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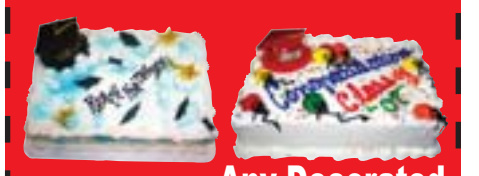
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BRENT McCOWN/*Tribune*

Hastings College Music Department chairman Robin Koozer works with freshman Chad Pinkerman on a voice lesson Wednesday.

FACES OF TRIBLAND: *Robin Koozer*

HC music chair has notable collection

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A collection of about 30 rare Nebraska-themed sheet music pieces sits in a file drawer in the office of Hastings College music department chairman Robin Koozer.

It's a collection that dates clear back to his high school days, when he happened upon a single Nebraska-themed score while looking through a box of old sheet music purchased by his mother at auction.

Koozer has never performed any of the songs — some of which date back to the 1800s — in public. But now, through a publication gathered and edited by Koozer to accompany a traveling exhibit celebrating American Roots Music presented by the Smithsonian Institution, images from his collection are now available for all to see.

Koozer included samples of his sheet music art collection in the publication, "The Nebraska Companion, New Harmonies," a 38-page book featuring stories from many of his colleagues, friends and students.

The book — which Koozer decided to publish after being named state scholar of the traveling exhibit project — is simply his way of infusing a sampling of Nebraska's rich musical history into the exhibit.

"One of the most interesting discoveries I had was coming across a piece of sheet music called 'Star of Nebraska,' which was written by Bertha M. Koozer," he said. "I later found out she was my great-great aunt, so that was kind of a double-whammy."

The exhibit tour opened in Alliance on March 13 and will include stops in Cambridge, Columbus, Kearney, Valentine and Omaha.

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Editor's note: This is part of an ongoing series that profiles people within Tribland. To submit ideas, contact news director Deann Stumpe at 402-461-1252 or tribune@hastingstribune.com.

Water & work

YOUTH LEADERS LEARN TO CARE FOR NATURAL RESOURCES

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New mulch on the trails and bluebird houses in the ground at Prairie Loft Center for Outdoor and Agricultural Learning are compliments of the Hastings Youth Leadership Academy, whose members gathered there Monday to volunteer and learn during a day off of school.

Eleven YLA members attended the work day Monday. They first toured Prairie Loft, a new experience for many, then learned about water quality and well head protection from Little Blue Natural Resources District representatives Russ Gierhart and Scott Snell.

Gierhart's main goal behind the information he presented was to get teens thinking about the water they use and how they can protect it for future use, he said.

"What you're dealing with today was probably done 30-40 years ago. There's a real timeline when it comes to water," he said. "So, what we're wanting to do is protect your supplies of water from here on out and deal with ongoing problems."

Teens learned the history of the NRD system in Nebraska and about the system of wells in Hastings. They also learned about the danger of leaving abandoned wells without proper coverings, which can cause people and animals to fall into them. Gierhart stressed the need for towns to develop an environmental quality plan now, before disaster hits.

Ron Seymour, extension educator for Adams County and Prairie Loft board member, challenged the teens to devise two ideas that would either make people aware of the need to protect water quality or that would actually protect the quality of water in the area.

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AMY ROH/*Tribune*

Adams Central sophomore Nicole Glover rakes wood chips while making a trail at the Prairie Loft Center during a Youth Leadership Academy event Monday.

Store robbed

DIAMOND JEWELRY TAKEN IN EARLY MORNING HEIST

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Hastings police were canvassing for clues this morning after an unknown suspect or suspects burglarized Imperial Jewelers, 722 W. Second Street, at 4:27 a.m.

The burglars broke out the main door and took "a lot of items" from the store's display cases, Sgt. Paul Weber said.

"They are still doing an inventory to see what they got," he said. "It's still under investigation."

Store owner Doug Myers said this morning that the burglars shattered four display cases inside the store and made off with a substantial amount of jewelry, primarily diamond rings and necklaces. Police were walking the downtown area this morning looking for items that may have been left behind by the burglars.

"It was grab and run," Myers said. "They got in and smashed all my cases. The police were here very quickly, but they were in a hurry. They only had two minutes in here, I think."

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City parks chief takes job in G.I.

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Hastings Parks Superintendent Loren Humphrey notified city staff this morning that he is leaving to take a position with Hall County.



Humphrey

On Monday night, the Hall County Board of Supervisors interviewed five candidates before voting to hire Humphrey as the new facilities director for the county.

"It's basically the same type of stuff I'm doing right now in a director's position," Humphrey said this morning.

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Weather

Lo: 42
Hi: 48

Mostly cloudy tonight. Windy and cloudy Wednesday.



Art by Sam Atchity, 12, Doniphan-Trumbull School

Nation

SUBWAY ODYSSEY

NEW YORK — Authorities say a 5-year-old boy slipped onto a New York City subway alone and rode for 34 stops from one end of Manhattan to the other before anyone intercepted him.

Samuel Sosa has been reunited with his mother, unharmed, after his hourlong transit odyssey Monday.

Griselda Sosa says her son got away from her around 7:40 a.m. while she got coffee near an elevated station on the No. 1 line in the northernmost part of Manhattan.

The boy apparently sprinted up the station's stairs, squeezed under a turnstile and boarded a southbound train before she could stop him.

Sammy made it to the end of the line before transit workers spotted him around 8:40 a.m.

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Obituaries

Margaret B. 'Peg' Dahlke

Former area resident Margaret B. "Peg" Dahlke, 99, of Marquette, MI, passed away Sunday, April 12, 2009, at Marquette, MI.


Dahlke

Services are 1 p.m. EDT Wednesday, April 15, 2009, at Swanson Funeral Home in Marquette, MI, with the Rev. Timothy Bernard officiating. Burial will be in Northland Chapel Gardens. Visitation is 11:30 a.m. EDT until services Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Messiah Lutheran Church Flower Fund, 305 W. Magnetic Street, Marquette, MI 49855 or to the Boy Scouts of American, 2210 US 41 South, Marquette, MI 49855.

Condolences may be sent to www.fassbenderswanson.com.

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She was under the care of her loving family, UP Home Health and Hospice, and the wonderful staff of Mill Creek at the time she entered eternal life. Her grandsons will serve as escorts to Northland Chapel Gardens.

Born November 16, 1909, in Glenvil, NE, one of seven daughters of Johann Diedrich and Anna Sophia (Rothfuss) Heye, Peg was raised in Hastings, NE, where she graduated from high school. She attended Hastings Teacher's College for two years and then LaCrosse State Teacher's College in LaCrosse, WI, where she received her degree in physical education. Peg's first teaching assignment as a physical education teacher, was with the LaCrosse High School. She was hired by the school's athletic director, Clayton E. Dahlke, whom she would later marry on August 6, 1931.

The couple moved with Clayton's business assignments and Peg settled into her role as homemaker, raising their sons, John and Gary. In 1946, the Dahlke family moved to Marquette. As a homemaker, wife, and mother, Peg enjoyed flower gardening, tailoring, sewing, reading, playing golf and tennis, berry picking and hooking rugs. She was a talented artist, creating a variety of beautiful oil and pastel paintings over the years, and loved to bake. Her specialties being chocolate chip cookies, fresh apple and cherry pies. Peg was a member of the Messiah Lutheran Church, Marquette Golf and Country Club where she was also a board member, a former Marquette Area Public Schools board member, and former president of the Parent Teacher's Association.

In addition to her parents, Peg was preceded in death by her husband, Clayton E. Dahlke; a daughter-in-law, Connie Dahlke; and her sisters, Anna, Elizabeth, Helene, Hermina, Marie, and Esther.

Survivors include her sons, Gary Dahlke of Marquette and John (Susi) Dahlke of Champion; nine grandchildren, Rick (Barbara) Ellingsen, Mary (Rich Uren) Ellingsen, Charles (Ann) Ellingsen, Steve (Mary) Dahlke, Gary Dahlke, Kris (Jim Stolte) Dahlke, Christopher Longtine, Shawn (Luann) Longtine, and Heather Sue (Randy) Sutton; eighteen great-grandchildren three great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews, among them a special nephew, Jim (Elry) Reetz of Marquette.

Lelia L. Robinson

Juniata resident Lelia Lavene Robinson, 94, died Friday, April 10, 2009, at Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital in Hastings.


Robinson

Services are 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 16, 2009, at Juniata United Methodist Church with the Rev. Dr. Lee R. Wigert officiating. Burial will be in Juniata Cemetery at Juniata. Visitation is noon to 9 p.m. with family present from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Butler-Volland Funeral Home in Hastings; and one hour prior to the service Thursday at the church.

Memorials may be given to the Juniata United Methodist Church or the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be sent to www.lbvfh.com

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Lelia was born January 1, 1915, in Guthrie Center, IA, to Tedford and Vianna (Banister) Smith. On May 7, 1937, she married Berton Clayton Robinson in Holyoke, CO. He preceded her in death on May 1, 1979. Lelia was a homemaker and a member of Juniata United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday School for several years, and the American Legion Auxiliary #365.

Lelia was preceded in death by her parents; six brothers; one sister; husband; one granddaughter; and one Angel.

Survivors include sons and daughters-in-law, Ted Robinson of Waterloo, IA, Earl and Bonnie Robinson of Des Moines, IA, and Clarence and Linda Robinson of Des Moines, IA; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; 11 stepgreat-grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Elaine Smith of Red Oak, IA.

Roy E. Jodway

Harvard resident, Roy E. Jodway, 87, passed away Saturday, April 11, 2009, at Harvard Rest Haven.

Services are 11 a.m. Friday, April 17, 2009, at Stockham Community Church in Stockham, with the Rev. Paul Nauman officiating. Burial will be at a later date. There will be no visitation; the remains were cremated. Alberding-Wilson Funeral Home in Harvard is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be given to Harvard Rest Haven in Harvard.

Condolences may be sent to www.brandwilson.com

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Roy was born March 10, 1922, to Frank and Emiline (Oben) Jodway, in Cheboygan, MI. He married Marion Olson. He served in the Army Air Force during WWII. Roy was a farm hand in Naponee, NE, for most of his life. He had lived in Harvard for eight years.

Roy is survived by five daughters, Lisa Wilford of Harvard, NE, Lori Jodway of Kearney, NE, Andrea Penner of Omaha, NE, Tammy Peters of Virginia, and Marjorie Restrepo of Houston, TX; one son, James Jodway of Omaha, NE; 13 grandchildren; one sister, Bernice Gothup of Fremont, MI; and one brother, Virgil Jodway of Mishawaka, IN.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marion; his parents; eight brothers; and three sisters.

Lester R. McCord

Nelson resident Lester R. McCord, 84, passed away Thursday, April 9, 2009, at Nelson.

Memorial graveside services with full military rites are 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16, 2009, in Fairbury City Cemetery at Fairbury with the Rev. Warren Schoming officiating. There will be no visitation. Klawitter-Price Funeral Home in Nelson is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be given in care of the family.

Saul Llanes

Sutton resident Saul Llanes, 50, died Monday, April 13, 2009, at his home.

Services are pending at DeWitt Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Hastings.

Norman Kennedy

Hastings resident Norman Kennedy, 68, died Tuesday, April 14, 2009, at Goldbeck Towers, Good Samaritan Society, Hastings Village .

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

Josephine McLaughlin

Campbell resident Josephine McLaughlin, 87, passed away Monday, April 13, 2009, at Franklin.

There will be no services or visitation. Hutchins Funeral Home in Franklin is in charge of arrangements.

Births

Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital

◆ **Benjamin Paul Niemeyer**, an 8-pound, 1-ounce boy, was born to Christine (Kaiser) and Mark Niemeyer of 510 N. Shore Drive March 26.

◆ **Logan Paul Duester**, a 6-pound, 13-ounce boy, was born to Danielle (Kummer) and Nicholas Duester of Holstein March 30.

◆ **Erica Gene Kolar**, a 6-pound, 13-ounce girl, was born to Charity (Nielson) and Justin Kolar of Scotia March 30.

◆ **Matthew David Long**, a 9-pound, 1-ounce boy, was born to Rebekah (Barnett) and Dale Long of Kenesaw March 31.

◆ **Camryn Rylee Schlachter**, a 5-pound, 12-ounce girl, was born to Patricia (Pierce) and Todd Schlachter of 1114 E. Third St. March 31.

◆ **Jinjer Marie Stroyek**, a 6-pound, 13-ounce girl, was born to Joleen (Hofmeister) and Jeff Stroyek of Juniata March 31.

◆ **Isaac Lee Ablott**, a 7-pound, 1-ounce boy, was born to Amanda (Cole) and Brad Ablott of Inland April 2.

◆ **Emmanuel Graciano**, a 7-pound, 4-ounce boy, was born to Janet and Eusebio Graciano of 820 S. Pine Ave. No. 129 April 2.

◆ **Hunter Wayne Doyle Marples**, a 7-pound, 5-ounce boy, was born to Stacey (Moore) and Michael Marples of Holstein April 3.

◆ **Chase William Olinger**, a 7-pound, 10-ounce boy, was born to Holly Traxler and Keith Olinger of 845 N. Washington Ave. April 3.

◆ **Jordyn Kalani Pracht**, a 6-pound, 13-ounce girl, was born to Jessica (Fesuluai) and Brandon Pracht of Hastings April 3.

◆ **Elizabeth Marie Ginn,** an 8-pound, 8-ounce girl, was born to Christina Ginn of Trumbull April 4.

Elsewhere

◆ **Aria Solis Terry**, an 8-pound, 10-ounce girl, was born to Beth (Peters) and Ron Terry of Springfield, Va., March 20. Beth is formerly of Hastings.

Spector convicted

LINDA DEUTSCH
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Two trials involving one legendary music producer. The first jury couldn't reach an unanimous decision, but the second found Phil Spector guilty of second-degree murder in the shooting death of actress Lana Clarkson.

Six years after Clarkson was found dead in the foyer of Spector's mansion, the diminutive 69-year-old now finds himself in a Los Angeles jail cell after he was convicted on Monday. His sentencing is scheduled for May 29 where he faces at least 18 years to life in prison barring a successful appeal.

Spector had no obvious reaction. His 28-year-old wife, Rachelle, sobbed as the verdict was announced. Spector was led out of the courtroom by sheriff's deputies and remanded to jail immediately.

The jury forewoman, who spoke later, also wept. She recounted the pressure of deciding the fate of another person.

"It just is a painful decision," she said. "For anybody in our shoes, you have no idea. It's tough to be on a jury."

The murder case was a flash from Hollywood's distant past, a reminder of the 1960s when Spector reigned as the hit maker supreme with such songs as the Righteous Brothers' "You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin"' and the Ronettes' classic, "Be My Baby."

The 40-year-old Clarkson, star of the 1985 cult film "Barbarian Queen," died of a gunshot fired in her mouth as she sat in Spector's mansion in February 2003.

NewsMakers

Simon Cowell says he's not leaving 'Idol' yet

NEW YORK — Simon Cowell wants to look on the bright side concerning his future with "American Idol."

The famously acerbic Cowell says he still loves doing the Fox network show and he'll be staying put as judge at least another year. That's the time remaining on his contract.

Cowell earlier had sparked widespread speculation that he might be leaving "Idol." In an interview in England's Daily Mirror, he said he can't keep up his busy schedule indefinitely. Besides "Idol," Cowell has two British-based shows and other projects.

Even so, Cowell tells The Associated Press he is considering all options for the future and has come to no decision about how he might trim his workload.

Palin sister-in-law pleads not guilty to break-ins

PALMER, Alaska — Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin's sister-in-law has pleaded not guilty to charges accusing her of twice breaking into the same home in the governor's hometown.

Diana Palin — the 35-year-old half sister of the governor's husband, Todd — is accused of targeting the Wasilla home to steal money.

She appeared in court Monday, pleading not guilty to eight counts including theft, burglary and criminal trespass.

Palin was arrested April 2 after she was confronted by the homeowner. She was indicted Friday.

Police say tire tracks and shoe prints tied the woman to an earlier break-in. Authorities have not tied her to another burglary at the home in late March.

New Leno show to air on Boston NBC affiliate

BOSTON — Boston's NBC affiliate has decided to air Jay Leno's new show, after all.

WHDH-TV owner Ed Ansin issued a brief statement Monday saying that "upon further consideration," the station had decided to telecast Leno's 9 p.m. talk show beginning in September.

WHDH had previously said it would run a local newscast in that time slot instead, prompting a threat from NBC to strip the station of its network affiliation.

Ansin said he enjoys Leno's humor and hopes the show is a big success. Leno is a native of Andover, Mass.

NBC TV Network President John Eck said in a statement Monday the network was "very pleased" with WHDH's decision, calling Leno "one of the most bankable stars in the business."

Lil' Kim's wardrobe malfunctions; steps fine

LOS ANGELES — Lil' Kim nearly had a big wardrobe malfunction on "Dancing With the Stars."

This week's front-runner on the ABC dance competition had some trouble with her top at the end of a jive with partner Derek Hough on Monday night. Host Tom Bergeron provided cover while the rapper adjusted as she and Hough approached the judges table.

Lil' Kim told KABC-TV after the show: "I don't know why this happens a lot of the time, but ... the girls were tryin' to come out."

The nearly X-rated moment was edited out by the time the show was rebroadcast on the West Coast, but it didn't seem to bother the judges: Lil' Kim and Hough posted a night's best 28 out of a possible 30 for their spirited dance.

West's arraignment delayed

LOS ANGELES — Kanye West's arraignment on misdemeanor charges has been delayed until May.

Lawyers for the rapper and his road manager were granted a delay to enter pleas until May 20 during a brief hearing Monday afternoon.

West, who is not required to attend, was scheduled to be arraigned on three misdemeanor charges filed as result of a scuffle with a paparazzo at Los Angeles International Airport on Sept. 11.

Video shot by celebrity gossip Web site TMZ showed West breaking a photographer's flash. His manager is accused of breaking the paparazzo's camera and TMZ's video camera.

West's attorney, Blair Berk, told a court commissioner that Monday was the first time she had been allowed to review the police report and she is waiting for prosecutors to turn over any additional evidence they have.

Birthdays

Actor Bradford Dillman is 79. Actor Jay Robinson is 79. Country singer Loretta Lynn is 74. Actress Julie Christie is 69. Former baseball player Pete Rose is 68. Rock musician Ritchie Blackmore is 64. Actor John Shea is 60. Actor-race car driver Brian Forster is 49. Actor Brad Garrett is 49. Actor Robert Carlyle is 48. Rock singer-musician John Bell (Widespread Panic) is 47. Actor Robert Clendenin is 45. Actor Lloyd Owen is 43. Baseball player Greg Maddux is 43. Rock musician Barrett Martin is 42. Actor Anthony Michael Hall is 41. Actor Adrien Brody is 36. Classical singer David Miller is 36. Rapper DaBrat is 35. Actor Antwon Tanner is 34. Actress Sarah Michelle Gellar is 32. Actor-producer Rob McElhenney is 32. Actress Vivien Cardone is 16. Actress Abigail Breslin is 13.

Quote of the day

" 'History repeats itself' and 'History never repeats itself' are about equally true ... We never know enough about the infinitely complex circumstances of any past event to prophesy the future by analogy."

— George Macaulay Trevelyan, English historian (1876-1962)
The Associated Press

Fact of the day

The lowest point on earth is called Challenger Deep, located at the bottom of the Mariana Trench in the Pacific Ocean — about 6.8 miles below sea level.

Number of the day

7:22 a.m. — time of Abraham Lincoln's death, the day after he was shot.
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Tribland

Adams County District Judge Stephen Illingworth recently granted a decree of dissolution to the marriage of Cassandra M. Vonnostrand and Jason L. Vonnostrand.

Buying old gold. Highest prices paid. Imperial Jewelers. 463-3744. -Adv.

Enrique Lujan of 820 S. Pine Ave. No. 58 reported Sunday that stereo equipment was taken from a vehicle at his residence.

Eagles Auxiliary salad luncheon Wednesday 11:00 to 1:30. All welcome. -Adv.

Tyler J. Ciemnoczolowski of 729 N. Lincoln Ave. No. 5 reported Sunday that his tools were taken from his vehicle in the 700 block of North Lincoln Avenue.

Good Samaritan Society-Hastings Village open house Sunday, April 19, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Come to the Community Center for addresses and a free gift. Chicken noodle soup lunch served noon to 1:00. -Adv.

It was reported Sunday that a vehicle window owned by Amanda M. Thom of 606 Leisure Lane was damaged and a purse owned by Thom and a purse owned by Pamela K. Pavlu of Brownell, Kan., were taken from the vehicle at 320 W. Sixth St.

Spring Fling, Downtown Hastings, Saturday, April 18; recycling, bicycle licensing, in-store specials, with $25 purchase, receive $5.00 gift certificate. For details, 461-8413. -Adv.

Jamie Tyan of McCook reported Sunday that her vehicle window was damaged and her purse was taken at 2200 W. Ninth St. Her purse was later recovered.

VFW, Wednesday, hamburgers and lamb fries. -Adv.

Grey T. Gustafson of Golden, Colo., reported Sunday that his vehicle window was damaged and a GPS device was taken from his vehicle in the 2200 block of North Osborne Drive East.

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

It was reported Saturday that a vehicle owned by Tina M. Patrick of 210 W. D St. was damaged in the 200 block of West D Street.

It was reported Saturday that a toolbox, tools and cell phone owned by James L. Hawk of 610 W. E St. were taken from a vehicle at his residence.

Roseland Funeral Home Open House Thursday, April 16, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. -Adv.

It was reported Saturday that a cell phone charger owned by Bobbi J. Perkins of 508 S. Kansas Ave. was taken from a vehicle at her residence.

It was reported Saturday that a GPS device owned by Christopher R. Fakkema of 710 S. St. Joseph Ave. was taken from a vehicle at his residence.

The Saints & Sinners Comedy Tour April 19, 7:00 p.m. Tickets $7.00, $12 dinner and show. Reservations needed. Illusions, 462-2695. -Adv.

John J. Bertunek of 309 S. Bellevue Ave. reported Saturday that his money was taken from the 200 block of South Woodland Avenue.

It was reported Friday that a vehicle owned by Terrena C. Kelsey and Holly F. Haywood, both of 907 N. California Ave., was damaged in the 900 block of North California Avenue.

Shriners Vidalia onions. Call 462-5813 to place an order. -Adv.

It was reported Friday that a glass door damaged owned by Jerry Spady of 5040 W. Prairie Lake Road was damaged at 208 W. Second St.

Vehicles reportedly driven by Randy J. Wilcox of 600 S. Hastings Ave. and a hit-and-run motorist collided Saturday at 228 N. Burlington Ave.

Ellen's Danish Wednesday and Friday, Back Alley Bakery, 609 West 2nd, 460-5056. -Adv.

Vehicles reportedly driven by Lisa B. Prickett of 920 W. Ninth St. and Micah D. Schutte of Juniata collided Thursday at Burlington Avenue and 13th Street.

Vehicles reportedly driven by Alex G. Urbina of Omaha and Lisa M. Wicht of 1203 E. Park St. No. 44 collided Friday at Burlington Avenue and South Street.

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

A vehicle reportedly driven by Mack A. Richardson of 835 S. Denver Ave. Saturday struck a parked vehicle owned by Heather J. Noziska of Newell, S.D., on Bateman Street near West Avenue.

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Area funerals

Wednesday, April 15

◆ **Mary Hamel Enghoff,** 91, of Superior, 2 p.m. at Megrue-Price Funeral Home chapel in Superior.

◆ **Howard Hansen,** 95, of Minden, 2 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Minden.

Thursday, April 16

◆ **Lelia Robinson,** 94, of Juniata, 10:30 a.m. at United Methodist Church in Juniata.

Nation

BEDBUG SUMMIT

WASHINGTON — The federal government is waking up to the growing nightmare of bedbugs.

The tiny reddish-brown insects, last seen in great numbers prior to World War II, are on the rebound. They have infested college dormitories, homeless shelters and swanky hotels from New York City to Chicago to Washington.

They live in the crevices of mattresses, sofas and sheets. Then, most often before dawn, they emerge to feed on human blood, leaving bites that can cause allergic reactions and infections.

The growing problem is the subject of a first-ever bedbug summit hosted by the Environmental Protection Agency on Tuesday and Wednesday in Arlington, Va.

The venue — the Sheraton Crystal City Hotel — has had no reported bedbug problems, so at least participants will sleep tight.

BLAGOJEVICH ARRAIGNMENT

CHICAGO — Ousted Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich is due to appear in federal court to answer racketeering and fraud charges, amid uncertainty over the makeup of his legal team and where he will get the money to pay them.

Blagojevich, 52, faces arraignment today along with his brother, Robert, and former chief fundraiser, Christopher G. Kelly, on charges that, among other things, he schemed to sell or trade President Barack Obama's U.S. Senate seat.

He is also charged with planning to squeeze money from companies seeking state business and plotting to use the financial muscle of the governor's office to pressure the Chicago Tribune to fire editorial writers who had called for his impeachment.

BAND OF STORMS

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Another band of heavy storms crossed the waterlogged South early today, adding more rain a day after high winds were blamed for toppling trees that killed one person each in Tennessee and Georgia.

Blustery conditions were reported across the region for a second day after a storm system that hit Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, Kentucky and northern Florida, bringing torrential rain, flooding, hail and gusty winds to states still reeling from strong storms and tornadoes last week.

In northern Florida, spotters reported that a tree fell on a car, injuring two people. Their conditions were not immediately known.

In other parts of Florida, officials were carefully watching to see if today's rains would cause more flooding on the Santa Fe, lower Suwannee and other rivers across the Panhandle.

In Georgia, about 43,000 customers still had no power a day after thunderstorms and squalls crossed the state, down from more than 290,000 without power at the peak.

OCTUPLETS

LOS ANGELES — Nadya Suleman has all her babies home.

The last of the world's longest surviving set of octuplets was released from a hospital in suburban Los Angeles Monday night after spending more than two months in the neonatal intensive care unit.

Jonah, the smallest of the octuplets who were born nine weeks premature on Jan. 26, has gone home to join his brothers and sisters, a spokeswoman with Kaiser Permanente Bellflower Medical Center said.

Jonah was the smallest of the octuplets at birth, weighing just 1 pound 8 ounces. The hospital says he is now 4 pounds, 10 ounces, is able to bottle feed and has demonstrated that he can gain weight and maintain his body temperature.

The Associated Press

Tribland five-day forecast

Art by Sam Atichity, 12, Doniphan-Trumbull School



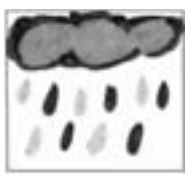
SUNNY TODAY
High: 65 **Low:** 42
Wind: Southeast 10-20
Mostly clear this evening, then mostly cloudy.



WINDY WEDNESDAY
High: 65 **Low:** 48
Wind: Southeast 15-25 becoming 25-30 in the afternoon with gusts up to 40



STORMY THURSDAY
High: 65 **Low:** 48
Cloudy and breezy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.



RAINY FRIDAY
High: 62 **Low:** 48
Cloudy with showers likely and isolated thunderstorms.



STORMY SATURDAY
High: 60 **Low:** 42
Cloudy with a 60 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Today's weather records

High: 90 in 2003
Low: 17 in 1928

Local weather

◆ **From 7 a.m. April 13 to 7 a.m. April 14**

High Monday	58	Year-to-date precipitation	1.82
High in 2008	51	Precipitation Jan.-April 2008	3.93
Overnight low	35	Snowfall last 24 hours	trace
Overnight low in 2008	26	April snowfall	1.30
Precipitation last 24 hours	.00	April 2008 snowfall	2.30
April precipitation	.69	Season-to-date snowfall	19.60
April 2008 precipitation	1.60	Season-to-date '07-08 snowfall	28.60

Somali pirates hijack 4 more ships

ELIZABETH A. KENNEDY
The Associated Press

MOMBASA, Kenya — Undeterred by U.S. and French hostage rescues that killed five bandits, Somali pirates brazenly hijacked four more ships in the Gulf of Aden, the waterway at the center of the world's fight against piracy.

Pirates have vowed to retaliate for deaths of their colleagues— and the top U.S. military officer said today he takes those comments seriously. But Adm. Michael Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told ABC's "Good Morning America" that "we're very well prepared to deal with anything like that."

Still, despite Mullen's confident statement and President Barack Obama's warning Monday, pirates captured two more nautical trophies today to match the two ships they seized a day or two earlier.

NATO spokeswoman Shona Lowe said the MV Sea Horse, a Lebanese-owned cargo ship, was attacked and captured today by pirates in three or four speedboats. She had no further information.

That hijacking came only hours after the Greek-managed MV Irene E.M. was seized in a rare overnight attack by pirates.

In addition, Somali pirates also hijacked two Egyptian fishing boats in the Gulf of Aden off Somalia's northern coast, which maritime officials said had a total of 36 crew. It was not exactly clear if those ships were hijacked Monday or Sunday.

The Gulf of Aden, which links the Suez Canal and the Red Sea to the Indian Ocean, is one of the world's busiest and most vital shipping lanes, crossed by over 20,000 ships each year.

A flotilla of warships from nearly a dozen countries has patrolled the Gulf of Aden and nearby Indian Ocean waters for months. They have halted many attacks on ships this year, but say the area is so vast they can't stop all hijackings.

Choong said pirate attacks this year had risen to 78, with 19 of those ships hijacked and 17 vessels with over 300 crew still in pirates' hands. Each boat carries the potential of a million-dollar ransom.

The Irene was sailing from the Middle East to South Asia, said Noel Choong, who heads the International Maritime Bureau's piracy reporting center in Kuala Lumpur. The ship is flagged in the Caribbean island nation of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

U.S. Navy Lt. Nathan Christensen, spokesman for the Bahrain-based 5th Fleet, said the Irene carried 23 Filipino crew, while Choong reported it had 21. There was no immediate way to reconcile the figures.

A maritime security contractor, speaking on condition of anonymity because it is a sensitive security issue, said the Irene put out a distress signal "to say they had a suspicious vessel approaching. That rapidly turned into an attack and then a hijacking."

Update hedge to good news

LIZ SIDOTI
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama is juggling a glass-half-full take on the economy with a determination to not be seen as naive about problems still washing over the business landscape.

The president was slated to give an economic speech today at Georgetown University as his administration nears its symbolic 100-day mark. Aides billed the address as major but acknowledged that it was expected to contain no significant policy announcements.

Rather, they said, the speech would outline the state of the economy when Obama took office in January, steps his administration has taken in its first three months, and what still needs to be done to right troubled sectors, including the housing, banking and financial industries.

"The president wants the opportunity to update the American people on where we are, what we have to do going forward, and lay out the steps that are being taken to help our economy recover," said presidential spokesman Robert Gibbs.

Hours before the speech, a cold dose of reality came in the form of a report saying retail sales fell unexpectedly in March, decreasing by 1.1 percent. That was the biggest decline in three months and a much weaker showing than the 0.3 percent increase that analysts expected. At the same time, wholesale prices dropped sharply last month as the cost of gasoline and other energy plummeted, fresh evidence that inflation appears to pose little threat to the economy.

Today's indicators epitomized a continuing problem for government policymakers and ordinary people alike: How to figure out where the economy is headed amid such often contradictory business signals.

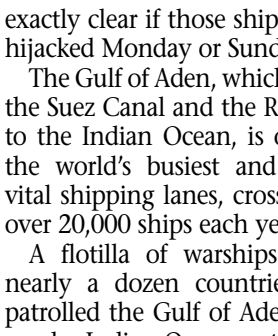
Meanwhile, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said today that there have been flickering signs that the recession may be easing. The Fed chief mentioned improvements in recent data on home and auto sales, home building and consumer spending.

In remarks prepared for students and faculty at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Bernanke said: "Recently we have seen tentative signs that the sharp decline in economic activity may be slowing."

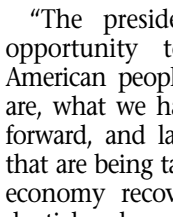
Still, Bernanke made clear that any lasting recovery hinges on the government's success in stabilizing the shaky financial system and easing the availability of credit.

As the backsliding economy appears to be leveling off, the president and his White House have tried to recognize progress with optimistic language while also emphasizing tough tasks ahead in realistic tones.

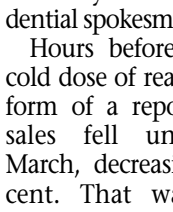
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Make right weapon for right war

Scripps Howard News Service

More important than the weapons systems he might cut or modify in his new military budget is Defense Secretary Robert Gates' determination to reform the Pentagon's woefully expensive and inefficient procurement process.

The urgency of this was underscored by a Government Accountability Office report that said 96 of the Defense Department's biggest weapons systems were over budget by $296 billion — which is well over half the $534 billion Gates is proposing for the entire department for all of 2010.

In announcing his determination to reform how the military buys weapons, Gates said, "The perennial procurement and contracting cycle, going back many decades, of adding layer and layer of cost and complexity onto fewer and fewer platforms that take longer and longer to build, must come to an end."

This is a more polite way of expressing the old Pentagon observation that if the procurement process ran its natural course, the military services would only be able to afford one of each weapon.

Gates' proposition is that we should be designing and buying the weapons for the wars we're actually fighting or are likely to fight and not for a hypothetical war against an enemy with unlimited time and resources.

He might have been speaking of the advanced fighter jet F-22 when he said, "It is important to remember that every defense dollar spent to over-ensure against a remote or diminishing risk — or in effect to run up the score in a capability where the United States is already dominant — is a dollar not available to take care of our people, reset the force, win the wars we are in and improve capabilities in areas where we are underinvested and potentially vulnerable."

Some defense systems exist, not because they meet any true military need, but because members of Congress, the defense industries and members of the military are heavily invested in their continued existence.

Gates' epiphany about weapons acquisition came when he had to go outside the regular procurement process and override institutional objections to speed delivery of MRAPs to Iraq. Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles are trucks especially designed to resist the buried and roadside explosives that are the insurgents' weapon of choice. The troops were clamoring for the MRAPs, which dramatically reduce casualties but until Gates intervened the procurement process seemed unable to deliver them.

He pledges to "separate appetites from real requirements." More power to him.



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Yesterday

2008 — Movie Gallery announced its closure at the Imperial Mall location. The business was going to consolidate into its location on Burlington Avenue.

1999 — Richard Kennedy, Franklin superintendent of schools since 1982, announced his retirement effective after the 1999-2000 academic year.

1989 — The Rev. Lyle Linder, pastor of the United Methodist churches in Blue Hill and Bladen, and eight members of his congregation traveled to San Juan, Texas, to provide services to impoverished congregations. They are members of a Volunteers in Mission team.

1979 — Dutton-Lainson of Hastings was awarded membership in Wood-Mode Cabinetry's Silver Star Club for 1978. To earn membership, a dealer must achieve an extremely high sales volume for the previous year.

President can't lead chained to a chair



Donna Brazile

I wish all of us, myself included, would stop quarterbacking President Barack Obama and let him lead. He's the president. We elected him to do the job. We elected him to do this job.

One of the most striking characteristics of George W. Bush's tenure was that the United States shifted from being a leader among nations to being a bully of other nations. At least, that's how the rest of the world perceived us. And many here at home agreed.

When choosing which presidential candidate to support last November, many people selected Obama because they thought he would be most likely to burnish America's tarnished image abroad. While perhaps it was not the most decisive or compelling factor, polling showed that it was an important one.

We imagined a future in which Americans abroad wouldn't feel the need to downplay or defend their nationality. We imagined a future in which an American flag inspires respect and goodwill. Fewer than 100 days into Obama's presidency, we are far closer to that day than we ever were during Bush's eight years.

"During the campaign it was absolutely something we heard regularly," David Binder, who conducts focus groups for the Obama White House, told The Los Angeles Times. "The imagery of the president being well received ... is something that makes Americans feel proud again — that we have a leader who is well liked and respected throughout the world."

This is what we hired Obama to do. We wanted a diplomat; we elected a diplomat; we got a diplomat. What's the problem? Well, it seems the armchair quarterbacks are starting to complain that two trips abroad mean the president is not minding the store back home.

Not to put too fine a point on it, but this latest complaint is mind-bogglingly stupid. It ignores the nature of our problems. Luckily, the American people don't agree with the armchair quarterbacks. A whopping 79 percent said people in other countries will have a more positive view of the United States because of Obama, according to a recent CNN/Opinion Research Corp. poll.

Obama is dealing with a worldwide economic collapse, the possibility of nuclear proliferation in a country led by an unstable tyrant, pirates off the coast of Somalia, climate change, drug-trafficking wars, immigration, genocide and wars on multiple fronts. Which one of those would you have him solve from the Oval Office?

These problems are global. One of the major issues facing us at home started here but did not end here. When our economy stalled, markets across the world confronted the same illiquidity of credit. When drug wars erupted in Mexico, it put the security of our borders and citizens at risk. Speaking of borders, CO2 emissions don't recognize them. Increasingly, there are no purely "domestic" problems.

An agoraphobic president cannot fix our problems. We needed a president who could be a statesman, a levelheaded diplomat and a worthy ambassador for our great country. Finally, we have such a president.

Obama is multitasking because he has to. "The search for the one big issue that will dominate the 21st century is misguided. You have to embrace complexity or at least accept it," warns Anne-Marie Slaughter, dean of the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University. "That doesn't mean you don't have any priorities, but it does mean you have to think about strategy differently. It's much more about being ready to respond than setting a rigid agenda."

Obama is prioritizing and making good decisions about how to allocate his time. Let him juggle. Let him pick and choose. He is smarter and more informed than I am. I am not going to — now or in the future — second-guess why he picks one crisis over another at any particular moment.

His attention is needed both here and abroad. He's not dodging, weaving or avoiding. It's all interwoven. Each time the president strengthens our ties with allies, wins respect and lessens hostilities, we move closer to the country we want. Not just in a theoretical and idealistic sense, but in real and practical terms.

When he strengthens ties with Turkey, we gain an ally with some credibility in the Muslim world. When he illustrates his support for a healthy, strong Mexico, we get a safer border. When he tours Europe, we remind our friends of the ties that once bonded us.

Obama's travels will help restore our allies' faith in America, at home and abroad. I can think of nothing more important.

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Obama bows to no one except Saudi king



Diana West

Chances are good you haven't heard this one: that, while in Buckingham Palace, milling about with G-20 leaders, the current president of the United States bowed deeply at the waist, one knee bent, on meeting the current King, so-called, of Saudi Arabia, who did not bow back. Chances are even better you haven't seen the video.

That's because Big Media, from viewer-deprived networks to newspapers considering bailouts, have neither aired the video of the incident nor reported on it. ("The O'Reilly Factor" doesn't count.) Washington Post reporter Michael A. Fletcher's breezy dismissal of a reader's online query exemplifies media disinterest: "I'm not sure what the etiquette is for such greetings, but I'm sure the president was only trying to convey respect ... Remember some years ago when President Bush touched cheeks with and held the hand of a Saudi monarch during a visit to his Texas ranch? Another sign of respect. I would not make too much of it."

Well, I would.

The assorted supplications George W. Bush engaged in, from holding hands with and kissing Abdullah, to joining in a Saudi "sword dance" while trying to beg down the price of oil, made me sick then, and Barack Obama's obeisance to the protector of Mecca and Medina (widely available online if not in the "news") makes me sick now. But just as disturbing is the American reaction.

This includes, first, the unconscionable failure of media organizations to spare a few inches of column or seconds of airtime from Michelle Obama's campy cardigans for this deferential display by the United States toward Saudi Arabia. But much of the mainly conservative blog commentary on the incident, while welcome as bona fide signs of life out there, has come off as strangely beside the point.

Or, rather, as largely limited to one point: etiquette. It's true that Americans don't bow to royalty, period -- a point made repeatedly in blogs expressing frosty outrage over the incident as though the Obama-Abdullah bow were no more than a generic breach of protocol. A Washington Times editorial hammered home this same abstraction.

But an American bow to Saudi Arabia is more than "unbecoming," as Clarice Feldman wrote at The American Thinker, more than "a simple but costly breakdown in basic command of protocol," as Camille Paglia wrote at Slate, more than "baseness," as Richard Brookhiser wrote at The Corner, and more than "the kind of rookie mistake you get from a president who was a state senator five years ago," as Michael Goldfarb wrote at the Weekly Standard blog. It was calumny on a historic level.

King Abdullah, after all, is the head of a state that is the very caricature of modern-day evil, a Sharia dictatorship that fosters religious repression, de facto slavery, subjugation of women, and, not least, the international export of jihad and Sharia through "charities," mosques, madrassas, textbooks, university endowments, Sharia finance and, of course, terrorists, some 15 of whom attacked the United States in 2001. Just last month, Abdullah elevated the delusionally hard-line interior minister Prince Nayef, who long promoted the crackpot theory that Saudis were not involved in 9/11 (it was the Jews, he said), to a direct line of succession to the Saudi throne. Abdullah himself has donated at least $1.35 million to Saudi telethons that raised $174 million for the families of Palestinian suicide bombers from Hamas and the al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades. In 2007, Abdullah explicitly denounced the U.S. presence in Iraq as "illegitimate," thus encouraging attacks on Americans in Iraq, where, not incidentally, Saudis are thought to have carried out more suicide bombings than any other nationality.

That's just for starters. In other words, this is not a personage an American president can ever, ever show deference to without besmirching the memories and lives of the American dead and maimed.

But that's just what President Obama did (despite lame claims from the White House that Obama was just shaking hands), making this incident more than a simple gaffe.

But it's not much different from anything George W. Bush did. It's time to acknowledge the similarities between Presidents Obama and Bush regarding Islam. Barack Obama hits the word "respect" repeatedly in regard to Islam, whose Sharia law, putting it mildly, disrespects non-Muslims and women; well, so did George W. Bush. Obama insists the United States is not at war with Islam; so did Bush. Who can forget the Bush mantra of "Islam is love" that began on 9/12? Maybe these Bush echoes account for the conservative block on really zapping the Obama bow here. Or maybe this is the consensus they want to live with.

Meanwhile, Obama's Bush-like approach is depicted as something new under the Arabian sun. Akbar Ahmed, visiting chairman of Islamic Studies at the U.S. Naval Academy, calls Obama "the first president to talk about respect for the Muslim world." Ridiculous.

What's not ridiculous is Ahmed's statement calling Obama "uniquely qualified ... to really reach out and change the mood of the relationship between America and the Islamic world."

Uniquely qualified indeed. Obama is the first Muslim-born U.S. president. Could that have something to do with the deepness of the bow?

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State

TEACHER ARRESTED

BLOOMFIELD — The Nebraska State Patrol has arrested a 29-year-old math teacher from Bloomfield on suspicion of sexually assaulting a 14-year-old girl.

The patrol says John Hoffman was arrested Friday and faces a charge of sexual assault of a child.

The patrol says a search of Hoffman's home turned up evidence of sexual assault.

Hoffman is listed as a math teacher at Bloomfield Community Schools' junior-senior high. Bloomfield Principal Kim Lingenfelter says a substitute teacher is filling in for Hoffman this week.

She declined to comment on whether Hoffman is still employed at the school or whether he has been placed on leave.

ASSISTANCE FOR VETERANS

GRAND ISLAND — Ailing veterans seeking help in south-central Nebraska will find a new treatment available for their post-traumatic stress disorder.

The Department of Veterans Affairs has installed virtual reality equipment at its mental health clinic in Grand Island.

Psychologist Krista Krebs says the equipment depicts war sounds and scenes as a way to help veterans affected by what they saw and heard during active military duty.

She says about half of veterans experience some symptoms of post-traumatic stress, which include intrusive memories, avoidance, anxiety and emotional numbing.

POT CANDY

GRAND ISLAND — The Nebraska State Patrol seized more than four pounds of marijuana-laced chocolates and arrested two people from San Francisco during a traffic stop in central Nebraska.

Spokeswoman Deb Collins says a dog detected the smell of drugs coming from the trunk of the 1999 Toyota Corolla during the stop Saturday afternoon.

When the car was searched, 4.4 pounds of individually wrapped chocolates were found in three gift boxes in the trunk. Troopers also found about 3.5 ounces of marijuana.

The chocolates from San Francisco, which contained marijuana's active ingredient, were bound for Cleveland.

Troopers arrested 22-year-old Alexander Davis and 25-year-old Blair Truesdale of possession of marijuana with the intent to deliver.

The Associated Press

Calendar

HASTINGS

◆ **Alcoholics Anonymous**, noon, 5:15 and 8 p.m., 521 S. St. Joseph Ave.; and noon, 835 S. Burlington Ave. No. 114 Wednesday.

◆ **Al-Anon**, 8 p.m. Wednesday, First United Methodist Church.

◆ **Caregivers Support Group**, 1-2 p.m. Wednesday, Golden Friendship Center, 509 S. Bellevue Ave.

◆ **FCA Power Lunch**, FCA Power Lunch, noon-1 p.m. Wednesday, Garden Café and Bakery, Terrace Room.

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

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

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

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Council takes steps to resurface streets

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The Hastings City Council took a step forward in the process of issuing bonds to pay for the resurfacing of four city streets.

The council voted unanimously Monday to allow for the projects to be paid for using highway allocation bonds, if the projects are approved. At an upcoming meeting, the council will consider approving the project plans and allowing for the projects to be put out for bid.

The four street sections are West Ninth Street, Tilden Avenue west to Marian Road; North Hastings Avenue, Ninth Street north to 14th Street; California Avenue from Second Street north to Ninth Street; and Colorado Avenue from the BNSF Railway right-of-way north to 14th Street.

During Monday's meeting, Mayor Vern Powers reminded the council members that they will need to seriously scrutinize the bids for these projects.

The four projects are included in the city's One- and Six-Year Street Improvement Plan and are slated to be completed this summer at an estimated cost of $1.2 million.

However, there are not funds in the city's budget to cover these costs; therefore City Engineer Dave Wacker asked the City Council to consider issuing bonds to pay for these projects.

Powers warned that if the bids come in much higher than Wacker's estimate, the projects may not be approved for completion this summer.

In notes to council, City Administrator Joe Patterson reiterated Powers' comments about the need to scrutinize the bids for these street projects.

"Remember that these projects are not being assessed and would increase our debt load if final approval is granted by the council," Patterson wrote. "I would anticipate a very critical review by the staff and the mayor and council before the projects are awarded."

Councilman Phil Odom pointed out that these projects are not among the projects that are being paid for with federal stimulus dollars.

Just a few weeks ago, the city learned it would be receiving $1.28 million in federal stimulus dollars to resurface portions of Showboat Boulevard, Baltimore Avenue, Ninth and Seventh streets.

On Monday, the council also:

◆ Heard no objections regarding the creation of the Street Improvement District on West 35th Street and Lakeview Terrace.

◆ Unanimously approved an interlocal agreement between the Hastings Public Library and Hastings Public Schools for sharing of an automated library system.

◆ Unanimously approved the 2009 Recovery Act, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Formula Program application.

◆ Unanimously approved the recommendation of the Green City Task Force to fund energy-efficient upgrades to the Hastings Community Theatre up to $6,910.68.

◆ Unanimously approved the plans, specifications, cost estimates and directing advertisement of bids for Street Improvement Projects for Yost Avenue and West 35th Street.



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Fran Ferrone, 15, spins the wheel while playing "Wheel of Fortune" while participating in Game Show Extravaganza Monday at the Hastings Public Library. The event was put on by the library's Teen Advisory Board.

Game shows take over library

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The library is a fun place to be! That's the message members of the Hastings Public Library's Teen Advisory Board were hoping to convey Monday at a Game Show Extravaganza for teens in grades six to 12.

A group of 13 teens played "Family Feud," "Wheel of Fortune" and "Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader?" for about 90 minutes Monday afternoon, while munching on popcorn and sipping grape Kool-Aid in the library's assembly hall. It was a fun way to spend part of a day off school and a good way to get kids into the library, organizers said.

"By having the plethora of activities that we do, we hope to draw people to the library and give them something fun to do and get more people interested in reading," said Sarah Wolf, a junior at Hastings High School and TAB member. She thought the game show event had been a clear success.

"We're glad that we had good audience participation," Wolf said. "Everyone was willing to stand up and give an answer, even though it might not always be right. Everyone had smiles on their faces."

TAB has sponsored four events for teens at the library this year: a Halloween movie, video gaming competition, teen improv night and now the Game Show Extravaganza. Sometimes members are disappointed with the turnout, Wolf said. They'd like to have 50 teens at the activities, but they consider any attendance over 10 to be a success.

"As far as the numbers go, I think this one was our best one. I think we advertised it a lot more and people were really excited about it," said Ann Wolf, an eighth-grade Hastings Middle School student, Sarah's sister and also a TAB member. "So, I'm really happy with the turnout of this one."

By sponsoring a variety of activities, TAB draws a different group of teens every time, said Assistant Library Director Pam Bohmfalk. For the Game Show Extravaganza, at least four or five teens came that had not participated in past TAB events, Children's Librarian Kathy Schultz added. Bohmfalk and Schultz facilitated the games Monday so TAB members could play along with everyone else.

Applications for teens who would like to join TAB when it starts up again next fall are already available on the library's Web site, www.hastings.lib.ne.us. To apply, teens are asked to describe their favorite book of all time and to name some other good books they've read lately. They also list their hobbies, interests and extracurricular school activities. The library tries to keep a representative from every Adams County middle and high school on TAB each year, Bohmfalk said, and they are especially encouraging sixth- to eighth-graders to apply.

TAB itself is an activity to draw teens into the library, Bohmfalk said.

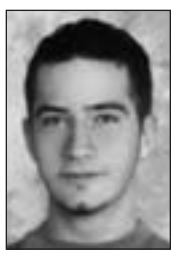
"It's just to create another activity for kids that promotes the library as a fun place to come," she said. "And also to give kids another opportunity to interact with each other and to try to find other kids that are interested in library types of stuff."

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Jacobs sentenced for role in building fire

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The 19-year-old Hastings man convicted of breaking into the abandoned Marshalltown Instruments building, 108 S. Colorado Ave., and setting it on fire in 2007 was sentenced to five years of probation and $20,000 in restitution Monday afternoon in Adams County District Court.



Jacobs

Adams County District Judge Terri Harder also ordered that Keye Jacobs of 3239 Wendell Drive continue with mental health services and complete 350 hours of community service.

Harder told Jacobs that part of the reason she gave him the longest probation sentence possible was to give him time to pay the restitution. She ordered that $1,600 be paid by the end of the month, followed by monthly payments of $306.66 over the five years of his probation.

Jacobs' attorney, Vikki Stamm, declined to comment after the sentence was handed down.

Deputy Adams County Attorney Jennifer Hynek said a probation sentence was expected, given Jacobs' lack of criminal history.

"We had no basis to be asking for more than that," she said.

Hynek said the restitution ordered is far short of the more than $110,000 in cleanup costs incurred from the fire, but it is more than most are ordered to pay.

"It's more than we usually see by a long shot," she said.

Jacobs pleaded no contest to charges of attempted second-degree arson and attempted burglary Feb. 4. In exchange for his plea, prosecutors reduced the arson and theft charges from Class 2 felonies, each punishable by up to 50 years in prison, and dismissed charges of third-degree arson, theft, conspiracy and tampering with evidence. Both parties also agreed to the $20,000 restitution before Monday's hearing.

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Citizens gather to discuss making government more accountable

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Around 240 area residents gathered Monday at the Hastings City Auditorium, 400 N. Hastings Ave., to celebrate America and discuss the need for accountability by government leaders.

Organizer Butch Hughes said the We the People rally was part of a national 912 project, which emphasizes nine principles and 12 values that need to be a foundation for elected officials.

He said a number of issues have come about to make this rally important including illegal immigration, the exportation of American jobs overseas and the federal stimulus package.

Hughes said all of the new taxes and programs being enacted by the current administration are taking financial decisions out of the hands of the public.

"Americans just want to run their own economics," he said. "We're tired of being told we don't know what to do."

Patriotic songs were played and sung by the audience and veteran and current military members were recognized. Historical speeches from Abraham Lincoln and Patrick Henry were re-enacted, along with a portrayal of Thomas Payne calling for the start of the second American Revolution.

Booths displayed information from various organizations, including FairTax.org, South Central Nebraska Right to Life, Southern Public Power District, National Rifle Association and Nebraska Militia Adams County Unit.

Tom Murray, a retired pastor from the Juniata Community Church, spoke about building the country back up and encouraged the audience to cheer for America.

He also said the decline in the country hasn't just come in the past four months, but over the past 40 years or more. Murray said elected officials are supposed to work for the public and they should be accountable for their actions.

"We're in a fight for the soul of America," Murray said.

During the meeting, ideas of issues that need to be addressed were written down and collected. Hughes said another meeting would be held in September after the information gathered has been processed.

"I think it went pretty good," said Harry Martin of Hastings after the rally. "I can't wait till the next one."

Martin said he was also planning to attend another rally in Lincoln soon.

June Reiners of Juniata said she was impressed by the accurate portrayal of Thomas Payne and the number of young people who attended the rally.



WILL VRASPIR/*AP*

People gather in the City Auditorium Monday evening for a We The People rally to discuss making the government more accountable to voters.

"It's good to see so many young people here," she said.

Randy Gronewald of Hastings said a similar rally was held in 1992, but only a dozen people attended.

"I think it went pretty good, but you got to do more than gather," he said.

Local

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SPEAKER

Hastings College student organization Radical Notion will be presenting speaker Sue Michalski at 7 p.m. tonight in the Hastings College Student Union, rooms B and C.

Michalski, current director for the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council in Omaha, will speak on empowering women and stopping domestic violence. She also will reflect on her 20 years of experience working with the issues of domestic violence and sexual assault.

STORM CHASER TO SPEAK AT HMS

Oklahoma storm chaser John Utech will be sharing stories about the behind the scenes life of watching storms Thursday.

Utech is an emergency manager and independent meteorologist in Blackwell, Okla.

Some of the topics Utech will touch on include the safety of basements during storms and why storms are so much more intense at night.

There will be specific information helpful to school administrators and staff, elected officials, emergency service personnel, health care professionals and other public officials.

The presentation "Warned and Informed," which is open to the public, is 7 p.m. Thursday at the Hastings Middle School, 201 N. Marian Road. For reservations, call 402-461-2360.

COMEDIAN COMING TO TOWN

Comedian Danny Browning will bring his corporate comedy act to Hastings for a free show at 9 p.m. Friday at The Hideaway, 1104 West J Street.

Browning, whose resume includes performances on TBS, MTV, Comedy Central, NBC, Spike, VHR and satellite radio, has dates booked through July across the country on his current "Small Town Comedy Tour." The show will include an opening act to be announced.

"When the crowd gets into it, he can go in whatever direction you want to go in," said Rick Svoboda, co-owner of The Hideaway. "We do comedy shows the last weekend of every month. It's just something to give the crowd in Hastings something different to enjoy."

For information, call 402-463-9004.

Man charged with attempted murder

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A 39-year-old Hastings man has been charged breaking into his estranged wife's home and trying to kill her on Saturday.

Alan J. Good of 708 Richmond Ave. was charged Monday in Adams County Court with attempted first-degree murder, use of a deadly weapon to commit a felony, strangulation, terroristic threats, first-degree false imprisonment and burglary.

Adams County Attorney Donna Fegler Daiss asked for Good's bond to be set at $1 million. She said there was an active protection order in place at the time of the incident and Good has a prior conviction for violating a protection order.

"Compliance with court orders is not a strong suit of Mr. Good's," she said.

According to court records, Good allegedly broke the bedroom window at the residence of Christie Good at 1506 N. Pine Ridge Court and climbed into the house. Good reportedly punched Christie in the stomach and choked her before dragging her into the kitchen to get a knife, threatening to kill both Christie and himself. The couple's children, 6-year-old Tyson and 3-year-old Makena, were reportedly in the house at the time of the incident.

Adams County Clerk Magistrate Tom Hawes set Good's bond at $1 million and ordered that he not have contact with Christie or the children. Hawes also ordered that Good couldn't consume alcohol as part of his bond conditions.

Attempted first-degree murder is a Class 2 felony punishable by up to 50 years in prison. Use of a deadly weapon to commit a felony and burglary are each a Class 3 felony punishable by up to 20 years imprisonment and a $25,000 fine. First-degree false imprisonment is a Class 3A felony punishable by up to five years imprisonment and a $10,000 fine. Strangulation and terroristic threats are each a Class 4 felony punishable by up to five years imprisonment and a $10,000 fine.

Jacobs: Man sentenced

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Attempted second-degree arson and attempted burglary are Class 4 felonies punishable by up to five years imprisonment and a $10,000 fine.

According to testimony at the preliminary hearing on May 28, 2008, Jacobs and a group of friends went to Wal-Mart Supercenter, 3803 Osborne Drive West, where Jacobs bought a bottle of charcoal lighter fluid on Sept. 28, 2007. The group went to the abandoned Marshalltown building and reportedly entered through an unlocked door. The group explored the building, and a small fire was reportedly started in the building, but it was extinguished.

The group then went to Lake Hastings, but after some headed home, Jacobs, John Fielder and Bryce Richardson went back to the Marshalltown building in the early morning hours of Sept. 29, 2007.

Statements to police from Fielder and Richardson indicated that Jacobs started the fire that destroyed the building.

Fielder, 20, of 614 E. Sixth St. pleaded no contest Feb. 12 to charges of attempted tampering with evidence, third-degree arson and accessory to a felony. He was sentenced April 6 to one year of probation, a $400 fine, 500 hours of community service in Adams County Court.

Richardson, 19, of 307 S. Baltimore Ave., pleaded no contest Oct. 24, 2007, to first-degree criminal trespass and was sentenced in March 17, 2008 to 13 days in jail and a $400 fine in Adams County Court.

Library: Games take over

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This TAB event tied into a week-long celebration of National Library Week. Other events include:

◆ Sleepy Time Story Hour today, 7-7:30 p.m., for children 7 and younger. Kids are invited to wear pajamas and bring their favorite adult, teddy bears, blankies or other special friends.

◆ HPL Book Club on Thursday, 10-11 a.m. William Paul Young's "The Shack" will be discussed. Book discussion is free an open to everyone.

Also during National Library Week, the library is offering amnesty to students grades kindergarten through 12. No fines will be charged on items returned between April 13 and 19, free replacement library cards will be offered to students who have lost their cards and any student checking out library materials during the week will have existing fines waived.

Nelson wants fair base picks

ANNA JO BRATTON
The Associated Press

OMAHA — U.S. Sen. Ben Nelson wants to make sure Nebraska's Offutt Air Force base doesn't unfairly lose out again on a new unit that could bring hundreds of jobs to the area.

Nelson said Monday that he sent a letter to Air Force Secretary Michael Donley, requesting information to ensure that the basing decision for the headquarters for the new Air Force cyberspace command will be open and fair.

The cyberspace command, dubbed the 24th Air Force, could bring about 400 new military and civilian jobs.

Its mission: protect key computers and networks and conduct offensive cyberspace operations.

Nelson, a Nebraska Democrat, said Offutt got the highest overall score on criteria given for basing the new Air Force Global Strike Command and its 900 jobs, but a Louisiana base was chosen instead. He said it's not fair to the Bellevue and Omaha communities, which spent time and money to meet the criteria put forth. Offutt is south of Omaha.

"What are the criteria we don't know about?" Nelson said Monday. "We don't know what we don't know, and they need to tell us what we really need to know."

Omaha Chamber President David Brown said they spent 2 1/2 years working to bring the cyberspace command to Offutt, and seven to eight months trying to attract the Global Strike Command. The effort was "not inexpensive," Brown said.

"We've invested a good bit of money making sure the base would be available for future missions," Brown said.

Nelson told Donley in the letter he was concerned that communities were being leveraged each other so the Air Force could get the most financial incentives.

"(I)t is unfair to the communities investing considerable amounts of time and resources to be misled into thinking that said criteria will actually determine the selection," Nelson wrote.

Nelson first wrote to Donley on April 3, asking him to explain why Offutt was skipped over.

In a letter Nelson said he received Monday, Donley said there were several reasons the Air Force picked Barksdale Air Force Base, east of Shreveport, La., for the Global Strike Command.

◆ There was more synergy between the Global Strike Command and the Barksdale base;

◆ The Air Force has more nuclear-related personnel, units and command infrastructure at Barksdale;

◆ Keeping the two major nuclear command headquarters physically separate makes sense, in case of an attack. Offutt houses the Air Force Strategic Command headquarters.

The Global Strike Command will consolidate control of the Air Force's nuclear-capable missiles and jet wings. It is being created in part because of missteps in the handling and oversight of nuclear weapons and components.

Air Force spokesman Gary Strasburg said Monday that no decision has been made on the location for the cyberspace command.

Strasburg said the decision has been put on hold pending a briefing planned this month for President Barack Obama. The briefing could affect the decision, Strasburg said.

"I am not sure when that will happen but everything else is awaiting for that," he said.

Nelson said he's confident President Barack Obama will make the decision that's best for the nation's security when it comes to the cyberspace command. Nelson said he hasn't spoken to Obama about the decision yet, but he plans to.

An Air Force panel made the decision to put the Global Strike Command in Louisiana. Nelson said the decision "might have been better for the Air Force, but it may not be better for national defense."

Barksdale is also a candidate for the cyberspace headquarters, as are Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas; Langley in Hampton, Va.; Peterson at Colorado Springs, Colo.; and Scott Air Force Base near Belleville, Ill.



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St. Cecilia freshmen Leah Gleason (left) and Grace Napier set up a birdhouse at the Prairie Loft Center during a Youth Leadership Academy event Monday.

Water: Youth leaders learn to care for resources

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Prairie Loft program director Amy Sandeen asked teens if they would volunteer to disperse information about water quality at summer events.

YLA members were hesitant to throw out ideas or commit to volunteer work just yet. Several said they were not too familiar with this emphasis on water. They learned about it in sixth grade, said Joey Fox, Hastings High sophomore, but nothing recently.

Water quality was only one of six topics covered at YLA meetings this year. Others have included health, drug prevention, law and order, personalities and teamwork and service. The group will wrap up its year with a graduation ceremony May 1 at the City Building, 220 N. Hastings Ave.

Members also have volunteered at the Kiwanis Pancake Day preparing Kids Against Hunger meals and will work at Creative Kids Day this Saturday and offer an outdoor movie theater to downtown shoppers during the summer sidewalk sales. This aspect of the group has been especially interesting to Fox, a first-year member.

"It's a lot of helping out with the community and learning to be an active part in that," he said. "I've never really realized how much work went into these things, so I kind of appreciate it a little bit more."

Each YLA member has been involved in coordinating one of three small group projects throughout the year. These have included a life-sized Chutes and Ladders game that will be played at Creative Kids Day in the Imperial Mall Saturday; the outdoor theater, which will show "Grease" on the side of Eakes Office Plus; and elementary mentors.

The elementary mentors traveled to Lincoln Elementary on Mondays during their lunch hours, to interact with fifth-graders there. Some weeks they would read aloud to the entire class, while other weeks they would tutor individual students or engage in other activities, said group members Tessa Johnson and Bradie Schulz, both HHS sophomores.

"We were trying to help them with the transition (to middle school)," Johnson said.

Group members created the mentoring program from the ground up, starting with a phone call to Lincoln Principal Drew Heady and including presentations of their idea to both Lincoln fifth-grade teachers.

YLA also involves its members in a presentation to the middle school every year, which attempts to raise interest in the program among younger students, said sponsor Cindy Strasheim. The group is open to high school freshmen and sophomores. High school juniors and seniors can apply to join the Mayor's Youth Council, which is also a leadership committee.

Aside from the concentrated learning, members enjoy YLA because it is a mixture of students from Adams Central, Hastings High and St. Cecilia schools.

"I am definitely reapplying for it next year. It was so much fun. I made so many friends," said STC freshman Leah Gleason. "I've met so many people that I probably would have never met before."

Humphrey: City parks superintendent resigns

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Humphrey will be responsible for caring for Hall County's facilities and surrounding grounds in addition to one county park.

"It is an advancement," he said of why he took this position. "You're going from a superintendent to director."

Humphrey will have his last official day with the city of Hastings April 28 and is scheduled to start his new position May 1.

Parks and Recreation Director Eric Christensen is out of the office today and could not be reached for comment on Humphrey's resignation.

Humphrey said he's excited about the change and the advancement in his career, but at the same time he felt emotional when talking about his 11 years in Hastings.

"The toughest thing I was telling the guys this morning, the staff I've worked with for 11 years, they've been really good guys and they're real supportive," said Dune, as he was known to friends and co-workers.

Humphrey reminisced about many of the projects he has been instrumental in.

"I've had a good run here," he said. "I've helped with the Pioneer Spirit Trail and the Aquacourt. I feel confident that I'm leaving the city in a better position than when I came here."

Turning his focus to the Bill Smith Softball Complex, Humphrey said the department has brought in numerous national tournaments and was instrumental in bringing the Nebraska State Girls Softball Championships to Hastings.

And he said he has loved working with the American Legion on its baseball program. He said the Legion does a lot for the community and asked that people continue to support the program.

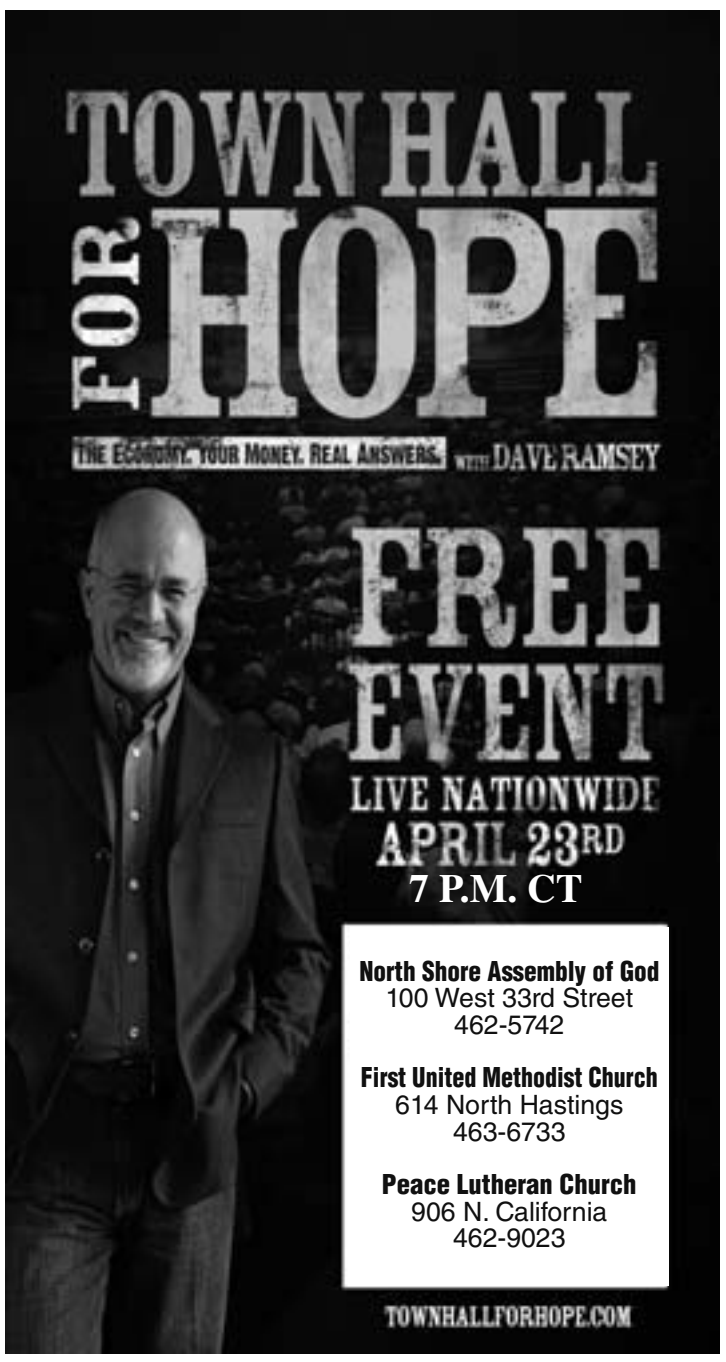
Several other projects Humphrey was instrumental in were the establishment of the dog park, creation of the tree farm and the installation of the ADA playground equipment at Chautauqua Park.

"Although it's not completed, the downtown park is another one we've helped with. I regret not being around to complete it," he said. "It's going to be an awesome park."

Another project Humphrey said he is sad to not be around to help with in the future is the fundraising and eventual renovation of Duncan Field.

"If the economy turns around, I think it will be great," he said. "It's the crown jewel of Hastings and I think the people of Hastings recognize that."

In the phone conversation, Humphrey said one of his employees mentioned that Humphrey was instrumental in helping the department to get back on track and put more focus on improving parks and growing the tree population in the city.



Koozer: Music chairman has notable collection

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"The document is talking about the history of music in Nebraska," Koozer said. "It is a compilation of articles by people whose passion is music, written about their particular areas of interest."

Musical styles represented in "New Harmonies" include: barber shop music; jazz; hymns; American Indian music; opera; piano, symphony and others.

A native of Broken Bow, Koozer's fascination with music was piqued at an early age. The youngest of three brothers, he began taking piano lessons in second grade. While both his brothers followed in the footsteps of their father, who was an avid athlete, Koozer found himself enamored with music.

"I've always sung," he said. "I can just remember always singing. I was always encouraged by my piano teachers and certainly my public school teachers."

After graduating from Broken Bow High School in 1972, he decided to major in music and music education at Hastings College, taking vocal lessons as part of his instruction.

Upon attaining his undergraduate degree, he began teaching music in Hastings Public Schools. After teaching at the junior and senior high schools from 1977-78 through the mid-1980s, he took a sabbatical to pursue his doctor of music arts at Arizona State University.

Upon graduation, he accepted a position at the University of Northern Colorado School of Music in 1987. A year later, he was offered the job as chair of the music department of his alma mater by then-HC president Tom Reeves. He has retained that chair for 22 years.

Once an aspiring performer, Koozer said he no longer feels compelled to make any sort of musical statement on his own behalf. Instead, he feels blessed to be in a position where he is able to help others achieve their musical dreams.

"Our ensembles at Hastings College continue to have wonderful opportunities," he said. "Two students this summer will work with the group Chanticleer, in Southern California. Our band has performed at Carnegie Hall and the Lincoln Center. We have graduates in performing and education all over the world.

"I've always thought I had the ability to instill in others the importance and enjoyment of music. From a point of satisfaction, I probably get the most satisfaction in seeing my former students instill that love and appreciation in their students and their children."

Through his "New Harmonies" publication, he hopes to foster a healthy sense of appreciation for those musicians and artists who helped shape the music of today, and tomorrow.

Burglary: Imperial Jewelers robbed

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Myers, who owns the store opened by his father, Al Myers, in 1966, said the break-in wasn't the first time his store has been burglarized. Stephen Brase of Hastings received a three- to five-year sentence in May 2004 for taking items valued at more than $1,500 from the store on July 25, 2003.

Myers said this morning's burglary appeared to be well-orchestrated.

"They pretty much knew what they were after," he said.

The store will remain closed today but is expected to reopen on Wednesday or Thursday, Myers said.

If anyone has information about the break-in, they are asked to contact the Hastings Police at 402-461-2380.





Beefy Shepherd's Pie With Horseradish Mashed Potato Topping

Makes 6 servings
1 package mashed potatoes (24 oz.)
4 slices bacon
1 1/2 lb. beef stew meat
1 onion, chopped
2 C. frozen mixed vegetables
1 jar homestyle beef gravy (12 oz.)
1 C. lower sodium beef broth
1 packet brown gravy mix (1.6 oz.)
1/4 C. sour cream
1 T. prepared horseradish
1 t. worcestershire sauce

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly spray a shallow 9-inch by 13-inch baking dish with cooking spray; set aside.

Fry bacon in a large skillet over medium heat until browned, but not crispy. Remove bacon with slotted spoon to plate lined with paper towels. Drain all but 2 T. of fat from pan. Add stew meat and brown on all sides. Add onions and sauté for 2 minutes more. Stir in vegetables, cooked bacon, gravy, broth and gravy mix. Bring to a boil and reduce to simmer for 1 minute. Transfer to prepared baking dish and set aside.

Prepare mashed potatoes according to package directions. Stir remaining ingredients into prepared mashed potatoes and distribute evenly over stew mixture. Bake in preheated oven for 30 to 40 minutes or until hot and bubbly.

Serve hot.



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With national trends toward smart spending and keeping it simple, home-cooked foods often appeal more than pricey takeout or restaurant fare. But, who has time to peel and cook potatoes on a weeknight?

Thanks to the availability of pre-peeled, pre-chopped and mashed potatoes, the potato can fit into any last-minute menu. Simply steam in the microwave and then mash or prepare them according to any cook's preference.

The recipes included here feature the perennial comfort food staples, shepherd's pie, sweet potato casserole and potato soup. The sweet potato casserole is the usual, time-honored favorite with a buttery streusel topping, starring brown sugar and pecans. The shepherd's pie and mashed potatoes put a little twist on tradition; the mashed potato topping on the pie is spiked with sour cream, horseradish and worcestershire for an extra zing. The potato soup offers a blend of potatoes, bacon, cheddar, green onions and broccoli florets.

With the use of pre-cut real potatoes, these appetizing dishes come together in a fraction of the time they would normally take. Simple, hearty, satisfying — and homemade without a hassle — think of it as comfort food, at its best.

Loaded Potato Soup

Makes 4 to 6 servings
1 package pre-cut potatoes (24 oz.)
2 C. broccoli florets, frozen
1 jar creamy alfredo sauce
2 C. milk
1/4 lb. bacon
1 C. cheddar cheese
1/4 C. green onions, chopped

Prepare potatoes in the microwave, as directed on package. While potatoes are cooking, cut bacon into small strips, chop green onions and shred cheddar cheese. Fry bacon in a saucepan over medium-high heat, set aside. Drain bacon grease, turn heat down to medium-low and pour alfredo sauce into saucepan. Add milk and broccoli florets, and stir soup occasionally. Pour one C. of cooked potatoes into small bowl, mash. Blend mashed potatoes into soup. Pour 1 cup of cooked potatoes into individual serving bowls. Ladle soup over the potatoes. Top with cheese, bacon and green onions.

Sweet Potato Casserole

Makes 6 to 8 servings
1 package pre-cut sweet potatoes (24 oz.)
1/3 C. milk
2 T. butter
1/2 C. brown sugar
1/2 t. salt

Streusel topping

3/4 C. pecans, chopped
3/4 C. light brown sugar, firmly packed
1/4 C. all-purpose flour
2 T. butter, melted

Cook potatoes according to package directions. Pour potatoes into a bowl, add milk, butter, brown sugar and salt, and then mash to desired smoothness. Place mashed sweet potatoes in an 8-inch by 8-inch casserole coated with cooking spray.

In a small bowl, combine all topping ingredients, and sprinkle over sweet potato mixture.

Bake at 375 degrees for 25 minutes, or until the topping is browned and the potatoes are thoroughly heated.

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Women's college gymnastics fights to gain notice

NCAA meet starts Thursday at Devaney

ERIC OLSON
The Associated Press

LINCOLN — The NCAA women's gymnastics meet is coming to the Devaney Sports Center this week, and the overwhelming majority of the 13,000 seats will be empty.

Only 1,900 all-session tickets have been sold as of Monday. Sure, the host Nebraska Cornhuskers didn't qualify for the team competition, and the economy is tough. But Nebraska coach Dan Kendig said he predicts he'll be embarrassed by the turnout at the Thursday-to-Saturday meet.

"I take it personal," he said.

Unless there's an uptick in sales, the Lincoln championships could be the least attended since the 1989 meet drew 9,078 in Athens, Ga.

Even without Nebraska in the field, Kendig set a goal of drawing 5,000 a day, or 15,000 total.

To break even financially, Nebraska needs a total of 10,000, assistant athletic director for events Butch Hug said.

Last year's meet in Athens, where the hometown Georgia Bulldogs won their fourth straight national title, attracted 34,148. That came after the 2007 meet in Salt Lake City drew a record 36,655.

But Utah and Georgia, along with Alabama and Florida, are college gymnastics hotbeds. The sport receives scant attention elsewhere.

Greg Marsden, in his 34th year as Utah's coach, said college women's gymnastics must achieve more widespread appeal if it hopes to grow. He said that will be difficult unless the season's most important meet, the NCAA championships, becomes more fan and TV friendly.

The rub, he said, is the format.

The competition is made up of 12 teams split into two six-team sessions on the first day, with the top three in each advancing to the finals the next night.

Because there are four events in women's gymnastics, only four of the six teams are on the floor at one time during a preliminary session.

Marsden said it's difficult for spectators to know which team is leading at a given time because not every team is at a comparable point in the competition.

"For the casual observer, maybe someone who has come to the event for the first time, it can be a long and tedious and frustrating experience," Marsden said.

Retiring Georgia coach Suzanne Yoculan said, "Our sport is too hard to follow. Even I get frustrated with it."

Marsden is calling for the NCAA to reduce the number of team qualifiers from 12 to eight. Each session would have four teams, with all four competing simultaneously. Two teams from each session — four in all — would advance to the finals.

Nebraska's Kendig supports Marsden's proposal.

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ED ZURGA/*AP*

Kansas City Royals pitcher Zack Greinke throws in the first inning Monday against the Cleveland Indians in Kansas City, Mo.

Greinke extends shutout streak

ED ZURGAS/*AP*



The Kansas City Royals' Mike Jacobs rounds third after hitting a home run in the fourth inning against the Cleveland Indians on Monday in Kansas City, Mo.

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Zack Greinke reached 25 scoreless innings in a row. It wasn't easy.

Greinke (2-0) wiggled out of trouble for five scoreless innings, before departing after 104 pitches, and the Kansas City Royals held on to defeat the Indians 4-2 Monday night.

He stranded two runners in the first, struck out Travis Hafner and Jhonny Peralta to end the third with the bases loaded and struck out Grady Sizemore to end the fourth with runners on second and third.

"You can't say enough about what he did when he had to with runners on base," Royals manager Trey Hillman said. "That's when he was at his best. That's what guys with his kind of stuff and his ability can do on occasion. Thankfully, he was able to do it in several innings."

Greinke has thrown 11 scoreless innings this season in winning his first two starts and has not allowed a run since the sixth inning on Sept. 13 at Cleveland. He struck out nine, two shy of his career high, walked two and gave up six hits.

Major League Baseball

Kansas City	4
Cleveland	2

"Mainly the first and third innings were the ones that had me worried the most, but luckily I got out of it," Greinke said.

Shortstop Tony Pena Jr. scooped up Peralta's grounder up the middle to end the first with two runners on base.

"In the first inning, Tony made an amazing play," Greinke said. "Soon as it got by me, I knew it was gone. I was just real mad, but somehow he made the play. I don't know how many times I can continue doing that, but the last two games I've been doing good with men on base.

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Husker WR suspended

Niles Paul out for Spring Game after DUI arrest

The Associated Press

LINCOLN — Nebraska wide receiver Niles Paul has been suspended for the rest of spring practice after being arrested on suspicion of drunken driving.

Nebraska State Patrol spokeswoman Deb Collins said a trooper stopped Paul's car for speeding around 2 a.m. Sunday. Collins said Paul failed a field sobriety test and was taken to a detoxification center. The 19-year-old Paul also was cited for driving with a suspended license and possessing alcohol as a minor.



Paul

Coach Bo Pelini said he met with Paul and suspended him for the final week of spring practice, including Saturday's Red-White Game.

Paul began the spring in line for a starting job. He started four games last season and returned a kickoff 85 yards for a touchdown against New Mexico State.

Longtime Phillies announcer Harry Kalas dead at 73

ROB MAADDI
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Harry Kalas stood near the mound, wearing a bright red sportcoat and blowing kisses to adoring fans, ready to deliver the ceremonial first pitch on a day the Philadelphia Phillies received their World Series championship rings.

The Hall of Fame announcer shook his head, pretending to call off the catcher's sign, blew more kisses, wound up and threw a one-hop strike to Carlos Ruiz before last Wednesday's game against Atlanta.

It would be the last time Kalas appeared at Citizens Bank Park.

Kalas, the longtime radio and TV broadcaster known for his signature "Outta here!" home run calls, died Monday after collapsing in the broadcast booth before the Phillies' 9-8 victory over the Washington Nationals. He was 73.

"We lost our voice today," Phillies president David Montgomery said. "He has loved our game and made just a tremendous contribution to our sport and certainly to our organization."

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Cavaliers clinch home court advantage

CLIFF BRUNT
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — LeBron James expects to rest during Cleveland's regular-season finale, a well-earned reward for leading the Cavaliers to home-court advantage throughout the playoffs.

James scored 37 points as the Cleveland beat the Indiana Pacers 117-109 on Monday night to clinch the league's best record.

"It's one step, however, it's a big step," James said. "When you consider all the great teams, all the great players, all the great coaches and all the great systems that are in the NBA, for us to finish with the best record is a tremendous feat. And that is something the franchise should be proud of."

With his team having clinched the top record with a game to spare, coach Mike Brown will likely make James and other key players spectators against Philadelphia — even though it could cost the Cavs a shot at more NBA history.

A win by the Cavaliers on Wednesday would tie them for the NBA record for best home mark, 40-1, set by the Boston Celtics in 1985-86. James isn't worried about it.

"We've got to do what's best for the ring," he said. "We've got home-court advantage already. We're not fighting for breaking a record anymore. We're fighting for that ring."

And James won't call his team the favorite for it.

"It's going to be Boston," he said. "It goes like that every year. Until you knock off the NBA champs, that's the team to beat. We worked hard for the regular season to get to the point where we're at now, the home court. We must serve home in the playoffs like we did in the regular season."

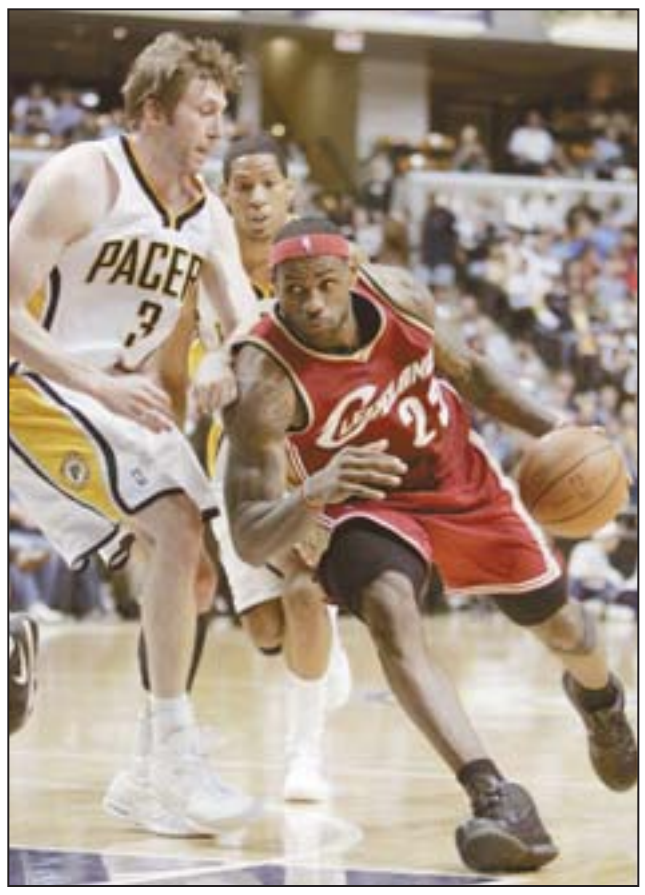
Monday's performance likely was James' last chance to impress voters for the MVP award. He shot 12-for-23 from the field and had five rebounds and five assists. Some fans chanted M-V-P during the fourth quarter.

Danny Granger, the All-Star who scored 38 points for the Pacers on Monday night, believes James makes Cleveland the team to beat. He also says James has elevated his game past Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers and Dwyane Wade of the Miami Heat.

"I think LeBron separates Cleveland from other teams," Granger said. "Kobe's still a great player, and D-Wade's a great player, and Boston has their 'Big Three,' but I think LeBron brings so much to that team. It opens up so much for everyone else. He's virtually unguardable, and I think he makes them special."

James' teammates were strong on Monday. Delonte West scored 20 points, Mo Williams had 18 and Zydrunas Ilgauskas added 16 points and 10 rebounds for Cleveland, which won its fifth straight.

Rookie Brandon Rush scored 27 points and Troy Murphy had 17 points and 13 rebounds for Indiana. The Pacers had already been eliminated from the playoff race, but had won seven of 10 and had been playing particularly well on offense.



MICHAEL CONROY/*AP*

The Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James (right) drives against the Indiana Pacers' Troy Murphy in the second half Monday in Indianapolis.

Baseball

AL Standings

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	6	2	.750	—
Baltimore	5	2	.714	1/2
Tampa Bay	4	3	.571	1 1/2
New York	3	4	.429	2 1/2
Boston	2	5	.286	3 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	4	3	.571	—
Kansas City	4	3	.571	—
Detroit	4	4	.500	1/2
Minnesota	3	5	.375	1 1/2
Cleveland	1	6	.143	3

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	5	2	.714	—
Los Angeles	3	3	.500	1 1/2
Oakland	3	4	.429	2
Texas	3	4	.429	2

Monday's Games

Chicago White Sox 10, Detroit 6
Tampa Bay 15, N.Y. Yankees 5
Baltimore 10, Texas 9
Toronto 8, Minnesota 6
Kansas City 4, Cleveland 2
Oakland 8, Boston 2

Tuesday's Games

Chicago White Sox (Danks 0-0) at Detroit (Porcello 0-1), 12:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Loux 0-0) at Seattle (C.Silva 0-1), 5:40 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (A.Burnett 1-0) at Tampa Bay (Garza 1-0), 6:08 p.m.
Baltimore (Simon 0-1) at Texas (McCarthy 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Pavano 0-1) at Kansas City (Davies 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
Toronto (Romero 1-0) at Minnesota (Perkins 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
Boston (Matsuzaka 0-1) at Oakland (Eveland 0-0), 9:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Chicago White Sox at Detroit, 12:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Kansas City, 1:10 p.m.
Boston at Oakland, 2:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay, 3:08 p.m.
Baltimore at Texas, 7:05 p.m.
Toronto at Minnesota, 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Seattle, 9:10 p.m.

NL Standings

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	5	1	.833	—
Florida	5	1	.833	—
Philadelphia	4	3	.571	1 1/2
New York	3	4	.429	2 1/2
Washington	0	7	.000	5 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	6	2	.750	—
Chicago	5	2	.714	1/2
Pittsburgh	4	3	.571	1 1/2
Cincinnati	3	3	.500	2
Milwaukee	2	5	.286	3 1/2
Houston	1	6	.143	4 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Diego	6	2	.750	—
Los Angeles	5	3	.625	1
Colorado	3	4	.429	2 1/2
Arizona	2	5	.286	3 1/2
San Francisco	2	5	.286	3 1/2

Monday's Games

Pittsburgh 7, Houston 0
Chicago Cubs 4, Colorado 0
Philadelphia 9, Washington 8
L.A. Dodgers 11, San Francisco 1
San Diego 6, N.Y. Mets 5
Cincinnati 7, Milwaukee 6
St. Louis 2, Arizona 1

Tuesday's Games

Florida (Volstad 1-0) at Atlanta (J.Vazquez 0-0), 6:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Arroyo 1-0) at Milwaukee (Parra 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Carpenter 1-0) at Arizona (Scherzer 0-0), 8:40 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Colorado at Chicago Cubs, 1:20 p.m.
St. Louis at Arizona, 2:40 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 6:05 p.m.
Houston at Pittsburgh, 6:05 p.m.
Florida at Atlanta, 6:10 p.m.
San Diego at N.Y. Mets, 6:10 p.m.
Cincinnati at Milwaukee, 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.

College Results

EAST

Adelphi 1-3, Molloy 0-5
Army 11-10, Navy 5-12
Assumption 7, S. New Hampshire 2
Bloomfield 16, Sciences, Pa. 6
Bridgeport 8-2, St. Thomas Aquinas 3-5
Bucknell 10-7, Holy Cross 5-11
Canisius 20, Iona 2
Centenary, N.J. 6-2, Gwynedd-Mercy 3-8
Clarkson 19-4, St. Michael's 5-12
Colby-Sawyer 4-4, Salve Regina 3-8
Concordia, N.Y. 10, Caldwell 9, 10 innings
Curry 14-17, New England Coll. 0-1
DeSales 7, Rutgers-Camden 0
E. Connecticut 6-11, Rhode Island Coll. 1-4
E. Mennonite 5-18, Lancaster Bible 3-0
Elizabethtown 6-6, Alvernia 2-5
Endicott 4-2, Roger Williams 1-1
Fairfield 3-1, St. Peter's 0-0, 2nd game, 8 innings
Franklin Pierce 8, Merrimack 6
Haverford 28, Swarthmore 7
Indiana, Pa. 23-5, California, Pa. 6-4
Keuka 7-6, D'Youville 2-3
Keystone 18-21, Marywood 4-5
Lafayette 9, Lehigh 8
Lock Haven 2-7, Clarion 1-3
Lyndon St. 3-14, Daniel Webster 2-5
Maine 14-14, Hartford 1-3
Marist 4, Rider 2
MIT 18-7, Coast Guard 1-4
Messiah 3, Susquehanna 2
Mitchell 9-5, Staten Island 8-11
Misericordia 19, Klng's, Pa. 6
Moravian 10, Drew 6
Nyack 11, Chestnut Hill 7
Oswego St. 11-8, SUNYIT 0-3
Pace 5, New Haven 2
Philadelphia U. 2, Felician 1
Plymouth St. 17, Norwich 5
Princeton 3-5, Columbia 2-3
Queens College 3, C.W. Post 0, 10 innings
St. Anselm 10, Bentley 5
St. Joseph's, Maine 14, Colby 11
St. Joseph's, N.Y. 6, Polytechnic 3
S. Connecticut 10-3, Mass.-Lowell 3-1
Springfield 11, Fitchburg St. 3
Stonehill 6-0, St. Rose 5-9, 1st game, 13 innings
Suffolk 10-12, Albertus Magnus 1-6
Vassar 7, New Paltz 3
Waynesburg 16, Pitt.-Greensburg 8
Wentworth 2-0, Gordon 1-8
Wesley 11-9, St. Mary's, Md. 0-4
West Chester 14, Wilmington, Del. 8
Wheaton, Mass. 5, Babson 4
Widener 26-3, Arcadia 0-5
Williams 7, Mass. College 6
Wilkes 15-18, Eastern 6-8

SOUTH

Alabama 10, UAB 6, comp. of susp. game
Alderson-Broaddus 10-13, Wheeling Jesuit 1-9
Bridgewater, Va. 9, Averett 8
Dickinson 5, Johns Hopkins 4
Gallaudet 4, Valley Forge Christian 3
Greensboro 8, Roanoke 7
McDaniel 3, Washington, Md. 1
Mid-Continent 10-5, Brescia 4-4
Norfolk St. 12, Coppin St. 2
N.C. Central 12, Coppin St. 7, 11 innings
Savannah St. 4, Edward Winters 3, 8 innings, rain
Shepherd 10-25, Charleston, W.Va. 8-7
West Virginia 5, Md.-Eastern Shore 4

MIDWEST

Ashland 8-12, Hillsdale 5-5
Betheny Lutheran 7, Martin Luther 4
Luther 8-6, St. Mary's, Minn. 3-5
Presentation 3-5, Minn.-Morris 1-7
Valparaiso 12, Grace 0, 7 innings, 10-run rule

SOUTHWEST

LeTourneau 15, Texas Wesleyan 10
TCU 12, Texas Tech 5
Texas-San Antonio 4, Dallas Baptist 3
Texas State 4, Houston Baptist 0

FAR WEST

Cal State-LA 6, Concordia, Calif. 1
Long Beach St. 5, Pepperdine 4
New Mexico St. 10, Fresno St. 6
Oregon St. 7, BYU 6
Stanford 14, California 4
Sonoma St. 5-11, CSU-Chico 3-10
Southwest 5, Texas-Permian Basin 2
UC Irvine 6, Loyola Marymount 4
W. Oregon 6 at Lewis-Clark St. 3

TOURNAMENTS

Beanpot Tournament

Boston College 9, Harvard 5
Northeastern 5, Massachusetts 3

Basketball

NBA Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Boston	60	20	.750	—
x-Philadelphia	40	40	.500	20
New Jersey	34	47	.420	26 1/2
Toronto	32	49	.395	28 1/2
New York	31	50	.383	29 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Orlando	58	23	.716	—
x-Atlanta	46	34	.575	11 1/2
x-Miami	42	38	.525	15 1/2
Charlotte	35	46	.432	23
Washington	19	62	.235	39

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Cleveland	66	15	.815	—
x-Chicago	41	40	.506	25
x-Detroit	39	42	.481	27
Indiana	35	46	.432	31
Milwaukee	34	47	.420	32

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Houston	53	28	.654	—
x-San Antonio	53	28	.654	—
x-Dallas	49	32	.605	4
x-New Orleans	49	32	.605	4
Memphis	23	58	.284	30

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Denver	54	27	.667	—
x-Portland	53	28	.654	1
x-Utah	48	33	.593	6
Minnesota	24	57	.296	30
Oklahoma City	22	59	.272	32

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-L.A. Lakers	64	17	.790	—
Phoenix	45	36	.556	19
Golden State	29	52	.358	35
L.A. Clippers	19	62	.235	45
Sacramento	16	65	.198	48

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

Monday's Games

Cleveland 117, Indiana 109
Toronto 97, Washington 96
New Jersey 91, Charlotte 87
Chicago 91, Detroit 88
Milwaukee 98, Orlando 80
Houston 86, New Orleans 66
Dallas 96, Minnesota 94
Utah 106, L.A. Clippers 85
Denver 118, Sacramento 98
Phoenix 119, Memphis 110
Portland 113, Oklahoma City 83
San Antonio 101, Golden State 72

Tuesday's Games

Miami at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
Boston at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Utah at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Toronto at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Miami, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Washington at Boston, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at New York, 7 p.m.
Houston at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Denver at Portland, 9:30 p.m.
Golden State at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.
End of Regular Season

GPAC

Monday's Results

Baseball

Mount Marty College 4, Dakota State University 0
Dakota State University 1, Mount Marty College 0
University of Sioux Falls 6, Mayville State University 3

Softball

Northwestern College 2, Doane College 1
Doane College 7, Northwestern College 6

Hockey

NHL Playoffs

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Boston vs. Montreal

Thursday, April 16: Montreal at Boston, 6 p.m.
Saturday, April 18: Montreal at Boston, 7 p.m.
Monday, April 20: Boston at Montreal, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, April 22: Boston at Montreal, 6 p.m.
Saturday, April 25: Montreal at Boston, 6 p.m., if necessary
Monday, April 27: Boston at Montreal, TBD, if necessary
Wednesday, April 29: Montreal at Boston, TBD, if necessary

Washington vs. N.Y. Rangers

Wednesday, April 15: N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 6 p.m.
Saturday, April 18: N.Y. Rangers at Washington, Noon
Monday, April 20: Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, April 22: Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
Friday, April 24: N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 6 p.m., if necessary
Sunday, April 26: Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 1 p.m., if necessary
Tuesday, April 28: N.Y. Rangers at Washington, TBD, if necessary

New Jersey vs. Carolina

Wednesday, April 15: Carolina at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, April 17: Carolina at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 19: New Jersey at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 21: New Jersey at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 23: Carolina at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m., if necessary
Sunday, April 26: New Jersey at Carolina, TBD, if necessary
Tuesday, April 28: Carolina at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m., if necessary

Pittsburgh vs. Philadelphia

Wednesday, April 15: Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m
Friday, April 17: Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m
Sunday, April 19: Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 2 p.m.
Tuesday, April 21: Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Thursday, April 23: Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m., if necessary
Saturday, April 25: Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 2 p.m., if necessary
Monday, April 27: Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, TBD, if necessary

WESTERN CONFERENCE

San Jose vs. Anaheim

Thursday, April 16: Anaheim at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 19: Anaheim at San Jose, 9 p.m.
Tuesday, April 21: San Jose at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 23: San Jose at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 25: Anaheim at San Jose, 9 p.m., if necessary
Monday, April 27: San Jose at Anaheim, TBD, if necessary
Wednesday, April 29: Anaheim at San Jose, TBD, if necessary

Detroit vs. Columbus

Thursday, April 16: Columbus at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Saturday, April 18: Columbus at Detroit, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, April 21: Detroit at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Thursday, April 23: Detroit at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Saturday, April 25: Columbus at Detroit, 6 p.m., if necessary
Monday, April 27: Detroit at Columbus, TBD, if necessary
Wednesday, April 29: Columbus at Detroit, TBD, if necessary

Vancouver vs. St. Louis

Wednesday, April 15: St. Louis at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Friday, April 17: St. Louis at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Sunday, April 19: Vancouver at St. Louis, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, April 21: Vancouver at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Friday, April 24: St. Louis at Vancouver, 9 p.m., if necessary
Sunday, April 26: Vancouver at St. Louis, 7 p.m., if necessary
Tuesday, April 28: St. Louis at Vancouver, TBD, if necessary

Chicago vs. Calgary

Thursday, April 16: Calgary at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 18: Calgary at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Monday, April 20: Chicago at Calgary, 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 22: Chicago at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Saturday, April 25: Calgary at Chicago, 8 p.m., if necessary
Monday, April 27: Chicago at Calgary, TBD, if necessary
Wednesday, April 29: Calgary at Chicago, TBD, if necessary

Tribland

Tuesday

College Men's Golf: Hastings College at Sterling College Invitational ..... 10 a.m.
College Men's Golf: Hastings College at Central C.C. Invitational ..... 10 a.m.
Prep Boys Golf: Adams Central at Aurora dual ..... 4:30 p.m.
Prep Boys Golf: Doniphan-Trumbull, Wood River at St. Cecilia Triangular ..... 4 p.m.
Prep Track and Field: Hastings High Triangular ..... 4:15 p.m.
Prep Track and Field: St. Cecilia at Heartland Invitational ..... 1:30 p.m.
Prep Girls Tennis: Hastings High at Columbus ..... 4 p.m.
Prep Girls Tennis: Kearney Catholic at Adams Central ..... 4 p.m.
Prep Boys Soccer: North Platte at Hastings High ..... 5 p.m.
Prep Girls Soccer: North Platte at Hastings High ..... 5 p.m.

Area Schedule

Prep track and field

Exeter-Milligan, Milford, Friend Triangular
Doniphan-Trumbull, Harvard, Sandy Creek, Sutton at Heartland Invitational
Thayer Central at Smith Center Invitational

Prep boys golf

Blue Hill, Lawrence-Nelson at Red Cloud
Minden at Lexington Invitational
Rock Hills at Jewell Invitational in Mankato
Sandy Creek at Franklin Invitational
Smith Center at Osborne

Wednesday

College softball: Doane College at Hastings College ..... 5 p.m.

Area Schedule

Prep track and field

Blue Hill, Clay Center, Franklin at Quad County in Red Cloud

Prep boys golf

Thayer Central at Milford Invitational

Tuesday's TV broadcasts

Major League Baseball	**Station**
7 p.m., Cleveland at Kansas City	FSN
NBA Basketball	**Station**
7:15 p.m., Boston at Philadelphia	TNT
9:30 p.m., Utah at L.A. Lakers	TNT
Soccer	**Station**
1:30 p.m., UEFA Champions League, Quarterfinals, Leg 2	ESPN2
4 p.m., UEFA Champions League, Quarterfinals, Leg 2	ESPN Classic

Tuesday's radio broadcasts

Major League Baseball	**Station**
7:10 p.m., Cleveland at Kansas City	KXPN (1460 AM)
7:10 p.m., Cleveland at Kansas City	KICS (1550 AM)

Wednesday's TV broadcasts

Major League Baseball	**Station**
Noon, Chicago White Sox at Detroit	WGN
6 p.m., San Diego at N.Y. Mets	ESPN2
7 p.m., Cleveland at Kansas City	FSN
NBA Basketball	**Station**
7 p.m., Houston at Dallas	ESPN
9:30 p.m., Denver at Portland	ESPN
Soccer	**Station**
1:30 p.m., UEFA Champions League, Quarterfinals, Leg 2	ESPN2
6 p.m., UEFA Champions League, Quarterfinals, Leg 2	ESPN Classic

Wednesday's radio broadcasts

Major League Baseball	**Station**
7:10 p.m., Cleveland at Kansas City	KXPN (1460 AM)
7:10 p.m., Cleveland at Kansas City	KICS (1550 AM)

Local

HC women's golf

FREMONT — The Hastings College women's golf team shot a 387 Monday to finish tied for fifth at GPAC Qualifier No. 3 at the Fremont Golf Club.

The Broncos are now fourth in the overall standings with a three-round total of 1,105. Dakota Wesleyan, which fired the low score for the third time in as many qualifiers, is leading with a 1,018. Sioux Falls is second with a 1,073, followed by Northwestern with a 1,105. The top two teams from the four GPAC qualifiers advance to the NAIA national meet. GPAC Qualifier No. 4 is set for April 24 in Orange City, Iowa.

Hastings College's Jenny Andrew was the individual medalist for the second straight qualifier, shooting an 84 Monday. Andrew is fourth in the overall standings with a 254. Dakota Wesleyan's Danielle Bellet is leading with a 243. Other HC competitors Monday were Sam Myers (92), Teri Schafer (98), Amara Chorney (113) and Lindsey Keeler (126).

Nation

Fidrych dead at 54

BOSTON — Mark "the Bird" Fidrych, the fun-loving pitcher who baffled hitters for one All-Star season and entertained fans with his antics, was found dead Monday in an apparent accident at his farm. He was 54.

The Associated Press

Kansas stars Collins, Aldrich staying put

DOUG TUCKER
The Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Sherron Collins and Cole Aldrich are staying at Kansas, passing up a chance to play in the NBA for the opportunity to make the Jayhawks a leading national title contender in 2010.

The Jayhawks will return every major contributor from this year's Big 12 championship team and will be joined by one of the best recruiting classes coach Bill Self has brought to Kansas.

Collins and Aldrich announced their decision Monday night to cheers from several hundred fans at the annual Jayhawks awards dinner.

"I can't wait till next year, when we go for another ring," said Aldrich, who played as a freshman on Kansas' 2007-08 national championship team.

"That does mean you're coming back next year, right?" Self said.

"As long as you don't throw me under the bus," responded Aldrich.

Collins, a 5-foot-11 point guard, averaged 18.9 points and five assists this past season as a junior.

The 6-foot-11 Aldrich averaged 14.9 points and 11.1 rebounds as a sophomore. If Aldrich had declared for the draft, he might have been a lottery pick.

"I do think we return the best guard in the country and the best big man in the country," said Self. "I think if you're going to start a team, why not have an anchor and why not have a guard?"

With Collins and Aldrich bursting into stardom, the Jayhawks were a surprising 27-8 last season, winning a fifth straight Big 12 regular-season title and reaching the round of 16 before losing to eventual national runner-up Michigan State in the NCAA tournament.

Aldrich and Collins both said the decision to say was so easy that they didn't even ask Self to explore a level of interest that NBA teams might have, a common practice of undergraduates who are thinking of jumping to the pros early.

"I've known for a while," said Aldrich, who had the sixth triple-double in NCAA tournament history. "It's been a blast of a year and the fans are so fun here. I was watching highlights on my computer back in my room and I got goose bumps. I was like, 'I've got to come back here.'"

He said his parents urged him to come back even though his father, a construction worker, has been out of work for some time because of the economic slowdown.

Aldrich's patience should pay big dividends for Self's squad.

"Those two together mean at least 12 victories," said Self, the AP coach of the year. "We could still be competitive because those young kids are going to get better. "

Kansas also remains in the running for two of the most sought-after prep prospects in the nation, Xavier Henry and Lance Stephenson.

Henry, a shooting guard rated by Rivals.com as the overall No. 1 recruit in the nation, is the son of former Kansas player Carl Henry. He signed with Memphis but was released from his commitment when coach John Calipari left for Kentucky.

Aldrich, in a second-round victory over Dayton in the NCAA tournament, had 13 points, 20 rebounds and 10 blocks. It was the first official triple-double in Kansas history.

Huskers have only 2 commitments, but it's still early



Duane Rossiter

The Husker coaching staff might not have as many verbal commitments as some of the other Big 12 powers, but you have to like that their first two commitments are four-star athletes. Only five four-star rated players were taken out of the 20 signings in last year's class, so it is looking good.

The first one for the 2010 class was 6-foot-6, 298-pound offensive tackle Andrew Rodriquez from Aurora. The most recent one was defensive cornerback Anterio Sloan from Arkansas.

Besides having a four-star rating from Rivals.com, Sloan received first-team all-conference honors last year and was named as a 2008 honor roll pick by his school. In 13 games as a junior, he had 50 total tackles, five interceptions, two sacks, and a fumble recovery. His 40-yard dash time is listed at a quick 4.48 seconds, but he was timed two months ago with a 4.52-second time. It was "the only time I've really ran it." He should get faster before enrolling next year at NU.

"I love playing physical," Sloan said. "That's my best strength. I like a lot of man-to-man. I did a lot of research. They've won a lot of national championships. They have a good defense. Their strength is what I like doing best — playing down more physical."

The credit for the successful recruiting of Sloan should go to defensive backs coach Marvin Sanders. The coach went the extra mile in his recruiting and built up a true 'personal' relationship with Sloan.

"It was just the conversation with coach Sanders. I liked the whole conversation I had with him," Sloan said when he committed last week. "Everybody else was saying the same old things. He just came in with a whole different conversation. I mean, we hardly talked about football. It was just about getting to know each other more.

"We basically talked about our lives, what we're trying to achieve in life, what he has achieved, what he's trying to do, what I'm trying to achieve and what my big goals in life were. He was focused on what I wanted to achieve in life and I liked that better."

Sloan and his mother have done their homework and research on the University of Nebraska. That certainly did not hurt the chances in getting his verbal commitment. Mothers can be the best recruiters for a university and it was in this case.

"They have a good pharmacy program," Sloan said. "My mom, she's been a nurse. I just like dealing with the medicine. My mom was real happy. She had done some research on them too. She just wanted the school to have a good pharmacy program and she saw that."

Sloan has not had the opportunity to see the university's atmosphere or the excitement of a game yet, but that is all about to change.

"I just want to really see good communication on the field," Sloan said after making it known that he will be at Saturday's spring game. "I want to see a good bond. They have a chance of winning a championship when everyone is on the same page."

Sloan passed up formal offers from Hawaii, Kentucky, Memphis and Texas A&M to pick Nebraska. I doubt he changes his mind, but early last month he named Arkansas as his favorite. Will he change his mind if he gets an offer from the Hog coaching staff? We still have almost 10 months to wait. However, after witnessing the fan support for a spring game, I doubt he does change his mind.

Nebraska still is seeking that 'one' quarterback for the 2010 recruiting class. Here's a look a four possibilities.

u Terrance Broadway (6-1, 197) from Louisiana is a four-star prospect who seems to be headed to Alabama, a school he has unofficially visited five times. But until he makes up his mind, he is open game. His other offers are from Connecticut and Louisiana Tech.

u Detchauz Wray (5-11, 162) from Illinois has not received any stars yet, but he has registered some impressive stats in the past year. He completed close to 60 percent of his 288 attempts for 2,564 yards and 38 touchdowns, an astounding number. What really stands out is that he only threw five interceptions out of the 288 attempted passes. He has the Huskers tied at the top with the University of Arizona, a school much further from his home in East St. Louis.

u Jesse Scroggins (6-2, 190) from California is considering Nebraska along with a number of other schools. As a junior, Scroggins completed 179 passes for 2,462 yards and 23 touchdowns with just 10 interceptions. He had a 57-percent completion rate.

"I want to see as many schools as possible ... Tennessee, Nebraska and Washington (and) probably UCLA. I really don't have any favorites," he said in reference to schools he would like to visit. "I've been practicing, working on my books. I'm trying to take my visits during the summer or during the season."

u Dallas Lloyd (6-3, 205) from Utah was just offered in the past week, but the competition list is relatively long and formidable. He has previous offers from in-state schools BYU, Utah State and Utah to go along with those from Syracuse, Wyoming, Stanford and Tulsa.

As a junior, Lloyd led his team to a 10-2 record and a regional championship. He completed 93 passes out of 169 attempts for 1,689 yards and 15 touchdowns. He also rushed for five touchdowns and 128 yards in a playoff game. He received first-team all-conference honors in 2008.

Lloyd says that he and his father have been watching Nebraska for years and that he is "honored" to get the Husker offer. With three in-state schools having offered him, the chances are slim. A visit could change the chances quickly.

Two commitments might seem to be a slow start, but there is still approximately nine months until the February signing day. Plus, with the four new quarterback offers, it is looking good for the Huskers for the QB slot.

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NCAA: NU hosting national meet

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"Schools and people need to be willing to give up something for the betterment of the sport," he said.

Alabama coach Sarah Patterson said she's against any change that would reduce the number of teams, thus gymnasts, competing for a national championship.

Women's gymnastics proves extremely popular in Olympic years. Olga Korbut, Nadia Comaneci, Mary Lou Retton, Kerri Strug, Shawn Johnson all have captured the hearts of fans the past four decades.

At the college level, name recognition is hard to come by because the very best gymnasts are usually competing at an Olympic-level in their mid-teens.

Courtney Kupets of Georgia will be going for her third NCAA all-around title, and though she won the bronze on the bars in the 2004 Olympics, she isn't widely known outside gymnastics circles.

And it is a small circle. There are just 63 Division I programs, and only eight draw better than 3,000 a meet.

Marsden's Utah program is the perennial national attendance leader, averaging 13,800 this year, and he has built a reputation as a tireless promoter of the sport in the Salt Lake City area.

He said he worries about the future. Because of Title IX, women's gymnastics used to be among sports widely regarded to be safe from getting cut. But Marsden said even those sports once thought untouchable are now vulnerable because of the economic downturn. Rhode Island, in fact, dropped its program just last year.

Maybe not surprisingly, the programs with the nation's strongest fan bases — Georgia, Utah and Alabama — enter this week's championships as the top three qualifiers.

Alabama's Patterson said she's not overly concerned with how many people are in the stands.

"It doesn't matter if there's 15,000 or 500 fans there," she said. "It's the fact you're there competing for a national championship."

KC: Greinke extends shutout streak

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"You've got to take the two wins, no matter how it happens. That's as good as it can get."

The Royals scored three runs in the first off right-hander Fausto Carmona (0-2), who threw 42 pitches in the inning. Mark Teahen and Alberto Callaspo hit RBI singles around Billy Butler's run-scoring double.

Mike Jacobs, who hit 32 home runs for Florida last year and was acquired in an offseason trade, led off the fourth with a home run, his first for the Royals.

"Anytime you can get that first one out of the way, it's a good thing," Jacobs said. "I want to hit home runs over here as well. Homers are things that you don't necessarily go up and say I'm going to try to hit a home run on this at-bat or that at-bat. They just kind of happen."

The Indians stranded a dozen runners and went 4-for-13 with runners in scoring position.

"We squandered too many opportunities," Indians manager Eric Wedge said. "Greinke is a good young pitcher. We've seen him mature in the last couple of years."

Carmona allowed four runs on five hits and four walks in five innings.

"I had trouble getting the first pitch over for a strike," Carmona said. "I threw way too many pitches in the first. My ball was moving too much."

Hafner struck out three times and stranded eight runners, while Peralta also stranded eight runners.

After failing to get a hit in three innings off relievers Jamey Wright and Kyle Farnsworth, the Indians opened a two-run ninth with singles by Trevor Crowe and Asdrubal Cabrera off left-hander Ron Mahay.

Closer Joakim Soria was summoned, but gave up singles to Sizemore and Shin-Soo Choo on his first two pitches. Choo's single scored Crowe. A wild pitch brought home Cabrera and moved up the potential tying runs into scoring position. Soria, however, worked out of the jam to log his fourth save in as many chances. He struck out Peralta looking to end the game.

"It got a little hairy there, especially after the wild pitch, not being able to block that, and that tying run getting to second base," Hillman said. "I sure didn't like seeing that tying run get to second base and the meat of their order coming up. But Joakim did what he usually does. He doesn't let his heart rate get up there too much and got a couple of big strikeouts."

Notes

Royals 3B Alex Gordon was held out of the lineup for the second straight game with soreness in his right hip, but Hillman said he would return to the lineup Tuesday. ... Wedge said LHP Aaron Laffey would be recalled from Triple-A Columbus and start Wednesday for the Indians in the finale of this three-game series. ... Royals C Miguel Olivo struck out three times, bringing his total to 11 times in 17 at-bats.

Saunders set to be next Wizards coach

JOSEPH WHITE
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Flip Saunders has agreed to become the new coach of the Washington Wizards, with an announcement expected next week, according to an NBA executive.

Owner Abe Pollin has approved the hiring of Saunders, the choice of president of basketball operations Ernie Grunfeld to succeed interim coach Ed Tapscott, the executive told The Associated Press. The executive spoke on condition of anonymity because the season has not ended and the Wizards are not yet prepared to make a formal announcement.

The announcement isn't expected until next week because the Wizards' season ends Wednesday, and Grunfeld will be out of town for the NBA Board of Governors meetings Thursday and Friday.

Saunders will be taking over the worst team in the Eastern Conference. The Wizards are 19-62 after Monday night's home loss to Toronto and need to win their final game at Boston to avoid matching the franchise mark for worst record over an 82-game season.

Saunders has coached for 13 NBA seasons, 10 with Minnesota and three with Detroit, with a career record of 587-396. Eleven of those teams made the playoffs, and he led the Pistons to three consecutive trips to the Eastern Conference finals from 2006 to 2008.

The failure to reach the NBA finals with Detroit cost Saunders his job. He was fired a year ago with one year remaining on this contract and did not coach this season. He was invited to the Wizards training camp in October as a guest coach, assisting the team during practices and meetings.

Washington began the season with Eddie Jordan, the franchise's most successful coach in decades, but he was fired after a 1-10 start and replaced by front office employee Tapscott, who hadn't been a coach since his stint at American University in the early 1990s. The Wizards continued to struggle, largely because of injuries to three-time All-Star Gilbert Arenas and center Brendan Haywood.

Arenas returned from knee surgery to make his season debut on March 28 but has played in only two games. Haywood came back from a torn wrist ligament on April 1 and has played in six games.

If the Wizards begin next season with their top players healthy — something that hasn't happened since 2006 — Saunders will inherit a talent-rich lineup that includes Antawn Jamison, Caron Butler, Arenas, Haywood and a probable high pick in this year's draft.

Harrison, Steelers reach deal

ALAN ROBINSON
The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — James Harrison isn't one of the NFL's biggest bargains any longer.

The Pittsburgh Steelers outside linebacker reached terms Monday on a $51.75 million, six-year contract that will make him the second highest-paid player in franchise history.

The contract set to be announced Tuesday will pay the NFL Defensive Player of the Year a guaranteed $20 million — more than any other player in team history except Ben Roethlisberger. The quarterback signed a $102 million, eight-year contract last year that will pay him a guaranteed $36 million.

Harrison broke into the Steelers lineup in 2007 and had 8 1/2 sacks. He had a Steelers-record 16 sacks in 15 games last season, and his 100-yard interception return for a TD — the longest scoring play in Super Bowl history — helped the Steelers beat Arizona 27-23 for their second NFL championship in four seasons.

Harrison, cut four times earlier in his career, cashed in after being an NFL starter only two seasons. The 30-year-old Harrison was about to enter the final season of a $5.5 million, four-year contract he signed as a backup in 2006. He would have made $1.4 million this season.

Announcer: Harry Kalas dead at 73

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Familiar to millions of sports fans outside Philadelphia for his voiceover work with NFL Films, "Harry the K" was beloved at home. With his distinctive baritone delivery, soothing sound and youthful enthusiasm for the game, Kalas became a legendary figure in a city where passionate fans are tough to please. He was never too busy to sign an autograph, take a picture or record a message on a stranger's cell phone.

The fans remembered Kalas on Monday night, building a shrine of flowers at Citizens Bank Park around a statue of Hall of Famer Mike Schmidt. Someone left a small radio at Schmidt's feet and several fans left baseballs and notes, many of them signed by entire families. One note said, "Heroes get remembered, legends never die. We'll miss you Harry."

Since 1971, Kalas was the man who was the bearer of news — good and bad — to those who followed the losingest franchise in major professional sports.

"Players come and go," Phillies radio broadcaster Scott Franzke said, "but 'Outta here!' — that's forever."

When the Phillies won their second World Series title last fall, Kalas — who normally called only the middle three innings on radio — was in the booth for the last out of the clincher. He then joined the on-field celebration, grabbing a microphone to sing Frank Sinatra's "High Hopes."

That song was among several Kalas standbys that endeared him to Phillies supporters. Another: He would call homers off the bat of Schmidt by noting his full name — "Michael Jack Schmidt."

"His voice will resonate in my mind the rest of my life," Schmidt said. "I will never be called 'Michael Jack' again without seeing his smile."

Fans loved the way Kalas would pronounce every syllable of some player's names like Mickey Morandini and Rico Brogna. His deep appreciation for gritty, hard-nosed players like Chase Utley came through when Utley scored from second base on a bouncer to the mound during a game against Atlanta in 2006.

As Utley crossed the plate, Kalas proclaimed: "Chase Utley, you are the man!"

The Phillies had been scheduled to meet President Barack Obama at the White House on Tuesday, a day off, to be honored as World Series champions, but the event was postponed. A new date has not been set, Obama spokesman Josh Earnest said.

Kalas didn't get to call the final out of Philadelphia's other title, in 1980, because Major League Baseball prevented local broadcasts of the World Series games. But Phillies fans complained and the rule was later changed.

A 2002 recipient of the Baseball Hall of Fame's Ford C. Frick Award for his contributions to the game, Kalas was one of the last longtime announcers closely associated with one city. Another, Vin Scully, threw out the first pitch at the Los Angeles Dodgers' home opener Monday, marking his 60th year with that club.



TOM MIHALEK/*AP*

Phillies broadcaster Harry Kalas has a beer poured on him by the Phillies' Aaron Rowand while broadcasts from the field after the Phillies won the East Division Championship on Sept. 30, 2007. Kalas died Monday after collapsing in the broadcast booth prior to Philadelphia's game at Washington. He was 73.

"He was not only a multitalented fellow with a wonderful voice. He was a lovely guy. I mean, everybody liked Harry. The city of Philadelphia will just be in mourning because they loved him so much," Scully said. "I'm happy for him that his team was world champions last year, so he had the thrill of that."

The Nationals and Phillies discussed whether it would be appropriate to postpone the game, but Montgomery said Kalas "would have wanted to play the game." There was a moment of silence in Kalas' memory before the first pitch in Washington and at other baseball stadiums around the country Monday.

On the radio, Franzke and his partner Larry Anderson cried during the first inning. Tom McCarthy handled Kalas' duties at the start of the Comcast SportsNet telecast of the game, working with Chris Wheeler and Gary Matthews.

"The voice that carried all the memories since 1971, when the Vet opened, will no longer be behind the microphone," McCarthy said on the air.

To a whole generation of football fans, Kalas also was a signature figure. Joining NFL Films as a narrator in 1975, he did the voiceover for "Inside the NFL" from 1977 through 2008.

Kalas predecessor John Facenda "was the 'Voice of God' and Harry Kalas was the 'Voice of the People,"' NFL Films president Steve Sabol said in a written statement.

"In many ways, Harry is the narrator of our memories. His voice lives on not only on film, but inside the heads of everyone who has watched and listened to NFL Films."

Kalas also was the voice for Chunky Soup commercials and Animal Planet's annual tongue-in-cheek Super Bowl competitor, the Puppy Bowl.

The Phillies taped up a color photo of their broadcaster inside the dugout Monday, with the words "Harry Kalas 1936-2009" written underneath. When Philadelphia's Shane Victorino homered in the third inning, he paused after touching home plate, crossed himself and pointed with his index finger toward the broadcast booth, where Kalas would have been working at Nationals Park.

In a fitting tribute, Franzke borrowed Kalas' "Outta here" call to describe the homer, doing it in his own voice.

Shortly after noon Monday, Kalas was in the visiting clubhouse at Nationals Park, jotting down the Phillies' lineup so he'd be ready to help call the game. About half an hour later, he was discovered in the booth by the Phillies director of broadcasting. Kalas was taken to a local hospital, where he was pronounced dead, the Phillies said.

"It sounds like he passed in the place he would want to," Phillies slugger Ryan Howard said. "He was up in the booth."

Kalas had surgery earlier this year for an undisclosed ailment that the team characterized as minor. He looked somewhat drawn last week as the Phillies opened the season at home.

Kalas is survived by his wife and three sons, including one — Todd — who is a broadcaster for the Tampa Bay Rays. Funeral arrangements were pending.

His family issued a statement saying they were "overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and affection from all of Harry's fans and friends across America. Especially the Phillies fans whom he loved as much as the game of baseball itself."

Back when he first arrived in Philadelphia, Kalas wasn't immediately embraced by the local fans. But he evolved into an iconic sports figure in Philadelphia, sharing the booth with Hall of Fame player Richie Ashburn until Ashburn's death in 1997. Ashburn's death hit Kalas hard. The two were the closest of friends, and Kalas loved to share stories about the man he called "Whitey."

The son of a Methodist minister, Kalas graduated from the University of Iowa in 1959 with a degree in speech, radio and television. The Naperville, Ill., native was drafted into the Army soon after he graduated.

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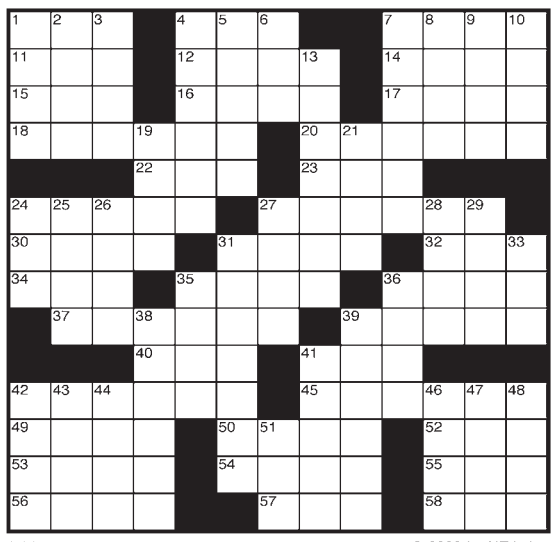
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

The year ahead may offer some unique opportunities to build a different life for yourself with regard to social interests and material affairs. Happier times are clearly in the offing, especially with Dame Fortune running the show.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Being keenly aware of the needs of loved ones, you'll be more willing than usual to do what you can to fulfill their desires. You may even forgo your normal routine and do something special.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Don't be afraid of any challenging developments that might occur; you'll know that you have the necessary assets to draw upon to overcome anything important.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Since you won't know people are watching, you'll simply be yourself and as a result make a strong and favorable impression on someone special.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — When you are earnestly motivated to achieve, you'll have little trouble being a winner. You'll be single-minded, focused and know how to keep your eyes on the prize.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Because you treat others as fairly as you want to be treated, you will have the success you desire, whether it is career-related, love-related or a simple personal wish.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You know you have the wherewithal to improve upon that which is outmoded, so it isn't likely you'll settle for things the way they are. You'll use your ingenuity to make beautiful changes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Someone you admire has dealt with a critical problem similar to one you're facing at this time. By using those proven techniques, you'll be admired for how well you handle things now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You won't be content unless you utilize your time in ways that make others happy. Doing something special for them will be the avenue that leads to fulfillment and gratification.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — There is no one more perfect than you to organize a fun event for friends and/or family. Your actions will prove to be special and different.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A special someone will do something for you that will not only be nice but of great value. It will be this person's way of repaying you for a wonderful favor.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — It won't be any trouble taking over the operational control of an involvement that includes others. Your contribution won't be anything physical, but something money can't buy.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — If you're smart, you'll let that special someone make the initial moves. Bide your time until you are certain that you fully understand where he or she is coming from and what it means to you.

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Comments about weight hurt young girls more than boys

DEAR ABBY: First of all, thank you so much for your column. My husband and I read it every day and appreciate the advice and support that you give so many people. We, too, have been in the helping profession for almost 30 years.

I am writing about the letter from "Upset Mom in Bellflower" (Feb. 2), about a father who told his daughter's friend she was getting fat. You rightly pointed out to Upset Mom that the remark made to "Willa" was insensitive and inappropriate, and that it cost her daughter a friend. You also stated that perhaps Dad would be similarly hurt if he were told he was getting a paunch or losing his hair.



Dear Abby

Abby, I wish you had added one more comment: Young girls are particularly vulnerable to remarks about their size, and many cases of eating disorders have stemmed from a single, insensitive, ignorant comment from a coach, boyfriend, parent or other adult — whether or not it was the truth.

It's very important that Willa hear from her friend's mother or another trusted adult that in fact she is beautiful and can be healthy at any size or shape, so that she will not be tempted to use harmful practices in acting on something that should never have been said in the first place. — LINDSEY COHN, CARLSBAD, CALIF.

DEAR LINDSEY: Thank you for your important addition to the advice I offered Upset Mom. There were plenty of other readers who felt similarly. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: When I was a child, my father made similar comments to me, my mother and most of my girlfriends throughout the time I lived at home. A few years ago, my best friend from grammar school visited me. With tears in her eyes she expressed how hurtful the comments my father had made about her size had been.

Abby, that happened more than 30 years ago, and my friend was still affected. Please remind your readers that it is never appropriate to make disparaging remarks about a person's weight. — MARY IN ROCHESTER, N.Y.

DEAR ABBY: When I was 15, my father made a crack about my weight. I'm sure he thought he was being "helpful," because he had seen my mother struggle with her weight. (Mind you, I was 5 feet 9 inches and 120 pounds.) I am now 48 and a successful scientist with a Ph.D. from an Ivy League university, yet I will never forget that remark from my dad. It hurt me to the core. — STILL STINGING IN ARIZONA

DEAR ABBY: The woman's husband was wrong for saying what he did. You should have told her to insist that he go over to the girl's house when her mother was present and apologize profusely to both of them for his inconsiderate remark. Maybe then his daughter could get her friend back. — CECILE IN MAINE

DEAR ABBY: I disagreed with the examples you suggested to criticize that man to make him understand the impact it can have. For the most part, men respond differently to criticism than women do. If you tell most men, "You're getting a paunch" or "Your hair is getting thin," you won't get as strong a reaction as when you tell a woman she's getting fat. Instead try, "You're not very strong," "You don't know much about sports, do you?" or "Your lawn is looking kind of shabby," depending upon what the man is most vain about. Then you may hit closer to home. — HENRY IN CORONA, CALIF.

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Frugal Living — Inexpensive ways to relax

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Doom-and-gloom stories are everywhere. At every turn, we're hearing about unemployment, foreclosures, bailouts, crime and violence or the recession. It's frustrating, depressing and downright annoying. You're busier than ever, too. It's important to be informed, but no one wants to become Chicken Little and it's tough to unwind after a long day. This is especially true when you're on a budget. Fortunately, many ways to relax can be experienced at home. And on the cheap. Develop a routine of taking time every day to relax. It only has to be 10 to 15 minutes for yourself, but it can become something to look forward to.

RECALL HAPPY MOMENTS: Recognize when something makes you happy. Happiness is often found in the little things. When you come across something that gives you happiness, acknowledge it. You can write these moments down or silently say it to yourself to keep it a memory that you can recall during stressful times. And this helps you to count your blessings, too.

GARDEN: Start a garden. It can be as simple as a small herb garden or adding a bird feeder to your backyard. It will force you to take time outside, breathe fresh air, and be close to nature. You can keep a garden journal and add personal thoughts to it, too.

EXERCISE: Whether it's walking or a home-fitness DVD, exercise is going to alleviate stress and make you feel great. This will encourage you to eat smart and get plenty of rest, too.

SPA AT HOME: Gather your favorite magazine or book, music, beverage and candles. Fill the tub, and add some bubbles. Shut the door, and enjoy your comfortable haven. Don't hop into the tub and immediately start washing. Practice being mindful and living in the moment. Start by taking control of your breathing. Close your eyes, and listen to yourself breathe. Take a deep breath and then slowly breathe out. Listen to the sound of your breathing and feel the warmth of the bath water, and try to concentrate on only that. It will get easier and easier for you to relax after you've practiced a few times.

Many spa products cost under $15, too. One reader, Tina in New Hampshire, shares: "I would rather pay a bit more for hair conditioner. I buy decent concentrate that I don't need to pay a ton of money on, and it works well on my hair. I usually add it to my hair in the beginning of my shower, pin my hair up in a large plastic clip, do my shaving and everything else, then I rinse it out last. Gives you the most 'bang' out of the product. Totally worth it to me." Witch hazel or a damp tea bag works as an astringent, epsom salt with a little essential oil makes a great bath salt, and cornmeal on a wet washcloth is a good body scrub.

Rubes By Leigh Rubin



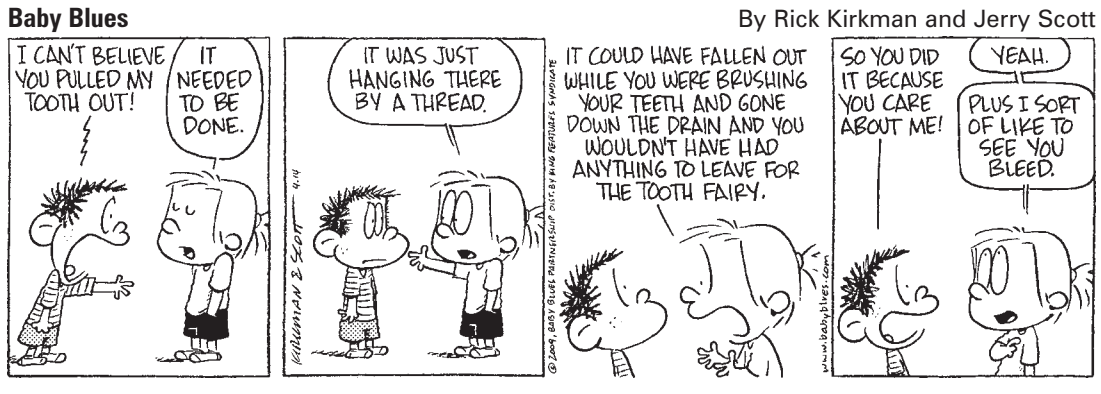
What goes through a dog's mind

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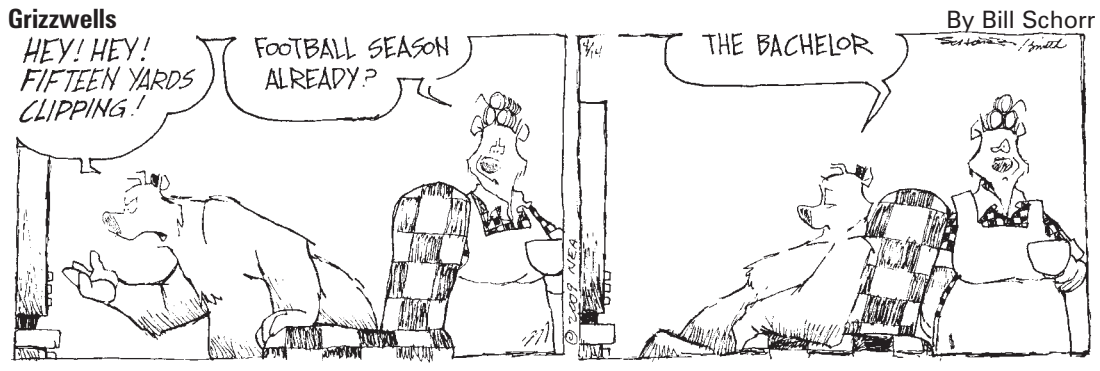


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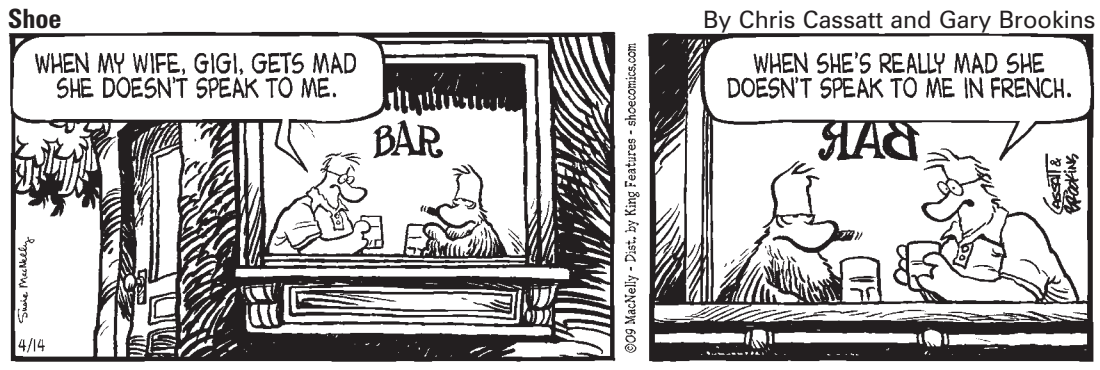
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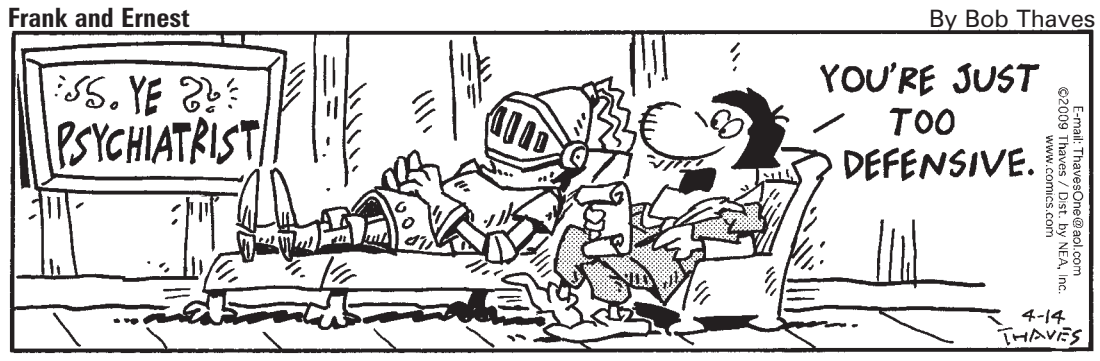
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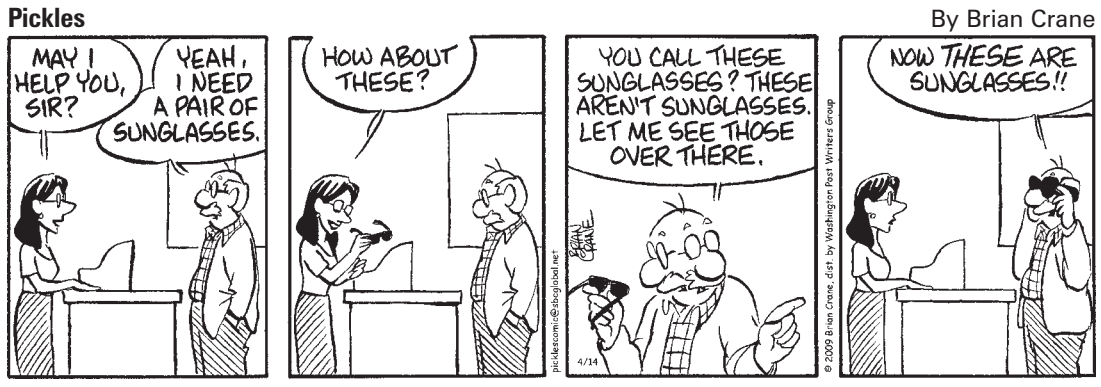
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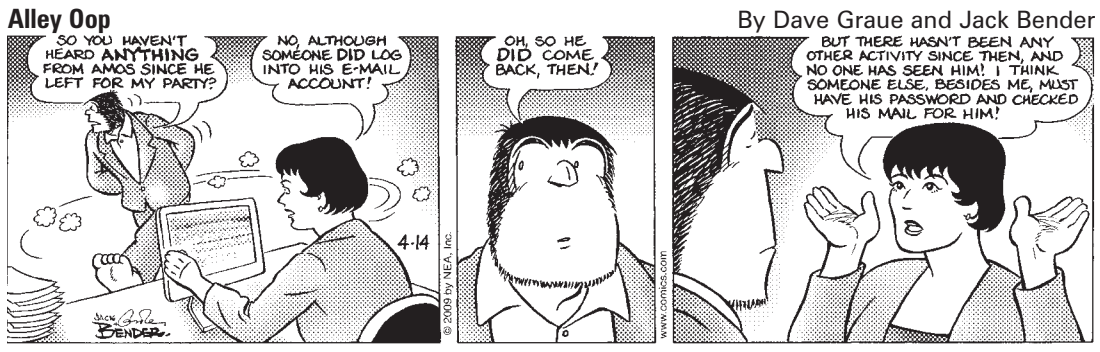
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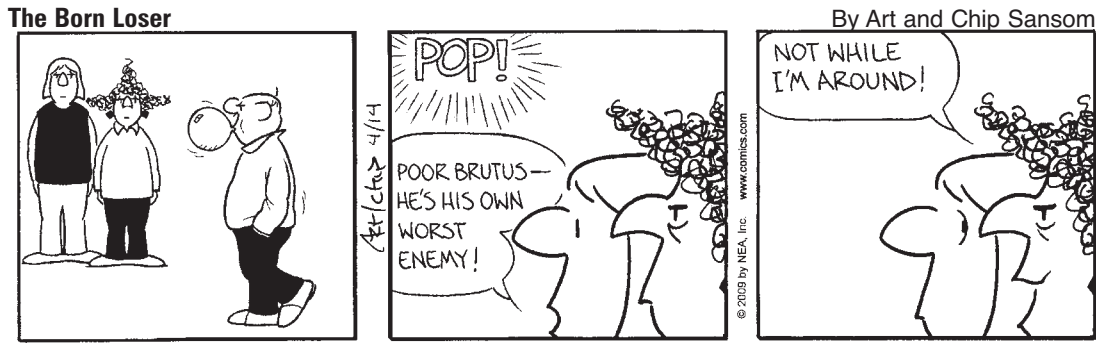
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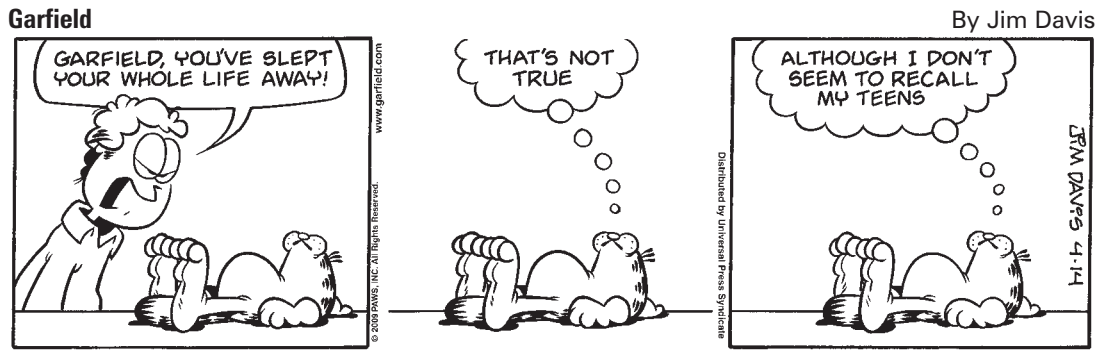
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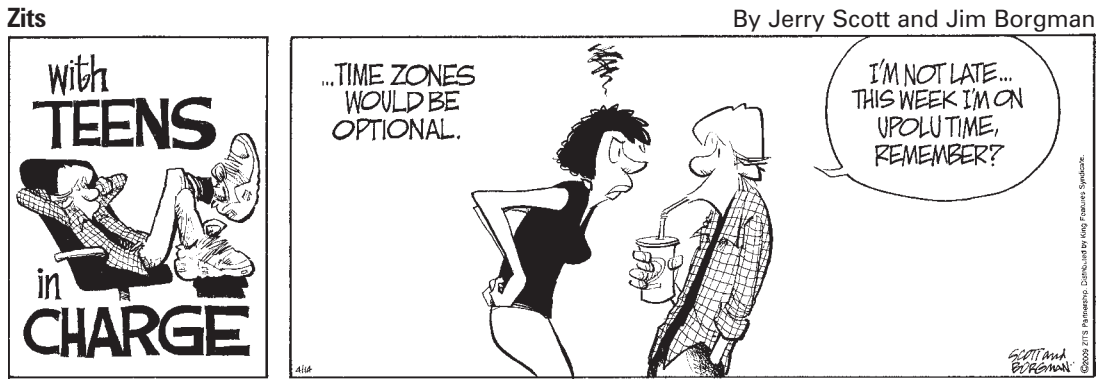
The Born Loser By Art and Chip Sansom



Garfield By Jim Davis



Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



When partner asks, answer correctly



Phillip Alder

Playwright Edward Albee said, "Sometimes a person has to go a very long distance out of his way to come back a short distance correctly."

At the bridge table, sometimes a defender has to go a very long distance out of his way to signal correctly to defeat a contract.

This deal is an example. How should the defense card to beat four spades?

East bid the limit when he jumped to four hearts at unfavorable vulnerability. South momentarily wondered if he was missing a slam, but a quick look at those two low hearts left him feeling at ease, not uneasy.

West led the heart eight, high from his doubleton. Although South falsecarded with the nine under East's queen, East knew that his partner would have led the two from 8-5-2. (Lead the bottom of three low cards when it is partner's bid suit and you have not raised the suit.)

So East cashed the heart ace, everyone following. Now East led the diamond ace. With which card should West have signaled?

At first glance, it looked obvious to encourage enthusiastically with the nine. But West paused a moment, letting his imagination wander. What if declarer had a singleton diamond? He would ruff the second diamond and, if he could draw trumps, claim.

West discouraged with the diamond three, apparently denying the king. This persuaded East to lead a third heart, which promoted West's spade queen to the setting trick.

Before you play any card, consider the alternatives.

North
♠ J 3
♥ J 10
♦ Q J 10
♣ A K J 9 8 7

West
♠ Q 4
♥ 8 5
♦ K 9 8 6 4 3
♣ 10 5 2

East
♠ 2
♥ A K Q 7 6 4 3
♦ A 7 5
♣ 6 4

South
♠ A K 10 9 8 7 6 5
♥ 9 2
♦ 2
♣ Q 3

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
		1 ♣	4 ♥
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 8

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Film

'Hannah' No. 1

LOS ANGELES — Miley Cyrus and alter-ego Hannah Montana double-teamed their way to another No. 1 debut.

Walt Disney's "Hannah Montana: The Movie" opened with $34 million in ticket sales, according to estimates.

The previous weekend's box office champ, "Fast & Furious," fell to second place with $28.8 million.

Seth Rogen's "Observe and Report" opened at No. 4 with $11.1 million, a fair but unremarkable debut for the comedy.

The top five movies:

1. "Hannah Montana: The Movie," $34 million.
2. "Fast & Furious," $28.8 million.
3. "Monsters vs. Aliens," $22.6 million.
4. "Observe and Report," $11.1 million.
5. "Knowing," $6.7 million.

The Associated Press

Untidy endings leave viewers on Mars

'Life on Mars' finale: A window into American TV

TED ANTHONY
The Associated Press



ERIC LIEBOWITZ/*AP*

In this image released by ABC, Jason O'Mara (left) and Tanya Fischer are shown in a scene from the series "Life on Mars."

From the commentary on the TV blogs, you'd think the rushed "Life on Mars" series finale was downright heretical: A lot of people were irritated that Sam Tyler, the guy trying to figure out why he'd been cosmically booted from 2008 to 1973, was actually an astronaut in virtual-reality hibernation in 2035.

"Ripoff!" complained stung fans of the canceled sci-fi police procedural. Why, they demanded, did we invest our time and emotion in characters who, in the end, turned out not to exist?

Huh? It's not as if the 1973 and 2008 "Life on Mars" characters DID exist. At least the one-season show got to achieve some semblance of the vaunted American outcome of "closure" rather than the left-me-hanging feeling that has accompanied the demises of so many interesting TV series in recent years.

Here's a short list of fledgling television dramas that have expired prematurely and inconclusively in the past few years: "Deadwood." "The Riches." "John From Cincinnati" (though some would say that was a good thing). "Jack and Bobby."

Even the previous series from the "Mars" creative team, "October Road," ended in confusion. The show, an elegiac piece about high-school buddies negotiating the adult world, fell to the ratings ax before anyone found out which of the male leads was the father of the female lead's little boy.

Call it Narrative Interruptus: the way the market-driven arena of American television, with its habit of speedy cancellation, leaves us feeling as though the characters we care about are left in perpetual suspended animation with their lives unresolved — much like Jason O'Mara's Detective Tyler in "Life on Mars."

In a country where stories are everything, where one of our chief global exports is the Hollywood ending, this is not an unimportant debate. All these unfinished fables? Seems downright un-American.

The brouhaha over the "Life on Mars" ending is an interesting case study. At first glance, the fierce comments seemed to be about the show itself. But they were also about the delicate balance forever demanded of Hollywood — that Americans want tidy resolutions, but woe be the producer who makes things too tidy.

Fictional shows — and many "reality" shows, frankly — create their own self-contained universes. They operate within the rules of their worlds, and that makes them feel more authentic. "Life on Mars" captured its viewership by making reality elastic. The rules were always fluid and the ground was always shifting. Why shouldn't it shift tectonically — cosmically, even — in the end?

And here's another theory about some of the "Mars" finale irritation. Much of the most popular modern American fiction — which these days is more TV and movies than books — serves as a comforting influence on us as viewers. Shows and movies that succeed often do so because they reaffirm to us that our expectations matter.

Thus, the good guy gets the girl. Evil is punished. The alien invasion gets repelled. The child in peril is saved. Order is restored. This was actually enshrined in writing in the Hays Code, a series of moral rules that governed the movie industry from 1930 to 1968. Crime could never pay, and the bad guy could never be the hero.

But with endings such as that of "Life on Mars" — and, more famously, "The Sopranos" in 2007 — conventional expectations are obliterated. That unsettles people; the notorious, ambiguous cut to blackness in the final scene of "The Sopranos" triggered loud outrage from people who said it was a "cop out."

Same with "Mars": Some viewers may have simply thought an ending that went from the streets of New York in 1973 to orbit around Mars in 2035 was stupid — fair enough — but others were probably left off balance because it didn't all end in the comfort of home, i.e., present-day reality, as they expected.

"Our lives lack the smooth arc of drama's acts," essayist Norman Solomon wrote last year in the literary journal Memoir (and). "Actual memory is on the chaotic side: tangled in innumerable shades of gray and color, with double and triple and quadruple exposures, and moments that are uncountable." Sounds a lot like the plot outline for "Life on Mars."

Funny thing is, it's the untidy, interrupted narratives that stick with us more than the neatly resolved endings. They tease us with the hint of stories yet untold, as if the characters we came to care about still exist and are muddling their way through more challenges. We just don't get to see it.

Maybe Al Swearengen is still pulling the strings of Deadwood from the balcony of the Gem Saloon. Maybe Wayne and Dahlia Malloy of "The Riches" are still running the big con down in Louisiana. Maybe John from Cincinnati did actually turn out to be the second coming of you-know-who. Maybe Nick and Eddie and Hannah of "October Road" are still in Knights Ridge, still trying to redirect their lives. Ambiguity may mean frustration, but it also means possibility.

So, too, "Life on Mars." Even with its big reveal, it still went dark with the possibility of unfinished business and the hint that many loose ends remained untied.

OK, so Sam Tyler's foray into 1973 New York City didn't "really" happen, and neither did his "real" life in 2008. And yet, for the Sam of 2035, they kind of did. The whole experience is stored inside the character who watched it in his head, and we are to believe that he carries it with him as he tries to figure out the rest of his life.

How's that for a metaphor for the American television experience? As Sam's cop colleague, Detective Ray Carling (Michael Imperioli), says, "There ain't no answers. There's just this."

'Hannah Montana' a good movie for tween target audience



Bob Mundy

"Hannah Montana: The Movie" should be reviewed from the perspective of the target market.

That's a bit tricky when that audience is tweens, those whose age is somewhere between that of little girls and teens. Complicating the task is the fact that I didn't hear much of a reaction from a theater filled with just such an audience.

Still, given the phenomenon that 16-year-old Miley Cyrus has become as a fictional Disney television and concert star named Hannah Montana, my guess is this movie will be a big hit. The tricky part for Ms. Cyrus will be how to transition and transfer her star power from the fictional Hannah to the real Miley. However, that's a story that will play out in the real world, though it's also an underlying theme of the movie.

As if to further confuse the lines between fact and fiction, Miley and her father, country singer Billy Ray Cyrus (as Robbie Ray), have a different last name in the movie (Stewart). Not that it matters — we know who they are — although in the film the real identity of Hannah Montana is a big secret and Miley Stewart isn't quite sure who she wants to be: An anonymous Miley or a Beverly Hills celebrity named Hannah. Her dad knows. He wants a better balance between the two identities and when their plane sets down in Tennessee rather than in New York City for a scheduled appearance, Miley is forced to spend a couple of down-home weeks with family and friends. In the spirit of disclosure, adults should know that the California scenes are so cheesy and the Tennessee scenes so corny that your cholesterol readings are bound to spike up.

It takes a while for Miley to get reacquainted with her small-town roots. A nudge or two from her grandmother (Margo Martindale as Ruby) and a romance with an aw-shucks former grade school friend (Lucas Till as Travis) helps. So does the never-ending series of countrified mini scenes that has Miley doing farm chores, painting a chicken coop and helping fight an insensitive land developer. She also keeps busy outsmarting a tabloid reporter (Peter Gunn as Oswald Granger) who is trying to find and publicize the identity of Hannah. He has an uphill fight since no one, except her dad and grandmother, recognize her as Miley until she takes off her blond wig.

Fans will be pleased with the number of songs she does, particularly those that have a rousing rock concert feel. The rest of us will prefer her soft vocal and acoustic touch on "Butterfly Fly Away," a thoughtful song that is complemented by the quiet vocal accompaniment of her father. And parents will be grateful for a film that appeals to the fantasies of their young daughters, but also reminds them of the foundation of home and family.

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Gas prices expected to stay low

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The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Despite the dismal economy, motorists may want to take to the road this summer. The federal government says gasoline prices are expected to stay relatively low.

The Energy Information Administration today projected regular-grade gasoline to average $2.23 a gallon during the April-through-September driving season. The monthly average is likely to peak at $2.30 a gallon. That's still a bargain compared to last summer, when gasoline cost an average of $3.81 a gallon and soared for a time past $4.

The report also said U.S. crude oil production declined by 110,000 barrels a day last year because of Gulf Coast hurricanes, but should rebound by an additional 440,000 barrels to 5.4 million barrels a day this year, the first increase in domestic production since 1991.

In recent weeks gas prices have edged higher from their lows in December. Last week gasoline average $2.05 a gallon. The energy agency attributed the increases to slightly higher crude oil costs and refiners trying to recoup some profits.

The EIA report projects crude oil prices to average $53 a barrel this year, but to increase by about $10 a barrel in 2010. But it said a stronger-than-expected economic recovery, lower global production or "more aggressive action to cut production" by the OPEC oil cartel "could lead to a faster and stronger rise in oil prices."

Despite the drop in crude prices as well as cheaper gasoline, U.S. consumption of petroleum products, mainly gasoline and diesel, is forecast to decline for a second year in a row because of the economic downturn, the report said.

It said consumption declined by 6.1 percent last year, compared with 2007, in part because of the high cost of fuel in the first half of the year, and is expected to drop another 2.2 percent this year, or by 430,000 barrels a day. An expected economic upturn will increase demand in 2010 by 1.4 percent, the report said.

Markets

Today's noon local markets

Corn	3.68
Soybeans	9.85
Milo	3.17
Wheat	5.23

Stocks of local interest

The following stocks of local interest were traded today:

	Last	Chg.
BN Santa Fe	66.19	-0.18
Berkshire Hathaway A	91,410.0	-1,080.00
Berkshire Hathaway B	3,025.00	-47.00
ConAgra	17.62	-0.08
Eaton Corp.	41.95	-0.43
Ingersoll Rand	16.17	-0.36
Level 3	0.9988	-0.0312
McDonald's	54.97	-1.14
PepsiCo	50.4575	-1.0325
TierOne	2.11	+0.06
Tricon Global Restaurants	29.74	-0.25
Union Pacific	46.68	-0.08
Wells Fargo	18.85	-0.82
Williams Cos.	13.03	+0.25

'Tentative signs' of improvement

BERNANKE: STABILIZING SHAKY MARKETS KEY FOR FULL RECOVERY

JEANNINE AVERSA
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said today there's been "tentative signs" that the recession may be easing. But he also warned that any hope for a lasting recovery hinges on the government's success in stabilizing shaky financial markets and getting credit to flow more freely again.

Specifically, the Fed chief mentioned improvements in recent data on home and auto sales, home building and consumer spending as flickering signs of encouragement.

"Recently we have seen tentative signs that the sharp decline in economic activity may be slowing," Bernanke said in remarks prepared for students and faculty at Morehouse College in Atlanta.

"A leveling out of economic activity is the first step toward recovery. To be sure, we will not have a sustainable recovery without a stabilization of our financial system and credit markets," he said.

But the Fed is "making progress on that front as well," Bernanke said, and will keep working to ease financial and credit stresses so those markets operate normally.

To revive the economy, the Fed has cut a key bank lending rate to a record low of near zero and has rolled out a number of radical programs to spur lending to Americans, a key ingredient to turning around the economy.

On that front, the Fed recently plowed $1.2 trillion into the economy in an attempt to reduce interest rates for mortgages and other loans.

Many analysts believe the economy will continue to shrink in the April-June quarter but not nearly as much as it had been — perhaps at a rate of 2 to 2.5 percent.

The economy shrank at a 6.3 percent rate in the final three months of 2008, the worst showing in a quarter-century. Some economists say it fared about as poorly in the first three months of this year, while others expect a 4 to 5 percent rate of decline. The government releases its initial estimate for first-quarter economic activity at the end of April.

March retail sales fall unexpectedly

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The Associatd Press

WASHINGTON — Retail sales fell unexpectedly in March, delivering a setback to hopes that the economy's steep slide could be bottoming out.

The Commerce Department said Tuesday that retail sales dipped 1.1 percent in March. It was the biggest decline in three months and a much weaker showing than the 0.3 percent increase that analysts expected.

A big drop in auto sales led the overall slump in demand. Sales also plunged at clothing stores, appliance outlets and furniture stores.

Meanwhile, the Labor Department reported that wholesale prices plunged 1.2 percent in March as the cost of gasoline, other energy products and food fell sharply.

Gas prices fell 13.1 percent, the steepest drop since December, while food costs dipped 0.7 percent. Excluding volatile food and energy prices, the Producer Price Index was unchanged, below analysts' forecasts of a 0.1 percent rise.

Seasonal adjustments could partly explain the unexpectedly weak showing for retail sales. The March 2008 performance had been boosted by an early Easter, while the holiday did not occur this year until April, delaying some shopping.

The overall economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, fell at an annual rate of 6.3 percent in the final quarter of last year, the biggest slide in a quarter-century led by the largest drop in consumer spending in 28 years. Consumer spending is closely watched because it accounts for about 70 percent of total economic activity.

The 1.1 percent drop in retail sales last month followed a revised 0.3 percent increase in February, originally reported as a 0.1 percent fall. Retail sales rose 1.9 percent in January, which followed six straight months of declines.

For March, auto sales fell 2.3 percent, following a 3 percent drop in February. Auto sales in March were 23.5 percent below year-ago levels as automakers struggle through their deepest downturn in decades.

General Motors Corp. and Chrysler LLC have received billions of dollars of support from the government in recent months with the administration demanding more painful restructuring before the companies will get further bailout assistance.

Excluding autos, retail sales fell 0.9 percent after a 1 percent rise in February. That also was worse than analysts' forecasts of a flat reading for last month.

Sales at appliance stores fell 5.9 percent last month and furniture stores reported a 1.7 percent decline. Sales at specialty clothing stores fell 1.8 percent and dipped 0.2 percent at general merchandise stores, a category that includes Wal-Mart Stores Inc., Target Corp. and Macy's.

Sales at gasoline stations fell 1.6 percent, while food and beverage stores saw one of the few increases for the month, a rise of 0.5 percent.

Many retailers reported same-store sales declines for March, but some boosted at least the low end of their quarterly guidance including TJX Cos., American Eagle Outfitters Inc., Hot Topic Inc., Aeropostale Inc. and J.C. Penney Co.

Wal-Mart said same-store sales excluding fuel rose 1.4 percent in March, failing to meet analysts' expectations. The world's largest retailer blamed the timing of Easter for the miss and said it still expected first-quarter results would be at the high end of its guidance.

Labor Department says wholesale prices fell

CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Wholesale prices dropped sharply last month as the cost of food, gasoline and home heating oil plummeted, fresh evidence that inflation appears to pose little immediate threat to the economy.

The Labor Department said today the Producer Price Index, which measures price changes before they reach consumers, fell by 1.2 percent in March, compared to analysts' expectations of no change. The PPI increased 0.1 percent in February.

The drop was largely driven by declining food and energy prices. Gasoline prices plummeted 13.1 percent, while home heating oil fell 13.2 percent, the sharpest drops for both since December. Food prices fell 0.7 percent.

Excluding volatile food and energy prices, the PPI was unchanged, below analysts' forecasts of a 0.1 percent rise.

The drop in wholesale prices shows inflation is unlikely to be a problem for some time given the prolonged recession, which has slowed economic activity and already has matched the longest downturn in a quarter-century. Overall economic growth fell at an annual rate of 6.3 percent in the October-December quarter and many economists believe the gross domestic product also plunged in the first quarter of this year.

Massive government spending to bail out the financial industry and stimulate the economy, as well as a huge increase in lending by the Federal Reserve to unlock credit markets, have fueled concerns that inflation could result.

But since the recession worsened last year, Fed policymakers have focused more on the possibility of deflation. That occurs when prices fall, consumers postpone purchases and production drops, leading to a sharp economic downturn.

Concerns about deflation may grow as wholesale prices have fallen 3.5 percent in the past year, the steepest drop in almost 60 years. But excluding food and energy price changes, the core PPI has increased 3.8 percent in the last 12 months.

Rising cigarette prices helped push the core wholesale inflation rate higher. Tobacco companies, including the Altria Group Inc.'s Philip Morris and Lorillard Inc., raised wholesale prices in March before a federal tobacco tax increase took effect April 1, according to economists at JPMorgan Chase. The tax jumped to $1.01 a pack from 39 cents.

Adams County property transfers

◆ William G. Pauley III, Trustee William G. Pauley III Revocable Trust to Thomas R. Pauley and Colleen J. Pauley: the Southwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 5 North, Range 12 West of the 6th P.M., Adams County Feb. 24.

◆ Luot Vuong and Hoa Kim Pham, and Triet Vuong and Kimberly Vuong to Tai Huu Vuong: the North 50 feet of the South 100 feet of Block 4, South Side Addition to the City of Hastings Feb. 24.

◆ Glenda L. Buss to David R. Buss and Glenda L. Buss: the Northwest Quarter; and the South Half of the Northeast Quarter; all in Section 9, Township 6 North, Range 10 West of the 6th P.M., Adams County Feb. 24.

◆ Theresa L. Phillips, Personal Representative of the Estate of Garry E. Phillips, deceased to Theresa L. Phillips, a life estate in the hereafter, and Barbara J. Burrack, Tracy L. Thomas and Kelley S. McCune, as remaindermen in equal shares: the North 115 feet of Lot 10, Block 5, College Addition to the City of Hastings Feb. 24.

◆ Eric H. Lindquist, a member of the Nebraska State Bar Association, Successor Trustee to Nationstar Mortgage, L.L.C.: the South Half of Lot 3, and East 6 _ feet of the South Half of Lot 4, in Country Club Addition to the City of Hastings Feb. 25.

◆ Camile R. Hawk, Attorney At Law, Successor Trustee to Landyn Howell and Marcia Howell: Lot 3, Block 4, College Addition to the City of Hastings Feb. 25.

◆ Leland L. Saathoff to Daniel L. Saathoff and Renee D. Saathoff a one-sixth interest as joint tenants; and Robb P. Samuelson and Lori L. Samuelson, a one-sixth interest as joint tenants; and Douglas L. Saathoff and Gail Saathoff, a one-sixth interest as joint tenants: the West Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 8 North, Range 9 West of the 6th P.M., Adams County Feb. 26.

◆ Elvera M. Winbolt to Doris Kroger: Lot 8, Block 6, Westland Subdivision in the City of Hastings Feb. 26.

◆ Elfriede Fleharty to Glen E. Fleharty, Sylvia A. Walters and Edward A. Fleharty, subject to a life estate of Elfriede Fleharty: Lot 1, H.M. Fleharty Subdivision to the City of Hastings Feb. 26.

◆ Shirley A. Stark, Trustee of the Rose M. Theis Credit Trust to Ptacnik Buildings, L.L.C., a Nebraska limited liability company: Lots 11, 12 and 13, Block 16, Original Town, now City of Hastings Feb. 27.

◆ Myron R. Sadler and Cindy L. Sadler to Donald D. McCune and Martha J. McCune: Lot 7 in Campbell's Addition to the City of Hastings Feb. 27.

◆ Ronald G. Brown, Personal Representative of the Estate of Walburga M. Brown, deceased to Pavelka Rentals, L.L.C., a Nebraska limited liability company: Lot 21, Block 5, Thompson's Addition to the City of Hastings Feb. 27.

◆ Kenyon-Ross, L.L.C., a Nebraska limited liability company to Dubldue, a Nebraska limited liability company: Lot 18, Block 19, Original Town, now City of Hastings Feb. 27.

◆ Ruben D. Friesen and Lorene A. Friesen to Joann K. Kalvoda and Wayne L. Kalvoda to each an undivided one-half interest: an undivided one-eight interest in and to the Northwest Quarter, except the 15 acres in the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 6 North, Range 9, West of the 6th P.M., Adams County March 2.

◆ Mark Lessor and Sue Lessor to Randall R. Ruhter and Barbara J. Ruhter: Lot 8, Block 1, Skye Loch First Subdivision to the City of Hastings March 2.

◆ Betty D. Jackson; and Lucinda Kay Schmad and Timothy D. Schmad; and Shadlee Ann McTaggart and David M. McTaggart to Wilma F. Jones: Unite 2, Vintage Heights Condominiums in the City of Hastings March 2.

◆ Arlon D. Jacobitz and Joellen R. Jacobitz to Arlon D. Jacobitz and Joellen R. Jacobitz: the Northwest Quarter of Section 20, Township 5 North, Range 12 West of the 6th P.M., Adams County; and the East Half of Section 8, Township 5 North, Range 12 West of the 6th P.M., Adams County March 2.

◆ Brianne L. Kintigh to Brianne L. Kintigh and Marjorie Everhart: Lot 6, Block 1, Southwood Addition to the City of Hastings March 3.

◆ Eileen C. Penrose to Jane Ann Kreutz-Reeson: Unit No. 610 in Luxury Estates Condominium Property Regime, located in the City of Hastings, as described in Master Deed recorded as Instrument No. 800878 in the office of the Register of Deeds of Adams County March 3.

◆ William Wesley Laegreid and Renee M. Laegreid to Patricia J. Gallagher and Paul Pedroza: all of Lot 11 and the South 30 feet of Lot 32, and the South 30 feet of the West 50 feet of Lot 31, all in Beck's Subdivision of Blocks 3, 4 and 5, of Baltimore Heights Addition to the City of Hastings March 3.

◆ Nagmen, L.L.C., a Nebraska limited liability company to H-P Hastings, a Nebraska partnership: Lot 12, Dietrich's Subdivision of Block 6, Bellangee's Second Addition to the City of Hastings March 3.

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◆ Nagmen, L.L.C., a Nebraska limited liability company to H-P Hastings, a Nebraska partnership: the South Half of Lot 2, and all of Lot 3, in Kent's Addition to the City of Hastings March 3.

◆ Raymond F. Robinson and Donna M. Robinson to Rudy H. Gragg and Lisa D. Gragg: all of Lot 7 and the West 30 feet of Lot 8, Cooper's Subdivision of Block 10, McIntyre's Addition to the City of Hastings March 3.

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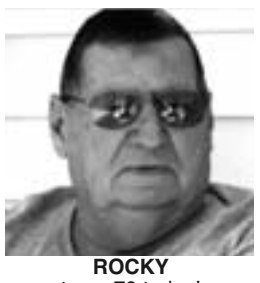
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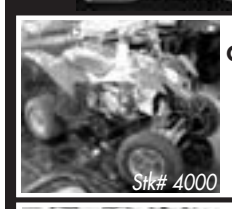
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March 31, April 7, 14, 2009

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

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Difficulty Level ★★ 4/14

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