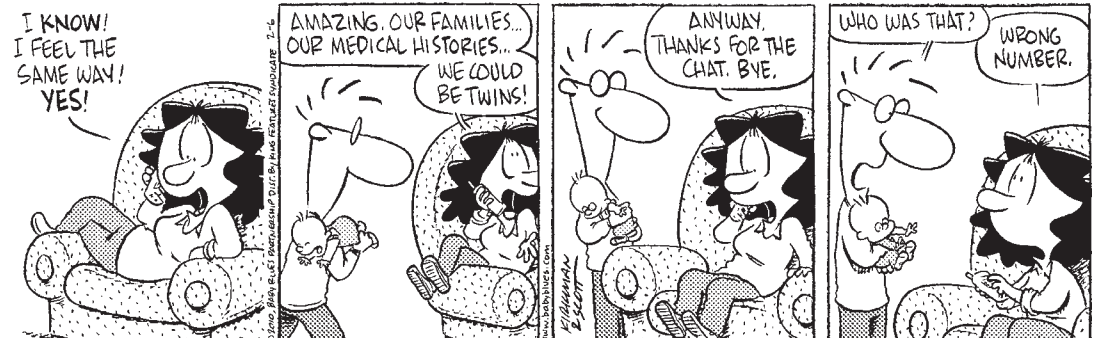
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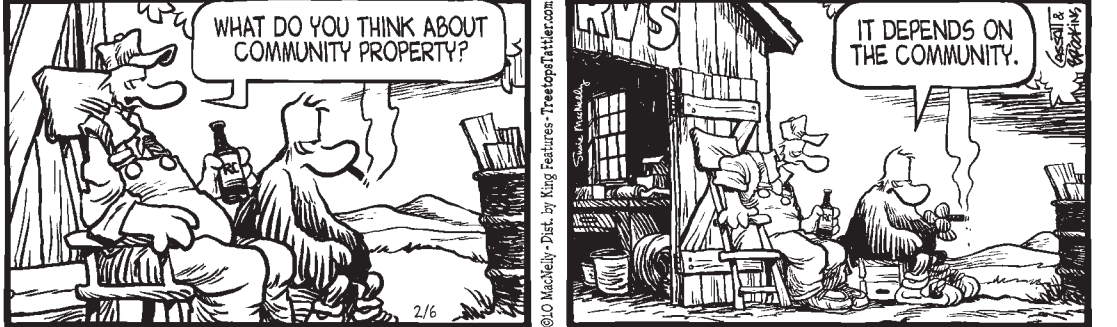
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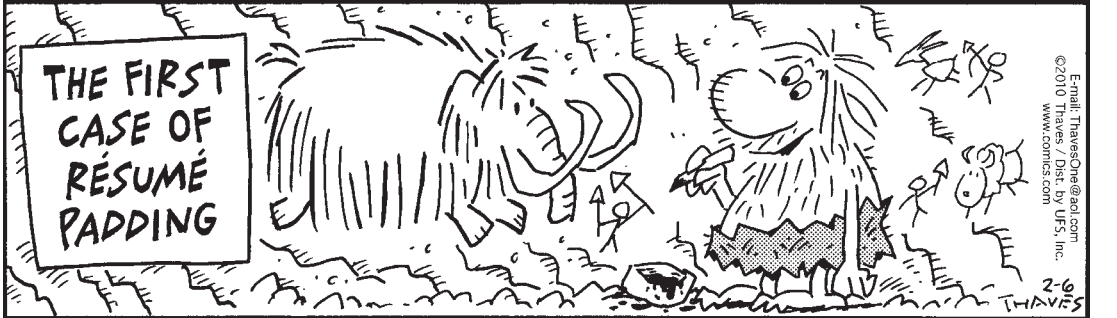
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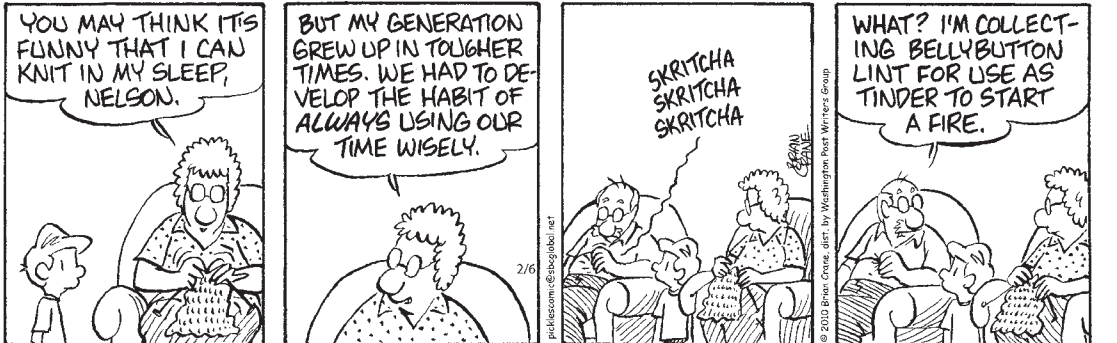
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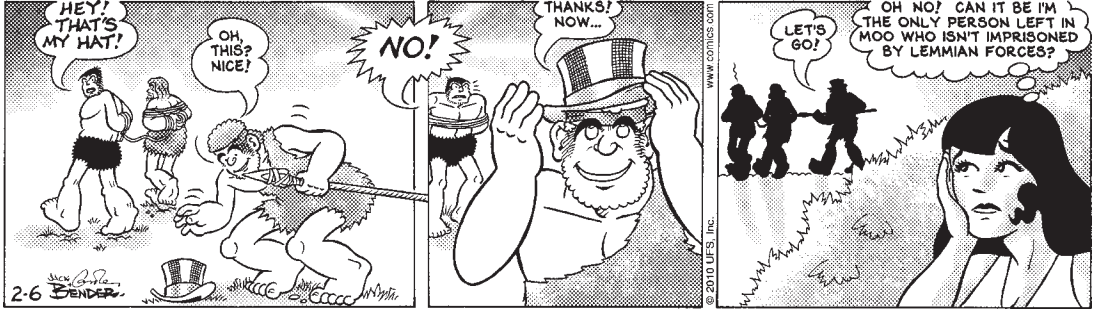
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Mama says go to church

Here's a rather predictable news flash: American mothers want the fathers of their children to stick around, help with the kids and go to church.

There's something else that united the participants in "Mama Says," a recent survey from the



Terry Mattingly

National Fatherhood Initiative: 93 percent of them believe America is suffering from what the researchers called a "father-absence crisis." An earlier survey by the same nonpartisan group found that 91 percent of American fathers affirmed that stark judgment.

The survey didn't include many religious questions, but the role of faith in American homes and marriages kept rising to the surface.

"What the religious questions revealed to us is that the mothers who were the most religious were consistently the mothers who were the most satisfied with the jobs that their men were doing as fathers," said Vincent DiCaro of the National Fatherhood Initiative, which is based in the Maryland suburbs of Washington.

"If you look at the whole survey, it's clear that mothers think that strong religious values help dads be better dads."

If there was a surprise in the survey, he said, it was the high value that American mothers — all of them — placed on "churches and other communities of faith" when it came time to name resources that could help fathers improve their parenting skills.

As expected, "very religious" mothers were strongly pro-church.

However, the value of fathers seeking parenting help from religious institutions also received a "very important" nod from 72 percent of the mothers who said they were "not very religious" and from 58 percent of those who called themselves "not at all religious."

The "very religious" mothers in this survey were different in other ways, too.

They were more likely — 69 percent compared to 51 percent for others — to believe that mass media consistently portray fathers in a negative light.

The "very religious" mothers seemed to value what the researchers called "communitarian" values, while less religious respondents offered more "individualistic" views on parenting issues.

Finally, added DiCaro, the mothers who identified themselves as "very religious" were the ones "who continue to believe that the role that fathers play in the home is irreplaceable. ... The really religious mothers are the only group that still feels that way, which is certainly a comment about how many people view fathers in America, today."

Since the survey focused on the beliefs and perceptions of mothers, it didn't provide new information about the actual role that religious faith plays in the faithfulness and effectiveness of the fathers themselves, both in their roles as parents and husbands. It did not attempt to show cause and effect.

"Still, it is of some interest that the higher the religiosity of the mother, the higher, on average, was her evaluation of the parenting of the father," noted sociologist Norval Glenn of the University of Texas, one of the authors of the final report. "I think it is reasonable to assume that the reason for that is that the more religious mothers generally were, or had been, married to men who were also

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In a Jan. 24 photo, Janetta Montgomery and her son Travis Montgomery visit with Daniel Coronado (left) and Robin Satterwhite after receiving an apple pie and a CD containing Bible passages in Shallowater, Texas. The men, who are members of the First Baptist Church in Shallowater, are taking part in an initiative by the The Baptist General Convention of Texas to spread Christ's word to every home in Texas by Easter 2010.

Baptists to flood Texas with Bible CDs

LINDA STEWART BALL

The Associated Press

DALLAS — The largest state Baptist group in the nation wants Christ's message of hope heard in every home in Texas — about 9 million of them — by Easter.

That's a challenge in a state as big and diverse as Texas, where more than a third of households speak a language other than English. Besides Spanish, Hindi, Tagalog and Chinese are increasingly heard.

The Baptist General Convention of Texas is promoting a multilingual, multimedia CD that allows folks to listen to key biblical passages in their native language.

It's part of a three-pronged campaign dubbed Texas Hope 2010 to convey what "we really believe; that there's hope in Christ," said Randel Everett, the Baptist group's executive director.

Pop one in a car CD player or load it onto an MP3 device and hear the third chapter of John explain how "God so loved the world" in English or Spanish.

Slip it into a computer and download the entire New Testament in one of more than 400 languages, complete with dramatic pauses, sound effects and background music. Organizers say they're not snubbing the Old Testament; the audio is not yet available in all those languages.

"I really think that people need to hear the Gospel in their heart language, whether they read and understand English or not, people need to know that God speaks their language," Everett said.

The CD includes a toll-free



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In a Jan. 24 photo, Steve Nieman (right), Daniel Coronado and Robin Satterwhite go over the house they will visit to distribute apple pies and a multimedia CD containing Bible passages in Shallowater, Texas.

telephone number and six 2-minute video testimonies of black, white and Hispanic Texans sharing their personal stories, some in Spanish.

"They're not celebrities, just ordinary people throughout Texas who have been rescued through Christ," Everett said, recalling one woman on the video who said she thought about killing her kids and herself before she found the Lord.

Proselytizing is nothing new, with modern examples being the 1979 Campus Crusade for Christ's Jesus Film, which used video to tell Christ's life story and has been seen around the world, to the door-to-door

approach used by Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses.

"CDs are just an upgrade of communication methodology instead of giving them a tract or booklet," said Elaine Heath, assistant professor of Evangelism at Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology.

In Alpharetta, Ga., the North American Mission Board, which is tied to the Southern Baptist Convention, recently launched an initiative to share the Gospel with everyone in North America, but they're taking 10 years to do it and it's not CD-centric.

Because the U.S. and many

Texas cities are now so global, Heath said local Christians must think and act more like missionaries who are going into a different culture. The CD is a good start, but relationships are still the key.

"When people ask the big questions in life, when they're hurting and in trouble," Heath said, "they need a friend who will put an arm around them and say 'How can I help you when you're struggling?' and an 800 number is not going to do that."

Scholars say the Baptist group is well positioned to reach every household by its April 4 deadline.

"I think realistically they could do it, the delivery system can be very effective if they can convince Baptist churches around the state to participate," said David Mills, assistant professor of evangelism at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Baptist group is relying on its 5,700 congregations and 2.3 million affiliated members to purchase and distribute the CDs, which cost them \$1 each. Because each Baptist church is autonomous, none are required to participate and several have opted out, saying they're too busy with their own programs.

Still, the group has found volunteer distribution leaders in 242 of Texas' 254 counties so far, each designing a CD dispersal plan that fits their region.

Believers are handing out CDs at block parties, festivals, food pantries, health fairs and door-to-door. They're mailing them to hard-to-reach places. A few doorbell-ringing churches are delivering homemade cookies and pies with every CD.

"The hot apple pie opens the door," said Mitch Wilson, pastor of First Baptist Church in Shallowater. "We let the DVD do the talking. We don't stay at their home or try to pressure them."

In East Texas, some residents without CD players or computers are getting real Bibles instead.

Sam Silva, director of Community Ministries with Park Cities Baptist in Dallas and Buckner International, said the church's men's Sunday school class bought and mailed about 20,000 CDs to a neighborhood of immigrants.



Courtesy Darren Tyler

Darren Tyler, president of the Conduit Mission in Franklin, Tenn., poses with a youngster in Jacmel, Haiti, on a past visit there. Conduit Mission provides support for an orphanage in Jacmel, which was severely damaged in the Jan. 12 earthquake.

Superior native directs ministry routing aid to Haiti

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In the wake of the powerful earthquake that devastated Haiti, a Superior native now living in the Nashville area is working to direct aid there through a Christian organization he helped to establish.

Darren Tyler, a 1989 graduate of Superior High School, serves as president of the Conduit Mission, which he helped to establish in 2007. The group is based in Franklin, Tenn., the city near Nashville where Tyler lives with his wife and four children.

Conduit got its start when a group of young adults began meeting for Bible study under Tyler's leadership. They didn't follow any prescribed curricu-

lum, but studied the Bible book by book, chapter by chapter and verse by verse.

Tyler said that as the participants became more familiar with Jesus' teaching and the responsibility of each person to become involved in helping those less fortunate, they devised a plan to receive offerings that would enable them to do just that. Conduit Mission was the result.

Tyler, whose parents are Clarence Tyler and the late Lynn Tyler, is a musician and an artist manager. Currently, he serves five clients.

He said his life was changed several years ago when he visited Haiti after a hurricane. He

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MAYOR'S COMMENT

LANCASTER, Calif. — A national Muslim group and an atheist organization are condemning comments by Mayor R. Rex Parris that the city is “growing a Christian community.”

Parris made the remarks last week during his annual State of the City address before an audience of mainly clergy and their spouses.

“We’re growing a Christian community, and don’t let anybody shy away from that,” he said, according to the Antelope Valley Press. Parris is also promoting a ballot measure that supports prayer at public meetings with reference to a specific deity such as Jesus.

“I need them standing up and saying we’re a Christian community, and we’re proud of that,” he said. On a screen behind him flashed a picture with a cross and the phrase “2010 Growing a Christian Community,” the Antelope Valley Press reported.

The Associated Press

Mama: Women want fathers to go to church

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high in religiosity.

“This relationship held even when the parents were no longer living together, and this suggests that religiosity helps men be better fathers even when they don’t live with their children or the mothers of their children.”

Woven through the entire study was the painful reality that, for many American mothers, brokenness has become the new reality in their homes.

For example, 84 percent of married mothers said they were “very or somewhat satisfied” with the parenting of the fathers they were evaluating. However, that number sank to 23 percent when the mothers and fathers were not living together. This is, the researchers concluded, the reason why the rate of satisfaction that African-American mothers expressed when evaluating fathers was only half that of white mothers.

It is easy to find the bottom line in this survey, said DiCaro.

“It is undeniable that the most satisfied mothers were those who had fathers who were living with them, under the same roof with their children,” he said. “Once again, marriage is the great equalizer, and that’s true for blacks, whites, Latinos and everybody. It certainly equalizes how fathers do as fathers, at least in the eyes of the mothers.”

Terry Mattingly is a columnist for Scripps Howard News Service. Contact Mattingly online at tmattingly@cccw.org or www.tmat.net.



CHRIS CARLSON/AP

Rancho Capistrano Ministries retreat center, one of the properties being sold by the Crystal Cathedral in San Juan Capistrano, Calif., is reflected in the pond Jan. 29.

Crystal Cathedral makes deep cuts as revenues drop

GILLIAN FLACCUS

The Associated Press

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. —

Blaming a struggling U.S. economy, the megachurch founded by Robert H. Schuller Sr. is pulling its signature TV program “Hour of Power” and taking other measures to offset a nearly \$8 million drop in revenue.

The Crystal Cathedral’s “Hour of Power,” which has aired for 40 years, will continue to appear on cable networks such as Lifetime and TBN, and on broadcast TV in markets including California, Colorado, Florida and Ohio, said John Charles, director of development and public relations.

“If we can just hang in there and be smart about surviving the downturn in the economy, this storm will pass and we will be OK and we can begin to grow again as a ministry,” Sheila Schuller Coleman, Schuller’s daughter and the church’s recently appointed leader, said in a prepared statement.

The church was founded in the 1950s at a drive-in theater and attracted congregants with its sermons on the power of positive thinking. Now boasting 10,000 members, its worship hall features a soaring glass spire that opened in 1970 and remains an architectural wonder and tourist destination.

The church saw revenue drop 27 percent from roughly \$30 million in 2008 to \$22 million in 2009, church spokesman Mike Nason told The Associated Press. The church had projected an 18 percent revenue drop.

Church leaders blamed the decline on the struggling U.S. economy. They intend to save \$4.9 million and stave off further financial collapse by selling 170 acres in southern Orange County, including a retreat and wedding center, laying off 50 employees and cutting “Hour of Power” from eight of the 45 domestic broadcast TV stations that air it.

Church officials declined to

name the cities where the program would be cut because station managers have not yet been notified.

The church will also cancel this year’s “Glory of Easter” pageant, which attracts thousands of visitors and is a regional holiday staple along with the church’s “Glory of Christmas” show.

The disclosure mirrors the troubles in recent months at other megachurches that have suffered from the downturn and reduced charitable giving.

Rick Warren, best-selling author and founder of Saddleback Church, made an appeal on New Year’s Eve for urgent donations after finding his organization was nearly \$1 million in the red. Parishioners raised \$2.4 million for Saddleback and its ministries within days.

The Crystal Cathedral doesn’t expect a similar outpouring from its members or viewers of “Hour of Power.”

Haiti: Superior native directs ministry

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said he thought he knew what it was like to be poor, but he realized he had no concept of the poverty he found there.

Tyler became acquainted with Jerald Lafleur, pastor of the Restoration Church in Haiti. Since then, Conduit Missions has been providing basic needs to orphans at the Restoration Ministries in Jacmel, a city southwest of the capital of Port-au-Prince. Jacmel proper has about 40,000 residents, while the greater municipal area has about 138,000.

The epicenter of the Jan. 12 earthquake, which measured 7.0 on the Richter scale, was about 20 miles north of Jacmel — close enough to result in heavy damage and casualties.

When the earthquake hit, Conduit already had a relation-

ship with Restoration Church. That was a great benefit, Tyler said, as one of the hang-ups in providing aid in a case like this is not being able to get the goods to the point of need.

Since Restoration Ministries already was established in Jacmel, Conduit has a landing place for the goods it could supply and the manpower to distribute aid where it can do the most good, Tyler said.

Conduit raised \$130,000 for its charitable work in 2008 and 2009, Tyler said. Since the earthquake in Haiti, the group has raised just more than \$100,000.

The money is being used to feed and clothe children affected by the earthquake. A group of U.S. pilots has volunteered to fly supplies into the neighboring Dominican Republic.

In its promotional materials,

Conduit Mission says it is able to turn donations into supplies that can be ready to ship in 48 hours.

Tyler said missionary work in Haiti is rewarding, and that the people there are receptive to the Gospel.

Helping Haiti in this time of crisis is rewarding, as well, he said — but the task at hand is enormous.

“I feel great about what has been accomplished,” he said, “but it is tempered by the realization of the hugeness of the project.”

He likened the current work to applying a Band-Aid to a wound that needs stitches.

Donations can be made on the Internet at www.conduit-mission.org or by mail to: Conduit Mission, 256 Seaboard Lane C-103, Franklin, TN 37067.



GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 1832 W. 9th St., Hastings, NE 402-463-5696 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. The Rev. Dr. Matt Fowler & The Rev. Dr. Lee Wigert	PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH 906 N. California, Hastings, NE 402-462-9023 Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m. Family Education Hour 10:15 a.m. Wednesday Night Family Service 5:30-8:30 p.m. Supper, Service, Bible Class Reverend Marcus Mackay
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NEW YORK AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 402 New York Avenue, Hastings, NE 402-462-9903 or 462-5379 Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. Sunday Worship at 10:45 a.m. Jim Donley, Lay Minister	SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL PRO-CATHEDRAL 5th Street and Burlington 402-462-4126 Holy Eucharist Sunday at 8 & 10 a.m. Sunday Church School Wednesday 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist The Very Rev. Robert Neske, Dean
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NORTH SHORE ASSEMBLY OF GOD 100 West 33rd St., Hastings, NE 402-462-5742 Sunday Mornings 10:45 a.m. Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday Family Night at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Youth at 7:00 p.m. at 405 W. 2nd St. www.northshoreassembly.org	LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, ELCA 1338 Saunders, Hastings, NE 402-463-2087 Sunday Worship at 9 a.m. Sunday School at 10:15 a.m. Broadcast Sunday 6:30 p.m., Wednesday 10:30 a.m., on Channel 12 Pastor Steven Peeler
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GLENVIL IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH 403 Sturgis, Glenvil, NE Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Jeff Glawe, Pastor	SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 400 S. St. Joseph Ave., Hastings, NE 402-463-3338 Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m. Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. Dr. W.T. “Bud” Israel
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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH 9th and Chestnut Streets, Hastings, NE 402-462-5044 Sunday Worship at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Education Hour at 9:15 a.m. Pastor Paul Dunbar	FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 7th and Hastings Ave., Hastings, NE 402-463-6733 Worship Saturday at 6 p.m. in Jones Chapel Church School at 10:00 a.m. Sunday Praise Worship at 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Alan Davis
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FIRST ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA 501 N. Burlington Ave., Hastings, NE 463-1329 Saturday Worship at 6 p.m.; Traditional Sunday Worship at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.; Contemporary Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Education Hour at 9:30 a.m.; Service Broadcast over KHAS Radio at 11:00 a.m.; Telecast on Channel 12 on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. Rev. Joel Remmers & Rev. Adam White	SOUTH STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST 200 E. South, Hastings, NE 462-5804 Sunday Services Bible Classes at 9:30 a.m. Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. Sunday Evening at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. http://goibay.com/churchofchrist/
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LIFEHOUSE Imperial Mall 3001 W. 12th St., Hastings (Northwest end) Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Wednesday Worship 6:30 p.m. www.lifehouse.org 469-5827	HASTINGS SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH 201 E. 9th St., Hastings, NE 402-463-1066 Sabbath School - Saturday 9:30 a.m. Worship Service - Saturday 11:00 a.m. Radio 74 - 103.9
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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH 465 S. Marian Rd. Hastings, NE 68901-7401 Saturday Worship 6:00 p.m. Bible Study & Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m. (9:00 a.m. Service Broadcast over KHAS Radio) Rev. Paul Warneke	JUNIATA COMMUNITY CHURCH 900 N. Platte Ave., Juniata, NE Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. American Family Radio Sponsor 91.7 FM Thomas Murray, Pastor Herbert Scott, Co-Pastor
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ST. CECILIA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 6th Street and Kansas Ave., Hastings, NE 402-463-1336 Mass Monday-Friday 7 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. Saturday Mass 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday Mass 7 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Father Joseph Walsh, Father Troy Schweiger and Father Andrew Heaslip	FIRST CHRISTIAN (Disciples of Christ) 1201 Sheridan Drive, Hastings, NE 402-463-7121 Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Reverend Dr. Judith Allen
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ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 715 Creighton Ave., Hastings • 463-1023 saintmichaelschurch.catholicweb.com Mass Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. and 8:10 a.m. Saturday Mass 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday Mass 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Confession Saturday 3-4:30 p.m. Father Michael Houlihan Father Dominic Phan	EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH 2015 N. St. Joseph Ave., Hastings, NE 402-463-1441 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Randy Madison, Senior Pastor Matt Sass, Adult Ministries Pastor Joel Stark, Student Ministries
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LAKESIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 700 W. 22nd Street, Hastings, NE 402-463-6776 Sunday School 9:30 am. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Night Ministries for all ages David L. Speicher, Senior Pastor Melinda Runcie, Associate Pastor	BEREAN BIBLE CHURCH 316 N. Lexington Ave., Hastings, NE 402-462-6365 Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship at 10:45 a.m., AWANA Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.; Life Groups, Youth Groups. Paul Knett, Senior Pastor Jeff Schneider, Associate Pastor
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 621 N. Lincoln Ave. • 402-462-5147 www.fpchastings.org 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Christian Education Hour 11:00 a.m. Worship Pastor: Reverend Dr. William Nottage-Tacey Assoc. Pastor: Reverend John H.G. Curtiss <i>Proclaiming the Love of Christ in the Heart of Hastings since 1873</i>	FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 2810 W. 7th St., Hastings, NE 68901 (402) 462-4136 www.fcuccastings.org Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m. All Sunday School Classes at 9:15 a.m. Reverend Barry Remp
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 401 N. Lincoln, Hastings, NE 402-462-5624 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Pastor Larry Harvey	NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP 102 S. Lincoln Ave. 469-1855 or 469-0756 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Fellowship time following service welcometonewlife.homestead.com Pastor Steve Markle
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NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH Independent-KJV 1204 W. 5th Street, Hastings, NE 402-462-0902 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Service 11:00 a.m. Sunday Night 6:00 p.m. Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m. Pastor Eddie Goff	ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA <i>A friendly open-country church</i> 2 miles west of Glenvil on Assumption Rd. 402-771-2257 9:15 Sunday School (Sept.-May); 10:30 Worship Youth, Men's and Women's ministries Pastor Renee Johnson
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ALL ARE WELCOME! IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA 5500 W. Oak Ridge Road (3 miles south of Adams Central School) Worship 9 a.m. Education Hour 10 a.m. Pastor Renee Johnson 1-402-771-2257	REDEEMER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (Wisconsin Synod) 709 N. Baltimore, Hastings, NE 402-462-9623 Sunday School 8:45 a.m., Bible Class 9:00 a.m., Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robert Smith
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Clubs

FIRST UMC WOMEN

First United Methodist Church Women met Jan. 27 for group meetings.

Group 2 met at Delores Galitz's home with eight members present. Kay Kloppenborg was hostess. Chairman Pauline Craft conducted the business meeting. Barb Peck led the group in the annual pledge service. Craft gave the devotions, which was a shared article on Haiti by Gail Ryers. Marian Heeren reported that among those killed in the earthquake disaster was Jean Arnwine of Dallas, a Methodist missionary who had been serving in an eye-care clinic.

Group 3 met at First United Methodist Church with 12 members present. Donna Dill and Shelia Smith were co-hostesses. Dill gave the devotions, "Celebrating Christmas All Year" and "The Gift of God's Son." Patsy Hoff reported preparing 26 health kits for Haiti. Louise Goding and Ruth Ann Roberts presented the programs, "Women in Bible Days Providing for Jesus Ministry" and "Women Today Supporting Missions."

Group 5 met at Nancy Strom's home with nine members and one guest, Bonnie Broderson, present. Mary Jo Heishman was co-hostess. Heishman gave the devotions, "More Stories From the Heart" by Ruth Graham. Broderson presented the program, "Aprons."

Group 6 met at Mint Miller's home with eight members present. Alene Rucker led the pledge service, "Renaissance Through Peace."

LAUREATE ALPHA
EPSILON, BETA
SIGMA PHI

Laureate Alpha Epsilon Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Jan. 20 at Ruth Svoboda's home with 10 members present.

President Phyllis Hobbs called the meeting to order, and the ritual was repeated in unison.

The minutes of the previous meeting and treasurer's report were given and approved.

Discussion was held on the Valentine's dinner, which is 6:30 p.m. Feb. 19 at Illusions Lounge at Pastime Bowl. Invitations were extended to the other chapter members and guests. Committees have made preparations for decorations, programs and meal.

A thank you was presented by Kym Warner for the cards and notes she and her family received after the death of her mother.

The group was asked to submit ideas to be given to the Beta Sigma Phi city council to use funds that are on hand. A discussion on future events and times will be held at the next chapter meeting and forwarded to the council.

Members met Jan. 23 at WineStyles for a social event.

The ways and means raffle was won by Alice Erickson, and the traveling basket was passed from Ronda Johnson to Andrea Towler.

Warner and Svoboda gave a presentation on the state of Hawaii. The program was called "Grandma's Night Out."

PAST PRESIDENTS
PARLEY

Past Presidents Parley of the American Legion Auxiliary met Jan. 25 at the Village Diner at Good Samaritan Village with eight members present. Helen Rothfuss was hostess.

Ada Zarek presided at the business meeting.

Lola Yetman read the opening prayer, followed by a minute of silent prayer in memory of deceased members.

Zarek led in the Pledge of Allegiance and the preamble.

Minutes were read and the treasure's report was given. There were no additions or corrections; the reports were placed on file.

There was no old or new business.

Yetman closed the meeting with a prayer.

Zarek declared the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting is 9 a.m. Feb. 22 at the Village Diner with Yetman as hostess.

OUTLOOK BOOK
CLUB

Outlook Book Club met Jan. 21 for a luncheon meeting at the Garden Café Restaurant and Bakery.

Dolores Galitz reviewed "What In the World is Going On?" by Dr. David Jeremiah.

GENEALOGY SOCIETY

Adams County Genealogy Society met Jan. 26 at the Hastings Museum of Natural and Cultural History with 18 members present.

Election of officers was held with the following results: Marge Pfeil, president; MaryAnn Shorey, vice president; Catherine Renschler, secretary; and Karen Butler, treasurer. Donna Merkle and Joyce Ruberson are new board members.

Pam Bohmfalk presented a program on resources and books available at the Hastings Public Library.

The next meeting is Feb. 23 at the museum. Carole Meyer will give a program on how to use the Internet when conducting research. Anyone interested in genealogy is welcome to attend.

CHRISTIAN
WOMEN'S CLUB

Hastings Christian Women's Club, a division of Stonecroft Ministries, met Jan. 18 for a luncheon meeting at the Knights of Columbus.

Jeremiah Knoop of Scotia, who is connected with Village Missions, was the guest speaker. He also provided the music, which he composed and played on his guitar.

Dixie Zoucha, who represented Curves, provided the special feature.

The next luncheon meeting is 12:30 p.m. Feb. 15 at the Knights of Columbus. Guest speaker DiAnna Perkins of Colorado Springs, Colo., will present "The Incredible Edible Orange." Jerry Adler and his bagpipes will provide both the special feature and musical program. All women of all ages are invited and welcome. For reservations, call Phyllis at 402-463-2680 or Rhonda at 402-462-6608.

DRUMMOND 50TH



Frederic and Patricia Drummond of 4190 West 82nd Street, Hastings, NE 68901, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, February 13 from 5-9 p.m. at Pastime Lanes-Illusions Room, 1400 West 18th, Hastings. Friends and family are welcome to attend. Their children and grandchildren will be hosts for the event. Their children are Frederic and Christine Drummond, Jodie and Greg Bard, Rick and Trisha Thaut and Roy Drummond. Patricia Clark and Frederic Drummond were married February 16, 1960 in West Des Moines, Iowa.

Senior 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: Meat loaf, baked potato with sour cream, peas, red apple sauce, apple nut muffin and sugar cookies.

◆ Wednesday: Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, cranberry salad, blueberry muffin, pumpkin squares with whipped topping.

◆ Thursday: Chicken fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, bananas in gelatin, whole wheat roll and mandarin oranges.

◆ Friday: Polish sausage, macaroni and cheese, kraut, grapes, bun and 7-Up salad.

◆ Feb. 15: Closed.

Noon meals are also 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 on the third Thursday of the month. Reservations may be made by calling the Golden Friendship Center by the Friday before the serving day.

Activists want
makers to come
clean on cleansers

The Associated Press

NEW YORK—It's the mystery under the kitchen sink: What's in floor cleaner? What's stain remover made of? And what effects might they have on human health or the environment?

Environmental advocates want to know. They asked a New York court Wednesday to use a 1971 state law to force manufacturers to reveal exactly what makes up household staples such as Ajax, Ivory soap and Tide.

The cleaning-products industry notes it recently ramped up voluntary efforts to disclose product ingredients. The Soap and Detergent Association trade group says the legal case is unwarranted and fears about health risks are off base.

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.

◆ The Tribune cannot print copyrighted photographs without written consent of the copyright owner.

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◆ The Tribune is not responsible for photos that are lost or errors caused by illegible handwritten reports.

◆ All stories will be edited for clarity, brevity and news value. For information, call 402-461-1251.

Anniversaries

CRAWFORD 50TH



Gaylord and Carolyn Crawford of 7580 North Highland Road, Hastings, NE 68901 will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary February 14. Their children, Shelly and Larry and Scott and Peggy request a card shower in their honor. Carolyn Schutte and Gaylord Crawford were married February 14, 1960 at Christ Lutheran Church in Prosser.

ALBRIGHT 50TH



Gary and Lavonne (Weaver) will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house hosted by their children Brian and Kathy, Darlynn and Dave Gerhart, Adrian and Dawna, and their families on February 14th at the Rosedale United Methodist Church from 2 to 4 p.m. Your presence is our gift.

Choices available
for stringing beads

You found the perfect beads for your craft project. Now, the beads have to be put together or attached to the garment or home décor item. There are many choices on the market today. Anything that can be threaded through a bead can be used to attach to your garment. If you're making a stand-alone item, e.g., bracelet or necklace, there are many options available on the market. Here are a few terms to keep in mind regarding ways to put your beads together. Metric measurements are usually used for beads and bead supplies.

Memory wire is made with hardened steel and will keep its shape. It's a really tough material and can be used with large or rough-edged beads. You can find memory wire in ready-to-use pieces or rolls. One suggestion is to purchase special cutters for memory wire as the steel can ruin other types of cutters. Cord is a generic term used for material that can be used to string beads. Cord comes in satin, leather, suede and cotton. Cord comes in many colors that can also complement your beads and works well for knotting in your bead project.

Another stringing material is ribbon. This can give you many more color options for your project. Ribbons also come in different size widths and is one of the items measured in inches.

Thread comes in two types: natural fiber (e.g., cotton or silk) and synthetic (e.g., nylon). There is no requirement that all beads be strung with only cotton or synthetic so the choice is up to you. On thing to keep in mind is that natural fiber thread is less likely to stretch and may not last as long as a synthetic.

Beading elastic is often used for kids jewelry or people who may have trouble working any type of clasp. The beading elastic comes in different thicknesses. The choice of beading elastic will depend on the size of the bead openings for your project.

Flexible beading wire is a type of stringing material made of stainless steel strands coated with nylon and won't hold a knot. To secure ends of flexible beading wire, you need to use a crimp. The end of the strand is folded over and pinched with the crimp to the flexible beading wire. It's important to secure the end of the strand as the nylon cover can wear and expose the end of the metal wires that can cause injury to the wearer.

Take the stretch out of some stringing materials by taking an extra long piece of your stringing material (more than needed for project), tying a knot at the end of the material and suspending the material (with several beads strung on it) from a hook or doorknob and leaving it sit overnight. This will reduce the problem of having gaps appear later as you wear your finished project.

Grants Available

The Sunnyside Board of Directors is accepting grant applications through **March 31, 2010**. Grants must be used in Adams County for educational, social or civic programs. Applicants must be non-profit organizations, or individuals requesting scholarships for use in Adams County. 2010 Application Form required. Request in writing to P.O. Box 1651, Hastings, NE 68902. Please complete legibly.

Birthdays

LIPSACK 90TH



Ray Lipsack will celebrate his 90th birthday on February 7th. His children Lonnie and Diane Lipsack and Kathy and Gayle Struss and grandchildren Scott and April Struss, Ryan and Ross Struss and great-grandchildren Emily and Evan Struss, request birthday greetings sent to: 211 North 3rd Ave., Hastings, NE 68901.

BIRD 90TH



Lifetime Hastings resident, Marybelle Bird, will be celebrating her 90th Birthday on Feb. 14th, Valentine's Day. Many of you will remember her as a piano/organ teacher and church organist for most of her life. Birthday wishes may be sent to the Villa, 931 E. F St., Rm. 607, Hastings, NE.

KRANAU 80TH



Arlys (Frahm) Kranau (formerly of Blue Hill, NE) will be celebrating her 80th birthday on February 14, 2010. Her family is requesting a card shower to honor her on this special day. Best wishes may be sent to: 8337 W. 68th Street, Arvada, CO 80004 or aklaru@aol.com.

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Study: Vegetative brains
show signs of awareness

The Associated Press

NEW YORK—Scientists have detected glimmers of awareness in some vegetative brain-injury patients and have even communicated with one of them — findings that push the boundaries of how to assess and care for such people.

The new research suggests that standard tests may overlook patients who have some consciousness, and that someday some kind of communication may be possible.

In the strongest example, a 29-year-old patient was able to answer yes-or-no questions by visualizing specific scenes the doctors asked him to imagine. The two visualizations sparked different brain activity viewed through a scanning machine.

"We were stunned when this happened," said one study author, Martin Monti of

Medical Research Council Cognitive and Brain Sciences Unit in Cambridge, England. "I find it literally amazing. This was a patient who was believed to be vegetative for five years."

Ever since a research paper four years ago showed apparent signs of awareness in a vegetative patient — one who was included in the new study — families of patients have been clamoring for brain scans, said Dr. James Bernat of Dartmouth Medical School, a spokesman for the American Academy of Neurology.

In fact, a spokeswoman for a patient advocacy group said the organization will urge families to ask about the type of brain imaging used by the researchers.

But experts said more study is needed before the specialized brain scans could be used routinely. "It's still a research tool," Bernat said.

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ICE IN HOME

LAS VEGAS — A couple was startled when a block of ice that apparently fell from an airplane tore a hole in the roof of their garage and shook their house in a Las Vegas suburb.

Penny and Bill White say the chunk of ice that slammed through the roof of their home in Henderson, Nev., on Tuesday morning likely weighed about 30 or 40 pounds.

Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Ian Gregor says falling ice from an aircraft descending into McCarran International Airport probably caused the damage. He says he's heard of only four to six similar cases in his jurisdiction in the last three years.

Bill White says the ice had gone through his roof tiles and a layer of plywood before shattering on the main gas line.

'PLUS ONE'

ISLANDIA, N.Y. — The tip-off was the sunglasses.

A New Yorker faces a \$135 traffic fine for using a mannequin as her "plus one" in the high-occupancy vehicle lane of the Long Island Expressway.

An alert sheriff's deputy on Long Island became suspicious this week when he saw the "passenger" wearing sunglasses and using the visor. The problem: The sky was overcast.

When he stopped the vehicle, he found the mannequin, fully dressed with a long dark wig, blazer, shirt and scarf.

The 61-year-old driver left with a summons.

RAPPING SOLDIER

SAVANNAH, Ga. — The U.S. military is sending a soldier accused of making a threatening rap song to Kuwait for a court-martial.

Spc. Marc A. Hall was being held at Fort Stewart near Savannah following his arrest in December.

Military charges claim he posted a rap song criticizing the Army for its "stop loss" policy that kept him in uniform past his planned discharge date. He talked about firing his Army-issued rifle and watching bodies "hit the floor."

Military officials said most of the witnesses for the case are currently deployed to Iraq and they will be needed to testify.

But a civilian attorney consulting on his case, Jim Klimaski, says it will make it more difficult for Hall to call witnesses in his defense.

DEPUTY'S DUI

BLOUNTVILLE, Tenn. — A Tennessee sheriff's deputy arrested on a drunken driving charge wound up in a dog house before he was taken to the big house.

The Kingsport Times-News reported the details of a Tennessee Highway Patrol arrest report, which said 47-year-old Samuel Monroe Bledsoe was kicking the windows of a trooper's cruiser on his way to a hospital for a blood test.

The report says Bledsoe was then locked inside the cruiser's K-9 cage for his safety.

Trooper David Osborne said in the report that Bledsoe performed poorly during a field sobriety test — even after it was explained to Bledsoe 18 times.

The Sullivan County Sheriff's Office later fired Bledsoe.

CEO TWEET

NEW YORK — In a tweet-ed goodbye, the chief executive of Sun Microsystems bowed out with a haiku.

Jonathan Schwartz's haiku on Twitter reads as follows: "Financial crisis/Stalled too many customers/CEO no more."

Within Twitter's 140-character limit, Schwartz tells his followers on Thursday that it's his last day at Sun. And that he'll miss it.

He had been expected to leave after Oracle Corp. closed its \$7.4 billion acquisition of Sun Microsystems Inc. on Jan. 27.

The Associated Press



TOBY TALBOT/AP

In this photo taken Jan. 27, Barbara Norris Allen poses with Bag Balm products in Lyndonville, Vt.

Bag Balm: Problem-salving for all

JOHN CURRAN

The Associated Press

LYNDONVILLE, Vt. —

Winter is most definitely here. It must be. The phones are ringing at Bag Balm headquarters.

Everyone wants a new tub of the gooey, yellow-green ointment. And all have a story about its problem-salving — they use it on squeaky bed springs, psoriasis, dry facial skin, cracked fingers, burns, zits, diaper rash, saddle sores, sunburn, pruned trees, rifles, shell casings, bed sores and radiation burns.

Everything, it seems, except for cows.

"Some, you don't really even want to hear, but they're gonna tell you anyway," said accounts manager Krystina McMorrow, who is half the office staff.

"I've been here 14 years," said accounts-receivable clerk Shawna Wilkerson, the other half. "The oddest one I've heard was somebody who reloads his ammunition. He puts Bag Balm on the bullet casing and it makes it easier to reload 'em."

Developed in 1899 to soothe the irritated udders of milking cows, the substance with the mild medicinal odor has evolved into a medicine chest must-have, with as many uses as Elmer's glue.

According to Bag Balm lore, the stuff went from barns to bedrooms when dairy farmers' wives noticed how smooth their spouses' fingers were after using it on cows' udders. The wives were jealous.

Bag Balm went to the North Pole with Admiral Byrd, to Allied troops in World War II, who used it to keep weapons from corroding, to Ground Zero for the paws of cadaver-sniffing dogs searching the World Trade Center rubble, and to troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Sold off pet care shelves and at farm stores for \$8.99 per 10-oz. green tub (with cow's head on the lid), it's made of petrolatum, lanolin and an antiseptic, 8-hydroxyquinoline sulfate — substantially the same formula used since John L. Norris bought it from a Wells River druggist before the turn of the century.

It is made in a one-room "plant" by the family-owned Dairy Association Co., Inc. — six employees, two officers and



TOBY TALBOT/AP

In this Jan. 28, 1999, file photo, Al Adams works on the production line at the Bag Balm plant in Lyndonville, Vt.

no sales force — operating in a cluster of converted railroad buildings in this small (pop. 1,215) northern Vermont town.

Petrolatum is shoveled from 50-gallon drums into a large vat and blended with lanolin from Uruguay, then heated to 95 degrees. A machine quickly squirts the goop into metal cans that are cooled, capped and packaged.

The plant is inspected annually by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, though the product is marketed for use by animals, not humans.

Distributed by wholesalers and sold retail in farm stores, national drugstore chains and general stores, its popularity has grown largely with word-of-mouth advertising as converts becomes users and then devotees.

Imitators through the years have included Udderly Smooth Udder Cream and Udder Balm.

The Dairy Association won't divulge sales figures.

In a 1983 report, the late CBS

News journalist Charles Kuralt said upward of 400,000 units were shipped annually. Norris' granddaughter, company President Barbara Norris Allen, won't say how today's shipments compare.

"The colder the weather, the better our business," said Ron Bean, production manager at the plant, which is open for tours but not photographers.

To call the operation old-fashioned is an understatement.

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In this photo made Jan. 28, Marge Boyle, a quilter from Paducah, Ky., applies Bag Balm to her fingers at her home studio. Boyle, the director of sale and marketing at the American Quilter's Society, said the ointment is used by quilters to keep their hands soft after handling cloth, thread and needle sticks.

Long-distance bicyclist Andy Claflin says he started using Bag Balm on a cross-country race last June, when a teammate turned him on to it for saddle sores.

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Why buy another home?

DEAR BRUCE: I am a recent widow at age 79. All of my kids live out of town, too far for quick visits, so I'm essentially on my own. My income is fine, and I can certainly afford the home I'm living in, but it's just too big now that it's just me. I'm thinking about getting a smaller home. What do you think?

— Reader in Arizona

DEAR READER: I have no problem with you selling your larger home, but is there some reason why you want to purchase another? Do you really want to continue having the aggravation that comes with home ownership? Have you thought about buying a townhouse or condo or renting and let them have the aggravation? You can rent for the same amount of money or even less than maintaining a home, and you should take into account the lost income on whatever money you would invest in a home. At your age, why not make new friends and have less responsibility?

DEAR BRUCE: I'm a doctor and I have been in practice for more than 10 years. I just rent my office space, but I need to expand, and there's no room to expand where I am. Should I look to rent a bigger space or buy a bigger space? I like the idea of not having the responsibility as an owner, but everyone is telling me I should buy. What should I do?

— W.R., via e-mail

DEAR W.R.: There is no right or wrong answer as to whether you should lease or buy. In one circumstance that I found myself in, I determined that I could not own as cheaply as I can rent. I understand that building equity has a lot to recommend it. Just like a tax issue, this requires a case-by-case examination. There is no "one size fits all." You will have to do the homework. Find out what you would have to spend for a lease, the tax ramifications and other costs, and then if it should cost less money, lease. You must put a pencil to the numbers.

DEAR BRUCE: Is there a way to find out a list of homes that are bought and sold during a certain time period?

— Reader, via e-mail

DEAR READER: What you are seeking are called "comparables," meaning sales of similar properties within a reasonable time period and distance. Depending on where the property is located there is a huge amount of data available on the Internet. In many places in the country, every single property in a given county is listed, when it last sold, for how much and the fair market value. Some counties offer no information on the Internet, in which case, go into the county offices and ask directly.



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President Barack Obama is launching an effort to help Americans save more for retirement.

Making retirement a focus

OBAMA MAKES IRAS,
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DAVE CARPENTER

The Associated Press

President Barack Obama is launching an effort to help Americans save more for retirement, hoping a government nudge or two can get them to do what many are unable to do on their own.

The package includes programs to guarantee all workers access to a retirement plan through their jobs; expand the tax credits that reward saving for retirement; and tighten 401(k) regulations to make them safer and more efficient.

Most of the proposals have broad support at a time when retirement security is increasingly in jeopardy. Pensions are rapidly disappearing, 401(k) balances have taken hits and nearly half the work force has no way to save at work.

The centerpiece of the push, the so-called automatic IRA, appears to have particularly strong backing. This would require employers who do not offer a retirement plan to enroll their employees in a direct-deposit individual retirement account unless the employee opts out.

Other elements are sure to run into resistance. The most likely to be controversial is a proposal to encourage people to turn over part of their retirement savings in order to get an annuity or some other form of guaranteed lifetime income. The total costs to the government, not yet known, could be an issue too.

No one questions the urgency of

Americans needing to put aside more for retirement. The personal savings rate has been declining for two decades, dropping to nearly zero before the 2008 meltdown prompted an uptick that may or may not last. Many families are finding it especially hard to save in economically turbulent times.

"It's not just lower-income people whom we need to provide incentives or help for," said Annamaria Lusardi, director of the Financial Literacy Center at Dartmouth College. "The shrinking middle class also finds it difficult to afford a comfortable retirement. These initiatives should help both."

The White House circulated the proposals this week, and the president touted them briefly in the State of the Union address. He pledged that the administration will make it "easier to save for retirement by giving access to every worker a retirement account and expanding the tax credit for those who start a nest egg."

Architects of the automatic individual retirement account plan said it will be included in Obama's proposed budget next week and could be adopted quickly. It targets the approximately 78 million workers whose employers don't offer them a retirement plan.

Legislation proposing auto IRAs was introduced in Congress in 2006 but languished.

"This is a common-sense, non-ideological and noncontroversial solution to a serious problem," said David John, principal to the Retirement Security Project, a non-profit research organization in Washington which is helping to

draft the auto-IRA bill.

Taken together, the administration believes the retirement security measures would dramatically increase Americans' retirement savings.

Here are more details of the main initiatives and some early reactions:

AUTOMATIC IRAS

Employers that do not offer a retirement plan would be required to offer workers the option of having money automatically deducted from their paycheck and deposited into an IRA. Workers' contributions would be steered into a basic investment option. They could opt out if they wish.

Employers would receive a tax credit for offering the IRAs, to offset any related administrative costs.

Auto enrollment has been shown to sharply increase participation in retirement plans, according to the Retirement Security Project.

"It's crucial that Americans have the ability to save for their retirement from the day they go to work until the day they retire," John said. "The automatic IRA fills in the gaps."

AARP, the advocacy group for people age 50 and over, quickly endorsed the idea.

SAVER'S CREDIT

The retirement savings tax credit, also known as the saver's credit, is currently a way to reward lower-wage earners who sock away retirement money. It is staggered so that the lower your income, the bigger your credit, but phases out at \$53,000 for married joint filers.

The administration wants it to target middle-income earners, too.

It proposes to match 50 percent of the first \$1,000 of contributions by families earning up to \$65,000 and provide a partial credit to families earning up to \$85,000.

It also wants to make it refundable, meaning you'd receive the credit even if you have no income tax liability.

"You'd receive it regardless whether you paid any taxes or not, and that's likely to be more than a little controversial," acknowledges John.

The government also would bear the burden of still-undetermined extra costs.

LIFETIME INCOME

Another proposal would promote the greater use of annuities and other forms of guaranteed lifetime income.

"Without a doubt, retirees are worried about health care expenses and outliving their account balances," said Tom Kmak, CEO of Fiduciary Benchmarks, a consultant on companies' 401(k) plans based in Portland, Ore. "Anything that encourages people to remove that risk from their retirement is a good thing."

The public reception is likely to be mixed at best, however, given the widespread suspicion about annuities — investment products that guarantee an income stream but sometimes come with high fees.

401(K) REGULATIONS

The administration wants to improve the transparency of 401(k) fees to help workers make better choices and guard against their returns being eaten away by fees and expenses. This proposal isn't likely to be controversial.

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NBC hopes to recover for Olympics

DAVID BAUDER

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — NBC's Conan O'Brien-Jay Leno fiasco has been a monumental disaster for the network, both for its public image and bottom line, as it prepares to pay an embittered O'Brien and his staff an estimated \$45 million to abandon "The Tonight Show."

Next up: the Winter Olympics.

A solid Olympics performance in February could go a long way toward rehabilitating the network. The past few weeks of bad publicity haven't helped, though, and NBC's struggling prime-time ratings hinder its abilities to promote the Vancouver games, which begin Feb. 12.

NBC also knows going in that it will lose millions of dollars on the Olympics but insists that no corners will be cut that viewers will be able to see.

"The squabbling over late night has really overshadowed anticipation for the games," said Shari Anne Brill, an analyst for the Madison Avenue firm Carat USA.

John Rash, an analyst for the Chicago ad firm Campbell & Mithune, said NBC's prime-time troubles hurt its ability to get people excited about the games and emboldened rival networks to program more aggressively against the Games.

But John Swallen, senior vice president of research for TNS Media Intelligence, cautioned against connecting NBC's other problems with interest in the Olympics.

"Ultimately, it's the competition and the personalities of the athletes involved in the competition that makes the difference between a ratings bonanza and a ratings disaster," Swallen said. "And you can't predict that until the games unfold."

In a strange parallel, NBC is suffering now because of decisions made years ago. Rather than let O'Brien escape to a competitor in 2004, NBC executives promised him "The Tonight Show" five years later and then tried to keep both O'Brien and Leno — an effort that blew up in their faces.

Similarly, the General Electric Co.-owned NBC agreed in 2003 to pay \$820 million for the television rights to the Vancouver games, compared to the \$613 million paid for the 2006 games in Turin, Italy. Reportedly, no other network came within \$700 million of NBC's successful bid to air both the Vancouver games and the London Summer Olympics in 2012. NBC bid a total of \$2 billion for both games.

GE executives announced late last year that NBC is expected to lose about \$200 million on the Vancouver games, the first time it has lost money on an Olympics since it began televising the games in 1992. Any expectation that NBC would take in enough revenue to make up for the significant increase in rights fees was dashed by the recession.

The U.S. Olympic Committee lost three sponsor companies, including General Motors, and picked up only one new one. The International Olympic Committee lost four companies, and picked up only one new one, according to the TNS Media Intelligence.

Sponsors can often be counted on for big advertising campaigns. GM, for example, spent \$112 million in Turin. Although the company will advertise during the Vancouver games, it won't approach that level, company spokesman Ryndee Carney said.

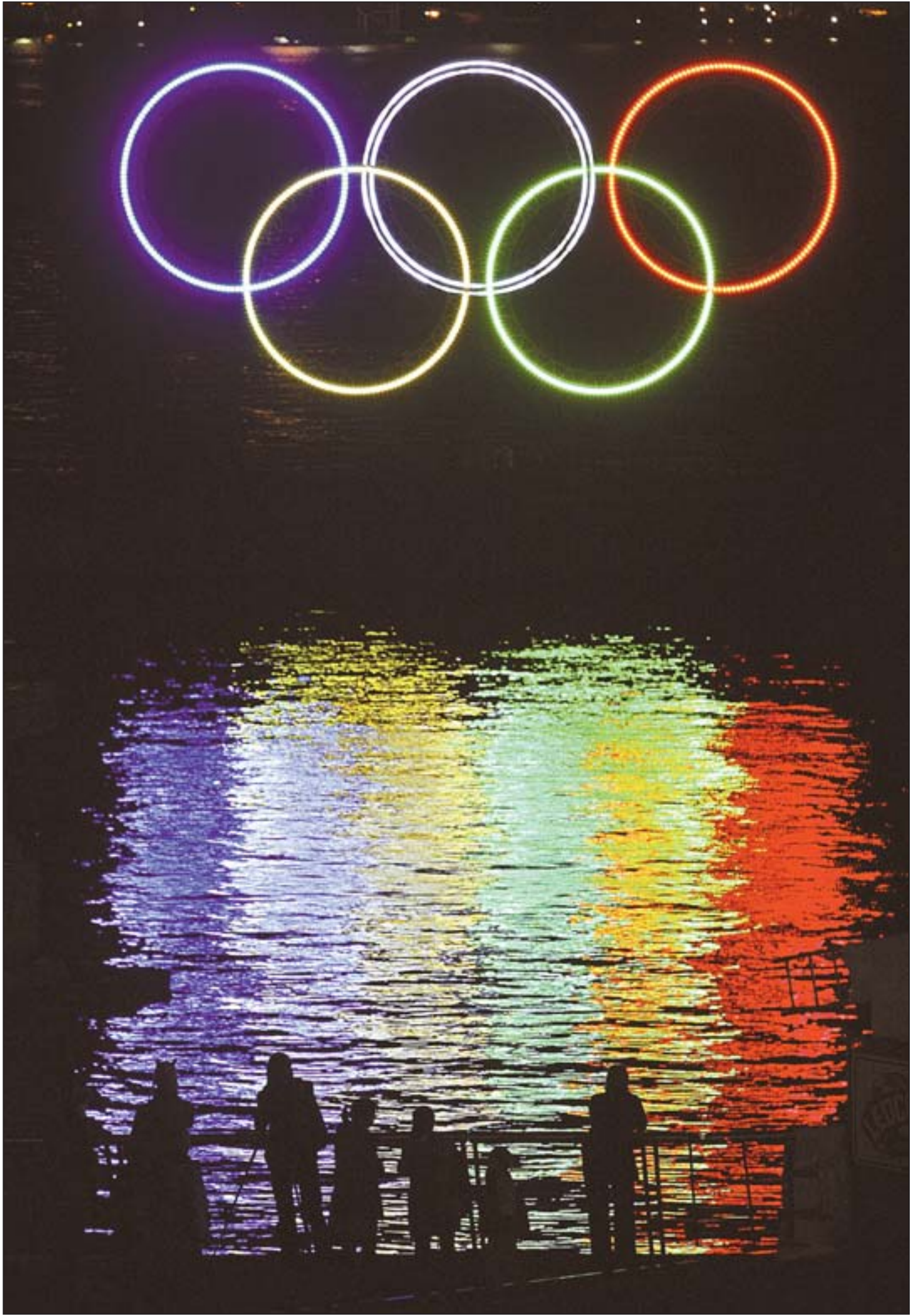
NBC Universal is televising some 835 hours of competition next month on the broadcast network and cable affiliates including USA, MSNBC and CNBC. The company is promising its advertisers that ratings for the Vancouver games will exceed those of four years ago, and there are several reasons to believe this might be true.

Olympic games in North America usually do better than games overseas both due to pride created by proximity and the ability to show more events live in prime time. All figure skating events, most speed skating and more than half of the freestyle skiing events will be televised live in the Eastern time zone, said Dick Ebersol, NBC Sports chairman.

Ratings for many sporting events have jumped in recent years because of high definition television, which makes them much more attractive for viewing. About one-third of American homes now have HDTV.

"This is going to be completely breathtaking, especially in HD," said NBC's Bob Costas, noting it would be the first Winter Olympics shown entirely in HDTV.

The Olympics are frequently used by networks as a promotional platform for upcoming shows, and while this is more important with summer Games that directly precede a new TV season, NBC has work to do this February. It must remind viewers that Jay Leno is returning to "Tonight" and demonstrate it is back with new programming at 9 p.m., including Jerry Seinfeld's new reality series, "The Marriage Ref."



DARRYL DYCK/AP

In this Nov. 4, 2009, file photo, people stop to look at a tall set of Olympic rings after being illuminated in the harbor outside the Vancouver Convention Centre in Vancouver, British Columbia. The opening ceremony for the Vancouver Olympic Games is Friday.

U.S. athletes carry sporty look to Vancouver

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The American athletes at the Winter Olympics will be ambassadors for the sporty style synonymous with American fashion.

The Ralph Lauren uniforms created for the opening ceremony and revealed Tuesday

include a navy puffer jacket with red stripes, a chunky white turtleneck, white pants and an alpine-style hat — with moose, evergreens and American flags.

"I really hope the outfits are going to keep us warm — it's what I'm wearing," said David Lauren, the company's senior

vice president of advertising, marketing and communications, who'll be making the trip to Vancouver.

The U.S. Olympic Committee reviewed designs at all phases, including inspiration boards and sketches. Final outfits are now being distributed to athletes.

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TV

RATINGS

Prime-time viewership numbers compiled by the Nielsen Co. for Jan. 25-31. Listings include the week's ranking and viewership.

1. "Grammy Awards," CBS, 25.87 million.
2. "American Idol" (Wednesday), Fox, 25.71 million.
3. "American Idol" (Tuesday), Fox, 24.45 million.
4. "NCIS," CBS, 20.22 million.
5. "NCIS: Los Angeles," CBS, 16.94 million.
6. "House," Fox, 14.21 million.
7. "Bones," Fox, 12.331 million.
8. "60 Minutes," CBS, 12.328 million.
9. "Two and a Half Men," CBS, 12.07 million.
10. "The Big Bang Theory," CBS, 11.5 million.

FOX NEWS ON ROLL

NEW YORK — Fox News Channel is on a roll, with January its best month in prime-time ratings since the 2008 presidential election. Meanwhile, the Nielsen Co. says CNN reclaimed second place from MSNBC for the first time in six months. The Massachusetts Senate election helped drive viewers to Fox, which averaged 2.94 million viewers in prime-time in January. That's up sharply from the 2.29 million viewers last January, the month President Barack Obama was inaugurated. Fox hasn't seen such numbers since the 3.1 million average in November 2008. CNN was heartened to vault past MSNBC, which had been making gains with an opinionated lineup. CNN averaged 946,000 viewers in prime-time in January, compared with MSNBC's 838,000. Each of the news networks had bigger audiences in January than they did in December; CNN and MSNBC viewership dropped compared with January 2009.

MISS AMERICA

LAS VEGAS — Cable network TLC says the Miss America pageant broadcast over the weekend attracted 4.5 million viewers. TLC says it's the largest number of viewers of any Miss America telecast shown on cable. Miss Virginia Caressa Cameron won the crown Saturday night. The 22-year-old emerged from a field of 53 contestants after swimsuit, evening gown, talent and interview competitions. TLC says the pageant telecast was ranked No. 1 for the night on cable channels, excluding movies. Saturday's 4.5 million viewers was a million more than last year but far less than the 33 million who watched the pageant on broadcast TV in 1988.

Theater

'AMERICAN PSYCHO'

NEW YORK — If the malevolent Sweeney Todd can sing, why not Patrick Bateman, the twisted title character of Bret Easton Ellis' "American Psycho"? A stage adaptation of Ellis' celebrated novel about a handsome, homicidal Wall Street banker is in the works, featuring a score by "Spring Awakening" composer Duncan Sheik and a book by playwright Roberto Aguirre-Sacasa, currently writing for the HBO television series "Big Love." Sheik said Tuesday in a statement that he reread the Bret Easton Ellis' book and what "may have seen as an over-the-top literary folly of the early '90s was in fact a pretty timeless tale of alienation."

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Life in 'The Middle'

PATRICIA HEATON
AT HOME WITH LAUGHS

FRAZIER MOORE
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Patricia Heaton is a wife and mom again. Of course, much is changed on "The Middle," her freshman ABC domestic comedy, after "Everybody Loves Raymond," where for nine hit seasons she played a frazzled hausfrau opposite Ray Romano. "It's not normally a great choice, to repeat yourself," says Heaton, acknowledging her knee-jerk reluctance to go home again, sitcom-wise. But "The Middle," which airs Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., offered her a different place to settle. "It's from the mom's point of view, and it's not with a bumbling dad who can never do anything right," she says. "It's about trying to keep the marriage lively and raise the kids right, but not having enough time and energy to do any of those things." It's also far removed from the Barones' testy Long Island home-stead. "The Middle" — presided over by its middle-class, nearing-midlife couple, the Hecks — is rooted firmly in the Midwest. There, home is more loving and hopeful than on "Raymond," if no less challenging, frantic and funny. And frumpy. At 51, Heaton is a looker, but as pushed-to-the-limit housewife Frankie, she looks authentically dressed down. "The plainer I am, the better," says Heaton. "I have these bangs that I clip on. The bangs are the last thing to go on. Then, I can really do the character." In their small Indiana town, husband Mike (Neil Flynn) is a manager at a local quarry while Frankie supplements her household duties by trying

Beach House grows into their own with 'Teen Dream'

JAKE COYLE
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Since forming in 2004, the Baltimore duo Beach House has meticulously arranged atmospheric songs around a simple, often dreamy melody. Now, like one of its fleshed-out songs carefully built from a modest start, the band has grown into its own. Beach House is centered on the soaring, raspy alto of Victoria Legrand, 28, who plays organ. Alex Scally, 27, accompanies with a guitar that punctuates with shimmering slide work or thick, romantic riffs. They've just released their third album, "Teen Dream," a highly anticipated release in indie circles and the blogosphere — which has greeted it rapturously. It's their first disc for the highly regarded Seattle label Sub Pop, and there's an unmistakable sense that their moment has arrived. "We're learning how to be ourselves in music," says Legrand. "It takes your whole life, maybe." Relaxing backstage at "Late Night With Jimmy Fallon" before appearing to play "Zebra,"



Alex Scally (right) and Victoria Legrand of the group Beach House are shown in New York on Jan. 26.

the first track on "Teen Dream," Scally and Legrand are refreshingly unpretentious for a duo as hip as they are at this moment. But make no mistake: They realize they're at a turning point. "It's a big step up," says Scally. "It's a huge display of growth that couldn't have happened without tons of touring and working and writing and discovering and trying. We're just getting our legs."

Scally grew up in Baltimore. He was classically trained on the piano but is most expert on the bass. He only began playing guitar when Beach House formed. Legrand was born in Paris (her uncle is French composer Michel Legrand), raised in Philadelphia and later moved to Baltimore, where she met Scally through a mutual musician friend. Though their relationship is platonic, they immedi-

ately had, as Scally says, "supernatural chemistry." They say their sound has since gotten darker, "more Depeche-Moded-out," but when they began playing together, they shared an obsession for warm, fuzzy 1960s sounds like the Zombies, the Mamas and the Papas, and Donovan. "We always start with some really small thing — like a melody, a drum beat, a few chords," says Scally. "We really slowly build it up until it's done. Just about every single song goes like that." Their 2006 self-titled disc and 2008's "Devotion" put Beach House on the radar of many indie fans. They also toured with Grizzly Bear, with whom Legrand sang on their modest hit "Two Weeks." One of their best attributes is Legrand's voice, which has often been compared to Nico's or that of Hope Sandoval of Mazzy Star. But on "Teen Dream," Legrand, who was trained in opera, sounds distinctive. "When we started, she had this great voice but it didn't have a ton of her own identity yet. The whole album is based around her voice. The most interesting thing we can do is have her sing," Scally says. Though there's scant let up in the 10 songs of "Teen Dream," the standout is perhaps "Walk in the Park," a transportive torch song about the disappearing memory of an old love. Not sure if they should divulge such an embarrassment, the two confess that they built the first version of "Walk in the Park" in "an epic battle" until they realized it sounded familiar. "We were like ... it sounds just like that ... song 'Two Weeks,'" recalls Scally. They had to start over.

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Elfman helps TV viewers find the funny

ALICIA RANCILIO
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jenna Elfman knows comedy. She starred in “Dharma & Greg” from 1997-2002 and won a Golden Globe Award and was nominated twice for an Emmy.

Now, Elfman plays a 30-ish movie critic who has a one-night stand with a guy in his 20s on CBS’ “Accidentally on Purpose” (Mondays, 7:30 p.m.). She ends up pregnant and the two decide to raise the baby together. Elfman, 38, who is pregnant with her second child in real life, talks about her show and finding the funny in life, in a phone interview with The Associated Press from Los Angeles.

AP: Do you like the pairing of your character, Billie, and the father of her child, Zach, on “Accidentally on Purpose”?

Elfman: I like playing them as a couple because they’re so different and they have such a great friendship, and it’s been a lot of fun playing it and I’m kind of liking playing that.

AP: Will future episodes focus more on the age difference between Zach and Billie?

Elfman: It’s always going to present difficulties and their whole point of reference is different. ... It’s someone who has a lot of life experience and someone with minimal life experience trying to raise a kid and find out who they are together.

AP: You’ve been married a long time (she wed actor Bodhi Elfman in 1995). That’s rare in Hollywood.

Elfman: I’ll say!
AP: What’s your secret?

Elfman: We don’t have secrets. And we stay real clean with each other. If we break an agreement or we do something the other doesn’t like, we say so. When all things are known it’s amazing how healthy the relationship stays.

AP: Is playing pregnant while you’re pregnant easier?

Elfman: The whole universe of being pregnant is a very specific, particular sensation for a woman so being pregnant while playing pregnant is really cool.

AP: The classic sitcom has had a hard time in recent years thanks to reality TV and the single-camera comedy. Is that affecting your show?

Elfman: I think it’s going to take (viewers) getting used to it again. The trend and the zeitgeist has changed. This generation of television viewers’ point of reference has shifted in terms of what they’re used to. ... I think with “The Big Bang Theory,” “Two and a Half Men” and “How I Met Your Mother” being so popular, the classic sitcom is getting back into the cultural zeitgeist. ... It’s challenging but not horrific. Our ratings have been going up and up.”

AP: Your comedic timing is interesting and you’re great with snappy dialogue. Do you work at that?

Elfman: It’s nothing I sit around and think about. ... I just love comedy and I love sitcoms. I think if you really look, there’s a lot that’s funny in life. ... I’m always people-watching like nonstop, and I think doing that I’ve become educated into humorous rhythms from different moments in life.

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23 Sorcerer behind Amin’s rise to power?
25 Brand X
26 Sage
27 “Top Gun” planes
28 Sore
30 “Come ___?” (“How are you?” in Italy)
31 Military wear
33 Dodging mid-town traffic?
35 ___ 101, world’s tallest building, 2004-07
38 Suicide squeeze result, for short
40 “___ Means I Love You” (1968 Delfonics hit)
41 1964 Cassius Clay announcement?
46 Aspiring atty.’s hurdle
50 Put in
51 Kind of tour, for short
52 Coach Parseghian
53 Something under a tired eye, maybe
54 Suffix on era names
55 Calls of port?
57 Average karate instructor?
61 The Jackson 5 had five
63 “The Black Cat” writer
64 Long-distance call letters
65 “48” ___
66 “Yummy! Here comes your tuna sashimi!”?
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73 It’s just below les yeux
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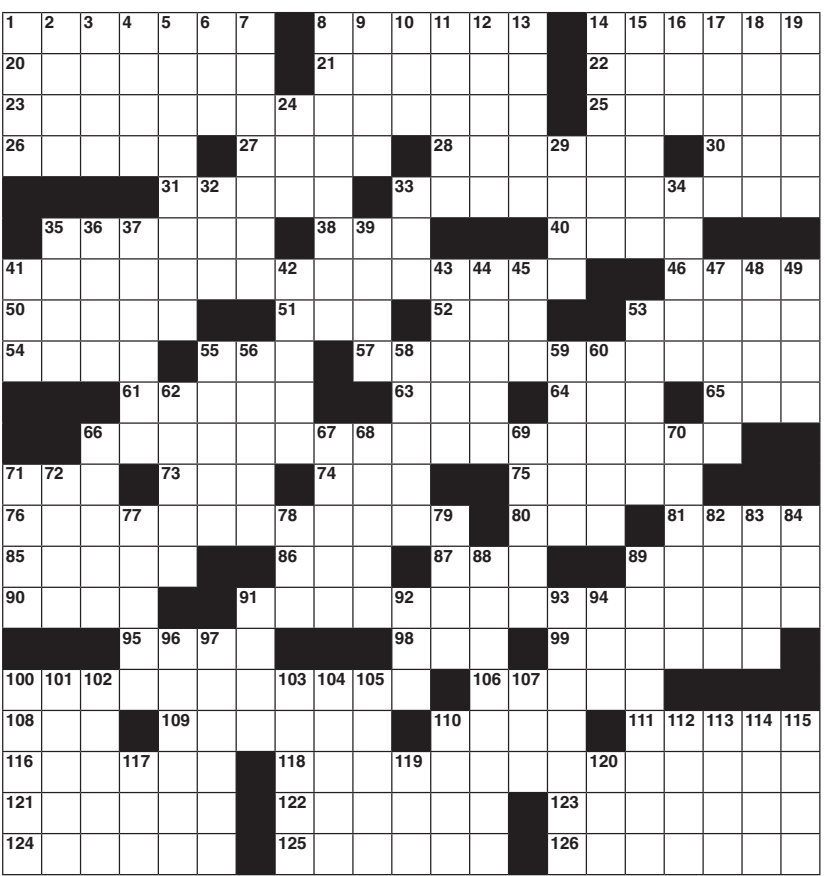
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76 Lightsaber-wielding hillbilly of TV?
80 CD predeces-sors
81 Place to watch Truffaut, e.g.
85 Get up
86 Private eye
87 Conditions
89 “Cheers!”
90 ___-Rooter
91 Invitation to cocktails with pianist Ramsey?
95 Film character known for her burns
98 Hoff who wrote and illustrated “Danny and the Dinosaur”
99 Like medieval Europe
100 Rotisserie on a Hawaiian porch?
106 Solzhenitsyn topic
108 Equal: Prefix
109 Judge of Israel, in Judges
110 Eye ___
111 It might hold the solution
116 Graceful women
118 Cranky question on the Himalayan trail?
121 Pigtailed, e.g.
122 Out for someone on the inside
123 1964 and 1976 Winter Olympics host
124 Don Quixote’s squire
125 Ran off
126 Showy streakers

DOWN

1 Jet-setters’ jets, once
2 Blogger’s preface
3 “The Seven Joys of Mary,” e.g.
4 Part of Lawrence Welk’s intro
5 Popular laptop
6 Tract for a tribe, briefly
7 “The Passion

of the Christ” language
8 Donna Summer #1 hit
9 Those muchachos
10 Call, as a game
11 “On This Night of a Thousand Stars” musical
12 UPS rival
13 Certain Caribbean, for short
14 Home of the Palace of Nations
15 Like the stranger in Camus’ “The Stranger”
16 D.C. V.I.P.
17 Luca ___, “The Godfather” character
18 “We ___ please”
19 Collect slowly
24 7’4” former N.B.A. star Smits
29 ___ meat
32 Farm layer
33 Comic Conway

34 Art exhibition hall
35 List heading
36 Autobahn auto
37 Global warming panel concern
39 Faction
41 1960s-’80s Red Sox nickname
42 Too, in Toulon
43 Former Irish P.M. ___ de Valera
44 Having heat?
45 Thai neighbor
47 Offering at some bars
48 Taiwanese computer maker
49 “Get ___!”
53 Corolla part
55 Synthetic fiber
56 “Holy cow!”
58 Eye-twisting display
59 Civil rights org.
60 Sights on sore eyes?
62 One running a hot business?
66 Bit of gossip
67 One who may



have red eyes
68 At attention
69 Chip dip
70 Got in illicitly
71 Almost closed
72 Lancelot portrayer, 1967
77 Capri, e.g.
78 N.Y.C. bus insignia
79 Baby
82 “The Bridges of Madison County” setting
83 Get exactly right
84 Loop loopers
88 Had ants in one’s pants
89 High-scoring baseball game
91 Adams of “Octopussy”
92 Land that’s largely desert: Abbr.
93 Lions or Bears
94 Narc’s org.
96 Pizza slice, usually
97 “Yes, indeed”
100 Features of Castilian speech
101 Refugees
102 “A Tree Grows

in Brooklyn” family name
103 Brings in
104 Jones who sang “Sunrise/ Looks like morning in your eyes”
105 January, in

Jalisco
107 Seat, slangily
110 Marketing leader?
112 Suffix with electro-
113 Sleek, for short

114 Ado
115 Big Korean exports
117 It may have redeye
119 Try to win
120 Morgue, for one

ANSWERS TO LAST SATURDAY’S PUZZLE

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Middle: Heaton at home making people laugh

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to sell cars at the town’s lone, struggling auto dealership. Adding to the mix are their kids: sullen high-school jock Axl (Charlie McDermott), insecure preteen wallflower Sue (Eden Shur) and quirky, brilliant 8-year-old Brick (Atticus Shaffer).

“The Middle” should ring true for anyone who has kids or had parents, or ever dreamed of getting an uninterrupted moment to oneself. And it resonates right now in particular, with much of the country in an economic pinch that seems standard issue for the Hecks.

“But the show is not so much about the bad economy,” says Heaton. “It’s about the American attitude of resilience, and trying to find a new way to do things and put a positive spin on it.”

For Mike and Frankie Heck, the height of celebrating their marriage anniversary is an overnight retreat at a discount motel and a shopping spree at the carpet-remnant outlet. And by golly, they make it happen, despite all the family imposed obstacles in their way.

The hearty heartland practicality of life for the Hecks surely rings true for Heaton, who grew up in a suburb of

Cleveland. She held on to those values after graduating from Ohio State University and moving to New York, where she struggled to gain a foothold in acting (jobs as a shoe model, among other work, helped pay the bills). She also grappled with long-buried personal problems, including the unresolved loss of her mother to a brain aneurysm when she was just 12.

“I learned a lot in New York,” Heaton recalls. “I was able to work out all those demons and come to some sort of peace, meet my

future husband (British actor David Hunt), get married and be kind of settled before the success came. That was a very loving thing for God to do for me. Because, if it had come any earlier, if I had had money and resources earlier in my life, I would have been dead or in rehab right now.”

In 1989, she and Hunt moved to Los Angeles, where, after a few more false starts professionally, she hit the jackpot with “Raymond” in 1996 — and won a pair of Emmys in the process.

A couple of years ago, Heaton and “Frasier” alum Kelsey Grammer flopped as bickering news anchors in the seemingly foolproof sitcom “Back to You.”

Now, she’s back on more familiar turf — plenty familiar since she and Hunt are busy parents themselves, with four boys ranging in age between 16 and 11.

“There have been times when I was living an episode at the exact moment I was shooting it,” says Heaton. “There was a scene where Frankie was

on the phone with the school trying to solve a problem with one of her kids while she tried to sell a car, and in between takes, while I’m at work at MY job, I’m calling the school trying to solve a problem with one of my kids.”

For Heaton, art and life will continue to commingle, with “The Middle” already having won a second-season pickup. Meanwhile, she means to keep drawing on her Midwest background and religious convictions, deep in a Hollywood community she says lets her keep them in fine fettle.

“Fortunately in my business,” she explains with a knowing smile, “there are many opportunities to fall. There are people to hate every day and many injustices. But that gives you many opportunities to completely lean on the grace of God.

“If you have the right perspective,” says Heaton with nothing middling about her spunky laugh, “this is a place with lots of chances to grow in your faith.”

Don’t be greedy; be happy with nine

There is a French proverb that goes: Greedy eaters dig their graves with their teeth.

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We have been looking at various aspects of counting. This week’s final deal would cause careless players to trip up.

You are South, in three no-trump. How would you plan the play after West leads the spade queen?

Your hand is a textbook two-no-trump opening: 21 high-card points and seven controls (counting two for an ace and one for a king). If your point-count is on the cusp between two actions, be swayed by your controls (aces and kings). If you have a lot of controls, upgrade; if you are short of them, downgrade.

In no-trump, always count your top tricks, your instant winners. Here you have eight: two spades, three diamonds and three clubs. The ninth trick is unlikely to come from hearts, so must be obtained from diamonds, which shouldn’t be a problem unless the missing diamonds are 5-0. (There is a simpler way to look at the problem: Since you have five tricks outside diamonds, four diamond tricks are needed.)

After winning the first trick, cash your diamond king, then lead another diamond and play low from the dummy. In this way you allow for a 4-1 break, which will happen 28 percent of the time. You can win the second spade, then take dummy’s three diamond winners. Nine tricks roll in.

Note that if you take the second diamond trick on the board, greedily hoping for a 3-2 split and an overtrick, you will go down.

North
♠ 7 6 3
♥ J 5
♦ A Q 6 4 3
♣ 9 8 2

West
♠ Q J 10 9 8
♥ K 9 6
♦ J 9 8 7
♣ 5

East
♠ 4 2
♥ A 10 8 2
♦ 10
♣ J 10 7 6 4 3

South
♠ A K 5
♥ Q 7 4 3
♦ K 5 2
♣ A K Q

Dealer: South
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South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ Q

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