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FACES OF TRIBLAND: *Jami Lipker*



BRENT McCOWN/*Tribune*

Harvard girls basketball coach Jami Lipker (right) watches as her team runs its offense during a game against Thayer Central Jan. 6 in Harvard.

Calling the shots

FORMER HARVARD BASKETBALL PLAYER NOW COACHING TEAM

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HARVARD — As a basketball player, Jami Lipker didn't sit on the sidelines much. Now, after playing basketball for more than eight years with two successful teams, Lipker finds herself there as the head coach of the girls basketball team in Harvard — the same team for which she once played.

"It's different being on the sideline," she said. "It's very hard, especially in close situations.

"And it's different for me because I've never been the one making the calls. I just went out and played. Coach made the calls, and I did it. Now I'm the one making the calls."

Growing up with an older brother, Lipker began playing sports at a young age.

"I grew up around boys and that's all they do," said Lipker, 23. "Both of my parents are athletes, so I followed in their footsteps. It just comes natural."

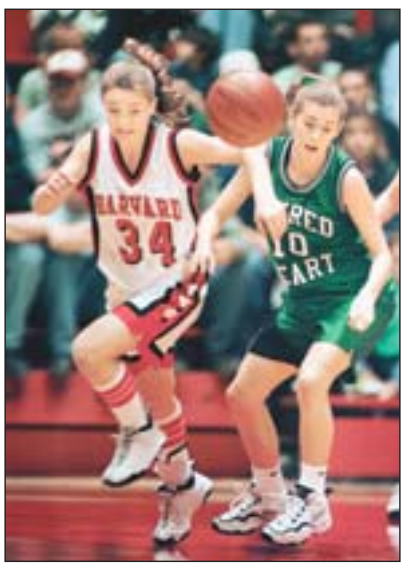
In high school, Lipker played volleyball, basketball and track. Her basketball team went to the state tournament three times.

"We had a pretty solid team from start to finish, and we had good coaches," Lipker said.

Lipker is dealing with a much different experience as a coach than her years as a player. During her high school career, she had a successful team and the same head coach throughout. The seniors on her Harvard team have had a different coach each year and have not experienced much success on the court.

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Editor's note: This is part of an ongoing series that profiles people within Tribland. To submit ideas, contact news editor Nancy Foster at (402) 461-1252 or nfoster@hastingstribune.com.



Tribune file photo

Harvard's Jami Lipker races after a loose ball during the Class D-1 finals at the state girls basketball tournament March 6, 1999.

Library interested in middle school

FOUNDATION OFFICIALS ASK HPS BOARD TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL

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The Hastings Public Library Foundation became the first group to publicly announce its interest in the property of the current Hastings Middle School.

At the Hastings Board of Education meeting Monday, an informal proposal was brought to the board to house the Hastings Public Library at the current middle school site at 505 N. Hastings Ave. and possibly make the current library at 517 W. Fourth St. into the HPS administrative building.

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Superintendent to retire in March.
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Foundation members Shelly Tork and George Anderson each spoke to the board and asked the board to consider the possibility of working with the foundation once the board starts the process of selling the building.

Tork said the foundation believes the middle school property would be the perfect site for a new library. The public asked that the library stay in the center of Hastings after a bond issue failed to build a new one, she said.

"At that time, the public said they wanted the library in a centralized location," Tork said.

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School board to end early retirement program

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The regular monthly meeting of the Hastings Board of Education saw an irregular amount of discussion over one hot-button issue: the Early Retirement Incentive Program.

At their meeting Monday at the City Building, board members heard a presentation from Craig Kautz, assistant superintendent of human resources and curriculum, about the program. Kautz said the current ERIP policy was flawed legally and that it could ultimately cause a teacher shortage for the district.

Kautz said that according to research done by workforce experts, America is facing a worker shortage of about 30 million around the year 2010, as the first phase of the baby boomer generation enters retirement.

"We are going to have a workforce shortage of incredible magnitude," Kautz said, adding that having a retention incentive program might be a better idea.

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North Shore Drive project on city's one-year plan

PLANNING COMMISSION FORWARDS LIST OF PROJECTS TO CITY COUNCIL

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The Hastings Planning Commission approved the future plan for the city's streets on Monday.

City Engineer Dave Wacker introduced his one- and six-year street improvement plan to the commission Monday.

The plan, which lays out the necessary street improvement projects for the next year and those projected to be completed within the next six years, must be completed each year and submitted to the Nebraska Department of Roads.

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Five areas eligible for annexation.
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With the approval of the Planning Commission, the plan will now be considered by the Hastings City Council at its meeting Monday before it is submitted to the Department of Roads by March 1.

In 2006, Wacker said the total amount spent on Hastings street improvements was $3,171,494.

Projects completed in 2006 included the construction of North Elm Avenue from 18th to 26th streets and the construction of 16th Street from Lincoln to St. Joseph avenues, along with numerous others.

Some of the major projects slated for the 2007 construction season include the completion of North Shore Drive from Wendell Drive to U.S. Highway 281 and completion of 1.8 miles of Pioneer Spirit Trail.

Several commissioners voiced concerns about specific projects.

Commissioner Marshall Gaines asked what the plans were for building a viaduct over the Marian Road railroad crossing. He said the viaduct would be needed with the increased traffic on Marian Road because of the construction of the new Hastings Middle School.

Currently, he said, trains block that track for an extended period of time, which would create considerable problems when the new school opens in January 2008.

Wacker said that proposal has been on the six-year plan since the 1970s. The project would take five or six years to complete if a road was built. If only a pedestrian crossing was erected, Wacker said the cost would be astronomical because of the requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act.

He said traffic studies are being completed now, and that considerations to accommodate increased traffic on Marian Road include adding a traffic signal at Seventh Street or a pedestrian crossing at Fifth Street.

Commissioner Chuck Rosenberg asked about the plan to widen Burlington Avenue from Seventh to Ninth streets. He said it would make more sense to widen it all the way to 12th Street at the same time.

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Weather

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Mostly clear tonight. Mostly sunny Wednesday.



Art by William Drennen, 10, Sandy Creek Elementary

Nation

HOT SHOTS

PHILADELPHIA — Instead of a gun, convenience store clerks have been attacked with fiery hot drinks in a series of recent robberies, police said.

Typically, one of the robbers buys a coffee or hot chocolate and throws the drink in the cashier's face while his accomplice scoops the money from the till, city police Sgt. D.F. Pace said Monday.

At least one cashier has suffered third-degree burns in the splash-and-grab robberies that began about two weeks ago, Pace said.

The pair, repeatedly caught on surveillance cameras, have robbed six convenience stores in New Jersey, three in Philadelphia, five in Delaware County, one in Bucks County and one in Wilmington, Del., police said.

The Associated Press

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Obituaries

Maxine J. Stimbert

Former Hastings resident Maxine Jeannette (Alberts) Stimbert, 85, died Saturday, February 17, 2007, in Omaha.



Stimbert

Services are 10 a.m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Earl Higgins officiating. Burial with military rites will be in Parkview Cemetery. Visitation is 5-9 p.m. Wednesday at Livingston-Butler-Volland Funeral Home and one hour prior to services at the church on Thursday.

Memorials may be given to the family.

Condolences may be sent to www.lbvfh.com.

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Mrs. Stimbert was born December 16, 1921, in Sutton to Ernest E. Alberts and Jeannette (Rants) Alberts. She graduated from Hastings High School in 1939. She worked at Hesteds, Brach Thompson and the NAD/Navy Ammunition Depot - Bomb and Mine Line east of Hastings. After explosions at the NAD in April and September of 1944, Maxine enlisted in the Woman's Army Corp. November 1944. She was inducted at Ft. Crook in Omaha, boot camp in Des Moines, Iowa, and was stationed at four military hospitals: Fort Warren, Cheyenne, Wyo.; William Beaumont, El Paso, Texas; Winter General, Topeka, Kan.; and Halloran General, Staten Island, N.Y. Maxine was a surgical technician Tech 4 Sergeant. She received the American Theatre Ribbon, Victory Medal and Meritorious Service Unit Award. Her separation center was in Ft. Sheridan, Ill. August 1946. On June 29, 1947, Maxine married Clayton Stimbert of Inland. Maxine was married for 34 years when Clayton died January 1982. Maxine was a member of First United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women. She volunteered as a Girl Scout assistant leader, Mary Lanning Hospital volunteer and member of Women in Military Service to America. Maxine was a seamstress and custom framer at her daughter's business, Shirley's Interiors, in Hastings. Maxine moved to Omaha January 2002 and lived at Fountain View Independent Living Apartments. Maxine had a stroke February 10, 2007, and died February 17, 2007, surrounded by loved ones.

She is survived by daughters, Shirley Burnham of Omaha, and Karen Stimbert-Guck and son-in-law Thomas Guck of Omaha; grandchildren, Carl Burnham and wife Amanda of Perris, Calif., Adam Guck of Omaha, and Emily Guck of Omaha; sister, Mary Hohlen of Hastings; brothers, Mark Alberts of Gautier, Miss., Richard Alberts of David City; and many loved nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest and Jeannette Alberts; husband, Clayton Stimbert; brothers, Robert Alberts, Eugene Alberts; sisters, Selma (Alberts) Steiner and Doris (Alberts) Thaut.

Alice M. Chvala

Former Lawrence resident Alice M. Chvala, 89, died Sunday, February 18, 2007, at Perkins Pavilion Good Samaritan Village in Hastings.

Rosary is 10 a.m. Thursday and Mass is 10:30 a.m. Thursday both at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Lawrence with Father Loras Grell officiating. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery at Lawrence. Visitation is 3-9 p.m. Wednesday at the Lawrence Visitation Chapel. Merten-Butler Mortuary of Blue Hill is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Sacred Heart Catholic Church or the Lawrence Volunteer Fire Department.

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Alice was born on January 23, 1918, at Spring Ranch to Joe E. and Sophia (Kotinek) Svoboda. She received her education at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Lawrence. She married Louis J. Chvala on April 27, 1937, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He died on March 30, 1983. She moved into Lawrence from the farm east of Lawrence after her husband's death. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Sacred Heart Altar Society.

She is survived by one daughter, Joan and her husband Al Cook of Deweese; four grandchildren, Cindy and her husband David Loring of Hansen, Mass., Scott Cook and his wife Sara, and John Cook and his wife Martie of Topeka, Kan., Terry and her husband Shawn Gordanier of Deweese; eight great-grandchildren; one sister, Norma Jean Skalka of Deweese; two brothers, Bud Svoboda and his wife Carol of Lincoln, and Gene Svoboda and his wife Marilyn of Deweese.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two brothers, Tom and Ed Svoboda; and two sisters, Helen Schroer and Mary Kathman.

Leonard D. 'Pete' Williams

Hastings resident Leonard DeForest "Pete" Williams died Thursday, February 1, 2007.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday at Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hastings. Brand-Wilson was in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Mary Lanning Hospice.

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Mr. Williams was born February 13, 1917, to Matilda and George Williams in Beloit, Wis. He served honorably in the U.S. Navy during World War II in the Pacific Front. He later in life had his own woodworking shop. He loved to travel and dance.

He is survived by his long time companion Marian Leckwold; and his children, Karen (Paul) Nichols, Barbara Mortenson, Judy (Sam) Chekos, Jim Williams, Jerry Williams; and numerous grandchildren.

Judith A. Kothe

Former Hastings resident Judith Anne Kothe, 62, of Atkinson, Neb., died Saturday, February 17, 2007, at Good Samaritan Center in Atkinson.

Services were 11 a.m. today at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Atkinson with the Revs. Alan Bergstrazer and Georg Williams officiating. Burial will be in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery in Wine Hill, Ill., on Friday.

Seger Funeral Home in Atkinson was in charge of arrangements.

Vella M. Bauman

Nelson resident Vella M. Bauman, 97, died Sunday, February 18, 2007, in Nelson.

Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church in Superior with Pastor Dorthea Fairbanks officiating. Burial will be in Nora Cemetery at Nora. Visitation is 6-9 p.m. today and 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Wednesday at Megrue-Price Funeral Home in Superior.

Memorials may be given to the family.

Jean Brown

Kenesaw resident Jean Brown died Tuesday, February 20, 2007, at Haven Home in Kenesaw.

Services are pending at Jackson-Wilson Funeral Home in Kenesaw.

Kenneth Bjugstad

Hastings resident Kenneth L. Bjugstad, 50, of 604 East D St., died Monday, February 19, 2007, at Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital in Hastings.

A private family service will be held at a later date. The remains were cremated. DeWitt Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Hastings is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to www.dewittfuneral.com.

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Mr. Bjugstad was born November 27, 1957, in Hastings, to William and Adelle (Delimont) Bjugstad. He attended Hastings Public Schools. He served in the U.S. Army from 1974-78. After serving in the U.S. Army, he moved to Oregon, where he was a mountain man working on reforestation projects and as a contractor.

Mr. Bjugstad is survived by his parents; two sisters, Vicki Perrie and husband James of Superior, Betty Lundguist and husband Richard of Hastings; one brother, Kelly of Hastings. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Football star Tom Brady, ex-girlfriend expecting

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Actress Bridget Moynahan, former girlfriend of New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, is pregnant and Brady is the father, Moynahan's publicist said Monday.

The glamorous pair split up late last year after a three-year relationship. Brady, a two-time Super Bowl MVP, has since been seen with lingerie model Gisele Bundchen, and media outlets have reported the two are dating.

A Dec. 15 statement by Moynahan's publicist said Moynahan and Brady parted ways several weeks earlier.

On Monday, Moynahan's publicist, Christina Papadopoulos, said in a statement to The Associated Press that the actress "is over three months pregnant. Former boyfriend Tom Brady is the father."

"Privacy and consideration is appreciated at this time," the statement said. "No further comments will be made."

The pregnancy was first reported by the New York Post on Sunday. The Post quoted Papadopoulos as saying the actress was feeling "healthy and excited."

Messages left by The Associated Press with Brady's agent, Donald Yee, were not returned Monday.

Patriots spokesman Stacey James told the AP: "I think it would be inappropriate to comment."

Moynahan, 35, has appeared in films such as "Coyote Ugly," "I, Robot" and the ABC television series "Six Degrees."

Brady, 29, who has led the Patriots to three NFL titles, was named one of People magazine's "50 Most Beautiful People" in 2002.

Michael Richards won't attend mock trial in L.A.

PETER PRENGAMAN
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Comedian Michael Richards won't attend a weekend mock trial with four black people he targeted during his racial rant at a comedy club because the gathering is open to the media and amounts to a publicity stunt, his lawyer said Friday.

Attorney Douglas Mirell said any meeting between Richards and the three men and one woman should be private.

Richards portrayed Kramer on the television sitcom, "Seinfeld."

The incident occurred Nov. 17 at the Laugh Factory in West Hollywood. The comedian launched into a string of obscenities that included the "n-word" and a reference to lynching blacks after someone in the group of friends told him he wasn't funny. A video cell phone captured the outburst.

NewsMakers

Rockin' at the Hard Rock Cafe



JOEL RYAN/*AP*

Steven Tyler (right) and Brad Whitford from Aerosmith play a gig to launch the Hyde Park Calling series of concerts (at which the band will headline this summer) at the Hard Rock Cafe in central London Monday.

Hairy battle at Wrestlemania

DETROIT — Will Donald Trump put his hair where his mouth is?

Trump and World Wrestling Entertainment owner Vince McMahon will pick a wrestler to represent them in the ring April 1 at Wrestlemania 23 at Detroit's Ford Field, The Detroit News reported last week.

If their pick is beaten in the "Battle of the Billionaires," the loser will get his head shaved after the match, the Detroit Free Press reported Monday.

WWE spokesman Gary Davis said the date of the event had prompted speculation that it was a hoax. But it's not an April Fool's Day joke, he said.

"If Trump loses, he shaves his head," he said.

Jennifer Hudson: 'I don't do clubs'

CHICAGO — For Oscar nominee Jennifer Hudson, there was no question where she'd celebrate her success in the week leading up to the Academy Awards — at her family's church.

"I don't do clubs. I don't drink. I don't smoke," Hudson told a boisterous crowd at Progressive Baptist Church on the city's South Side on Monday night. "I'm not having no club party; I better have a praise party."

Hudson, 25, headlined a gospel concert named in her honor, "An Evening of Praise With Jennifer Hudson," accompanied by the acclaimed Soul Children of Chicago.

She won a Golden Globe Award last month and is among the nominees for best supporting actress at the Oscars on Sunday for her role in "Dreamgirls."

Birthdays

Fashion designer Gloria Vanderbilt is 83. Actor Sidney Poitier is 80. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Phil Esposito is 65. Movie director Mike Leigh is 64. Actress Sandy Duncan is 61. Rock musician J. Geils is 61. Actor Peter Strauss is 60. Newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst is 53. Basketball player Charles Barkley is 44. Actor French Stewart is 43. Model Cindy Crawford is 41. Actor Andrew Shue is 40. Actress Lili Taylor is 40. Singer Brian Littrell (Backstreet Boys) is 32. Actress Lauren Ambrose ("Six Feet Under") is 29. Actor Jake Richardson is 22. Singer Rihanna is 19.

Quote of the day

"The life of the nation is secure only while the nation is honest, truthful, and virtuous."

— Frederick Douglass (c.1817-1895)

The Associated Press

Tribland

A vehicle reportedly driven by Rafael Castillo, of 106 E. Paul St., Saturday struck a house owned by Patricia A. Hanson, of 121 E. South St., on South Street near Ross Avenue.

2000 and 1999 Honda CRVs, four-wheel drive, very clean. www.jacksonscarcorner.com - Adv.

Vehicles reportedly driven by Corey L. Kleinjan, of 318 E. Seventh St., and Erin M. Koger, of 1315 W. Fifth St., collided Friday at Eighth Street and Briggs Avenue.

Create Your Business Website class at Central Community College rescheduled to begin February 24. Contact Susan at 1-402-461-2431 or 1-877-222-0780 extension 2431. -Adv.

Larry E. Arnold, of 2713 Edgewood Lane, reported Sunday that his firearm was taken from the 1800 block of West Eighth Street.

Knights of Columbus stag Thursday, March 1, serving lamb fries and roast beef 6:00 to 8:00; $9.00. All welcome, no membership required. -Adv.

A parked vehicle owned by Kenneth C. Brooks Jr., of 135 E. Fourth St., reportedly was struck Saturday by a hit-and-run driver at 1109 S. Baltimore Ave.

The Hastings City Council will have a retreat on Thursday, February 22, 2007, at 1:00 p.m. at the Pepsi Cola Bottling Company Board Room, 3800 Osborne Drive East. The meeting is open to the public and a copy of the agenda is available at the City Clerk's Office. -Adv.

We would like to thank Kenesaw and surrounding community for their support for Gena Sahling benefit. Kenesaw Presbyterians. -Adv.

George C. Anderson, of 1018 N. Kansas Ave., reported Saturday that a wooden Valentine's Day heart was taken from 12th Street and Denver Avenue.

A parked vehicle owned by Rebecca N. Johnson, of 423 S. Pine Ave., was reportedly struck Saturday by a hit-and-run driver on Pine Avenue near C Street.

It was reported Sunday that an 18-year-old Hastings man was cited with minor in possession of alcohol at 1510 N. Burlington Ave.

Save 15-percent off Good Neighbor Pharmacy products when purchased in Allen's Pharmacy. -Adv.

A parked vehicle owned by Encaracion Romo-Perez, of 505 E. C St., reportedly was struck Feb. 11 by a hit-and-run driver at 3308 Osborne Drive West.

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

Vehicles reportedly driven by Lorene M. Klein, of Roseland, and Andrew D. Bredvick-Lowe, of 3610 W. Park Lane Drive No. 4, at Second Street and Saunders Avenue.

Full Motion: The Joint Health Supplement; Snitker's, 508 East Side Boulevard. -Adv.

Vehicles reportedly driven by Michael P. Burns, of 926 N. Bellevue Ave., and Jennifer S. Goedert, of 411 S. Lincoln Ave., collided Friday on Second Street near Pine Avenue.

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A vehicle reportedly driven by Jordan M. Hargis, of 1714 W. Fifth St., Friday struck a parked vehicle owned by Lynell W. Uden, of 1131 W. Sixth St., at 1210 W. Second St. Hargis' vehicle then struck a nearby sign base owned by Robert Allen, of 631 N. Shore Drive.

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

Vehicles reportedly driven by Jody A. Payne, of Minden, and Melba J. Kimminau, of 507 N. A St., collided Saturday at Marian Road and Ninth Street.

Catfish fry at Taylor's this Friday evening, 462-8000. -Adv.

A parked vehicle owned by Lee C. Sherman, of Glenvil, reportedly was struck Friday by a hit-and-run driver at 3200 Osborne Drive West.

Celebrate Mardi Gras with $1.00 Longnecks and free beads all night. Hastings Keno. -Adv.

It was reported Sunday that a fence owned by Tamara J. Babcock, of 702 E. Seventh St., was damaged in the 700 block of East Seventh Street.

Project Management workshop begins Tuesday, March 6, at Central Community College. Call Susan at 402-461-2431 or 1-877-222-0780 extension 2431. -Adv.

It was reported Sunday that a front door owned by Cindy A. Hartman, of 131 E. Park St., was damaged at her residence.

Knights of Columbus Annual Pork Feed, February 24, 5:00 to 9:00. $8.00 advance, $9.00 at door. Tickets at usual places. -Adv.

It was reported Saturday that a 16-year-old boy, three 18-year-old men and a 20-year-old man, all of Hastings, were cited with minor in possession of alcohol in the 1900 block of West Third Street.

2004 Chevy Silverado, four-wheel drive, club cab, four door. Bought new by Alton Jackson. 34,000 miles. www.jacksonscarcorner.com - Adv.

A parked vehicle owned by Alina B. Craig, of 726 N. Hewett Ave., reportedly was struck Thursday by a hit-and-run driver at 423 W. Third St.

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

Vital Signs Health Fair March 24 and 25. Register online now at mlmh.org -Adv.

Area funerals

Wednesday, Feb. 21

◆ **Hugh Doyle**, of Red Cloud, 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Red Cloud.

◆ **Alvin Gross**, 91, of Hastings, 2 p.m. at Butler-Volland Funeral Home chapel in Hastngs.

Thursday, Feb. 22

◆ **Maxine Stimbert**, 85, of Omaha, 10 a.m. at First United Methodist Church in Hastings.

◆ **Alice Chvala**, 89, of Hastings, 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Lawrence.

◆ **Vella Bauman**, 97, of Nelson, 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church in Superior.

◆ **Heye Hinrichs**, 84, of Hildreth, 2 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hildreth.

Nation

XM, Sirius agree to merge

NEW YORK — Federal regulators warn that combining rivals Sirius Satellite and XM Satellite Radio will be a tough process, since there's already a provision barring both satellite radio licenses from being owned by the same company.

Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. and XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc. announced an agreement to combine on Monday in a move aimed at reducing costs. Shares of both companies rose sharply in early trading today.

The Federal Communications Commission will evaluate any proposed transaction to see if it's in the public interest, FCC Chairman Kevin Martin said following the announcement, adding that: "The hurdle here, however, would be high as the commission originally prohibited one company from holding the only two satellite radio licenses.

"The companies would need to demonstrate that consumers would clearly be better off with both more choice and affordable prices," Martin said.

School official to stand trial for murder

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. — Students at Fremont Elementary School knew Vincent Brothers as the tall vice principal who would sometimes join them on the basketball court. Adults knew him as a family man and mentor.

Prosecutors, however, say he killed his estranged wife, Joanie Harper, their three young children and his 70-year-old mother-in-law, who were found shot and stabbed to death in their home on July 8, 2003.

Brothers, the sole suspect in the vicious slayings, was arrested nine months later and charged with five counts of first-degree murder.

Opening statements are scheduled for Wednesday in a trial in which the 44-year-old former school administrator could face the death penalty if convicted.

Police: Suspect felt 'disrespected'

CHICAGO — An Iranian immigrant accused of using a 3-pound hammer to beat his wife, sister-in-law and mother-in-law to death and then repeatedly stabbing them told police that the women had "disrespected" him, authorities said Monday.

After the attack, Daryoush Ebrahimi, 55, struck himself several times on the head with the same hammer in an apparent attempt to kill himself, said Police Cmdr. Thomas Byrne. Police also found a 12-inch knife investigators believe was used in the attacks.

"It was a very difficult scene, and that would be indicative of that type of anger," Byrne said of the two apartments where the bodies were found Saturday on the city's far North Side.

Ebrahimi told investigators after the attacks that "the women had disrespected him and told him he was not a man," Assistant State's Attorney Sanju Oommen said.

Military rapes

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — An Air Force officer accused of raping four men and attempting to rape two others pleaded not guilty Monday at the opening of his court-martial.

Capt. Devery L. Taylor, former chief of patient administration at Eglin Regional Hospital, is accused of drugging and raping or trying to rape the men, four of whom were in the military, after meeting them in bars in Pensacola and on Okaloosa Island.

Taylor faces a maximum sentence of life in prison without parole if convicted of all the charges against him: two counts of attempted sodomy, four counts of forcible sodomy, three counts of kidnapping and one count of unlawful entry.

The Associated Press

Climbers owe lives to beacon, dog

SARAH SKIDMORE
The Associated Press

GOVERNMENT CAMP, Ore. — Thanks to a high-tech electronic gadget and a big warm dog named Velvet, three climbers rescued after a harrowing fall and a night in the wind and cold high on Mount Hood are expected to be fine.

They were found at about the 7,400-foot level on Monday and hiked down the mountain with their rescuers.

"I'm really glad they were there for us," Matty Bryant, one of the three climbers, said of the rescue teams. "They did an incredible job. They were amazing."

Searchers credited the group's rescue to two things — Velvet, a black Labrador mix who provided warmth as the three climbers huddled under sleeping bags and a tarp, and the activation of an emergency radio beacon the size of a sunglasses case that guided them to the group.

"The most important part of this rescue is that they did everything right," said Lt. Nick Watt of the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office.

The three climbers set out on Saturday with five other friends — all in the 20s and 30s and from the Portland area — to scale the 11,239-foot mountain, Oregon's tallest.

However, a storm moved in and on Sunday they started their descent in blowing snow.

"You had no visual reference around you to determine if you were going up or down," said one member of the group, Trevor Liston. "You could make out a climber at 30 feet at best."

Then he saw the group of three — all roped together with Velvet — disappear over an icy ledge.

Liston and the four others used a rope to lower one of their climbing party over the edge in an unsuccessful attempt to locate the trio.

Then they used a cell phone to call for help as the wind howled at up to 70 mph.

Liston, who described himself as a veteran of Mount Hood climbs, said all eight had experience at either rock climbing or mountaineering.

They'd known about the Mount Hood disaster in which three climbers died in December. But Liston said that wasn't the reason the group decided to take Mountain Locator Units, the small beacons that can send out radio signals to rescuers.

"We've been up on the mountain for many years," Liston said. "With the group we were going up with this time, we just wanted another extra level of security, just in case something happened, especially with winter conditions."

In addition to Bryant, 34, a teacher in the Portland suburb of Milwaukie, the rescued climbers included Kate Hanlon, 34, a teacher in the suburb of Wilsonville.

The other woman, whose name was not released, was being treated for a head injury in Portland, said Jim Strovink, spokesman for the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office. "She's going to be fine," he said.

Velvet, owned by Bryant, had minor cuts and abrasions on her back paws and legs from prolonged exposure to the snow, but she was cleared to go home.

"The dog probably saved their lives" by lying across them during the cold night, said Erik Brom, a member of the Portland Mountain Rescue team.

Liston said he felt that he and his companions were well-equipped for climbing Mount Hood in the winter with cell phones, global positioning system gear and the locator beacons.

"We'd been in those conditions up on this mountain before," he said. "We've walked out in whiteouts before. We didn't know it was going to be that bad. But we were prepared that it might be snowing and blowing."



DON RYAN/*AP*

Matty Bryant, one of three climbers who were stranded on Mount Hood since Sunday, arrives at White River snow park with his black Labrador, Velvet, near Government Camp, Ore., Monday.

Tribland five-day forecast

Art by William Drennen, 10, Sandy Creek Elementary



Sunny Today
High: 48 **Low:** 28
Wind: West 10-15
Mostly clear tonight.



Sunny Wednesday
High: 58 **Low:** 25
Wind: Northwest 10-15
Mostly clear Wednesday night.



Sunny Thursday
High: 52 **Low:** 32
Partly cloudy Thursday night.



Rainy Friday
High: 53 **Low:** 35
Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain.



Rainy Saturday
High: 45 **Low:** 22
Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain.

Today's weather records

High: 73 in 1930
Low: -12 in 1918

Local weather

◆ From 7 a.m. Feb. 19 to 7 a.m. Feb. 20

High Monday	50	Year to date precipitation	.90
High in 2006	27	Jan.-Feb. 2006 precipitation	.21
Overnight low	30	Snowfall last 24 hours	.00
Overnight low in 2006	12	February snowfall	3.70
Precipitation last 24 hours	.00	February 2006 snowfall	1.10
February precipitation	.36	Season to date snowfall	13.70
February 2006 precipitation	.08	Oct. 2005-Feb. 2006 snowfall	13.10

National summary

WEATHER UNDERGROUND
For The Associated Press

A winter storm was forecast today for the Northwest and northern Rockies.

In the Southwest, heavy snowfall was possible in parts of the Colorado Rockies, northwestern New Mexico and northeastern Arizona.

A low pressure system over the Great Lakes was expected to push east, bringing snow to areas across northern New England.

Widely scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms were expected from the Deep South east to the Mid-Atlantic and Southeast.

Temperatures in the Lower 48 states Monday ranged from a low of minus 35 degrees at Watertown, N.Y., to a high of 84 degrees at Dryden, Texas.

24 firefighters die battling '06 wildfires

JEFF BARNARD
The Associated Press

GRANTS PASS, Ore. — Two dozen firefighters died last year battling wildfires across the nation, a number that has increased in the face of drier summers and increased job pressures.

The 2006 death toll is not an all-time high, but is part of a rising trend — double the number in 2005, and six more than the average of the past 10 years. The 10-year average has been rising, too, from 6.6 in the 1930s to 18 in the 2000s, according to U.S. Forest Service statistics.

Experts warn that the size and intensity of wildfires is increasing due to longer, hotter and drier summers and a buildup of fuel. Firefighters face greater dangers, particularly when trying to protect the growing number of homes in the woods.

Dick Mangan, a retired Forest Service fire program leader and author of a report on wildfire fatalities from 1990 to 2005, noted that many of the most dangerous fires were near rural homes outside towns in the West.

Firefighters have the experience and research to justify keeping their distance from explosive fires, but when TV news reports show air tankers on the ground and firefighters sitting on their engines while homes are burning, it creates "tremendous pressure" to attack a fire that would be left to burn if no homes where involved, Mangan said.

Experts point to the five firefighters killed last year in the so-called Esperanza fire when a U.S. Forest Service engine crew was overrun by flames as they tried to protect homes in Southern California.

"The five guys who died on the Esperanza fire — if that had just been a pure Southern California brush field, those guys never would have been where they were. But there were homes to be protected up there," Mangan said.

Bill Gabberet, executive director of the International Association of Wildland Fire, noted that research indicates climate change has made summers hotter and longer, and that drought has afflicted much of the West.

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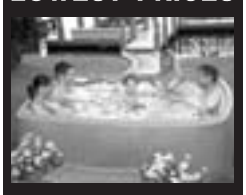
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Quoth the Congress

Scripps Howard News Service

The House and Senate votes on an Iraq war resolution over the weekend, following days of circular arguing, brought to mind Robert Southey's poem in which a youngster was asked what good came of the Battle of Blenheim:

"Quoth Little Peterkin,
'Why that I can not tell,' said he,
'But 'twas a famous victory."'

The Democrats got their victory but it only proved what was already obvious: The public and increasingly Congress no longer support the war in Iraq. It is also obvious that opponents of the war in both parties have little idea what to do next other than launching a phased drawdown and hoping for the best.

The House voted 246 to 182, with 17 Republicans joining the majority, to oppose President Bush's "surge" of 21,500 more troops. But the resolution is nonbinding — that is, mostly for show — and, as impressive as that margin is, House leaders concede that they don't have the votes to override an inevitable Bush veto of any binding legislation.

Senate Democrats tried and failed to get 60 votes to force debate and a vote on a similar resolution but the margin, 56 to 34, showed that support for the war — seven Republicans voted in favor — is dwindling there as well. The Senate too could try binding legislation but it likely could not break a Republican filibuster or override a Bush veto.

Some Democrats think the way to go now is to restrict funding for the war or put conditions on the funding that would force Bush to reverse his buildup. But that is politically tricky — the White House would paint it as betraying the troops — and, even with Bush's expansive view of his war-fighting powers, it does raise constitutional questions.

Some senators believe the next step should be to rewrite the 2002 authorization for the war to redefine the U.S. mission in Iraq. To make it clear, said Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., that the purpose of the troops is to protect against al-Qaeda gaining chunks of territory, train the Iraqi forces and provide force protection.

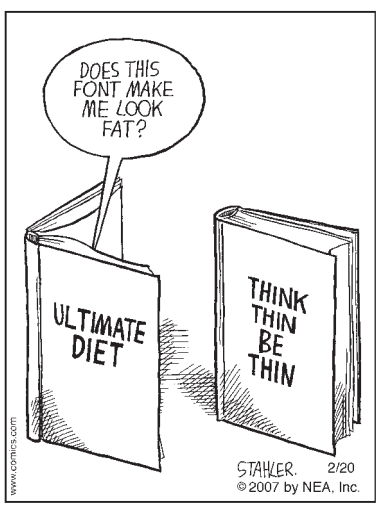
However, that would be an explicit statement that our continued military presence in Iraq is justified and an implicit concession that we were leaving the Iraq people to the mercies of the sectarian militias.

To use a current Washington formulation, the surge is Bush's last roll of the dice in Iraq. If Congress goes home on August recess with no progress to show the voters — either in winning the war or ending it — when the lawmakers return to Washington the anti-war resolutions may very well be binding.

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Yesterday

2006 — Minor construction work was under way on Whelan Energy Center 2, a coal-fired power generation plant being built just east of Hastings.

1997 — A"Taste of Home" homemakers school brought about 1,400 spectators to the Hastings City Auditorium, where home economist Betty Kern of Denver demonstrated 11 recipes.

1987 — Scott Shute of Red Cloud and Nancy Berns of Bladen had been selected to travel to Japan as participants in the U.S. Senate-Japan Scholarship program.

1977 — Harold Warp Pioneer Village at Minden received a Travel Industry Award for its outstanding tourism promotion program in 1976.

The perverse politics of Gardasil



Star Parker

Watching politicians and corporations shoot themselves in the foot, you get to taking seriously theories about drives to self destruction. The trouble is that when these folks do it, they tend to take the rest of us with them.

Such is the case now in the 20 state legislatures considering bills to mandate that preteen school girls be vaccinated with Gardasil, a new vaccine against certain strains of human papillomavirus (HPV) that can cause cervical cancer. These initiatives are being shepherded by lobbying campaigns by Merck, the pharmaceutical giant that developed the vaccine.

A vaccine that prevents cervical cancer sounds great. But this is a free country. Remember? Unless there is a compelling reason to use government to mandate, Soviet-style, use of a particular product, then medicines, like all products, should be sold on the free market. Consumers can buy them if they want them.

Not only is there no reason to mandate the use of Gardasil, but the reasoning being used to justify its mandated use is perverse. Among the destructive consequences will be that girls who are most at risk, those who are poor, usually minorities, will be hurt more than helped.

Government mandated vaccines for communicable diseases, like measles, where an infected child can put others at risk, are justifiable. But the HPV virus which may lead to cervical cancer is spread through sexual contact. It is, as Dr. Jane Orient, executive director of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, aptly put it, a "lifestyle disease."

Where are we going as a country when we start mandating vaccines against diseases resulting from behavior we choose?

And where are we when we consider sexual behavior to be private, but its consequences public?

Of course, by bringing in the strong arm of government, and forcing mandatory vaccination, a whole population of girls gets dragged into the picture whose families would never choose to use the vaccine nor could they afford it. That is, those from poor and minority homes.

Merck has to love this picture. They don't just get guaranteed purchases from those whose insurance companies will foot the bill. But they'll also get state and federal governments to pay for the low income kids who, if left alone, would never be their customers.

The main risks that these girls from low-income families face stem from their promiscuity.

Blacks account for 50 percent of new AIDS cases, are 18 times more likely to contract a sexually transmitted disease than whites, and are regularly at risk of death through homicides, suicides and accidents that plague these communities.

Blacks are twice as likely to die before the age of 20 as whites.

It is the collapse of family and values and the attendant sexual promiscuity that drives the deadly poverty cycle in these communities. So mandating Gardasil vaccine for these girls is to validate a lifestyle that is already killing them in order to address a risk that is among the least of their problems.

There are a host of other reasons to be perplexed by the rush to mandate this vaccine.

This is the most expensive vaccine in history (nine times more expensive than a measles vaccination), the incidence of deaths from cervical cancer are miniscule (.65 percent of the annual deaths from cancer in the U.S.), and the vaccine is only eight months on the market with many legitimate concerns, such as side effects and long-term risks and costs, yet to be clarified.

Organizations such as the Texas Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons and the American Academy of Environmental Medicine oppose mandated use of this vaccine.

How about the particularly strange situation in Texas? Gov. Rick Perry, a conservative Republican governor, was so anxious to mandate Gardasil vaccinations he by-passed his own legislature, much to its consternation, and with practically zero public debate has done this via executive order.

Could the fact that the Governor's ex-chief of staff is Merck's lobbyist in Austin be relevant here? Or maybe that a government mandate would insulate Merck from exposure to future lawsuits from unforeseen problems with the vaccine. Or, possibly the fact that GlaxoSmithKline is close to bringing a competing vaccine to market explains some of the rush.

Merck advertises itself as a company "where patients come first." But if Merck were really placing its patients first it would not be trying to get government to force them to use its product.

It would be obscene to trivialize the 3,700 expected deaths that occur nationwide each year from cervical cancer. But to mandate use of this vaccine would violate rights of parents and children and justify behavior that leads to more death, pain and problems than caused those by cervical cancer.

Star Parker is president of CURE, Coalition on Urban Renewal and Education.

A matter of honor or convenience?



Dan K. Thomasson

Well, here comes another cheating scandal from one of those federal military academies where honor codes periodically belch out post-pubescent youngsters who are unrealistically expected to operate on a higher plain than those who attend the average college or university. Is anyone really surprised?

The Air Force Academy is investigating whether 28 freshmen have been sneaking glances at the papers of the next person over and is determined to eradicate such behavior once and for all. The investigation is being conducted by the academy's cadet honor board, which is acting on information supplied by whistle-blowing classmates of those under investigation.

For those un-initiated in the ways of the code, it works this way. If you suspect someone of cheating and don't report it, you are as guilty as that person and subject to the same punishment. Nice business, huh? In that regard, the last major cheating affair at the Colorado Springs institution that I can remember took place in the mid-'60s when more than 100 cadets were caught in the wholesale distribution of purloined tests and information. At that time, however, a congressional member of the school's Board of Visitors confided that more than 300 cadets actually had violated the code to one degree or another, many in the unreported knowledge category.

It is reasonable to ask why they all didn't all get tossed out. The military is nothing if not willing to bend some rule in the interest of practicality. To have sent that many cadets off into the wild blue yonder would have destroyed one whole class and threatened the very existence of the academy. So the powers at the time decided to ignore a great many of the violations despite the fact a story revealing this sensational statistic caused quite a stir.

Things have not been all that sanguine around the academy's campus in the last few years. A whole bunch of kids were downloading pornography and lost their Internet privileges; there were incidents of alcohol abuse; and grade levels have been lower than usual, with a higher rate of failure. That comes on the heels of a serious problem with evangelical cadets and faculty members who seemed to think the academy was a Christian school, resulting in mandatory religious diversity training for all.

All this sounds like any normal, mostly still teen-age student body doesn't it? And perhaps that is why along with similar scandals at the other major federal academies, Army and Navy, there has been continuing debate about the efficacy of these anachronistic institutions and the soundness of their cherished honor codes. At one time the overwhelming preponderance of the nation's admirals and generals and certainly the chiefs of these services came from these institutions. A trick question used to be: Who was the only Army chief of staff who did not graduate from West Point? Answer: George C. Marshall, Virginia Military Academy, now VMI. That is no longer true with ROTC programs now supplying a growing number of leaders.

Certainly cheating can't be condoned under any circumstance. But with the pressures to survive and the daily demands on these men and women so enormous, the temptation at times to fudge or cheat outright must be overwhelming, encouraged by a code that seems to leave them on their own.

Personally, I always have felt the honor code was an excuse for lazy adults not to have to do their jobs, including monitoring their young charges. Besides, contradictory to the honor code is the one guiding rule for all from general to buck private: Do what you want, just don't get caught. Having watched this principle up close in a headquarters full of military academy graduates, I can attest to its observance.

It is silly and naive to expect young men and women with raging hormones who are thrown together in the confined, almost prison-like atmosphere of these universities not to act like any of their peers in a civilian institution. So downloading pornography, or getting caught in (gasp) sexual escapades or drunkenness now and then, while not recommended activities, are not surprising, military discipline notwithstanding.

The Air Force Academy to its credit has begun an extensive look at itself and perhaps it is time for the same thing to occur at its sister schools. There are reforms that could bring them into the 21st century without destroying the traditions that have made them great.

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PASTOR KILLED

GRAND ISLAND — A new pastor at a Grand Island church was killed Sunday in multi-vehicle crash on Interstate 80, according to a church official.

The Rev. Roger Harp was on his way to Lincoln Sunday afternoon when his vehicle crossed the median and struck an oncoming semi, said Bob Houser, who helps oversee 41 Presbyterian churches in central Nebraska.

Harp had been pastor at the First Presbyterian Church for a littler more than a month.

Funeral arrangements have not been finalized.

CLASS I ISSUE

LINCOLN — A fight over the state's smallest schools is back in the Legislature and was to be waged today.

Members of the Legislature's Education Committee were to consider bills that seek to reconstitute elementary-only, Class I school districts that were dissolved last summer following passage of a controversial bill in 2005.

Some lawmakers, including Sen. Cap Dierks of Ewing who has introduced one of the bills, believe the districts should come back as they stood before the law took effect, because voters repealed the law in November.

One bill (LB30) introduced by Sen. Carol Hudkins of Malcolm would recreate the more than 200 Class I districts, then allow voters in the districts to decide if the districts should stay.

UNK CAMPUS

KEARNEY — Officials at the University of Nebraska at Kearney are planning to expand its wireless Internet connection to the entire campus by next fall.

Four buildings on campus already have the wireless service, which allows students to access the Internet without using a cord. Three residence halls should be added by March 1.

Vice Chancellor Deb Schroeder said the wireless feature will likely draw more students to the school.

"Our students are what we call 'net generation' students," she said. "They do not remember life without computers. Connectivity and mobility are very important to them."

VIETNAM PLANE

ASHLAND — Workers at the Strategic Air and Space Museum near Ashland are working to reassemble the pieces of a Vietnam War-era warplane.

The RF-4C, a photo reconnaissance version of the Phantom fighter jet, was brought to the museum last week to undergo restoration.

Museum workers will spend about a thousand hours to restore it to its original condition, said restoration manager Mark Hamilton.

The plane had been part of a fleet of Phantoms flown by the Nebraska Air National Guard.

The Associated Press

Calendar

HASTINGS

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

◆ **Gamblers Anonymous,** 8 p.m. Wednesday, Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital Education Building, Room D.

◆ **Alanon,** 8 p.m. Wednesday, First United Methodist Church.

◆ **Narcotics Anonymous,** 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, 401 N. Lincoln Ave.

◆ **Caregivers Support Group,** 3-4 p.m. Wednesday, Golden Friendship Center.

◆ **Gamanon,** 8 p.m. Wednesday, basement at Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital Education Building, Room A.

◆ **DivorceCare support group,** 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, First St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Lotteries

WINNING NUMBERS

Monday
Nebraska Pick 5 . . . **11-18-22-36-37**
Jackpot: $134,000
2by2 . . . . . **Red 5-26, White 15-24**
Nebraska Pick 3 . . . . . **2-9-9**
Kansas Pick 3 . . . . . **5-5-5**
Super Kansas Cash . . **1-7-18-20-29**
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Five areas eligible for annexation

FUTURE OF SITES NOW IN HANDS OF CITY COUNCIL

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The Hastings Planning Commission on Monday recommended five areas as eligible for annexation into the city — including Central Community College.

Part of the commission's duty is to determine sites eligible for annexation. Requirements are that a site must be adjacent or contiguous to the city and urban or suburban in nature to be eligible for annexation.

On Jan. 22, the commission approved the eligibility of 14 sites for annexation. These sites were originally deemed eligible in 2002.

On Monday, the commission considered five new sites deemed eligible for annexation by Development Services Director Tamara Babcock.

Two sites were presented at the Jan. 22 meeting. One is an L-shaped piece of land listed as the remaining portion of the Thom Subdivision. The other is a large section of land between Baltimore Avenue and U.S. Highway 281 and between Lochland Subdivision and Cimarron Meadows near Wal-Mart Supercenter.

Inside
Commission gives its recommendation on development.
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Babcock presented three new sites Monday based on requests made by the commission.

One site is an area north of 26th Street behind the old Wal-Mart location just east of Osborne Drive East. Based on its location, Babcock said the land is suburban in nature and eligible for annexation.

The second area she presented starts north of East Seventh Street and goes east to AGP and south to U.S. Highway 6. AGP is currently not eligible for annexation because it is part of a county industrial park, which according to city code are not eligible for annexation.

The third area Babcock presented, including Central Community College on East Highway 6, was created at the request of the commission in January.

In January, she said CCC wasn't eligible for annexation because it is not adjacent to the city and is only closely connected to the city through the city's portion of Motorsport Park Hastings to the west of CCC.

With the addition of the area near AGP and the adjacent MPH property, Babcock said CCC is now eligible for annexation.

These five areas will be forwarded to the City Council to be considered for annexation.



DOUG CARROLL/*Tribune*

The winners of the $365 million Powerball jackpot show their checks in Lincoln last February, including Michael Terpstra (bottom right) who says winning the money hasn't changed him.

Millionaire still 'not normal'

POWERBALL WINNER HASN'T CHANGED, UNDERSTANDS PUBLIC'S CURIOSITY

COLLEEN KENNEY
The Associated Press

LINCOLN — He's the butt of millionaire jokes. "Say I'm at a bar with friends," Mike Terpstra says. "If I go, 'I'll get that round!' my friends just look at me. 'Think you can afford that?' "

But the 48-year-old is happy to hear them because they fit his millionaire mood. Terpstra, one of the Lucky Eight winners of the record $365 million Powerball lottery a year ago, likes to make fun of himself, too. He stands behind the cherrywood counter of his basement bar, smoking, friendly as the corner bartender.

"It means my friends are still comfortable around me, able to poke fun at me. I'd rather they make me the butt of jokes so they're comfortable, rather than walk on pins and needles, worried about offending me."

All eight members of the group decided to take the cash option, and after taxes each winner received $15.5 million in March.

Terpstra sees the humor in this whole crazy year:

How he walked on stage Feb. 22, 2006, when their names were revealed, shook the governor's hand and then turned to the army of cameras and reporters.

How his thoughts froze and he was sure his mouth did, too, until back at the hotel, someone turned on CNN and there he was, sounding pretty normal.

How he's shaved his mustache to blend into the normal world, but still gets recognized. Say he's at a restaurant: Someone will lean over and whisper so others don't' hear. Aren't you one of the winners?

How that's all right.

"I'd just wanted to meet a Powerball winner, too, so I would know it's real, it isn't a scam, this isn't a paid actor. I'd never met anyone who won anything more than five dollars. So I understand when people come up and talk to me. I think it's real funny."

How he bought this 3,000-square-foot brick house in southeast Lincoln, yet his basement is pretty bare. Where there could be a pool table, there's an expanse of taupe carpet. Why buy a pool table, he asks, if you'll probably only play on it a few times?

A red ConAgra coffee cup looks lonely behind him on the shelf of the cherrywood bar.

How he still has no cell phone.

How he shovels snow from his driveway.

"Everybody likes to wave. I'm sure they find it hilarious and might go to work: 'Oh, yeah, I watched the millionaire shovel his sidewalk today."'

How he took up golf after winning big, buying clubs and lessons and playing most every day, yet usually loses by a few strokes to his girlfriend, Phuong Le. He zigs and zags down Hidden Valley's fairways. She's straight and steady.

How he sent his girlfriend and her mother back to Vietnam for a visit. He didn't go, fearing the publicity surrounding the win would make them a kidnapping target. Alone, without the 6-foot-2 white guy people might recognize, his girlfriend could blend in.

How she feared he'd drop her for a "younger model," he says.

"I told her, 'No, honey, I'm weird in my own way. I'm not looking to upgrade or get a new model."'

How they drive the same vehicles they did before.

How winner David Gehle asked him to join him at racquetball, but he declined.

"I told him, 'I don't know where you're supposed to put your beer can in racquetball."'

How he gained 30 pounds because he no longer was walking all over the ConAgra plant, 70 hours a week. So he bought exercise equipment and a weight machine, and now he's down 10 pounds.

Now he's happy his life hasn't changed that much.

"I kind of worked at not changing."

How he likes to tell people this:

"I was never normal before, so how can I be normal now?"

Hastings to appear on 'Business, Beyond' program

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Hastings will be one of several communities from across the country to be featured in an upcoming educational television series produced by New Line Media.



Haussler

"It gives us an opportunity to be showcased as a great home for business and industry," said Dee Haussler, executive director of the Hastings Economic Development Corporation.

Haussler didn't know exactly how Hastings and HEDC were chosen to be a part of "Business and Beyond," but he thought that the community was identified for its success growing and attracting businesses.

Since Haussler took over HEDC in 1979, Hastings has seen $550 million in capital investments.

"Business and Beyond" is a series of five-minute segments devoted to the different communities.

Haussler said he doesn't yet know when the Hastings segment will run, but he was told that the first national exposure will be on the Travel Channel. It will then air on 19 different major market television stations.

Later, Hastings will be able to use this five minute video for promotional efforts in Hastings and attraction for different projects.

"There might be some people from the east coast or the west coast who don't know about plains states, or about Nebraska and specifically about Hastings," Haussler said.

After learning about the producers' interest in Hastings, Haussler and other local economic development officials took it upon themselves to learn more about the program.

"We obviously let everyone take a look and identify what it is and what they're doing," he said. "For the most part everyone was pleased and impressed with it."

Haussler and other local economic development officials from different sectors including tourism and education, met with "Business and Beyond" producers for a phone interview Jan. 16.

"Our efforts here certainly are team efforts," Haussler said. "They (the local economic development officials) seem to be very pleased with overall efforts of New Line Media and in addition to that, New Line Media was pleased with what we have to offer for business and industry."

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Cosby's last day March 9

HPS SUPERINTENDENT RETIRING EARLIER THAN EXPECTED

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The Hastings Public Schools Board of Education received the final word on Superintendent Gene Cosby's retirement at its regular meeting Monday night.



Cosby

Cosby, who has led the district since 2001, told the board his official retirement date will now be March 9, instead of June 30 at the end of the academic year. This coincides with the end of a payroll period, said Craig Kautz, assistant superintendent of human resources and curriculum.

Cosby, 75, publicly announced his retirement Aug. 21, 2006, and the board accepted his resignation Sept. 6 during a special meeting. At the time, he cited health reasons for his retirement.

Kautz said Cosby is retiring earlier than planned because of personal reasons.

Board members Monday expressed their appreciation of Cosby's work and their regrets that he will be leaving.

Kautz will become superintendent upon Cosby's departure. The board has not found Kautz's replacement. Kautz will continue to be in charge of human resources, with assistance from Brad Cabrera, assistant superintendent of finance and operations. Troy Loeffelholz, director of curriculum, will handle most of the curriculum issues.

The board will advertise Kautz's position in April, but they do not expect to fill the position until the next school year.

Kautz said Cosby will not receive pay after his last day and that it is refreshing to see an administrator take the high road when so many administrators in other schools across the nation expect to be compensated much more.

"Gene has never expected more than a day's pay for a day's work," Kautz said. "I admire that."

Despite rumors of Cosby being paid through his contract, which expires at the end of June, Kautz said that is not true.

Also at Monday's meeting, the board:

◆ Approved the minutes of the Jan. 11 work session and the Jan. 15 board meeting.

◆ Approved the payment of $2,418,802.54 in expenditures for the month of January.

◆ Heard a report, but made no decisions, regarding the proposed 2007-08 school calendar and the proposed tentative 2008-2009 school calendar from Troy Loeffelholz, director of curriculum.

◆ Heard a report from Kautz about the overall program plan for the 2007-08 school year.

◆ Approved the fourth bid package for the new Hastings Middle School. The package was for bids such as elevators, flooring and equipment.

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Local

NATONAL HONOR

Juniata resident Donna Binfield was recently honored in a national competition for her paintings.

She received honorable mention for her paintings in the national magazine cover competition for "Horses in Art." Her work and story will be published in the magazine, which is based in California.

Binfield is an associate artist member from the Prairie Winds Art Center in Grand Island.

WOMEN VOTERS

The No Child Left Behind Act will be the topic of discussion during the Hastings League of Women Voters luncheon Friday.

Troy Loeffelholz, director of curriculum at Hastings Public Schools, will be the main speaker on the issue.

The event at YWCA Adams County, 604 N. St. Joseph Ave, starts at 11:45 a.m.

WHOOPERS, HOOPERS

The Whoopers and Hoopers basketball tournament committee is seeking volunteers for the annual event.

Each March, hundreds of basketball players participate in the annual basketball tournament put on by the Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce.

The tournament committee is now in search of about 200 volunteers to help during the event.

This year's tournament is scheduled for March 16-18 and could feature close to 150 teams.

For information or to volunteer, contact Mikki Shafer at the chamber at (402) 461-8400.

EARTH DAY

The Environmental Protection Agency region that includes Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska is providing financial assistance for Earth Day projects.

Region 7 of the EPA is accepting proposals from local agencies, state agencies, environmental groups and not-for-profit organizations. Proposal should range from $500 to $2,500 and can celebrate Earth Day throughout the year.

Proposals are due March 14. Earth Day financial assistance notification will be made by late March to recipients only.

Recipients will be required to submit a final report at the completion of the project summarizing their Earth Day accomplishments.

Earth Day 2007 is April 22.

Instructions and criteria can be obtained by accessing the Region 7 Web site: www.epa.gov/region07news_events/events/index.htm. For more information contact Denise Morrison (800) 223-0425, or at morrison.denise@epa.gov.

GROWING UP

For the 50th year, the Adams County Medical Alliance and Medical Society will co-sponsor the "So You're Growing Up" series for students and their parents at the Hastings Public Library.

The video "Julie's Story," which discusses menstruation and female changes in adolescence, will be shown today and March 6. A discussion led by Dr. Phyllis Salyards will follow. This session is primarily for girls in third and fourth grade.

The video "Then One Year" will be presented to fifth- and sixth-grade boys on March 5 and March 13. Dr. Fred Catlett will lead the discussion to follow.

"Talking Real about Puberty" will be shown Monday and March 12 for fifth- and sixth-grade girls. Dr. Janet Howe will lead the discussion about changes in the human body during puberty.

All sessions will be at 7:30 p.m. at the library, 517 W. Fourth St. A parent or both parents are encouraged to accompany their child.

Dental records to ID crash victims

The Associated PRess

DES MOINES, Iowa — Authorities hope that the identity of four people killed in a plane crash outside of Council Bluffs can be identified next week.

"We still have to get the dental records," Pottawattamie County Sheriff Jeff Danker said Sunday. "

He said he hoped to release the identities on Monday or today.

A 1977 Cessna 340A, which was registered to Color Ink Corp. of Council Bluffs, a division of Dallas Johnson Greenhouses, crashed between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Friday evening.

Dallas Johnson is listed as the president of the Color Ink Corp. His daughter, Shawn Sorenson-Peters, is listed as a director of the company and believed by the family to be one of the victims.

Ken Willadsen, father-in-law to Sorenson-Peters sister, confirmed Sorensons death late Saturday.

"I do not know who else was on the plane," he said. "But we got the call around 2:30 a.m. that Shawn had passed away at the hospital after the accident."

Phone calls to Dallas Johnson Greenhouses were not answered Sunday afternoon.

The plane was returning to Iowa from Bentonville, Ark., according to its flight log. The plane had previously been in Jasper, Texas.

Treynor Fire Chief Russ Maguire said his volunteer department was dispatched at about 9:15 p.m. Friday to search for wreckage. The team battled blowing snow, freezing temperatures and darkness.

"The biggest problem was gaining access to the field," Maguire said. "Visibility was 15-20 feet, winds were blowing 50 miles per hour and it was snowing. Even four-wheel drive pickups were getting stuck, so we ended up walking the field until we found it."

Maguire said the bodies of two victims were spotted immediately. Another was found about 75 feet away. He was still inside the cockpit.

On Saturday a Federal Aviation Administration spokesman, Tony Molinaro, said earlier said it could take up to a year for investigators to verify why the airplane crashed.

According to the National Weather Service, a fast-moving winter storm was pushing through the Omaha-Council Bluffs area when the plane went down, bringing wind gusts of up to 53 mph, snow and poor visibility.

Molinaro said he would not speculate whether weather played a role.

Keith Holloway, a spokesman for the National Transportation Safety Board, said investigators were expected to examine the crash site, take photographs and interview witnesses.

HC student earns state chamber award

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Hastings College sophomore Casey Carpenter is all about the numbers.

So when he won he $2,000 scholarship from the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce's Nebraska Business Hall of Fame, Carpenter was more than elated.

"Yeah, I was really surprised," he said. " I figured it was a long shot because there would be tons of applications."

Carpenter was one of only four Nebraska students who were awarded the scholarship.

Carpenter, 19, of Grand Island, is taking on a double major in professional accounting and economics. In his essay that helped win him the scholarship, Carpenter explained that being a double major is a rarity as an accounting student.

"Generally, most undergraduates simply pursue their professional accounting specialization' however, I am on track to earn both my professional accounting and economics majors," Carpenter wrote. "The extra course work that I will learn in the additional economics classes will greatly help my career in accounting, because I will have the knowledge and background information to assist my clients better."

That ambition for learning is exactly why Roger Doerr, professor of business and economics at HC, asked Carpenter to apply for the scholarship.

"I had Casey in a financial accounting class as a freshman," Doerr said. "His efforts in that class really exceeded what you expect from a freshman.

Doerr was also impressed with Carpenter's willingness to get involved on campus. Carpenter is the business manager for the Collegian and also does page layout for the newspaper.

Carpenter said he hopes to become a certified public accountant after graduating from HC. Carpenter said he chose the field of accounting because he thought it would be a field that would continue to change and challenge him.

"It's a highly demanding field," Carpenter said. "There's growth opportunity in the field."

Carpenter applied for the scholarship in November 2006. He found out in January that he won the award and was formally recognized at a banquet during the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting Feb. 1 in Lincoln.

Hastings chamber to honor three

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Three local students will be honored tonight during the Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce annual meeting at the Adams County Fairgrounds.

Megan Schmitz, of Hastings, and James Nervig, of Juniata, are the winners of a $500 scholarship given by the chamber's Whoopers & Hoopers Basketball Tournament Committee.

They will be attending a college in Nebraska this fall. A scholarship check will then be paid directly to the college of their choice.

Schmitz is a senior at Hastings High School. Nervig is a senior at Adams Central High School.

Also, Jacie Ochsner, of Adams Central, is the chamber's Diplomat Committee Scholarship winner.

Ochsner, who will attend college in Nebraska this fall, also received a $500 scholarship.

HEDC: Program to feature Hastings

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Several local economic development affiliates provided information about and photos of Hastings. Haussler said the show's producers will go through all that information and develop a script that will be presented in filming, which will take place at the end of April.

Randy Chick, executive director of both the Business Improvement District and Community Redevelopment Authority, was one of those officials who took part in the phone interview.

Chick hoped the program will attract individuals interested in the educational and tourism opportunities offered within the community to Hastings.

"Obviously the program will give some national exposure not only to economic development opportunities, but also for our quality of life," Chick said.

The 10-hour shoot will begin with interviewing three or four economic development officials talking about the community and local economic development issues.

"After that we'll be able to take them to specific locations and get a current view of Hastings," Haussler said. "It's going to be a quick overview of the community and try to highlight all the things that identify Hastings, Nebraska."

These highlights include things such as Kool-Aid, the Bill Smith Softball Complex, the Aquacourt Water Park, the Hastings Family YMCA's two locations, and the Hastings Museum of Natural and Cultural History.

"We will present those things so someone else would be interested in joining us in the future," he said. "You never know what it will take to turn someone's head."

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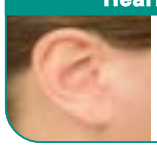
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Subdivision moves forward

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The Hastings Planning Commission debated several issues Monday before recommending approval of a local developer's applications for a portion of a new subdivision.

The commission asked that several stipulations be met before the applications by local developer Alan Anderson for the Prairie Ridge Subdivision would go before the Hastings City Council.

On Monday, the commission denied Anderson's request for preliminary plat approval of the 32-lot subdivision on North Wendell Drive upon recommendation of city Development Services Director Tamara Babcock. She recommended the commission deny the plan because there was no plan through Hastings Utilities for sewer service to the northern part of Anderson's subdivision.

HU assistant manager Al Meyer said the sewer plans hadn't been created yet, as HU was working with several developers in the area. He said he did not know when plans would be completed.

Babcock did recommend approval, however, of the preliminary/final plat for the southern 12 lots with the stipulation that a short drainage study be completed.

She said no drainage study had been completed and that it was necessary to know how the water would be removed from the area.

Anderson said a drainage study had been conducted by city engineer Dave Wacker and that no other information should be needed. However, Wacker said a drainage study had not been completed. He said only preliminary survey work had been completed and that no drainage study had been performed.

The commission also recommended approval of rezoning the proposed Prairie Ridge Subdivision from agriculture to an R-1 single family residential district. It also recommended bringing it into the city's corporate boundaries.

The commission stipulated that none of the recommendations can go before the Hastings City Council prior to the drainage study being completed and a title report being submitted to the Development Services Department.

At Monday's meeting, the commission also recommended approval of the application by Al Gangestad, who has an office in Hastings, for preliminary/final plat approval of Crosier Park Subdivision on East 14th Street despite concerns by one commissioner.

Babcock said the application was to divide the property into two blocks, with one including the existing professional center and the second including the remaining seven lots surrounding the center.

Gangestad, who owns the property, said the goal was the separate the land to allow for development of the seven surrounding lots.

Commissioner Phyllis Salyards said the original plan of allowing for commercial offices at the former monastery was to allow for the historical building to remain viable.

She said she didn't want more commercial businesses moving in and ruining the residential neighborhood. Salyards also expressed concern for the many trees that surround the center.

Gangestad said many of the trees were damaged or killed after the May 11, 2005, hailstorm and have since been removed or will be in the near future. He said some trees will be removed for development, but thinning the forest is necessary for viability of the other trees.

Babcock said the parcel sizes are small enough that once a building and parking lot are put in, there wouldn't be room for large buildings to affect the residential area.

An access road will be constructed around the professional center to access the lots.

Gangestad said no decisions as to what would be constructed on these properties has been made. However, he did say one consideration has been for a retirement home or assisted living facility.

Hastings Fire Chief Kent Gilbert did express some concern about the radius of the corners on the access road and said they wouldn't be large enough to accommodate large fire trucks.

Gangestad said he would be very willing to work with the fire department to accommodate those needs.



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A vehicle collided into a tree in front of Hogan's Sporting Goods, 743 W. Second St., Monday afternoon.

Tree blocks car from hitting Hogan's

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After visiting a downtown business Monday afternoon, an 87-year-old Hastings woman nearly drove through that same business.

At about 3 p.m. Monday, Melba Doudna, of 3 Avalon Lane, was backing out of a parking stall in front of Hogan's Sporting Goods at 743 W. Second St. when she backed around and collided with a tree in front of the business.

Hogan's assistant manager Shelli Rossen said she had been on the phone with a customer when she heard a loud crash.

"It sounded like the tree came through the front window," she said.

Rossen immediately ran outside and found Doudna had backed her 1987 Oldsmobile Cutlass nearly over the tree outside of Hogan's.

The tree was broken off nearly at the base and was leaning against one of the store's large bay windows.

"Fortunately, the tree was there, or she would have been in our store," Rossen said.

She said Doudna didn't know what happened at first but later said she thought her foot got caught on the gas, causing her to accelerate.

Mayor Matt Rossen, Shelli's husband, had been downtown at the time of the accident.

After hearing what had happened, Rossen said he immediately called the Hastings Parks and Recreation Department to tell them that a tree had been damaged downtown and would need to be cut down.

Parks crews were on the scene within just a few minutes to clean up the broken tree as people watched from across the street.

Randy Weaver with Best Tree Service, 111 N. Elm Ave., was in the area when the accident occurred.

Weaver, who works with the Downtown Center Association, is in charge of trimming the downtown trees.

He said he had just trimmed that tree last fall and heard people appreciated the care he had taken with the tree.

"It's a shame," Weaver said. "I had just trimmed that tree, and now it's gone. What a shame."

Panel discusses diversity for Black History Month

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A panel of Hastings College's student members of the Multicultural Student Union discussed cultural diversity on campus Monday evening as part of the celebration of Black History Month.

"It's not just our history — it's American history," said Logan Dobbs, of Brooklyn, N.Y., student production director for the college radio station.

The 25 members of the audience were asked to sit in the cafeteria with students outside their normal groups so students could become comfortable with each other.

"You can learn a lot of stuff just by sitting with different people," said student Corinthian York, of Clarksville, Tenn. "This group of 25 is the first step to build on. It just takes time."

Students who grew up in small communities dominated by one culture can be affected by culture shock upon entering college, panel members said.

Rob Andrews, panel member from Colorado Springs, Colo., said he and other black students also feel uncomfortable being around students from a predominately white community.

Andrews, a senior and HC basketball player, said he was so uncomfortable at Hastings College that he thought about leaving, as other black students had.

"Every year until the last year, I thought about leaving," he said. "I stayed because of the team."

Other ideas for increasing cultural diversity included more cultural classes, more marketing, more culturally diverse faculty members, bringing entertainment from other cultures to the college and holding a variety of events to maintain student interest.

"It's going to have to be with the guidance of the administration," Andrews said. "You're not going to make that change yourself."

Cameron Murphy, a student from Grand Force, N.D., said a degradation in the Greek system has allowed cultures to become more separate.

He said students previously gathered during Greek parties, and students could interact in a social setting on their own. He said alcohol consumption at these events would need to be controlled, but students would benefit culturally from the interaction.

Panel members agreed that freshmen tend to be timid about attending college events and stay in their rooms, where they feel comfortable.

"Students don't want to leave their room for anything," said panel member Rueben Jackson, of Hastings. "We have to get them out of their comfort zones."

After the meeting, Jackson said he felt the discussion was good, but now students must take action to help educate other students about their culture.

"We can talk about it as much as we want," he said. "Everyone needs to work on it."

Dobbs agreed. As production director for the college radio station, he has tried to make sure students know about upcoming events and activities.

"I think we all got to take individual responsibility," Dobbs said. "We need to take personal responsibility and help affect change."

Employee able to get out of burning store

The Associated Press

OMAHA — A worker at Bob's Food Mart was tied up and left in the basement of the north Omaha store Sunday night as it was set on fire, police reported.

The employee, 40-year-old Kassahun Goshime, was able to get out before the building's roof and walls collapsed in the two-alarm fire. He suffered minor injuries.

Omaha police were still looking Monday for the two men they say bound Goshime and set fire to the store before taking off with $350 to $400 from the cash register. One of the men reportedly had a gun.

A few weeks ago, Goshime said, he was a victim of vandals. Someone wrote the words "Pay the money round head" on his house near the store in red spray paint.

Goshime said he wasn't sure if the two incidents were related.

He owns the destroyed building, and his sister operates the grocery store there.

Goshime is Ethiopian. Police said it was too early to determine whether Sunday's incident was a hate crime.

HPS: Cosby to leave March 9

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◆ Approved a change order request for the new middle school.

◆ Approved the hiring of a planning and purchasing consultant to be in charge of the transition to the new middle school. Larry Bornschlegl has been hired to fill the position with a salary of $60,000 over a 10-month period.

◆ Approved funding 10 journalism students to attend the National High School Journalism Convention in Denver.

◆ Approved fertilizer and yard chemical bids.

◆ Approved the consent agenda, which included a certificated staff long-term leave of absence request, an extra-standard appointment, classified staff releases, a classified staff transfer and classified staff appointments.

◆ Approved the acceptance of gifts totaling $5,357.57.

◆ Interviewed the first candidate, Sharon Hollister, for the board member vacancy left by Donna Jacupke.

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Early: HPS board votes to end retirement program

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Kautz also informed the board that if the ERIP is ended, the staff has been promised a one-year notification. During his presentation, he said notice had been given that day — Monday — that the ERIP was going to end.

The original ERIP was adopted in 1992 as a way to take high-salaried staff off the payroll and replace them with lower-salaried staff. Since 1992, the program has been revised several times, the last being in February 2006. Since its inception, the program has grown increasingly costly, with the cost eventually outgrowing the program's benefits.

Kautz presented a proposal for the board to adopt a resolution that would accept the current seven applications for early retirement and limit additional applications received to five. Those five applications would have to be turned into the superintendent's office by April 9. Currently, 45 staff members are eligible for the program.

Applications granted would be based on highest salary and date and time of application. In the case of a tie, names would be drawn. The board also could decide to accept more or less than five applications, depending on what they deem financially feasible, Kautz said.

Under Kautz' proposal, the district would form a committee with staff, administrators and board members to decide how to phase out the current ERIP.

Several members of HPS staff spoke at the meeting and voiced their concerns about the program being cut and the board's commitments to the staff of giving at least one more year of the program to allow staff to make informed decisions about their futures.

During Monday's meeting, all board members were in agreement with Kautz that the program was flawed and needed to be phased out; however, there was lengthy discussion about what steps needed to be taken to ensure staff is treated fairly and that the program has a phase-out that works.

Board member Trish Boyd said she was on the board when the "meat and potatoes" of the current program were passed five years ago. She said she knew then that the program was flawed and did not vote in favor of it because of three reasons: it removes experienced teachers, funding for the ERIP program comes from the local tax base and Hastings can't afford it, and the levy limits wouldn't allow for it.

"I asked myself then, how long can this program last? And I believe tonight, I have my answer," Boyd said.

She said she did not approve of Kautz' proposed resolution because the board had a commitment to honor the program for all 45 staff members who are eligible.

"I don't think this is an equitable solution as this is written," Boyd said.

Boyd said limiting it to 12 this year is unfair and leaves a hole for the other 33 staff members who are eligible. The cost of the program, as currently proposed, is $500,000 more than the funds allowed by the property tax levy. She said that if all 45 took part in the ERIP, it would cost the district more than $900,000 over the levy.

"Even with this incredible price for the taxpayers, I feel we need to honor our staff first," Boyd said.

Boyd moved to amend the resolution to allow all 45 to take part in the program should they choose to.

"It allows us to bite the bullet and honor those staff," she said. "It's still leaving the parameters of removing what is in place."

Board member Pam Deal disagreed with Boyd's logic of requiring everyone to decide by April 9. Deal said she would like to honor the promise the board made to give staff at least a one-year notice.

"I have a problem with cutting it off this year," she said.

The program needs to be cut, but it should be done over a longer time period, Deal said. She said she also was on the board when the original ERIP was adopted and that it was only intended to help the district save money.

"This was never intended to be a permanent program," Deal said.

Board member Nicky Ockinga said she believed all staff that qualify should be treated fairly and be given an opportunity to participate in the program before it is pulled.

"They either all get it, or no one gets it," Ockinga said.

Ockinga voiced disgust that the board let the program become this expensive for the district.

"We should have kept our eyes on this more closely over the last five years, so shame on us," she said.

Discussion came back around to the original proposal that Kautz had introduced. Boyd said staff would not be treated fairly under the proposed policy.

"I just don't think putting names in a hat is equitable," Boyd said.

Turning to the financial side of the discussion, the board asked Brad Cabrera, assistant superintendent of finance and operations, to explain what the property tax levy implications would be based on the proposal and the amended proposal.

Cabrera said using rough figures, he figured that the levy for next year would be $1.33 if 12 retire this year and $1.42 if all 45 retired. The levy this year was $1.29.

The board discussed tabling the issue until the next meeting, but eventually the amendment failed 6-2 and the original resolution passed 6-2.

Several board members said they would like the committee to be formed and to find a workable solution before the April 9 deadline. Board member Jim Heyen said it was important that the board decide to offer the ERIP for one more year in some form.

"We will go another year," Heyen said. "If not, you'll have a battle on your hands."

Boyd said she did not agree with the board's action, as it left a lot of questions unanswered for staff.

"There is just a great big void of what will be offered to the staff next year," Boyd said.

Kautz said a committee will be formed as soon as possible and will work to make sure a recommendation concerning the future of the ERIP is available for the board to consider in March.

Library: Officials eye middle school site

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Tork also said she believes the current library would be a suitable place for the HPS administration to be housed.

Anderson then spoke to the board and said that the foundation is simply asking to be a part of the process when the board begins the task of selling the building.

The building might not have to be torn down, as there could be work done to the inside of the building to make it suitable for a library, he said.

"Something really out of the box might be able to happen to that building," Anderson said.

Craig Kautz, assistant superintendent of human resources and curriculum at HPS, said the foundation was the first to publicly say they have an interest in the property.

"We have had a number of groups express interest," Kautz said. "This is a public announcement of their interest, and in some sense, makes it official."

The board has not taken any public action concerning the current middle school building, but Kautz said when it does, there most likely will be a formal process the board follows. The first step would be to request proposals for the property from interested parties.

Lipker: Former player now calling the shots

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"My seniors have won over 15 games in their high school career, which is just the complete opposite of what I went through," she said. "I don't think I lost more than 15 when I was in high school, so I don't expect them to have that winning mentality."

The team's struggle has been a new experience for Lipker, who went from a successful high school team in Harvard to an even more successful team at Hastings College.

"I had to find a way to pay for college, and it looked like basketball was going to be the way to do it," she said.

She played in the high school state tournament several years in a row before winning the NAIA Division II national championship with the Hastings College team twice.

"Playing in the big show in college was quite the experience," she said. "I had a lot of fun."

After completing her fourth year of basketball and graduating in 2005, Lipker decided to stay at HC and finish her coaching endorsement.

To receive the endorsement, she needed to complete a teaching practicum. That's when she decided to call Harvard Superintendent Larry Turnquist about serving as an assistant coach.

"I asked if there was any way I could do my coaching practicum there, and he actually offered me a job," she said.

So for the 2005-06 school year, Lipker served as an assistant for the girls basketball, volleyball and track teams.

When the girls basketball coach decided to leave Harvard after the season, Lipker decided the job might be a good fit for her.

"It's not panning out like I thought my first year would, but we've had a lot of fun as long as they're improving," she said of her team. "It doesn't always show it on the scoreboard, but people notice."

This season, Lipker's team has gone from 14 players down to 11, which can be a challenge in keeping players energized for both junior varsity and varsity games.

Keeping the energy up is even more difficult with the varsity team's record, 4-14.

"I've been telling the girls our record is so deceiving because we've played a lot of good teams close," she said.

Their season ended Valentine's Day with a heartbreaking loss to Lawrence-Nelson, 51-36.

"But hopefully, if I stick it out a few years, I can start building it up myself," Lipker said of the basketball program.

North Shore: Project on city's one-year street improvement plan

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Wacker said that is a project under the Nebraska Department of Roads' highway department since Burlington is actually U.S. Highway 281. He said there are plans in the works to widen the street from Seventh to Ninth, and it eventually will be widened to 12th Street.

Local developer Pat Randolph attended Monday's meeting to remind the board of his request to have Madden Road made into a collector street.

Collector streets serve as a link between residential and arterial streets. Traffic volume on collector streets generally exceeds 1,500 vehicles each day.

Wacker said it would take the city at least two years to complete the paving of Madden Road and designate it as a collector street. He said the only way the project could be completed sooner is if Randolph has the street paved himself.

The Madden Road project isn't scheduled to be addressed until 2009, meaning the road wouldn't be paved and completed until 2011, Wacker said.

Several commissioners said they would like the City Council to consider making the Madden Road project more of a priority and completing it sooner. The commission has no legal authority to have the project moved forward. All those decisions are made by the City Council.

War losses mount for small towns

KIMBERLY HEFLING
The Associated Press

MCKEESPORT, Pa. — Raised in the projects in an old steel town, Edward "Willie" Carman saw the Army as a chance to build a new life.

"I'm not doing it to you, I'm doing it for me," the then-18-year-old told his mother, Joanna Hawthorne, after coming home from high school one day and surprising her with the news.

When Carman died in Iraq three years ago at age 27, he had money saved for college, a fiancee and two kids — including a baby son he'd never met. Neighbors in Hawthorne's mobile home park collected $400 and left it in an envelope in her door.

"When they came and told me he was gone, oh my God, it just crushed me," Hawthorne said. "There was actual pain in my heart. It felt like someone was in there just ripping it apart."

McKeesport is not alone in its mourning. Nearly half of the more than 3,100 U.S. military fatalities in Iraq have come from towns like McKeesport, where fewer than 25,000 people live, according to an analysis by The Associated Press. One in five hailed from hometowns of less than 5,000.

The Census Bureau said 56 percent of the population in 2005 lived in towns under 25,000 and in unincorporated areas, but it could not provide the number of people living only in communities of less than 25,000. The 2000 census showed 16 percent of the population lived in unicorporated rural areas.

Many of the hometowns of the war dead aren't just small, they're poor. The AP analysis found that nearly three quarters of those killed in Iraq came from towns where the per capita income was below the national average. More than half came from towns where the percentage of people living in poverty topped the national average.

Some are old factory towns like McKeesport, once home to U.S. Steel's National Tube Works, which employed 8,000 people in its heyday. Now, residents' average income is just 60 percent of the national average, and one in eight lives below the federal poverty line.



KEITH SRAKOCIC/*AP*

Joanna Hawthorne, the mother of U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Edward Carman, sits in a folding chair she brought to the graveside of her son in the McKeesport-Versailles Cemetery in McKeesport, Pa., Feb. 9. For a year after Carmen's death Hawthorne took a chair to the cemetery nearly every day, sat next to his grave and talked quietly. The visits have slowed to once a week, but her vigil continues.

On a per capita basis, states with mostly rural populations have suffered the highest fatalities in Iraq. Vermont, South Dakota, Alaska, North Dakota, Nebraska, Wyoming, Delaware, Montana, Louisiana and Oregon top the list, the AP found.

There's a "basic unfairness" about the number of troops dying in Iraq who are from rural areas, said William O'Hare, senior visiting fellow at the University of New Hampshire's Carsey Institute, which examines rural issues.

Diminished opportunities are one factor in higher military enlistment rates in rural areas. From 1997 to 2003, 1.5 million rural workers lost their jobs due to changes in industries like manufacturing that have traditionally employed rural workers, according to the Carsey Institute.

Rural communities are "being asked to pay a bigger price for this military adventure, if I can use that word, than their urban counterparts," O'Hare said.

As a result, in more than a thousand small towns across the country — from Glendive, Mont., to Barnwell, S.C., to Caledonia, Miss., and from Hardwick, Vt., to Clinton, Ohio — friends and families have been left struggling to make sense of a loved one's death in Iraq. It's a struggle that hits with a special intensity in tight-knit, small towns.

"In a small community, even if you don't know somebody's name you at least know their face, you've seen them before, talked to them maybe," said Chuck Bevington, whose 22-year-old brother Allan, from Beaver Falls, Pa., died in Iraq, after volunteering for a second tour. "A small community feels it a lot tighter because they've had more contact with each other."

Even strangers come up and hug his mother, he said.

Military tradition and patriotism run deep in rural America, and for some the drive to serve goes well beyond economics. Sometimes, the call is something even their parents don't completely understand.

When a Marine recruiter came to Ryan Kovacicek's two-story house outside Washington, Pa., off a mountain rural road surrounded by cattle pastures, his father, a Marine veteran of Vietnam, turned to his college student son and said, "You don't really understand what you're getting into."

"Yes, I do," he stubbornly told his father before signing the papers.

Their son was a jokester, easy going and popular. He loved golf and vacationing in Myrtle Beach, S.C. But there was a serious side too, and his parents said he believed in serving his country. As a bonus, he thought military service would help him one day get a job with the FBI or CIA.

Before leaving for Iraq, he took his girlfriend to a car dealership along I-79, pointed to a giant American flag flying overhead, and declared, "This is why I joined the Marines."

When his body was brought home, the hearse passed the same flag.

The day of Kovacicek's funeral, people lined Route 19, holding signs with his name. Little kids waved flags and men held their hands over their hearts to pay respect to the procession of more than 300 cars. His parents say they've been overwhelmed by the support of the community with tributes and phone calls from his friends and fellow Marines.

In Iraq, they later learned, he used to serenade his buddies with a song his father learned in boot camp and taught him as a boy. His voice choking, Joe Kovacicek recalled the words: "You can have your Army khaki, you can have your Navy blue, but here's another fighting man I'll introduce to you."

Among his belongings returned to the family was a tiny worn-out Bible he carried in his pocket.

His mother, Judi, said she didn't watch President Bush's recent address on the war because they try to stay out of the politics of Iraq.

"If God was going to take him at 22, if he didn't take him like he did, how was he going to do it? I feel a lot better losing him this way because there was a lot of meaning behind what he did," his father said.

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MATTHEW BROWN/*AP*

Farmer Roger Muggli stands in his alfalfa fields Feb. 12 near near Miles City, Mont. When the soil in Muggli's fields turned bad last year, killing off about 300 acres of alfalfa, the third-generation farmer had no doubts about the culprit: Coal-bed methane development upstream along the Tongue River.

Farmers see problems with methane drilling

WATER PUMPED FROM COAL BEDS MAY HURT SOIL

MATTHEW BROWN
The Associated Press

MILES CITY, Mont. — When the soil in Roger Muggli's fields turned bad last year, damaging more than 300 acres of alfalfa, the third-generation farmer quickly named a culprit: coal-bed methane drilling along the nearby Tongue River.

Muggli's finger-pointing has made him few friends in a region where economic development is desperately needed and future coal-bed methane production could mean hundreds of new jobs. His claims are denied by industry representatives and some federal scientists, who say a link between coal-bed methane and Muggli's bad soil cannot be proven.

But state officials and an independent researcher warn that Muggli's problems might be a harbinger of things to come, as the industry prepares to dramatically ramp up operations across 20 million acres in southeastern Montana.

"We knew this was coming and we wanted to prepare for it," said Richard Opper, director of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality. "It's definitely a wake-up call when you see the im-pact."

At issue are millions of gallons of water pumped daily from coal seams to access trapped methane, or natural gas. The water, which can be loaded with salts harmful to plants or soil, is sometimes treated or used to water livestock. Other times, it is pumped directly into local stream and river drainages.

Last year, Montana adopted new water quality rules meant to protect agriculture while allowing for further coal-bed methane development.

Muggli and some other farmers say the rules don't go far enough, while energy companies have sued to overturn them.

Meanwhile, the federal Bureau of Land Management is working on a plan to allow more than 18,000 coal-bed methane wells to be drilled in Montana over the next 20 years. About 1,000 wells already produce methane in the state.

In neighboring Wyoming, there are more than 17,000 producing wells along the Tongue and the Powder River — a number expected to more than double in coming years. Both rivers flow into Montana.

With vast sums of money at stake — starting at a projected $100 million a year in Montana and peaking at almost $3 billion annually at full production — coal-bed methane companies such as Fidelity Exploration and Production are doing their own agricultural monitoring and say their operations are benign.

They also point to federal studies showing only minor changes to water quality along the Tongue River in recent years, despite increased drilling.

"We have tried to use the best science to ensure there is protection for the irrigators on the Tongue River," said Bruce Williams, vice president of Fidelity, a subsidiary of MDU Resources Group Inc.

Research indicates that Fidelity's operations aren't causing Muggli's problems, he added. "There's just an awful lot of data to suggest that's not the case," Williams said.

Up to 2 million gallons of water produced by the industry are discharged daily into the Tongue in Montana. Almost 10 times that amount is put into the Powder River upstream in Wyoming, according to the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality.

Though coal-bed methane water contains sodium, the two rivers have naturally high levels of sodium. So gauging the industry's impact on the river water is difficult.

Muggli said that when he used irrigation water from the Tongue last growing season, the clay-based soils in three fields were rendered useless.

When clay soil has too much sodium, it can collapse to form an impenetrable seal. With water and air unable to get through the soil, Muggli's alfalfa turned yellow within a month.

"The only change we've had after irrigating with this water for 120 years is CBM (coal-bed methane)," Muggli said. "Who else am I going to blame?"

Matt Janowiak of the Bureau of Land Management said he would rule out CBM discharge water as the cause of Muggli's problem given the distance between Fidelity's wells and Muggli's fields — more than 100 miles.

A study by the U.S. Geological Survey showed a slight increase in sodium levels in the Tongue River. But with the region in the midst of a prolonged drought, the group could not say whether CBM was the cause.

James Bauder, an environmental scientist at Montana State University in Bozeman, said only time will tell if Montana's regulations are sufficient. In the meantime, he said Muggli's predicament should be taken as a warning.

"It's sort of like realizing the back end of the freight train has a problem and you've got to get all the way to the front to fix it and you can't," he said. "You can't recall water in a stream and you can't recall the impact it will have on the landscape."

ConAgra: Recall to cost up to $60M

COMPANY TAKES HIT OVER PEANUT BUTTER

JOSH FUNK
The Associated Press

OMAHA — Packaged-foods company ConAgra Foods Inc. said Tuesday that the nationwide recall of peanut butter it launched last week will cost between $50 million and $60 million and hurt its third-quarter earnings.

ConAgra announced last Wednesday that it would recall all Peter Pan and Great Value peanut butter made at its Sylvester, Ga., plant. Federal officials have linked the peanut butter to a salmonella outbreak that has sickened almost 300 people nationwide since August. No deaths have been reported.

The Omaha-based company said the recall costs — of 6 cents to 8 cents a share — will drag its fiscal 2007 earnings per share down to the low end of its previous prediction. ConAgra said in December that it expected its fiscal 2007 earnings to fall between $1.28 and $1.33 per share.

Analysts polled by Thomson Financial were looking for earnings of $1.34 per share on average.

At least three lawsuits have been filed against ConAgra by people who say they became sick after eating the company's peanut butter.

The company has not commented on the lawsuits except to say consumer safety is its top priority.

All of the jars of peanut butter involved have a product code on the lid beginning with "2111," which denotes the plant. ConAgra said customers may return the lids or full jars of peanut butter to the store where they bought them for a refund.

Great Value peanut butter is a Wal-Mart store brand and is made by several manufacturers. Great Value peanut butter that does not have the "2111" code is not included in the recall.

Salmonella sickens about 40,000 people a year in the U.S. and kills about 600. It can cause diarrhea, fever, dehydration, abdominal pain and vomiting.

To get a refund, consumers should send lids with their names and addresses to ConAgra Foods, P.O. Box 3768, Omaha, NE 68103. For more information, call (866) 344-6970 or visit ConAgra's Web site at http://www.conagrafoods.com

Japanese government discusses Tyson problem

The Associated Press

TOKYO — Japan will suspend beef imports from a Nebraska processing plant after finding meat in a shipment that may violate a regulation imposed over mad cow disease concerns, the government said Friday.

Plant owner Tyson Foods Inc. acknowledged the problem, saying the boxes of beef were mistakenly included in a shipment destined for export from its Tyson Fresh Meats plant in Lexington.

"The boxes contained a total of 95 pounds of boneless short ribs that were from cattle under the age of 30 months but did not meet Japan's requirement for product from beef carcasses under 21 months of age," said Tyson spokesman Gary Mickelson in Springdale, Ark., on Friday. "The product did not contain any materials considered a possible risk" for mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy.

He said Tyson would continue to serve its Japanese beef customers through its six other U.S. beef processing plants and will take further steps to ensure only qualified product is being exported to Japan.

The Ministries of Health and Agriculture said inspectors at the port of Yokohama found the two boxes of meat, which were not recorded in the accompanying shipping documents.

The shipment's importer could not confirm that the meat met the government requirement that all beef destined for Japan be from animals age 20 months or younger, the ministries said in a statement.

Markets

Tuesday's noon local markets

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Soybeans	6.96
Milo	3.87
Wheat	4.61

Stocks of local interest

The following stocks of local interest were traded today:

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Berkshire Hathaway B	3,635.10	+15.10
ConAgra	26.09	+0.15
Eaton Corp.	79.56	+0.08
Ingersoll Rand	44.46	+0.06
Kinder Morgan	105.94	0.00
Level 3	6.59	+0.15
McDonald's	45.67	+0.35
PepsiCo	64.53	-0.09
TierOne	29.38	-0.15
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Suicide bomber strikes funeral

BUSHRA JUHI
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A suicide bomber struck a funeral in Baghdad today, killing at least seven people as militants show increasing defiance to a major security operation in the capital.

The attacker, wearing a belt packed with explosives, followed a funeral procession into a tent before detonating the blast in a mostly Shiite district of eastern Baghdad, police said. At least 15 people were injured.

In other bloodshed across Baghdad, a car bomb and a suicide attacker killed at least 11 people.

More than 100 people have been killed in the Baghdad area since Sunday in a direct challenge to efforts by U.S. and Iraqi forces to restore some authority on the streets and give the embattled government some breathing room.

The first attacks came during the busy morning rush for goods and fuel. A car rigged with explosives tore through a line of cars at a gas station in the Sadiyah district in southwestern Baghdad. Police said at least six people were killed and 14 injured in the neighborhood, which is mixed between the majority Shiites and Sunnis whose militant factions are blamed for many of the recent bombings and attacks.

Later, a suicide attacker drove a bomb-laden car into a vegetable market near a Shiite enclave in southern Baghdad. At least five people were killed and seven injured, police said. The same market in the mostly Sunni Dora district was targeted last month by three car bombs that killed 10 people.

Two people died in the blast and the others were treated after being exposed to fumes and debris near Taji, about 12 miles northwest of Baghdad, Moussawi said.

On Monday, insurgents



ASAAD MOUHSIN/*AP*

Children stand amid debris in front of a car parts shop after a fuel truck exploded in Taji, Iraq, today.

Indian police release sketches of 2 suspects in train bombing



MUSTAFA QURAISHI/*AP*

An Indian police officer shows sketches of two men suspected of planting a pair of bombs that sparked a fire on a train barreling through northern India for Pakistan, killing 68 people in Panipat, India, today.

TIM SULLIVAN
The Associated Press

NEW DELHI — Indian police released sketches today of two men suspected of planting the bombs that sparked a fire on a train to Pakistan, killing 68 people in an attack officials said was intended to disrupt the steadily improving ties between the longtime rival countries.

The two men, whose identities are not known, boarded the train when it left New Delhi on Sunday but quickly began arguing with the conductor, insisting they were on the wrong train. They were allowed to jump from the train as it slowed down about 15 minutes to 20 minutes before the crude bombs detonated, said Sharad Kumar, a senior police official.

The train goes from New Delhi to the border town of Atari without stopping, and the revelation that two were allowed off highlighted what most passengers already know — that security on the train and at stations is cursory, at best.

In further signs of lax security, Kumar told reporters that 13 passengers made it to the Pakistani side of Atari without passports.

"There is no security at all at the station," Ati-ur-Rahman said as he waited Monday near Dewana for word about his missing cousin who was headed for Lahore, the line's final stop in Pakistan.

"There are only a few rude constables and all they're looking for is a few hundred rupees. They don't check anything," he said.

Railway Minister Lalu Prasad virtually acknowledged as much hours after the blast when he told reporters: "Though there are metal detectors, we don't have the equipment to check what is inside the luggage. We can't deny that."

Meanwhile, a Pakistani who had been traveling on the train was detained today for questioning, Indian officials said, though police acknowledged having little to connect him to the blasts.

"He was found in a drunken state and he's being questioned. But his account has been inconsistent and we have no definite conclusions yet," said Bharti Arora, a Haryana state railway police official.

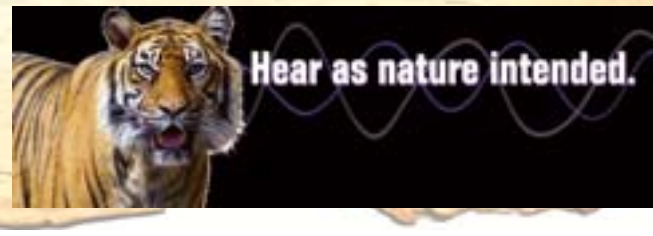
Despite the attack, leaders of the rival nations said they would press ahead with their peace process. Pakistan quickly decried the attack, and Indian officials took pains to avoid laying quick blame.

Pakistani Foreign Minister Khursheed Kasuri arrived in the Indian capital today for previously scheduled talks that are expected to start Wednesday. Guarded by dozens of soldiers, Kasuri today met with those injured in the train fire at a New Delhi hospital. Most of those injured and killed in the attack were Pakistani.

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh declared his country's "abhorrence for this heinous terrorist act." Most of the dead were Pakistani.

A Home Ministry official, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the investigation, said no suspects had been ruled out — from Kashmiri separatists to Hindu extremists.

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AMY ROH/*Tribune*



Hastings High's Jack Zoucha competes in the first leg of the 200-yard medley relay Nov. 30, 2006, at the Hastings invitational.

Tigers ready for state meet

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The Hastings High swimming team hasn't made it to the second day of competition in the past two years, and it is something that brothers Jack and Sam Zoucha would like to see change as the Tigers compete in the state swimming championships Thursday through Saturday in Lincoln.

The Tigers qualified for five events and will be sending nine athletes to the state meet in three boys relay events (200-yard medley, 200 freestyle and 400 freestyle), the boys 100 freestyle, boys diving and girls diving.

"It is our goal for us to get to the second day of competition," Sam said. "I think we have a pretty good shot."

Sam, a junior, and Jack, a freshman, are making a name for themselves as they swim together on the 200 and 400 freestyle relay teams. Sam qualified for the 100 freestyle, as well.

Sam said the two got their start in swimming from their older brother, Pete.

"Both of us are built for the sport (of swimming)," Sam said . "We are long and lanky and you need it in swimming, especially on relay teams."

Jack said he models himself after Sam and during practice he tries to beat him.

He said one of his goals at the beginning of the season was to make it to state.

"It is pretty amazing," Jack said. "I am really psyched about going. It is a great feeling."

Now, he's hoping he and the rest of the Tigers make it to the finals Saturday.

HHS co-head coach Ed Rief said the freestyle relay teams have a realistic chance of making it to the second day, but they will need to work hard like they have been during practice.

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AMY ROH/*Tribune*

Sam Zoucha swims in the 200-yard freestyle at the Hastings invitational on Nov. 30, 2006, at the YMCA.

A look back at state wrestling

The second edition of state wrestling Omaha-style seemed to go just a little smoother than last year.

Qwest Center officials ironed out a few of the wrinkles from last year, such as the freezing temperatures on the floor and also managed to find a way to host a basketball game Saturday night.



Ryan Murken

Less than three hours after the final medals were awarded to Nebraska's finest high school wrestlers, Creighton was tipping off its Bracket-Buster game against Drexel on the same floor that had been the site of 1,624 wrestling matches over three days.

From wrestling to basketball in a matter of hours, that's the pace that sports activities and sports writers have to move at these days.

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STC football players sign

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A pair of St. Cecilia senior offensive linemen signed letters of intent Monday afternoon to continue their football careers in college.

Center Seth Elley signed with Fort Hays State, a NCAA Division II school in Hays, Kan., while tackle John Skoch will be attending Avila University, a NAIA school in Kansas City, Mo.

"We're extremely excited for both of them," said STC football coach Carl Tesmer, whose Bluehawks went 10-2 and reached the Class C-1 semifinals last season. "These two men both worked hard in the offseason and in the summer. Both of them have come a long way.

"Both of these young men, as was our senior class, were responsible for the success we had this year."

The 6-foot-3, 310-pound Elley and the 6-3, 255-pound Skoch both expect to redshirt their first years of college.

Elley said he was impressed with the coaches at Fort Hays State.

"The football program seems to be on the rise," he said. "They seemed to have what I want in education. It's a good fit for me."

Elley also looked at Concordia College and Benedictine College.

Skoch picked Avila over Wayne State and Benedictine. He said he was impressed by the pre-med program offered there.

He admitted that he didn't know much about Avila until recently.

"My dad made me apply there because my aunt teaches there," he said. "I didn't really know anything about it. We took a visit there kind of hoping it would be bad, and it was probably the best visit we had."

Skoch will be the first Nebraska player ever to be on the Avila football team, a program that formed in 1999.

Avila, which plays in the Heart of America Athletic Conference, went 3-8 last year. Fort Hays State, which plays in the Mid-America Intercolleegiate Athletics Association, finished the 2006 season with a 2-8 record.

KU's Manhattan



CHARLIE RIEDEL/*AP*

Kansas guard Brandon Rush (left) steals the ball away from Kansas State's Lance Harris during the second half Monday in Manhattan, Kan.

Jayhawks win for 24th straight time at KSU

STEVE BRISENDINE
The Associated Press

MANHATTAN, Kan. — The Jayhawks took Manhattan — again. No. 6 Kansas' 71-62 victory over Kansas State on Monday night was its 24th straight in Manhattan, extending a streak that began before any of the Jayhawks were born.

Kansas hasn't lost here since a 58-57 defeat on Jan. 29, 1983, in Ahearn Fieldhouse — the Wildcats' old home gym. But while there's some relief at not breaking the string, the important thing for Kansas is that the Jayhawks (24-4, 11-2 Big 12) now lead No. 8 Texas A&M by a half-game in the conference standings.

"We can't get happy with ourselves now," said sophomore guard Mario Chalmers, who scored 17 points. "We've got to keep getting better every game."

Coach Bill Self agreed.

"The streak is not a big deal to the young guys," he said. "What's a big deal to us is that we still have a chance to win the league."

Kansas State, meanwhile, is still seeking its 20th victory under new coach Bob Huggins — and its first trip to the NCAA tournament since 1996.

"We haven't won in this gym yet, so it's definitely frustrating," said Cartier Martin, who led Kansas State (19-9, 8-5) with 19 points. The big thing for us, though, is to make it to the tournament. I still feel like we're in a situation where we can do that."

Two of Kansas' youngest players both came up big in packed Bramlage Coliseum, where Kansas State has never beaten the Jayhawks since the building opened for the 1988-89 season.

Freshman reserve guard Sherron Collins scored 20 points and led a key second-half run. Backup center Darrell Arthur, another freshman, had 13 points and 12 rebounds.

"Those are two pretty good freshmen coming in in this type of environment," Self said. "For these two guys to come in and play as well as they did and produce like they did, it speaks pretty well for them."

The freshmen's output helped Kansas make up for Brandon Rush's offensive struggles.

The sophomore guard, who came in leading the Jayhawks at 14.2 points per game, got in early foul trouble and never found his shooting stroke. He had 11 points, but was 3-for-9 from the field and 5-for-9 from the line.

He missed his first four shots, all from 3-point range, and didn't score until he hit two free throws with 10:48 left in the first half.

He picked up his second foul just over a minute later, sat down for almost 5 minutes and then was hit with his third personal when Jason Bennett drew a charge with 3:02 remaining in the half.

"I did a dumb play on that third foul," Rush said.

Kansas trailed 30-29 at the break and didn't take control until the midpoint of the second half.

Two 3-pointers by Martin and another by Lance Harris pulled the Wildcats (19-9, 8-5) even at 43-all with 11:12 to go. But Collins answered with a 3-pointer that ignited a 16-4 run for the Jayhawks.



CHARLIE RIEDEL/*AP*

Kansas State coach Bob Huggins reacts after a technical foul was called on the Kansas State bench during the second half against Kansas on Monday in Manhattan, Kan.

Basketball

NBA Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	29	24	.547	—
New Jersey	25	29	.463	4½
New York	23	30	.434	6
Philadelphia	17	36	.321	12
Boston	13	38	.255	15

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	29	21	.580	—
Orlando	27	26	.509	3½
Miami	26	26	.500	4
Atlanta	21	31	.404	9
Charlotte	19	33	.365	11

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	32	19	.627	—
Cleveland	31	22	.585	2
Indiana	28	24	.538	4½
Chicago	29	25	.537	4½
Milwaukee	19	34	.358	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	44	9	.830	—
San Antonio	35	18	.660	9
Houston	33	19	.635	10½
New Orleans	25	28	.472	19
Memphis	14	40	.259	30½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	35	17	.673	—
Denver	26	25	.510	8½
Minnesota	25	27	.481	10
Portland	22	32	.407	14
Seattle	20	32	.385	15

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	39	13	.750	—
L.A. Lakers	30	24	.556	10
L.A. Clippers	25	28	.472	14½
Golden State	25	29	.463	15
Sacramento	22	29	.431	16½

Monday's Games

No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Minnesota at Washington, 6 p.m.
New Orleans at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Orlando at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Denver at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 9 p.m.
Memphis at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

Prep Boys Results

Glenwood, Iowa 44, Blair 40
Omaha Skutt 70, Ralston 47
Omaha Westside 62, Bellevue West 47

C1-1 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Conestoga 63, Auburn 57

C1-10 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Centura 68, Ord 61

C1-11 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Chase County 57, Hershey 54

C1-12 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Gordon/Rushville 81, Mitchell 44

C1-2 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Lincoln Christian 52, Wilber-Clatonia 48
Milford 62, Fillmore Central 57

C1-3 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Fort Calhoun 70, Douglas County West 65
Logan View 54, Arlington 42

C1-4 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

North Bend Central 67, Yutan 66
Raymond Central 47, David City 41, OT

C1-5 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Tekamah-Herman 46, West Point-Beemer 41

C1-6 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Columbus Lakeview 50, Columbus Scotus 42

C1-7 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Crofton 71, Madison 49

C1-8 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

O'Neill 73, Creighton 61

C1-9 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Adams Central 45, Doniphan-Trumbull 38

C2-1 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Tecumseh 56, Nebraska City Lourdes 47
Weeping Water 65, Palmyra 62

C2-10 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Kearney Catholic 65, Alma 45
Ravenna 80, Wilcox-Hildreth 47

C2-11 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Southwest 51, Elm Creek 44

C2-12 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Garden County 42, Morrill 38

C2-2 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Friend 54, McCool Junction 40
Thayer Central 68, Malcolm 40

C2-3 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Omaha Brownell-Talbot 63, Omaha Christian Academy 46

C2-4 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Aquinas 40, Cross County 38, OT

C2-5 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Howells 52, Clarkson 46

C2-6 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Lyons-Decatur Northeast 62, Winnebago 48

C2-7 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Hartington 57, Homer 30

C2-8 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Neligh-Oakdale 51, Elkhorn Valley 40

C2-9 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Superior 85, Shelton 76, OT
Blue Hill 60, Sandy Creek 44

D1-1 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Pawnee City 55, Johnson-Brock 49

D1-10 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Cambridge 43, Eustis-Farnam 40

D1-11 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Dundy County 54, Medicine Valley 32

D1-12 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Banner County 59, Crawford 40

D1-2 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Dorchester 54, Meridian 49

D1-3 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Cedar Bluffs 79, Walthill 59

D1-5 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Nebraska Christian 70, Nebraska Lutheran 49

D1-6 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Lawrence-Nelson 35, Red Cloud 34

D1-7 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Orchard 55, Osmond 52

D1-8 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Ansley 45, Anselmo-Merna 41

D1-9 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Overton 67, Amherst 58

D2-1 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Sterling 58, Nebraska SE Consolidated 48

D2-10 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

McPherson County 48, Thedford 34

D2-11 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

South Platte 41, Maywood 30

D2-12 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Minatare 44, Hyannis 41

D2-2 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Rising City 64, Prague 62

D2-3 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Giltner 52, Heartland Lutheran 47

D2-4 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Brady 47, Elba 44

D2-5 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Greely/Wolbach 52, Cedar Rapids 37

D2-6 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Clearwater 56, Verdigre 46

D2-7 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Coleridge 72, Wausa 34

D2-8 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Bloomfield 69, Niobrara 34
Butte 73, Santee 48

D2-9 Subdistrict Tournament
First Round

Keya Paha County 67, Loup County 48

Boys Subdistrict Pairings

Subdistrict 9 at Kearney
Tuesday, Feb. 20

St. Cecilia vs. Adams Central, 6 p.m.
Minden vs. Gibbon, 7:45 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 22

Championship, 7 p.m.

Class C-2
Subdistrict 2 at Wilber-Clatonia
Tuesday, Feb. 20

Deshler vs. Friend, 6 p.m.
Tri County vs. Thayer Central, 7:45 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 22

Championship, 7 p.m.

Subdistrict 9 at St. Cecilia
Tuesday, Feb. 20

Sutton vs. Superior, 6 p.m.
Heartland vs. Blue Hill, 7:45 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 22

Championship, 7 p.m.

Subdistrict 10 at Minden
Tuesday, Feb. 20

Loup City vs. Kearney Catholic, 6 p.m.
Franklin vs. Ravenna, 7:45 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 22

Championship, 7 p.m.

Class D-1 at Fairbury
Subdistrict 2
Tuesday, Feb. 20

Diller-Odell vs. Dorchester, 6 p.m.
Exeter-Milligan vs. Bruning-Davenport, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 22

Championship, 7 p.m.

Subdistrict 6 at Fillmore Central
Tuesday, Feb. 20

Kenesaw vs. Lawrence-Nelson, 6 p.m.
Silver Lake vs. Harvard, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 22

Championship, 7 p.m.

Class D-2
Subdistrict 3 at Sandy Creek
Tuesday, Feb. 20

Clay Center vs. Giltner, 6 p.m.
Shickley vs. Hampton, 7:45 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 22

Championship, 7 p.m.

Hockey

NHL Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	36	17	6	78	160	140
Pittsburgh	32	18	9	73	208	187
N.Y. Islanders	29	23	8	66	177	170
N.Y. Rangers	29	25	5	63	175	170
Philadelphia	16	35	8	40	154	221

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Buffalo	39	15	5	83	217	168
Ottawa	34	22	3	71	200	157
Montreal	30	25	6	66	173	181
Toronto	29	22	8	66	191	192
Boston	28	26	4	60	167	212

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	33	24	3	69	191	183
Atlanta	30	22	9	69	185	194
Carolina	30	24	7	67	185	192
Florida	23	26	11	57	170	195
Washington	23	27	9	55	177	206

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	40	18	3	83	206	152
Detroit	38	16	6	82	185	145
St. Louis	25	26	9	59	155	181
Chicago	22	28	9	53	147	179
Columbus	23	31	5	51	146	182

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	34	21	4	72	157	150
Calgary	31	20	8	70	188	158
Minnesota	32	23	5	69	171	156
Edmonton	28	26	5	61	160	171
Colorado	28	27	4	60	190	187

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	35	16	9	79	193	155
San Jose	36	22	1	73	178	150
Dallas	35	21	2	72	158	142
Phoenix	25	32	3	53	160	207
Los Angeles	20	31	10	50	170	211

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

Monday's Games

N.Y. Islanders 6, Pittsburgh 5
Nashville 4, Phoenix 1
Boston 6, Philadelphia 3

Tuesday's Games

Philadelphia at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Atlanta at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Edmonton at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Florida at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Columbus at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

Transactions

Baseball

National League

NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with C Sandy Alomar Jr. on a minor league contract.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Purchased the contract of INF Oscar Robles from Mexico City of the Mexican League and signed him to a minor league contract.

American Association

LINCOLN SALTDOGS—Signed INF Jay Yaconetti.

Basketball

National Basketball Association

MILWAUKEE BUCKS—Signed C Jared Reiner to a second 10-day contract.

Women's National Basketball Association

CHICAGO SKY—Named Roger Reding assistant coach and director of player personnel.

Football

National Football League

CAROLINA PANTHERS—Released DE Al Wallace.

CHICAGO BEARS—Announced Ron Rivera, defensive coordinator, will not return next season. Named Luke Butkus assistant offensive line coach.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed TE Greg Guenther to a two-year contract.

DENVER BRONCOS—Signed LB Louis Green to a contract extension.

GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed LB Tim Goodwell, P David Lonie, CB Antonio Malone, LB Marcus Russell and DT Devarick Scandrett.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Designated DE Dwight Freeney as franchise player.

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Named Terry Shea quarterbacks coach and Brad Ohrt assistant strength and conditioning coach. Signed P Ryan Flinn.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Named Norv Turner coach and signed him to a four-year contract, Ron Rivera linebackers coach and Ted Cottrell defensive coordinator and signed them to two-year contracts.

TENNESSEE TITANS—Released OG Zach Piller.

Hockey

National Hockey League

CAROLINA HURRICANES—Reassigned LW Ryan Bayda to Albany of the AHL.

EDMONTON OILERS—Placed F Fernando Pisani on injured reserve. Recalled D Tom Gilbert and LW Jean-Francois Jacques from Wilkes-Barre/Scranton of the AHL.

OTTAWA SENATORS—Recalled G Kelly Guard from Binghamton of the AHL.

SAN JOSE SHARKS—Reassigned F Mathieu Darche and F Thomas Pilhal to Worcester of the AHL.

Soccer

Major League Soccer

CHIVAS USA—Signed F Maykel Galindo after paying an undisclosed transfer fee to Seattle of the United Soccer League.

College

ALABAMA—Named Kevin Steele defensive coordinator, Curt Cignetti recruiting coordinator and wide receivers coach, and Major Applewhite offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

AUSTIN PEAY—Announced the resignation of Carroll McCray, football coach.

EAST CAROLINA—Named Todd Fitch quarterbacks coach and offensive coordinator.

MARIETTA—Announced the resignation of Doug Foote, men's basketball coach.

RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE—Named Timothy Rudd men's and women's assistant track and field coach.

TEMPLE—Named Jared Backus defensive line coach and Kevin Gilbride running backs coach.

Tribland

TUESDAY

Area Schedule

Prep boys basketball
Smith Center at Beloit

Prep girls basketball
Smith Center at Beloit

Tuesday's TV broadcasts

Basketball	**Station**
7:15 p.m., Denver at San Antonio	TNT
9:30 p.m., Phoenix at Los Angeles Clippers	TNT
College Men's Basketball	**Station**
Noon, Doc Sadler Show	FSN
6 p.m., Wisconsin at Michigan State	ESPN
6 p.m., DePaul at Notre Dame	ESPN2
8 p.m., LSU at Kentucky	ESPN
Cycling	**Station**
9 p.m., Tour of California, stage 2	VERS
Hockey	**Station**
6 p.m., Philadelphia at Buffalo	VERS
7:30 p.m., Calgary at Colorado	ALT
Hockey	**Station**
1:30 p.m., UEFA, Arsenal FC at PSV Eindhoven	ESPN2
4 p.m., UEFA, Bayern Munich at Real Madrid CF	ESPN Classic

Tuesday's radio broadcasts

Prep girls basketball	**Station**
5:45 p.m., Sutton vs. Superior	KLIQ (94.5 FM)
5:45 p.m., St. Cecilia vs. Adams Central	KHAS (1230 AM)
6 p.m., Sutton vs. Superior	KRFS (103.9 FM)
6 p.m., Sutton vs. Superior	KRFS (1600 AM)
7:40 p.m., Franklin vs. Ravenna	KKPR (98.9 FM)
7:45 p.m., Heartland vs. Blue Hill	KLIQ (94.5 FM)

Wednesday's TV broadcasts

Basketball	**Station**
8 p.m., Miami at Houston	ESPN
College Men's Basketball	**Station**
6 p.m., Minnesota at Indiana	ALT
6 p.m., Boston College at Virginia Tech	ESPN
6 p.m., St. John's at Louisville	ESPN2
8 p.m., Texas A&M at Oklahoma State	ESPN2
Cycling	**Station**
10 p.m., Tour of California, stage 3	VERS
Soccer	**Station**
1:30 p.m., UEFA, Chelsea FC at FC Porto	ESPN2
4 p.m., UEFA, Liverpool FC at FC Barcelona	ESPN Classic

Local

GPAC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Concordia sophomore and Deshler graduate Whitney Stichka was named GPAC women's basketball player of the week after averaging 22.5 points, 3.5 rebounds and three assists per game in two Bulldog wins last week.

AC WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

The Adams Central Huskerland Wrestling Invitational will be held Saturday at Adams Central High School. The tournament is open to kindergarten-eighth grade. The tournament will begin with weight in at 7 a.m.

D-T WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

The Doniphan-Trumbull Youth Wrestling Club is hosting a youth tournament March 10 at Doniphan-Trumbull School. The tournament is open to prekindergarten-eighth grade. The deadline to register is March 9. For more information contact Bill Baasch at (402) 845-4554 or email him at bbaasch@hamilton.net.

Nation

TURNER NAMED CHARGERS COACH

SAN DIEGO — Norv Turner got his third shot at an NFL head coaching job when he was hired by the San Diego Chargers.

The hiring came a week after the surprise firing of Marty Schottenheimer and less than 24 hours after the Chargers finished interviewing the last of six candidates. Turner was the only one with NFL head coaching experience and the only one from the offensive side of the ball.

The Chargers also signed Ted Cottrell a two-year contract as defensive coordinator, then added Ron Rivera as linebackers coach just hours after the Chicago Bears said he wouldn't be back as their defensive coordinator. Rivera, a linebacker on the Super Bowl champion 1985 Bears, had interviewed for the job that went to Turner.

DUNGY TO RETURN NEXT SEASON

INDIANAPOLIS — Tony Dungy is coming back for another season with the Super Bowl champs.

Dungy made it clear that he will return to the Indianapolis Colts sideline, quashing any talk that he might step down after becoming the first black coach to win a Super Bowl ring.

While there had been speculation concerning Dungy's return for the 2007 season, the suspense didn't trouble team president Bill Polian.

RILEY EAGER TO RETURN TO HEAT

MIAMI — Eager to begin his latest coaching comeback, Pat Riley arrived for work at 8 a.m. and was surprised to find the Miami Heat offices deserted.

He was back on the practice court, nearly seven weeks after he stepped down for operations to replace his left hip and repair cartilage in his right knee. Riley led the Heat through a two-hour workout, their first since the All-Star break.

He stepped down again Jan. 3, and now acknowledges the decision wasn't all about his health. At the time, Miami was 13-17.

WISCONSIN NAMED TOP MEN'S TEAM

NEW YORK — Wisconsin was the new No. 1 in The Associated Press Top 25 poll and Big Ten rival Ohio State was not far behind at No. 2.

The Badgers (26-2, 12-1), on top of the poll for the first time in school history, play the Buckeyes (24-3, 12-1) in Columbus on Sunday — just a bit more than three months after Ohio State and Michigan played a much-hyped 1 vs. 2 football game at Ohio Stadium.

Florida's 83-70 loss at Vanderbilt on Saturday snapped the Gators' 17-game winning streak and dropped them from the top spot in the media poll for the second time this season.

Wisconsin, which was No. 3 last week, leapfrogged second-ranked Ohio State to become the fourth No. 1 team this season, and 52nd different school to hold the top spot in the history of the AP poll.

The Badgers received 35 first-place votes and 1,747 points. Ohio State got 31 first-place votes and 1,728 points. No. 3 Florida received four first-place votes and No. 4 UCLA got two.

The Associated Press

Swim: Tigers ready for state meet

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One problems that the Tigers have been facing this season long is the amount of practice time they have to prepare for a meet. Unlike many teams in Omaha and Lincoln, the Tigers don't have their own pool.

"What is missing is pool time," Rief said. "We don't have the space or time to prepare for (an upcoming meet). How are we supposed to be competitive when we can only practice 90 minutes a day?"

Also, looking to make a splash at state are three divers who will kick off the three-day event. Joe Cockrell and Kathryn Johnson are making their second straight state diving competition, while Cami Koopman will be making her first.

Like the relay teams, all three feel they can make the second round.

Cockrell said the judges are going to be tough and they will be looking at every point of the drive.

"We have to go out and hit every little aspect of our dives," Cockrell said. "I have to stay complete focused and not think of anything else."

Johnson is happy to have someone else diving with her as she and Koopman are the only HHS girls who qualified for state.

She said it will be hard to compete against the Omaha and Lincoln schools, but she said they have a chance to get into the second round.

"It is pretty exciting to have someone go with me as I was the only (girl) that went last year," Johnson said. "It will be nice to have a friend around."

Koopman just hopes she does well. She said if she doesn't make the first cut, that is OK with her. She said her goal was to make it to state and she is happy with that.

"Two years of hard work finally paid off," she said. "It will be fun and exciting competing in front of a large crowd, and it is well worth it."

State Swimming Championships
Feb. 22-24 in Lincoln
Thursday, Feb. 22
9:30 a.m., Girls diving
2 p.m., Boys diving
Friday, Feb. 23
11 a.m., Swimming preliminaries

Murken: A look back at state wrestling

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Just as quickly as Qwest Center officials switched from wrestling mats to the hardwood, sport writing types across the state are switching their focus from state wrestling to district and state basketball.

Before that switch is made complete, let's take a quick look back at some of the stories from state wrestling that made it such an entertaining weekend.

◆ The best performance from an area performer on Friday night belonged to Red Cloud senior Stacie Sawyer.

Sawyer did an outstanding job performing the national anthem before Friday night's semifinals and received a large ovation from the crowd of nearly 11,000.

◆ With his sixth-place finish at 215 pounds, Harvard/Clay Center senior Chris Johnson kept the WildCards medal streak intact.

Since combining for wrestling in 2004, Harvard/Clay Center has had at least one medal winner each year.

◆ Kenesaw/Shelton heavyweight Patrick Fletcher turned in the fifth fastest pin of the state meet, putting Lucas Witzel of Madison on his back in the quarterfinals in just 27 seconds.

◆ Speaking of Kenesaw/Shelton, it made quite a showing in Omaha for its first year as a co-op team.

It was a matter of quality not quantity for Kenesaw/Shelton as both of its qualifiers, Fletcher and 160-pound junior Matt Duffy, earned medals. Duffy finished sixth while Fletcher finished runner-up.

Despite having just two qualifiers, Kenesaw/Shelton managed to rack up 34 team points, finishing ahead of both Gibbon and St. Paul, teams that each sent six wrestlers.

◆ As Bennington coach Al Pokorny was celebrating his team's first state title since 1990, he managed to give plenty of credit to his former coaching partner and current Hastings High coach Rod Tickle.

Tickle coached at Bennington with Pokorny before taking the job at Hastings High.

◆ It was quite a weekend for the Franklin wrestling program. The Flyers crowned their first state champ in five years and posted their best team finish in the past decade.

The storied Franklin wrestling program, which won back-to-back state titles in 1978 and 1979 and had four top-three finishes in five years from 1978-1981, seems to have taken a major step forward this season under second-year coach Adam Keiswetter.

◆ Outside of the area, the main story around the Qwest Center seemed to be the pure dominance of Omaha Skutt.

Skutt won its record 10th straight state title in impressive fashion, setting a new record for team points for the second straight year with 251.5.

The SkyHawks finished with five state champions and had 11 of their 12 qualifiers earn medals, including 10 top-three finishes.

◆ Skutt junior Tyler Sackett won his third straight state title with a 9-2 victory over Andrew Brodahl of West Point Beemer in the Class B 125-pound title match.

Sackett is now one championship away from becoming the 14th four-time state champ in Nebraska history.

If he can win a state title next year, Sackett will join a group that included former area wrestler Dirk Desmond, who won four straight titles for Hebron from 1996-99.

◆ Millard South continued its reign in Class A, making it three straight state titles by holding off Kearney High 200.5 to 181.

◆ The Howells team gave its longtime coach Lee Schroeder the perfect send off, winning its second team title in the past four years in Schroeder's last state tournament.

◆ Saturday's parade of champions was, as it always is, a perfect precursor to the excitement that comes from the championship matches.

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Knight: New rule hurts integrity of college basketball

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The new rule that says players must be at least one year removed from high school before entering the NBA is "the worst thing that's happened to college basketball since I've been coaching," says Texas Tech coach Bob Knight.

In the Big 12, it might be called the Kevin Durant Rule after the Longhorn freshman who has electrified the entire country and leads the conference in both scoring and rebounding. Instituted last year by the NBA, it means that super-talented players must wait at least a year rather than jumping into the pros right out of high school.

Many coaches have hailed this new approach as a blessing for the college game, because it lets NCAA schools showcase their abilities at least for one season. But Knight, the winningest college coach of all time, said he deplores it.

"Because now you can have a kid come to school for a year and play basketball and he doesn't even have to go to class," Knight said Monday during the Big 12 coaches call. "He certainly doesn't have to go to class the second semester. I'm not exactly positive about the first semester. But he would not have to attend a single class the second semester to play through the whole second semester of basketball.

"That, I think, has a tremendous effect on the integrity of college sports."

No player better exemplifies the new rule than Durant. Amazingly quick, agile and athletic for an 18-year-old, the 6-foot-9 Durant would have been a surefire NBA lottery pick any other year. But he had to find a college to play for. He chose Texas and perhaps will be remembered as the greatest to ever wear a Longhorns uniform, even though he seems likely to vault into the NBA after a sensational freshman season.

He has been named Big 12 player of the week three times and conference rookie of the week five times. He leads the league with 24.9 points and 11.4 rebounds per game and has a good chance at being national player of the year.

Knight said he would never have recruited Durant, although he doesn't blame Texas coach Rick Barnes for doing so. "I don't fault those that have, because it's within the rules," Knight said. "But the rules are just ridiculous, the way the thing is set up."

"It's just a tremendous disservice, the way that it's structured, to the integrity of college sports."

Barnes, who did not hear what Knight said earlier on the Big 12 coaches call, said he did not recruit Durant as a one-semester student.

"All we've ever said is if we recruit a player and that player said to us, 'I'm coming to school for one year and as soon as basketball season is over with I'm dropping out of school,' we would not recruit that player," he said.

"We cannot afford to jeopardize our program in that way. We want players that if they're going to come, we want them committed to a whole year academically. We tell them that's what's expected coming in."

Bleacher Feature





BRENT McCOWN/*Tribune*

Clay Center's Andrew Malone (14) is double-teamed by Kenesaw's Trevor Stickels (11) and Ethan Volzke (15) during their game Saturday night in Kenesaw. Right: Sutton's Logan Rath (10) battles for control of a rebound with Heartland's MacKenzie Dick (12) while Amber Block (54) watches during their subdistrict game Feb. 13 at St. Cecilia.

Tribland boys basketball subdistrict roundup

Adams Central 45
Doniphan-Trumbull 38

KEARNEY — Adams Central defeated Doniphan-Trumbull 45-38 in the first round of the Class C-1, Subdistrict 9 tournament Monday.

The Patriots will face St. Cecilia in the second round of the tournament tonight.

Kyle Stine led the Patriots with 19 points and six rebounds. Justin Drudik added six points and eight rebounds. Andrew Bohlen had two points and seven assists in the win.

Kelan Buhr led the Cardinals with 15 points. Ryan Fjeldheim added 10 points and four steals. Taylor Fjeldheim had six points and six assists in the loss.

D-T	10	11	12	5	— 38
Adams Central	10	8	15	12	— 45

Adams Central (45)
John LaMaster 2, Kramer Lyons 2, Tanner Hohlen 7, Andrew Bohlen 2, Kyle Stine 19, Zach Hunt 3, Todd Smidt 4, Justin Drudik 6.
Doniphan-Trumbull (38)
Kelan Buhr 15, Ryan Fjeldheim 10, Taylor Fjeldheim 6, Aaron Armon 6, Jered Jones 3.

Blue Hill 60
Sandy Creek 44

Blue Hill defeated Sandy Creek 60-44 first round of the Class C-2, Subdistrict 9 tournament Monday at St. Cecilia's Chapman Gymnasium.

The Bobcats will play Heartland in the second round of the tournament tonight.

Zach Herz led the Bobcats with 18 points. Jacob Bachman added 13. Travis Lowery scored 10 and Tyson Jordening had nine in the win.

Dustin Ninemire scored 26 to lead the Cougars.

Sandy Creek (5-15)	12	6	10	12	— 44
Blue Hill (12-10)	12	14	11	23	— 60

Blue Hill (60)
Tyson Jordening 9, Jeff Hubl 4, Travis Lowery 10, Shawn Hastings 2, Jacob Bachman 13, Cody Karr 2, Zach Herz 18.
Sandy Creek (44)
Jordan Hakanson 5, Trenton Shuck 5, Dustin Ninemire 26, Clinton Felber 2, Tyler Valentine 3, Jacob Engberg 2, Jason Skrdlant 1.

Superior 85
Shelton 76

Superior defeated Shelton 85-76 in overtime in the first round of the Class C-2, Subdistrict 9 tournament Monday at Chapman Gymnasium.

The Wildcats will play Sutton in the second round of the tournament tonight.

Andrew Pritchard led the Wildcats with 20 points. Kyle Schultz added 16. Jake Edwards scored 13 and Robert Hamilton had nine in the win.

Superior	14	17	19	22	13 — 85
Shelton	14	19	16	23	4 — 76

Superior (85)
Andrew Pritchard 20, Tanner Krajnik 13, Spencer Trapp 6, Robert Hamilton 9, Jake Edwards 13, Kyle Schultz 16, Ryan Renz 8.
Shelton (76)
Anthony Zuniga 13, Logan Bruner 19, Travis Meyer 6, Taylor Power 18, Bryan Brown 18, Devin Woodman 2.

Lawrence-Nelson 35
Red Cloud 34

GENEVA — Lawrence-Nelson rallied to beat Red Cloud 35-34 in the first round of the Class D-1, Subdistrict 6 tournament Monday.

After being held scoreless in the first quarter, the Raiders outscored the Warriors in each of the middle quarters to take a one-point lead into the fourth.

The Raiders will face Kenesaw in the second round of the tournament tonight.

JC Hinz scored six of his team-high nine points in the second quarter to lead the Raiders. Steven Schroer added eight and Sam McCord and Zach Ault had six each in the win.

Parker Gilbert scored 12 of his game-high 18 points in the first half to lead the Warriors. Aaron Wescoat added seven and Wes Olson had six in the loss.

Lawrence-Nelson	0	13	14	8	— 35
Red Cloud	8	8	10	8	— 34

Lawrence-Nelson (35)
Steven Schroer 8, JC Hinz 9, Sam McCord 6, Garrett Svoboda 2, Andy Peterson 4, Zach Ault 6.
Red Cloud (34)
Parker Gilbert 18, Aaron Wescoat 7, Nathan VanWey 3, Wes Olson 6.

Giltner 52
Heartland Lutheran 47

FAIRFIELD — Giltner defeated Heartland Lutheran 52-47 in the first round of the Class D-2, Subdistrict 3 tournament Monday.

The Hornets made 10-of-16 free throws in the fourth quarter to advance to second round, where they will play Clay Center tonight.

Shay Hinrichs led the Hornets with 21 points. Ben Harmon added nine and Justin Happold had seven in the win.

Giltner	8	13	14	17	— 52
H. Lutheran	13	8	6	20	— 47

Giltner (52)
Ben Harmon 9, Justin Happold 7, Colin Cates 5, Nathan Most 6, Brock Hinrichs 2, Shay Hinrichs 21, Blake Samuelson 2.
Heartland Lutheran (47)
Jacob Satter 11, Jesse Bartels 10, Josh Messersmith 4, Matt Wagnitz 4, Jacob Kreutzer 10, Jeff Seim 3, Ben Rauert 5.

Thayer Central 68
Malcolm 40

WILBER — Thayer Central defeated Malcolm 68-40 in the first round of the Class C-2, Subdistrict 2 tournament Monday.

The Titans will play Tri County in the second round of the tournament tonight.

Christopher Long led the Titans with 21 points. Trevor Wit added 14 and Drew Onnen had nine in the win.

Thayer Central	18	18	16	16	— 68
Malcolm	11	9	10	10	— 40

Thayer Central (68)
Michael Elting 6, Trevor Wit 14, Christopher Long 21, Seth Wiedel 3, Michael O'Neal 5, Braden Burkey 4, Jordan Winn 2, Evan Meyer 2, Micah Mumm 2, Drew Onnen 9.
Malcolm (40)
Andrew Cook 5, Derrick Wiebe 8, Brecken Kinnamon 9, Jacob Fry 8, Stephen Krupicka 2, Ryan Maxson 2, Paul Ganow 6.

Ravenna 80
Wilcox-Hildreth 47

MINDEN — Wilcox-Hildreth fell to Ravenna 80-47 in the first round of the Class C-2, Subdistrict 10 tournament Monday.

Ravenna will play Franklin in the second round of the tournament tonight.

Mike Jelkin led the Falcons with 11 points. Austin Gardels added nine and Payden Artz had eight in the loss.

Wilcox-Hildreth	13	12	8	14	— 47
Ravenna	17	24	12	27	— 80

Ravenna (80)
E. Johnson 6, M. Douglas 3, A. Habe 6, T. Schroll 5, J. Dienes 11, B. Teichmeier 2, K. Basnett 3, A. Mingus 5, J. Chizek 8, J. Grabowski 6, G. Nissen 25.
Wilcox-Hildreth (47)
Mike Jelken 11, Matt Nelson 2, Tyler Guthrie 7, Austin Gardels 9, Payden Artz 8, Nate Gardels 2, John Harms 8.

Bonds arrives at Giants' spring training today

BONDS NEEDS 22 HOMERS TO BREAK RECORD

JANIE MCCAULEY
The Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Barry Bonds arrived at spring training today with two waves for the swarm of people waiting to see him, then quickly entered Scottsdale Stadium to get to work.

Noticeably absent were his two personal trainers, Greg Oliver and Harvey Shields, who no longer can be with the San Francisco slugger at the ballpark. Bonds, who spent the weekend in Las Vegas for the NBA All-Star game, was flanked by his two publicists and a Major League Baseball security guard assigned to him.

He joked with new teammate Barry Zito in their corner space of the clubhouse, then the 42-year-old Bonds made his way through the room and greeted outfielder Jason Ellison, infielder Rich Aurilia and pitcher Matt Morris. Clubhouse staff headed his way with undershorts and hats.

Bonds took part in a team meeting before walking to the field for the Giants' first full-squad workout. He was scheduled to hold his annual spring media address afterward. He begins his 22nd major league season, and 15th with San Francisco, needing only 22 home runs to break Hank Aaron's career record of 755.

"It's going to be interesting to see how this shakes out," new center fielder Dave Roberts said of the Bonds' hype. "We'd be naive not to think he's going to be a big part of this team. He wants to win as much as anybody."

Bonds, the seven-time NL MVP still facing constant questions about whether his home run pursuit was fueled by steroids, finally signed his $15.8 million, one-year contract last week.

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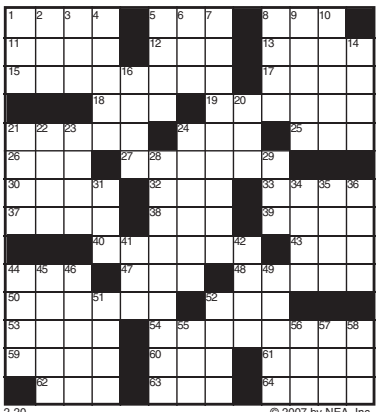
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26 Ron who played Tarzan
27 Highland girl
30 NFL team
32 201, to Claudius
33 Farewells
37 Entry permit
38 Likewise
39 Ali who said "Open sesame!"
40 Rush away
43 Remove, as branches
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Astrograph

Your Birthday

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21

Some active, exciting times may be in store for you. There is likely to be important happenings that will result in improving things for you in areas where once only disappointment prevailed.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Sometimes your emotions can get in the way of your thoughts. But because you won't let sensitivities bother you, one of your greatest assets will be your ability to think on your feet.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Material conditions get more favorable for you later in the day. So if you have any important business to conduct, you might want to make your appointment closer to late afternoon.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Taking control of situations yourself could play a larger role than usual in matters of personal importance, so don't wait on others to help. Take positive action, and give it your all.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't waste your time and energy on mundane objectives or goals. You'll find the more you strive for things that are of true significance to you, the more fortunate you become.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Regardless of anything negative that might have transpired in recent days, don't let your faith waver. There are strong indications things could work out better than you ever dared hope.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A condition predicated upon what others do or don't do has an effect on your earning capacity, and it is beginning to change for the better in ways you may not be aware of.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Harmony can once again be restored in a relationship that might have been a trifle unsteady in the past few weeks. However, it is going to have to be up to you to offer the first olive branch.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Something that is likely to apply to you is going on behind the scenes where your work is concerned. It might not please your associates too much, but it should make you very happy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Weigh your important decisions on how they relate to other conditions involved. Base your judgment calls not only on what you can momentarily gain but what you get for the long haul.

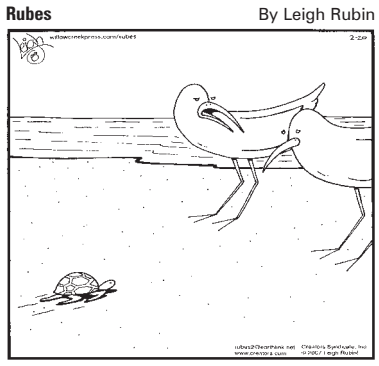
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) A lot of work you've recently brushed aside can be completed if you're determined to do so. You might not feel so industrious tomorrow, so don't put off anything you can finish now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your popularity could be at a high point and your pleasing demeanor will attract admirers, so take advantage of spending some time with those you would like to cultivate as friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you have the time, funds and inclination, this is an excellent day to do a bit of bargain hunting, especially if you're looking for some high-priced household items.

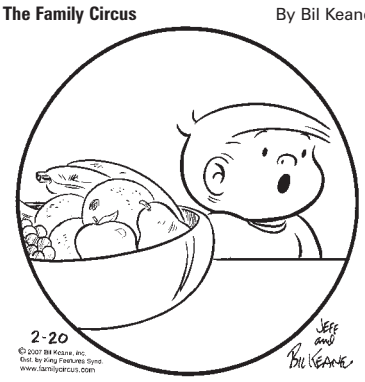
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Rubes By Leigh Rubin



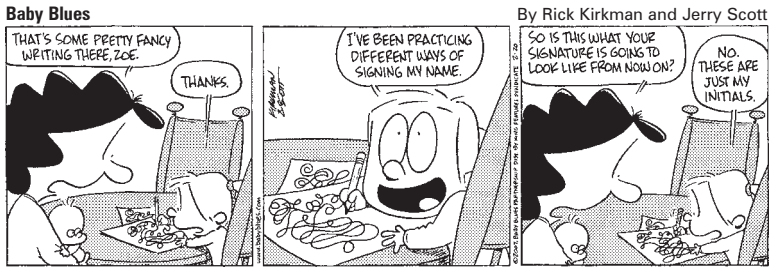
"Only one in a thousand of the poor, helpless, little hatchlings will survive?! ... Dude, you have got to stop watching those nature documentaries!"

The Family Circus By Bil Keane

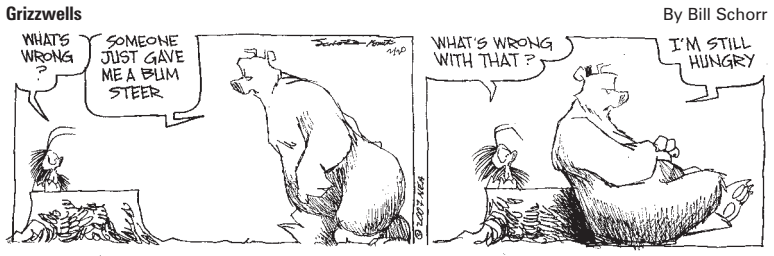


"Instead of fruit, could I have something fruit-flavored?"

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



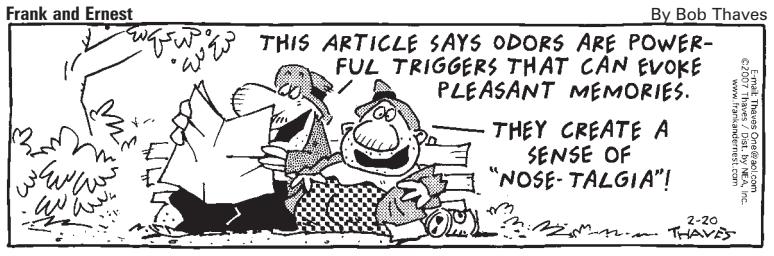
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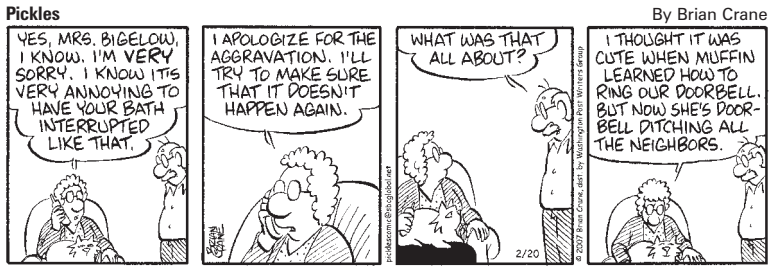
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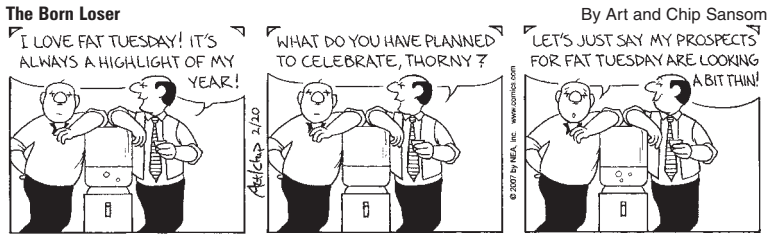
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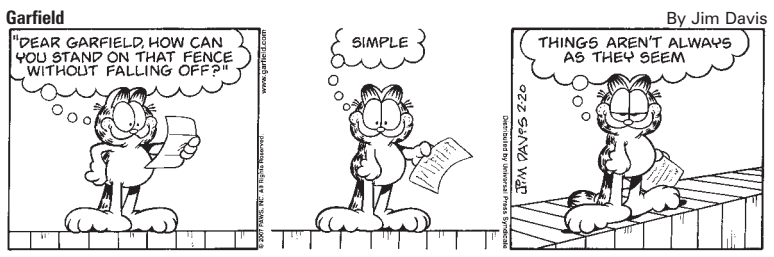
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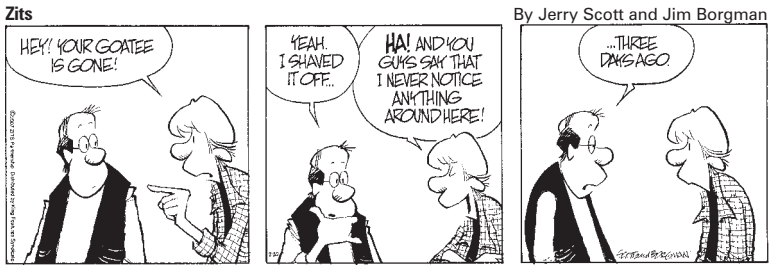
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Garfield By Jim Davis



Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



Cornhusker fans have their priorities straight on game day

DEAR ABBY: When I first read the letter from "Wounded Bride" (Jan. 6), whose father left immediately after her wedding ceremony to watch a football game on television, I thought, "What an insensitive, inconsiderate boor!" However, when I saw the signature, "Wounded Bride in Nebraska," I laughed.

I was born and raised in Nebraska. The percentage of the population in Nebraska who are not obsessed with football is definitely in the minority. It has reached the point where weddings, birthday celebrations, anniversaries — even women's C-sections — are planned around the Cornhuskers' schedule.



Dear Abby

This may seem ridiculous and juvenile, but it's the reality if you choose to live in Nebraska. What her father did was wrong, yet he probably was never taught anything different. I'd cut the guy some slack. — REFORMED CORNHUSKER FAN, NOW IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR REFORMED: I told "Wounded Bride" (in essence) that her father might have been trying to send her a message about his feelings about her marriage, but she should try to forgive him and concentrate on building a successful life with her spouse. Of course, when I penned my answer, I had no idea how pervasive football fanaticism has become. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Although I feel her pain, I had to chuckle. We just moved back to Colorado from Nebraska, and believe me when I say that "Husker" is the state religion.

Some close friends recently planned the marriage of their son around the Cornhuskers' football schedule, and another friend was late to his own wedding because he was watching "the game."

"Wounded Bride's" father is just a typical Husker fan. — BRENDA IN AURORA, COLO.

DEAR ABBY: It was the bride's own fault for scheduling her wedding during a game-day Saturday. Having grown up in Nebraska, I can tell you there are Catholic priests and Protestant ministers who refuse to perform weddings on game day. Repairmen refuse to come until the game is over. My wife is a nurse, and when she worked in the hospitals there, she knew of doctors who put off patients until the game was over. Nothing in Nebraska is more important — at least in their minds. It's actually one of the reasons we moved away. — FORMER NEBRASKAN IN TEXAS

DEAR ABBY: My in-laws' anniversary was in the fall, and we had to plan their 60th on a weekend other than game day or many guests would not have come. Heck, my father-in-law might not have come! They played the Nebraska fight song at his funeral, and everyone cried. — HUSKER FAN, ROCKLIN, CALIF.

DEAR READERS: In fairness, it isn't just Nebraska football fans. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The only day we could have our wedding was the day of the Pitt-Penn State game — a big deal here in western Pennsylvania. At our reception, those guests who weren't in the bar glued to the TV had headphones plugged into their ears, either cheering or groaning at inappropriate times. — MARTHA IN CHICORA, PA.

DEAR ABBY: Brides-to-be in Oklahoma who schedule their weddings on an Oklahoma University Sooner game-day Saturday can expect low attendance. It may not be right, but it's true. — SOONER FAN IN OKLAHOMA CITY

DEAR ABBY: In Texas, we schedule funerals so as not to interfere with our college football games. That bride knew her father's habits. She should have had the wedding on a different date. — ANOTHER FATHER'S OPINION

DEAR ABBY: "Wounded Bride" should take comfort in the fact that what goes around comes around. Nebraska lost! — AUBURN WAR EAGLE

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Cheapskate — Dinner disaster? Blame it on the oven

BY MARY HUNT

If there's one appliance in your kitchen that's apt to cause problems, it's your oven. That's the bad news. The good news is, ovens are often easy for do-it-yourselfers to fix.

Chris Hall, president of RepairClinic.com, says, "If you're wondering why your oven-baked culinary masterpieces don't come out right every time, don't blame the chef, blame the oven! All too often, home chefs will find out that their oven is not reaching and maintaining the temperature they've set, which means their recipes simply won't turn out right."

Here's my dilemma: My oven is pathetic. It was a stripped-down model 22 years ago when it was new. It would be foolish to replace it now. This is why I am bent on getting it in the best possible condition so we can get a few more miles out of it.

TEMPERATURE: My first step will be to make sure it is keeping the right temperature. This is accomplished easily with a separate oven thermometer. Set the oven temperature and then compare the temperature of the thermometer with the set temperature. To get an accurate reading, let the oven cycle on and off at least three times, which takes at least 20 minutes.

Hall says don't expect perfection. For example, if you've set your oven to 350 F, it is acceptable for the actual temperature to be 325 F to 375 F. Most recipes provide a range of cook times with this in mind. And don't forget that altitude and humidity can affect cook time.

Some other causes of incorrect oven temperatures include:

DOOR GASKETS: The oven door has a gasket to keep heat inside the oven. Over time, these gaskets can become torn or deformed and allow heat to escape. Inspect the gaskets to ensure they are in good condition and replace them as necessary.

DOOR HINGES: If an oven door does not close properly, heat can escape. Make sure the door closes tightly and evenly. If it doesn't, check for broken or bent door hinges or door springs, which should be replaced.

'Bridge' quaint tale for kids



Christy Lemire

There's something endearingly quaint about the images and ideas presented in "Bridge to Terabithia," the notion that the most troubling force in a kid's life could be the fear of a bully on the school bus, and that frolicking in the woods could provide the perfect escape.

The special effects in this coming-of-age fantasy tale, though, are extremely high-tech — yet feel distractingly literal and clunky. (They come from Weta Digital, the same company that designed the visuals for the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy.) Killer birds and giant squirrels and menacing trees come out of nowhere and dart about in this live-action feature debut from Hungarian animation artist Gabor Csupo, who helped create "The Simpsons."

It's what you don't see that's usually more compelling. If you're a fan of the genre (say, a fantasy geek, and that's meant in the warmest of ways), all this probably will seem totally fine, however.

Effortless performances from the two young stars ultimately make this movie worthwhile, regardless of the age of the kids watching. Josh Hutcherson and AnnaSophia Robb star as Jess and Leslie, the outcasts of Katherine Paterson's novel who form a friendship based on loneliness and a shared love of imagination. (Paterson's son, David, for whom she wrote the story in 1978, co-wrote the script with Jeff Stockwell.)

Jess and Leslie merge his artistic skills with her talent for storytelling to create Terabithia, a magical land in the forest behind their homes where they rule as king and queen, and where they can exact their elaborate revenge on the mean kids who taunt them at school. He's one of five children in a family where financial problems constantly loom; she's the new kid in school, the wealthy only child of two successful, quirky writers.

If this were reality, Jess and Leslie would probably be sneaking cigarettes in their tree house and complaining about how much life sucks. Instead, they challenge each other to foot races down long, dirt roads and swing on a rope across a stream to their favorite hiding spot — and never once come close to kissing.

It's refreshingly sweet, and the two young stars are an easy fit for each other. Hutcherson is a subtle and suitably stoic preteen, but Robb ("Because of Winn-Dixie," "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory") is just radiant, with her bright eyes and confident style.

Robert Patrick co-stars as Jess' gruff, hardworking dad, with the impossibly adorable Bailee Madison as his tag-along little sister, May Belle. And Zooey Deschanel, lovely as always, plays the kids' supportive music teacher. (Her presence toward the end does feel like a bit of a plot contrivance, though.)

If you've never read the book, here's a bit of advice: Bring Kleenex. What starts out idyllic and wholesome can be heartbreaking by the end. That's all we'll say. After all, some things are better left to the imagination.

"Bridge to Terabithia," a Walt Disney Pictures release, is rated PG for thematic elements including bullying, some peril and mild language. Running time: 95 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

Christy Lemire is a movie critic for The Associated Press.



CLIFF LIPSON, CBS/*AP*

Actors Lennie James (center) and Skeet Ulrich (right) appear in a scene from "Jericho."

Bombs away!

NUKE-DEPLOYING DRAMAS SHAKE UP VIEWERS

FRAZIER MOORE
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — You might not have felt any fallout so far. But TV dramas are unleashing a nuclear arsenal.

Consider "Jericho." When this CBS hit premiered last fall, the good people of Jericho, Kan., were shocked by the sight of a mushroom cloud rising in the distance. "Our Town" meets duck-and-cover. And that was just the premiere.

Resuming Wednesday at 7 p.m. after a three-month break, "Jericho" loops back eight weeks for a glimpse (as the show puts it) "Before The Bombs."

That's "bombs," as in: more than one. Indeed, viewers will get a partial look at the bombers' to-do list: Not only Denver — the target of the blast seen from Jericho — but also Washington, Philadelphia, Dallas, St. Louis and Chicago. Plus Los Angeles and New York, as if to compound the damage other series are plotting.

L.A., of course, has been nuked by "24" already this season, with maybe more to come. And on "Heroes," New York remains in grave peril: A bomb is due to go off there in two weeks, blowing the city to smithereens.

So the hits just keep on coming, while we're invited to sit back, relax and enjoy the show as our fellow Americans die by the tens of thousands, and while the nation seemingly is brought to its knees.

What's going on here? Is TV ushering in a new brand of escapism: dramas that assault us with no promise of escape?

Are we thumbing our noses, week by week, at the apocalypse?

Are we having fun yet?

Sparked by our real-life, modern-day jitters, TV's "bombs away" fare harks back to the fright uniting Americans in the 1950s and '60s — a collective fear that Cold War archenemy Russia would drop the Bomb on U.S. soil and ignite World War III.

Of course, the world-ending potential of the Bomb (back then, it was respectfully capitalized) gave everyone comfort along with alarm. The prevailing doctrine of Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD, for short) held that if each side could respond to a nuclear attack with sufficient force to finish what the other side began, then neither side would dare start anything.

A gentlemen's agreement between global superpowers, this policy of overkill-as-deterrence was mad all right. But it obviously worked. Neither side pushed the button.

Now, Americans' anxiety (seen clearly at the mention of the term "WMDs") is of a more free-floating kind. No wonder. Today, lots of countries have the bomb. So do lots of terrorists with itchy trigger fingers — or that's the message of TV drama, anyway.

Granted, on "Heroes" (which airs Monday at 8 p.m. on NBC) the bomb that threatens New York is of uncertain origin. On this mystic thriller about ordinary people with extraordinary abilities, the bomb could even turn out to be human: one of these hapless "heroes" with a weird gift for exploding.

But on "24" (Monday at 8 p.m. on Fox) the bombs are convenient, suitcase-size warheads. And once again, counterterrorism whiz Jack Bauer is putting in the hours (24 of them) to handle the crisis.

The past five years, Bauer (along with the nation) has been rocked by nuclear bombs, bioweapons and a nerve gas attack. But there has been nothing on the scale of this season's carnage. In the nine hours since this 24-hour cycle began, one explosion left more than 12,000 dead. And terrorist mastermind Abu Fayed is still packing three more nukes, with 15 hours left to explode them.

As if that weren't enough, a White House coup is in the works to assassinate President Wayne Palmer, who, in the eyes of the conspirators, is giving civil liberties a higher priority than the nation's defense.

Frightened citizens of Jericho have a similar concern. They voted out their beloved longtime mayor, Johnston Green, in favor of rabble-rouser Gray Anderson, a shoot-first-ask-questions-later type.

"I love this town. I just want to keep it safe," said Anderson (Michael Gaston) when he won. "Like it always was."

"What it always was," retorted Green (Gerald McRaney), "is a democracy. That's easy when things are going all right. But when you're scared or mad, it gets to be a lot harder."

Most everyone in Jericho is scared or mad. Short of food and fuel, answers and hope, the community grapples with the realization that it's cut off from the rest of the country, and that most of the country is in chaos or ruins.

On Wednesday's episode, four dozen tattered men and women trudge into town after wandering for weeks.

"I can't imagine what you've seen out there," a woman says to one of them, who numbly replies, "I couldn't have imagined it either."

Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★ 2/20

Sudoku

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

MONDAY'S ANSWERS

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

Difficulty Level ★ 2/14

Imagination and visualization, too

Cynthia Ozick wrote, "To imagine the unimaginable is the highest use of the imagination."

At the bridge table you must have not only imagination but also visualization — picturing where the missing key cards are lying. A pictorial memory is a big advantage because then it is so much easier to "see" an opponent's hand is your mind's eye. In this deal, though, seeing the opponents' cards is less important — you must pay careful attention to your own.



Phillip Alder

You reach three no-trump. West leads the spade king. What is your plan? How would it differ if West had led a diamond? What do you think of North's raise to three no-trump?

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

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

East
♠ 8 6 5 3
♥ Q J 10 9 2
♦ 10 5
♣ Q 10

South
♠ A 4
♥ A 8 7 3
♦ A K Q 2
♣ K 8 6

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ K

At the risk of making you feel as if you are watching Miss America, let's take those questions in reverse order.

North has too weak a hand to contemplate five clubs as a final contract, so he should raise to three no-trump and hope for the best. (Yes, I know that five clubs makes here, but that isn't the point!)

You have seven top tricks, so need to make use of dummy's clubs. After a diamond lead, you would duck a club, guarding against a 3-1 split. When West leads a high spade, though, you cannot afford that luxury. You must run the clubs, hoping that they break 2-2. But that is not all: If you are careless, the suit will become blocked. You must cash the king before leading the eight to dummy's ace. When the opponents' four cards do divide 2-2, you can run the rest of the suit (starting with dummy's seven, of course) for at least 11 tricks, and probably 12 if West discards a diamond.

Phillip Alder is a columnist for Newspaper Enterprise Association.

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KEVIN GERMAN, The Sacramento Bee/*SHNS*

The best bread you'll ever eat comes right out of your own kitchen

BLAIR ANTHONY ROBERTSON
The Sacramento Bee

My ongoing search for the perfect loaf of bread doesn't include any trips to artisan bakeries, no journeys to the boulangeries of France, where excellent bread is a way of life.

In fact, I haven't left my kitchen. There, my tubs of flour await. There, too, bubbling to life on the counter, is my reliable companion: two cups or so of sourdough starter I must feed and nurture on a regular basis.

Add nothing more than salt and water to the flour and a portion of that gooey starter, and you bake bread in its purest and most elusive form. If all goes well, I am approaching perfection: a blistered crust with a firm, crisp chew, a crumb with large, irregular holes and an overall loaf loaded with flavor.

Sourdough bread is simple, but it isn't easy. Therein lies the fascination, mine and that of many other sourdough-obsessed bakers throughout the land. We feed, we mix, we knead, we weigh and we wait. Occasionally, we conquer. Somewhere in that process, the magic happens. The bacteria (Lactobacillus) and wild yeast of the starter work with the water and flour over time to impart flavor and lift to the dough. It is a natural leaven. I use no commercial yeast. To do so would feel like cheating.

For centuries before commercial yeast was available in packets and jars, most bread was made with a natural leavener, now commonly called a starter. This so-called wild yeast is an example of what food scientist Shirley O. Corriher, in her book "Cookwise," calls the "symbiotic relationship" of yeast and bacteria feeding on different sugars at the same time.

A starter can be made simply by mixing flour and water and letting it sit for days on end, with periodic feedings along the way. Because some of the bacteria come from the surrounding air, starters from different regions tend to have slightly different characteristics of flavor and leavening ability. True San Francisco sourdough bread is supposed to use a starter that originates in the city, complete with its distinct bacteria, Lactobacillus sanfrancisco, which food scientists first identified in the early 1970s. That starter gives the bread its tangy taste.

Sourdough Bread

Prep time: 1 hour, 40 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes
Serves 12-14

This is a great basic sourdough recipe from www.cooksillustrated.com.

Note: The prep time does not include the 8- to 12-hour total rise times, the 8- to 12-hour refrigeration time or the 2-hour cool time after the bread is baked.

Sponge:
4½ oz. refreshed starter (½ cup)
3-4 oz. bottled water or filtered (⅜-½ C.), 80 degrees
5 oz. unbleached all-purpose flour (1 C.), with 11 percent to 13 percent protein content
Dough:
12 oz. bottled water or filtered, (1½ C.), 70 degrees
24 oz. unbleached all-purpose flour (about 4¾ C.) with 11 percent to 13 percent protein content
2½ t. table salt

For the sponge, use the lower amount of water if you live in a humid climate, the higher amount in an arid climate. During kneading, this dough should not exceed a temperature of 80 degrees. If your kitchen is very warm or very cold, use water a few degrees cooler or warmer, respectively. A few pieces of equipment are highly recommended: digital scale, baking stone, parchment paper, instant-read thermometer and spray bottle filled with water. A baking peel and razor blade also are handy but not essential. The dough can be kneaded by hand, but the kneading times must be doubled. When spritzing the loaves in the oven, be careful to avoid spraying water on oven light.

To make the sponge: In bowl or container with at least 1-quart capacity, use rubber spatula to stir together starter and water until fully combined. Stir in flour until combined; mixture should resemble thick pancake batter. Cover with plastic wrap and let rise at room temperature (about 72 degrees) until doubled in bulk, 2 to 3 hours.

To make the dough: Measure water into bowl of standing mixer; add sponge to water. Fit mixer with dough hook; with mixer running on lowest speed, add flour ½ cup at a time. Once all flour has been added, continue kneading until dough forms ball, about 1 minute longer. Cover bowl with plastic wrap and let dough rest 20 minutes.

Using fingers, create pocket in rested dough; add salt to pocket. Knead on low speed until dough is soft, smooth and moist (not sticky), about 5 minutes. Transfer dough to clean work surface and knead by hand until dough forms firm ball, about 30 seconds. Lightly spray container or bowl with at least 4-quart capacity with nonstick cooking spray; place dough in container and lightly spray surface of dough. Take internal temperature of dough, then cover tightly with plastic wrap. If temperature registers below 78 degrees, set container at room temperature (about 70 degrees) in draft-free spot; if warmer than 78 degrees, set container at cool room temperature (about 65 degrees) in draft-free spot. Let stand until dough doubles in bulk, 3 to 5 hours.

Scrape dough out onto clean work surface. Gently stretch dough (to redistribute and refresh yeast) as far as possible without tearing, then fold it into thirds like a letter.

Using bench scraper or chef's knife, divide dough in half, each piece weighing about 1½ pounds. Form each half into rough ball, cover loosely with plastic wrap or damp kitchen towel, and let rest 15 minutes.

To shape dough, use one hand to push dough against unfloured work surface, using other hand as guide. Goal is to make taut ball without ripping surface.

Pinch bottom seam and set each round, seam side down, on separate sheets of parchment paper on dinner plates, rimless cookie sheets or inverted rimmed baking sheets.

Spray rounds lightly with nonstick cooking spray and cover loosely but completely with plastic wrap.

Refrigerate overnight 8 to 12 hours.

Remove rounds from refrigerator and gently slide onto room-temperature surface where they can rise undisturbed for several hours; space them at least 6 inches apart. Loosen plastic wrap to allow rounds to rise; let rise until at least doubled in bulk and dough barely springs back when poked with your knuckle, 3 to 4 hours. Meanwhile, after about 2 hours, adjust oven rack to lower-middle position, place baking stone on rack, and heat oven to 500 degrees. Working one at a time, carefully slide rounds on parchment onto baking peel, rimless cookie sheet or inverted rimmed baking sheet. Using sharp razor blade or knife held at 45-degree angle to work surface, slash surface of rounds ½ - to ¾ - inch deep.

Working quickly, spray loaves with water, slide onto baking stone and immediately reduce oven temperature to 450 degrees.

During first 5 minutes of baking, spray loaves with water 2 additional times; bake until deep golden brown and instant-read thermometer inserted into center of loaves registers about 210 degrees, about 30 minutes total. Transfer loaves to wire rack, discard parchment and cool loaves to room temperature on wire rack, about 2 hours.

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Rice huddles with Arab nations

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ANNE GEARAN
The Associated Press

AMMAN, Jordan — Jordan's King Abdullah II urged the United States today to continue seeking to broker an Israeli-Palestinian peace accord amid concerns from Arab nations about the implications of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' power-sharing pact with Hamas militants.

Following separate meetings with Abbas and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Abdullah issued a statement urging Washington to "continue to play a major role in the peace process by creating the necessary environment for a resumption of negotiations" that would ensure an independent Palestinian state.

"The longer the time passes without a framework that would help Palestinians and Israelis move forward, the greater the risk of an escalation of tensions, which is not in the interest of anyone," Abdullah said in a statement issued by the palace. He pledged to "intensify Jordan's diplomatic efforts in the coming period to win international backing for ending the (economic) siege and to strengthen the position of the Palestinian negotiator in the peace process" — a reference to Abbas.

Abdullah said peace must be based on the "road map" plan, which envisions the creation of a Palestinian state, and a 2002 Arab peace initiative that offers full recognition of Israel in return for its full withdrawal from Arab territory.

The palace said that the king phoned Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert today and urged him to "reactivate the peace process with the Palestinians and overcome all obstacles that hinder the resumption of negotiations."

In Israel, Miri Eisin, spokeswoman for Olmert, ruled out any talks on a final peace deal with Abbas if he went ahead with plans to form a new Cabinet including Hamas.

Israeli talks with Abbas would be limited to matters such as improving living conditions for the Palestinians and ending Palestinian attacks against Israel. "We're not talking about negotiations on final status issues," Eisin said.

Abbas said after today's meeting that Israel may have "misunderstood" the agreement reached in Mecca, Saudi Arabia, between his moderate Fatah faction and the militant Hamas group on Feb. 8, according to Jordan's official Petra news agency.

"We told Israel that this agreement was made to protect the unity of the Palestinian people and its national interests," Abbas was quoted as saying. "The agreement is an expression of support for Palestinian interests, but Israel may have misunderstood it."

The planned Palestinian coalition government fell far short of what the United States and Israel wanted, and also disappointed Sunni Arab states that had hoped Hamas would soften anti-Israeli policies enough to satisfy the West and restart the flow of vital international aid.

Rice invited security and intelligence chiefs from Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates to ask their advice on what, if anything, can be done to persuade Hamas to back down.

Today's session at the government security headquarters in Amman included some of the region's wiliest and best-connected heavies, fixers and go-betweens.



NASSER SHIYOUKHI/*AP*

An Israeli soldier tells Palestinian men to be quiet during a dispute between Palestinians and Jewish settlers in the West Bank city of Hebron Monday. Israeli soldiers arrived to the area after local Palestinian residents complained the settlers were damaging their property.

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Ah, bitter was the trial to part
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You're not forgotten, loved one,
Nor will you ever be;
As long as life and memory last,
We will remember thee.

Author Unknown

Words cannot express our sincere appreciation for all of the acts of kindness since the passing of our dear husband, father and grandfather. All of the telephone calls, visits and condolences have helped us through this difficult time. Thank you for all of the food that was brought to the house, the memorials and flowers. They helped to brighten our days. We'd also like to thank all of the nurses at the Morrison Cancer Center, and the Oncology Unit at Mary Lanning Hospital, and Drs. Bruno and Wenburg for all of the wonderful care you gave Harold. We are truly blessed with wonderful friends and a caring community.

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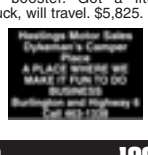
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60 General

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61 Part Time

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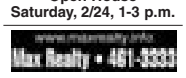
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Legals

In the District Court of Adams County, Nebraska

ROBERT N. FOGLESONG, Plaintiff, vs. CAROLYN A. FOGLESONG, Defendant.

) LEGAL NOTICE
) Case No. CI07-43

TO: Carolyn A. Foglesong, Defendant:

You are hereby notified that I have commenced an action in the District Court of Adams County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which is to obtain a dissolution of marriage from you, an equitable division of property and debts, property settlement, Court costs, attorney fees, and for such further and different relief as the Court may deem just and equitable, and you are required to answer said Complaint on or before April 4, 2007, or a decree of dissolution will be entered against you.

ROBERT N. FOGLESONG, Plaintiff
By: Douglas Pauley, #16636
CONWAY, PAULEY & JOHNSON, P.C.
P.O. Box 315
Hastings, Nebraska 68902-0315
(402) 462-5187
Attorneys for Plaintiff

February 13, 20, 27, March 6, 2007

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Legals

Notice

In the County Court of Adams County, Nebraska.

Estate of GALE E. GANGWISH, Deceased. No. PR07-14

Notice is hereby given that on February 6, 2007, in the County Court of Adams County, Nebraska, Trionne Brown, whose address is 529 Lane J, Hastings, Nebraska 68901, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before April 16, 2007, or be forever barred.

Tom Hawes
Clerk of the County Court
Adams County Courthouse
P.O. Box 95
Hastings, Nebraska 68902

Michael E. Sullivan
#14103
Helmann & Sullivan, PC
Burlington Center, Suite 305
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February 13, 20, 27, 2007

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Legals

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In the County Court of Adams County, Nebraska

Estate of DARRELL R. HOHLFELD, Deceased. Estate No. PR05-176

Notice is hereby given that a final account and report of administration and a Petition for complete settlement, and determination of inheritance tax have been filed and are set for hearing in the County Court of Adams County, Nebraska, located at Hastings, Nebraska, on February 28, 2007, at or after 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Tom Hawes
Clerk Magistrate

Jennifer Fleischer, #20990
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February 6, 13, 20, 2007

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In the County Court of Adams County, Nebraska

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JANICE G. DAVIS, DECEASED.

) Case No. PR07-17
) NOTICE OF INFORMAL
) APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL
) REPRESENTATIVE IN
) INTESTACY AND
) NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of February, 2007, in the County Court of Adams County, Nebraska, Ronald G. Davis, 232 Sussex Way, Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601, was appointed as Personal Representative of this Estate, and that all claims against said Estate must be filed with the Court on or before the 16th day of April, 2007.

Tom Hawes
Registrar/County Court Judge

Jason G. Ausman
Johnson, Welch & Ausman, P.C.
3628 North 163rd Plaza
Omaha, Nebraska 68116
(402) 934-7878
(402) 934-4737 facsimile
Attorney for Personal Representative

February 13, 20, 27, 2007

FORMAL NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR FEEDWATER HEATERS PUBLIC POWER GENERATION AGENCY HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
Formal Contract No. (145300.62.1260)

Sealed Quotations will be received by the Public Power Generation Agency (PPGA), 1228 North Denver Avenue, P.O. Box 398, Hastings, Nebraska 68902, until 2:00 p.m., Friday, March 9, 2007, at which time they will be opened and read aloud for Feedwater Heaters for the Whelan Energy Center Unit II, Hastings, Nebraska.

Quotations received after the above time and date will be returned unopened to the party submitting the quotation.

Each quotation shall be accompanied by a cashier's check, certified check on a solvent U.S. commercial bank, or a corporate surety bond furnished by a surety authorized to do business in the State of Nebraska in an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the total bid in accordance with Article 00200.2.7 of this specification. Such check or bid bond shall be contained in a separate envelope attached to bidder's quotation. All quotation and bid bonds shall have original signatures.

Quotations will be considered only from those bidders who are qualified by previous experience in performing work of this type, scope and complexity specified.

Bidders will be required to qualify by submitting information concerning their organization, experience and financial status as requested in the Instruction to Bidders.

PPGA reserves the right to accept the quotation which best suits its needs whether the price is the lowest or not, to reject any or all quotations, and to waive any informalities.

Prospective bidders may secure a copy of the Quotation Form, including Plans and Specifications, by written request to the office of the WEC Unit II Project Construction Manager, 1228 North Denver Avenue, P.O. Box 398, Hastings, Nebraska 68902 or by sending an E-mail to the following addresses:

DisbrowDE@bv.com
OkolaAG@bv.com

FOR THE PUBLIC POWER GENERATION AGENCY
/s/Allen W. Meyer
WEC Unit II Construction Manager

February 20, 27, 2007

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This property consists of 1,000 square feet manufactured home. The home has 3 bedrooms, full bath, kitchen, dining room, living room & laundry room, 28x22 detached garage w/heat and water. Also included is a refrigerator and Culligan water softener. The home has gas heat and central air. There is a deck on back. The property is in good condition, with newer carpeting. Would make a great starter home.

Terms: 20% of the purchase price will be due the day of the auction, balance due at closing, on or before March 22, 2007 by cash or certified funds. At closing the sellers will furnish a title insurance binder indicating marketable title vested in the name of the seller. Cost of the title insurance will be split 50/50 between the buyer and seller. The property and contents sell in as-is condition without warranty of any kind!

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Supervisors Proceedings

COURTHOUSE, HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
Tuesday, February 6, 2007

The Board met in regular session and took the following actions:

Took roll call and determined a quorum.
Approved Minutes and heard committee reports.
Approved certificates of Right-of-Way.
Heard a request from The Bridge for sprinklers and paving.
Approved a managers application for Theona Rasser at the Elks Club.
Met as a Board of Equalization for personal and real estate exemptions.
Approved application for federal grant funds for a family drug court.
Approved claims, Tax List Corrections, Miscellaneous Receipts and officer reports.

COUNTY GENERAL

Vaughan's Printers, Inc., Supplies	$ 247.03
Nebraska Association of County Clerks, ROD, Dues, Subscription, Registration	45.00
Relyco, Supplies	495.83
Nebraska Association of County Treasurer, Dues, Subscription, Registration	160.00
Dugan Business Forms, Printing	1,260.14
Hometown Leasing, Equipment Rental	87.15
Coast Computer Products, Supplies	313.13
Business World Products, Supplies	162.50
Alltel, Equipment Rental	139.12
Nebraska Association of County Clerks, ROD, Dues, Subscription, Registration	45.00
Eakes Office Plus, Supplies	149.81
Lawrence Regent Communications, Inc., Dues, Subscription, Registration	29.95
Nebraska Supreme Court, Printing	64.20
Eakes Office Plus, Supplies	246.24
Jim Kuhn, Miscellaneous	10.00
Nicholas Klein, Miscellaneous	10.00
Mary Johnson, Miscellaneous	10.00
Aaron Hyde, Miscellaneous	10.00
Hastings Tribune, Dues, Subscription, Registration	91.00
Axis Capital, Inc., Equipment	300.00
Doug Joynt, Mileage	12.46
Vicky Struss, Mileage	22.60
Dean Rolls, Mileage	14.55
Colette Parr, Mileage	63.05
Brent Parker, Mileage	20.57
NACO Planning & Zoning, Dues, Subscription, Registration	30.00
David Niemoth, Mileage	38.16
Judy Mignery, Mileage	24.69
William Monroe, Mileage	112.71
Jim Kostal, Mileage	75.57
Glen Kroeker, Mileage	53.68
Bob Kober, Mileage	1.44
Lila Gamble, Mileage	26.51
Melissa Eckhardt, Mileage	8.08
Larry Eckhardt, Mileage	26.19
Alex Eckert, Jr., Mileage	11.64
Pearl Davison, Mileage	38.35
Justin Wahl, Dues, Subscription, Registration	76.25
Delta Systems, Inc., Data Processing	375.00
Dell Marketing LP, Equipment	10.95
CDW Government, Inc., Supplies	231.83
Communications Engineering, Inc., Equipment	45.00
City of Hastings, Software	2,412.68
Alltel, Dues, Subscription, Registration	77.12
Johnson's Water, Inc., Miscellaneous	25.50
Axis Capital, Inc., Equipment Rental	580.00
Eakes Office Plus, Supplies	74.99
Business World Products, Supplies	36.00
Adams County Clerk of District Court, Court Costs	534.00
Hello Direct, Inc., Supplies	959.13
West Group, Dues, Subscription, Registration	90.00
Wal-Mart, Court Costs	41.97
West Nebraska Juvenile Services, Juvenile Care	950.00
Hometown Leasing, Equipment Rental	551.66
Franklin County Treasurer, Supplies	9.17
Eileen's Colossal Cookies, Court Costs	4.50
Eakes Office Plus, Supplies	372.00
Day Timers, Inc., Dues, Subscription, Registration	13.08
Business World Products, Supplies	435.20
Adams County Court, Court Costs	7,053.81
Conway, Pauley & Johnson, Attorney Fees	30.00
Langvardt & Valle, P.C., Attorney Fees	6,500.00
Isabel Smith, Court Costs	20.00
Jackie Queen, Court Costs	952.25
Seiler & Parker, P.C., Attorney Fees	3,356.50
Whelan & Scherr, Attorney Fees	495.00
Woodward's Disposal Service, Miscellaneous	211.22
Auto Value-Hastings, Miscellaneous	30.52
Howard's Glass, LLC, Miscellaneous	22.75
Guarantee Electric Company, Repairs	100.00
Johnson Controls, Inc., Repairs	1,583.10
Rutt's Heating & Air Conditioning, Repairs	280.38
Don's Plumbing, Repairs	87.62
Aramark Uniform Services, Miscellaneous	119.80
Business World Products, Repairs	850.00
Eakes Office Plus, Supplies	15.87
Young Men's Christian Association, Miscellaneous	100.00
Uncle Neal's Country, Equipment	10.00
Vaughan's Printers, Inc., Printing	107.09
Meteorlogix, Equipment	291.00
Gregg Magee, County Sheriff, Mileage	228.15
Adams County Sheriff's Revolving Fund, Reimbursement	991.41
Adams County Sheriff's Revolving Fund, Reimbursement	453.24
Electronics Service (93), Repairs	20.00
Chris's Car Wash, Equipment	27.95
Allen's of Hastings, Inc., Law Enforcement Costs	112.07
Alltel, Contract Service	87.12
Great Plains Chrysler-Dodge, Equipment	30.05
Grace's Locksmith Service, Law Enforcement Costs	18.50
Eakes Office Plus, Supplies	15.70
Day Timers, Inc., Supplies	29.24
Amsterdam Printing & Lit, Supplies	41.90
Alexander Hamilton Institute, Merit Commission	29.20
John Rust, Uniform Allowance	50.00
Lynn Peavey Company, Law Enforcement Costs	90.00
James Konen III, Uniform Allowance	50.00
Jeffco, Inc., Supplies	28.33
Adams County Sheriff, Contract Service	407.79
Adams County Sheriff's Revolving Fund, Reimbursement	1,050.77
Adams County Highway Department, Fuel	2,704.87
Kenesaw Motor Company, Inc., Equipment	53.00
Eakes Office Plus, Supplies	152.22
Eakes Office Plus, Supplies	321.72
Business World Products, Supplies	150.17
State of Nebraska-NLSIS, Court Costs	23.10
Nuckolls County Court, Court Costs	13.25
Susan Rutledge, Court Costs	306.70
Carpenter Reporting, Inc., Court Costs	184.70
A&P Process Service, Court Costs	40.00
Dell Marketing LP, Equipment	2,239.56
West Group, Law Library	45.00
Webster County Sheriff, Court Costs	208.70
Sheriff of Sarpy County, Court Costs	16.80
Lancaster County Sheriff, Court Costs	500.00
Kearney County Sheriff, Court Costs	24.25
Hometown Leasing, Equipment Rental	557.76
Hastings Police Department, Blood Tests	100.00
Harlan County Sheriff, Foreclosure Costs	50.20
Hastings Pathology Associates, P.C., Autopsy Costs	600.00
Hall County Court, Court Costs	6.50
Furnas County Sheriff, Court Costs	15.50
Department of Motor Vehicles, Court Costs	19.00
Douglas County Treasurer, Autopsy Costs	210.00
Clay County Sheriff, Court Costs	31.89
Business World Products, Supplies	348.59
Adams County Sheriff, Blood Tests	75.00
Alltel, Telephone	500.00
Windstream, Telephone	405.00
Windstream, Telephone	2,671.73
Windstream, Telephone	107.50
DAS Communications, Telephone	735.92
Fred Hansen, Building Repair	600.00
Daniel J Growney, MD, P.C., Medicine-Hospital Prisoners	460.02
Sun Mart Pharmacy, Medicine-Hospital Prisoners	237.20
State of Nebraska, Board of Prisoners	391.22
Sun Mart Pharmacy, Medicine-Hospital Prisoners	61.61
Sun Mart Pharmacy, Medicine-Hospital Prisoners	74.03
Plaid Pear Interiors & Design, Building Repair	1,025.99
Pamida Stores Company, LLC, Medicine-Hospital Prisoners	674.32
Lanning Center, Medicine-Hospital Prisoners	57.33
Keith's Pharmacies, Medicine-Hospital Prisoners	895.52
J&B Mobile Lock Service, Repairs	218.08
Hastings Radiology Associates, Medicine Hospital Prisoners	128.00
Hastings Family Practice, P.C., Medicine-Hospital Prisoners	1,190.00
Eakes Office Plus, Repairs	39.80
Computer Hardware, Inc., Data Processing	229.00
Bert's Rexall Drugs, Medicine-Hospital Prisoners	1,217.71
Allen's Discount Pharmacy, Medicine-Hospital Prisoners	607.06
Adams County Jail, Board of Prisoners	1,995.50
Adams County Sheriff's Revolving Fund, Reimbursement	148.38
OMB Police Supply, Uniform Allowance	61.97
Bob Barker Company, Law Enforcement Supplies	21.33
Aramark Uniform Services, Miscellaneous	80.49
Alltel, Merit Commission	27.39
Alltel, Board of Prisoners	56.24
Phelps County Sheriff, Board of Prisoners	2,025.00
Lanning Center, Medicine-Hospital Prisoners	184.96
ER Professional Services, MLMH Medicine-Hospital Prisoners	57.92
Dawson County Sheriff, Board of Prisoners	585.00
Brad M. Consbruck, Uniform Allowance	50.00
Communications Engineering, Inc., Remodeling	377.50
Cash-Wa Candy Company, Supplies	144.07
CP Professional Services, Medicine-Hospital Prisoners	41.64
Big G Commercial Hardware, Supplies	64.53
Isabel Smith, Matron Fees	60.00
Alltel, Telephone	115.62
Windstream, Telephone	21.95
Kearney County Clerk, Equipment Rental	78.80
Johnson's Water, Inc., Miscellaneous	5.50
Glenwood Telephone Company, Telephone	49.95
Eakes Office Plus, Supplies	24.56
Business World Products, Supplies	6.99
Phelps County Treasurer, Telephone	55.17
Phelps County Treasurer, Postal Services	178.31
Rural Metro Medical Services, Ambulance Costs	12,500.00
Windstream, Telephone	196.78
NHMA, Training	100.00
Nebraska Associates of Emergency, Training	260.00
Midwest Engines, Maintenance	465.38
City of Hastings, Telephone	8.45
Cash-Wa Candy Company, Supplies	80.92
Big G Commercial Hardware, Supplies	39.03
Aramark Uniform Services, Supplies	28.73
Adams County Highway Department, Equipment	61.02
JEO, Surveyor	300.00
Woodward's Disposal Service, Garbage	101.50
Windstream, Telephone	111.09
ST&J Cleaning, Custodial	220.00
Southern Power District, Electricity	446.38
Sanitary Outdoor Service, Inc., Supplies	175.00
Erle Seybold, Miscellaneous	55.00
Road Building Machine & Supply, Loaders	278,720.00
PTSR, Miscellaneous	138.00
Platte Valley of Hastings, Repairs	64.50
Paramount Linen & Uniform, Supplies	86.98
Orscheln Farm & Home, Repairs	8.99
Nebraska Truck Center, Parts	102.42
Nebraska Salt & Grain Company, Miscellaneous	1,648.51
Nebraska Machinery Company, Parts	2,150.10
NAPA Auto Parts, Parts	382.43
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate, Inc., Materials	2,058.27
Michael Todd, Materials	7,845.75
Linweld, Parts	124.26
LCL Truck Equipment, Inc., Repairs	47.92
Kerr Chevrolet Company, Parts	29.69
Kelly Supply Company, Repairs	140.01
KACO Supplies, Supplies	36.00
Ideal Electric, Inc., Repairs	190.70
Husker Steel, Inc., Bridges	42,736.00
Heartland Co-op, Miscellaneous	108.14
Hastings Utilities, Electricity	526.41
Hastings Tribune, Miscellaneous	97.00
Grace's Locksmith Service, Repairs	322.50
Glenwood Telephone Company,Telephone	147.69
Fleet Pride, Supplies	437.44
Fairbanks International, Parts	566.09
Executive Copier System, Inc., Equipment Rental	181.12
Cornhusker Cleaning System, Repairs	855.20
Consolidated Concrete, Aggregate Materials	1,016.35
Computer Consultants, Inc., Repairs	56.25
Central Hydraulics Systtem, Equipment	394.18
Central Fire & Safety, Inc, Miscellaneous	451.50
Buy Right Truck Sales, Inc., Parts	62.25
Bladen Sand & Gravel, Inc., Materials	145.74
Big G Commercial Hardware, Supplies	28.80
Berck's Muffler Shop, Parts	243.20
Bauer Built, Inc., Tires	5,482.37
Auto Value-Hastings, Parts	120.42
Auto Glass Center, Inc., Parts	158.32
Applied Controls, Parts	168.37
Alltel, Telephone	58.80
Business World Products, Supplies	120.12
Joseph E. Ballweg, Travel Expense	s 24.25
Joseph E. Ballweg Miscellaneous	37.65
First Concord Benifits, Agreements	63.00
Heartland Pet Connection, Humane Society	333.33
Hastings Head Start ,Head Start	125.00
Hastings Economic Development, Economic Development	1,666.67
Midland Area Agency Area, Agency on Aging	1,068.83
Mid-Nebraska Individual Services, Mental Retardation Service	2,595.92
Meals on Wheels, Local Match	666.67
Region III Program Administration Office, Mental Health Services Act	4,125.50
RSVP, Local Match	416.67
Doris B. Schuessler, Court Costs	81.25
Spouse Abuse Sexual Assault, Domestic Abuse	333.33
CASA, CASA	2,250.00
Adams County Court, Court Costs	88.00
Adams County Court, Court Costs	660.00
Adams County Court, Court Costs	572.00
NACO, Dues, Subscription, Registration	1,515.00
Hastings Tribune, Publishing	452.98
Preferred Mail Service, Inc., Postal Services	3,000.00
Nebraska Retirement Systems, Retirement Match	25,544.50
Social Security Administration, FICA Match	27,051.47
Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Health Insurance	96,197.85
National Insurance Services, Disability Insurance	910.50
Adams County Board, Salaries	8,099.66
Adams County Clerk, Salaries	12,348.14
Adams County Treasurer, Salaries	26,174.34
Register of Deeds, Salaries	9,659.81
Adams County Assessor, Salaries	29,986.71
Planning & Zoning, Salaries	2,162.34
Data Processing, Salaries	8,371.75
Clerk of District Court, Salaries	14,783.45
District Court, Bailiff Salaries	2,281.40
Public Defender, Salaries	14,594.30
Maintenance Department, Salaries	12,212.61
Extension Office, Salaries	3,898.83
Microfilm Department, Salaries	2,867.02
Adams County Sheriff's Department, Salaries	57,216.70
Adams County Attorney, Salaries	28,883.07
Corrections & Communications, Salaries	48,839.54
Emergency Management, Salaries	4,447.04
Adams County Surveyor, Salaries	281.37
Adams County Road Department, Salaries	78,510.93
Adams County Weed Department, Salaries	2,832.00
Veterans Service Office, Salaries	6,191.65

VISITORS PROMOTION FUND

Nebraska Retirement Systems, Retirement Match	168.75
Social Security Administration, FICA Match	188.99
Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Health Insurance	474.72
National Insurance Services, Disability Insurance	6.07

RELIEF - MEDICAL

Health & Human Services, Client Services	61.76
DeWitt Funeral & Cremation, County Burials	1,250.00
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John Volkmer, Rent	210.00
Ron Zubrod, Rent	210.00
Jeff Jeremias, Rent	420.00

COUNTY LIBRARY

City of Hastings, Library	9,937.33

INHERITANCE TAX

Adams County Historical Society, Historical Society	722.50
West Group, Library	2,746.14

COURTHOUSE BUILDING

Johnson Cash-Way Lumber Company, Miscellaneous Capital Outlay	188.64
Best Tree Service, Miscellaneous Capital Outlay	80.00
Ziemba Roofing, Inc., Miscellaneous Capital Outlay	428.00

ESCROW HOLDING FUND

Platte Valley of Hastings, Miscellaneous	2,496.68

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Windstream, Emergency Phone	58.46
KACO Supplies, Signs	577.50

INTENSIVE SUPERVISION PROBATION BUDGET

Computer Hardware, Inc., Equipment	190.90
Kmart, Supplies	112.33
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Qwest, Telephone	15.59
Modern Methods, Inc., Equipment Rental	79.00
DAS Communications, Telephone	54.89

This Board is now recessed subject to the call of the Chairman.

/s/Chrisella Lewis, County Clerk
/s/Beverly Johnson, Deputy
/s/Larry Woodman, Chairman

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