

# Crews search for survivors after severe storms

AT LEAST 19 DEAD  
FROM TORNADO, STORM

**JIM ELLIS**  
*The Associated Press*  
**LADY LAKE, Fla.** — Disaster crews with dogs went from one pile of debris to another in a search for bodies Friday after powerful storms, including at least one tornado, smashed hundreds of homes across central Florida and killed 19 people or more.

It was the second-deadliest combination of thunderstorms and tornados in Florida history, cutting a 40-mile swath of destruction across four counties just before daybreak, terrorizing residents of one of the nation's

biggest retirement communities, and leaving trees and fields littered with clothes, furniture and splintered lumber.

Residents helped pull the dead from the ruins.

"It was scary, really scary," said Patrick Smith, who lives in the Paisley area, where at least 13 deaths were reported. He said he saw a weather alert on television, grabbed his wife and "went straight to the floor." After the storm passed, he pulled the bodies of a man and his 9- or 10-year-old son from a neighboring house.

Florida's emergency management chief, Craig Fugate, said it could take several days to determine the exact number of dead,

and the main priority was finding survivors who may be trapped.

Gov. Charlie Crist Gov. asked President Bush to declare a major disaster for Florida as a result of the storms. Crist already declared a state of emergency in four counties, but the worst damage was reported where the twister touched down in northern Lake County and eastern Volusia County. In typical tornado fashion, the storm hopped across the landscape, demolishing some homes and leaving others virtually untouched.

"Our priority today is search and rescue," said Crist, who toured the damaged area in his

first natural disaster since taking office last month. "Everything's being done to get them the aid and assistance that they need."

Lake County spokesman Christopher Patton said there were 19 confirmed deaths, all in Lake County, about 50 miles northwest of Orlando. The dead included at least two high school students, authorities said. Numerous injuries were reported, but officials could not immediately estimate how many.

Officials in Lake and Volusia counties ordered dusk-to-dawn curfews in heavily damaged areas to prevent looting and injuries to residents trying to sift through wreckage in the dark.



ALAN YOUNGBLOOD/AP  
Church members sort through the rubble of what was the Lady Lake Church of God in Lady Lake, Fla., after severe storms hit the area early Friday.

## ETHANOL'S SUCCESS



A front-end loader dumps distillers grain into a semitrailer Thursday at Chief Ethanol Fuels Inc. in Hastings

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# Booming business

INDUSTRY HAS BECOME GREAT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOOL

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With more than 30 ethanol plants now on the drawing board in Nebraska, officials say ethanol is here to stay.

Higher corn prices, more feeding options for livestock operations and new money for rural communities are making the concept highly popular.

"The development of the ethanol industry has probably been the greatest economic development tool for rural Nebraska in the last 25 years," said Gov. Dave Heineman in a recent phone interview.

"Wherever we put an ethanol



Heineman



Kristensen

plant, it means about 50 permanent jobs to operate the plant, 125 to 150 construction jobs for 12 to 16 months to build the plant, and long-term improvements to the far economy. It's very good for our state."

**THE RISE OF ETHANOL**

While many communities are now considering the idea of an ethanol plant, Hastings and Adams County have been reaping the benefits of two plants for more than 10 years.

In fact, the state's first ethanol plant, now known as Chief Ethanol Fuels Inc., is just outside Hastings on U.S. Highway 6.

The plant had been in production for 10 years when its neighbor plant, Ag Processing Inc., came online in 1995. Today, the two plants produce a combined



SHAY BURK/Tribune

**The distillation column removes excess water from the alcohol made at Chief Ethanol Fuels Inc. in Hastings.**

110 million gallons of ethanol each year.

And while the general public doesn't drive to either of these plants to purchase ethanol, Hastings and Adams County are significantly impacted by these two plants.

Duane Kristensen, vice president of operations/general manager for Chief Ethanol, has seen the ups and downs of the ethanol industry in the last 20 years.

When Chief Ethanol began production in 1985, ethanol was viewed as a fuel substitute in light of the fuel crisis of the mid-1970s, Kristensen said.

"We had seen oil prices retreat, and ethanol struggled to find a place in the market," he said.

The big push for ethanol came in 1990 when Congress adopted the Clean Air Act, which called for the reduction of smog and atmospheric pollution.

It was the perfect time for ethanol to really splash onto the scene, Kristensen said, as it is a clean burning fuel that reduces carbon monoxide emissions from automobiles.

Mark Sandeen, merchandising manager with AGP, said the next big book in the ethanol industry came in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

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## Experts take aim at thirsty weeds along streams

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**HOLDREGE** — Innovation, cooperation and communication may be the best solution to current invasive weed problems being endured in both the Republican and Platte River basins.

About 200 area farmers and others heard this as they listened to Kent Aden of Gothenburg, assistant real estate manager for Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District, and Chris Helzer of Lincoln, director of science and stewardship for The Nature Conservatory, talk about control versus eradication of the weeds.

The two were part of the 2007 Holdrege Water Conference Thursday at the Phelps County Ag Center. Other presentations included Irrigation scheduling, the ethanol industry in Nebraska and water conservation.

Both agreed there are many water pirates on both river channels, but the ones foremost in most minds are saltcedar, or tamarisk; phragmites; and purple loosestrife.

All three are non-native species. All three were introduced for landscaping purposes and found an adopted home to which they readily adapted. But the areas most suited to their growth are the most harmed by their presence.

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## United Way reaches goal

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For the third consecutive year, the United Way of South Central Nebraska has reached its fundraising goal.

"We're pleased we made our goal, which is \$10,000 more than last year," Executive Director Chris Junker said. "It also says we have support from the community for the United Way. It's valued, and we appreciate that."

Officials announced this week that they met their \$395,000 goal.

The annual fundraising campaign is entirely volunteer driven, with 90 volunteers divided into teams that cover the four-county area of Adams, Clay, Nuckolls and Webster counties.

These contributions support 61 programs, administered by 20 agencies that provide services to residents in all four counties.

"I just really appreciate the support we've gotten from the community," campaign chairwoman Jody Jacobi said. "I know we go at them each year to ask over and over again, but the needs are always there. When it gets down to the last bit,

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Junker

## Weather

**Hi:** 18  
**Lo:** 1

Wind chill advisory in effect until 10 a.m.



Art by Erika Harms, 9, Sandy Creek Elementary

## State

**PRIEST QUITS**  
**OMAHA** — A Catholic priest has quit his post, accused by the Omaha Archdiocese of embezzling more than \$100,000 from his parish.

The archdiocese said Friday that an internal investigation last month showed the Rev. Stephen J.

Guttsell may have taken more than \$100,000 from St. Patrick's Parish in south Omaha. The missing funds came to light after a financial review by parishioners.

The case was turned over to Omaha police on Friday, said the Rev. Joseph Taphorn, chancellor of

the archdiocese.

"To my knowledge there haven't any charges filed yet," Taphorn said, but he said a detective had been assigned.

The archdiocese intends to seek repayment.

*The Associated Press*

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Obituaries

FRIEDA NEWMAN

Former Hastings resident Frieda Newman, 93, died Tuesday, January 30, 2007, at Doak Walker Care Center in Steamboat Springs, Colo.

A celebration of Frieda's life will be held later this spring. She was cremated. Yampa Valley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



Newman

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Frieda was born to Jacob and Elizabeth (Gettman) Kissler on January 27, 1914, in Brush, Colo. She was baptized and confirmed and a member of the New York Avenue Congregational Church in Hastings. She married Wallace John Newman on May 5, 1935. Frieda and Wally lived in Nebraska, Washington and California before his death in 1951. She lived most of her life in Hastings. As a single parent raising two children, she worked long hours at the Hastings Ammunition Depot until it closed and then in supermarkets in the meat department. She enjoyed spending time with her family and best friend and neighbor, Katy Lacy. She looked forward to baking and cooking for family and friends. Frieda moved to Steamboat Springs, Colo. in 1999 to be near her daughter Dorothy and

grandkids. She lived in the Senior Apartments before moving to Doak Walker Care Center. She loved the mountains of Steamboat and looked forward to the camping trips, picnics and drives in Routt County.

Frieda and her family would like to thank the nurses, doctors and staff at Doak Walker for the wonderful care, hugs and kisses she received during her stay there.

She is survived by one daughter and spouse, Dorothy (Dot) Jane and Bob Alber of Pagosa Springs, Colo.; one son and spouse, Robert John and Judy Newman of Grand Island; Gayle Newman of Mesa, Ariz.; two sisters, Leona Wisker of Hastings and Linda Crow of Blue Hill; seven granddaughters and spouses, Kim and Adam Johnson of Steamboat Springs, Tracy and Rock Premer of Blue Hill, Rebecca Rob-in Alber and Rachel Alber both of Seattle, Gina and John Dell of Kalispell, Mont., Brenda and Nick Hansen of Milford, Sharie and Brian Lutt of Gilbert, Ariz.; 11 great-grandchildren, Corey and Tyson Voyek, Skyler Barry, Cammeron and Taylor Premer, Alex and Allie Bondurant, Mavis and Josie Hansen, Avery and Logan Lutt.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; brothers, Gustav and Melvin Kissler; and sister, Elnora Grater.

ROBERT E. HEMBERGER

Roseland resident Robert E. Hemberger, 75, of 9108 South Logan, died Thursday, February 1, 2007, at his home.

Rosary is 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Roseland. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Monday at the church with Father Larry Gyhra and Father Thomas Au officiating. Burial will be in Roseland Cemetery at Roseland. Visitation is 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday at Butler Volland Funeral Home and one hour prior to services Sunday and Monday at the church.

Memorials may be given to the family.

Condolences may be sent to www.lbvfh.com.



Hemberger

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Mr. Hemberger was born February 15, 1931, in Holstein to John and Anna (Kaiser) Hemberger. He served in the United

States Army during the Korean War from June 2, 1953 until April 9, 1955. On October 7, 1961, he married Joan Heuertz at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Roseland. He had been a teacher and retired from Chief Ethanol Fuels. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Joan Hemberger of Roseland; children and spouses, Lisa and Larry Dirks of Hastings, Brenda and Ross Heeren of Juniata, Troy and Jody Hemberger of Lincoln; grandchildren, Alyssa and Morgan Dirks, Addison, Miranda and Karsten Heeren, Taylor, Jordan and Trenton Hemberger; sisters, Verna Meyer of Hastings, Gertrude Hurd of Escondido, Calif., Betty Mooney of Hastings; brothers, Lester Hemberger of Hastings and George Hemberger of Concord, Calif.

Mr. Hemberger was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers; three sisters and two infant sons, Robert and Gregory Hemberger.

CORAL JEAN 'SALLY' McVICKER

Former Hastings resident Coral Jean "Sally" McVicker, 85, died Thursday, February 1, 2007, in Omaha.

Services will be at a later

date. Heafey, Hoffmann, Dworak and Cutler Funeral Home in Omaha is in charge of arrangements.

GREGORY W. JOHNSON

Sutton resident Gregory W. Johnson, 54, died Friday, February 2, 2007, at his home in Sutton.

Services are pending at Sutton Memorial Chapel in Sutton.

J.K. Rowling leaves message in hotel

The Associated Press

LONDON — J.K. Rowling marked the spot where she finished the final "Harry Potter" book.

"J.K. Rowling finished writing 'Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows' in this room on 11 Jan 2007," read the message on an antique-style statue at Edinburgh's five-star Balmoral Hotel.

The writer announced on Thursday that the seventh and final installment in the series, which tells the story of Harry during his final year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, will be published July 21.

"I can confirm she did write some of the book at the Balmoral last month and did complete the book at that hotel," the author's spokeswoman, Nicky Stonehill, said.

The hotel said it does not encourage guests to write on hotel property, but Rowling is a special case.

"Obviously this is quite a unique case," hotel spokeswoman Jessica Trotter said. "We're honored and flattered she chose the Balmoral as surroundings to do her writing."

As a single mother on welfare more than a decade ago, Rowling used to sit in cafes near the Balmoral while writing her first book, "Harry Potter And The Philosopher's Stone."

Since then, Rowling — who lives in Edinburgh with her husband and children — has seen her books sell more than 325 million copies in 64 languages.

Four hit movies already have been adapted from the Potter books. The fifth film, "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," is scheduled to come out July 13.

MARC COHN RETURNS TO COLORADO FOR CONCERT

BOULDER, Colo. — Singer-songwriter Marc Cohn will return to Colorado for concerts in three cities next week, his first performances in the state since he was shot in the head during a carjacking attempt in Denver nearly a year and a half ago.

Cohn will play in Boulder, Breckenridge and Aspen, according to his Web site.

In August 2005, Cohn was shot during a botched carjacking. Joseph Yacteen, 27, pleaded guilty to attempted first-degree murder in the shooting and was sentenced in October to 36 years in prison.

Cohn, 47, told The Daily Camera he feels some anxiety about his return: "The truth of the matter of is, and I'm well aware of it though it's hard to convince your brain, the chance of anything like that happening again, especially where it's already happened once, are pretty slim."

Cohn, who's married to ABC News anchor Elizabeth Vargas, had a hit with "Walking in Memphis" and won a Grammy in 1991. His latest album is due out next summer, his first since 1998 and fourth overall.

ANG LEE TO CULTIVATE TAIWANESE DIRECTORS

HONG KONG — Academy Award-winning director Ang Lee grew up in Taiwan and started his career there. Now he wants to give back to its movie industry.

He and younger brother and fellow filmmaker Lee Kang have started a program to cultivate Taiwanese directors by financing them and providing help in marketing, Lee Kang told The Associated Press Friday in a phone interview.

"Nowadays directors have to do everything — raising money, writing the script, securing government grants, shooting, producing and marketing," he said.

The Lee brothers hope to free up filmmakers to focus on directing. "We'll produce for the directors ... We'll plan their marketing for them," he said.

He wants to train directors in making commercial movies and counter Taiwan's preference for art-house cinema, while Ang Lee, who won the best-director Oscar last year for "Brokeback Mountain," will serve as an artistic consultant, focusing on developing the scripts of chosen directors.

FARRAH FAWCETT TURNS 60 AND IS CANCER-FREE

LOS ANGELES — Farrah Fawcett got an unbeatable gift for her 60th birthday: a clean bill of health.

The actress, who revealed in October that she was fighting cancer, learned this week that she is cancer-free, spokesman Mike Pingel said Friday.

Dr. Gary Gitnick, Fawcett's lead physician at the University of California, Los Angeles, said the actress "has had a full and complete response to treatment."

"Her prognosis is excellent," he said.

The former "Charlie's Angel" star said she was "deeply grateful" to her doctors and her family and friends "who have sustained me as I battled this terrible disease."

"This is an extraordinarily happy day for me and my family," she said in a statement. "I hope that my news might offer some level of inspiration to others who unfortunately must continue to fight the disease."

Seeing red



RICHARD DREW/AP

Designer Betsey Johnson, wearing one of her designs, exuberantly walks the runway during the Red Dress Heart Truth show during fashion week in New York Friday. The event was a charity runway show featuring celebrities wearing red dresses to raise awareness about heart disease.

Fawcett planned to celebrate her birthday Friday with family and friends, Pingel said, and expects to return to work "in the next month or two."

Fawcett did not disclose the kind of cancer she was treated for. Her ex, Ryan O'Neal, told People magazine she was being treated for anal cancer.

TRUMP PICKED WRONG LOCATION FOR CASINO

PHILADELPHIA — The Pennsylvania Gambling Control Board has three words for Donald Trump on why he lost his bid to build a slots casino in Philadelphia: location, location, location.

The board decided in December against licensing the proposed \$350 million TrumpStreet Casino complex on the edge of North Philadelphia. Instead, it approved projects on two riverfront parcels.

On Thursday, the board disclosed the rationale behind the selections.

Trump's project would have been built near an "economically depressed (area) with decaying infrastructure," calling into question whether visitors would come and other businesses would invest, the board said.

BIRTHDAYS

Comedian Joey Bishop is 89. Comedian Shelley Berman is 81. Football Hall-of-Famer Fran Tarkenton is 67. Actress Bridget Hanley is 66. Actress Blythe Danner is 64. Singer Dennis Edwards is 64. Football Hall-of-Famer Bob Griesse is 62. Singer-guitarist Dave Davies (The Kinks) is 60. Singer Melanie is 60. Actress Morgan Fairchild is 57. Actor Nathan Lane is 51. Rock musician Lee Ranaldo (Sonic Youth) is 51. Actor Thomas Calabro is 48. Actor-director Keith Gordon is 46. Actress Michele Greene is 45. Country singer Matraca Berg is 43. Actress Maura Tierney is 42. Actor Warwick Davis is 37. Reggaeton singer Daddy Yankee is 31. Musician Grant Barry is 30.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"There is a coherent plan in the universe, though I don't know what it's a plan for."

— Sir Fred Hoyle, English astronomer-author (1915-2001)

The Associated Press

Tribland

The following couples recently applied for marriage licenses at the Adams County Clerk's Office: William Zachary Taylor Clark and Samantha Jaye Stroot, and Brian Keith Kloppenborg and Jessica Lynn Heeren, all of Hastings; and Ethan Edward Whitesel and Jennifer Lynn Wetherell, both of Kenesaw.

Elks stag February 6, beef fries/roast beef 6:30 to 8:00. Members and guests welcome. -Adv.

Sweetheart Dance, DAV Club. See ad next week. -Adv.

A vehicle reportedly driven by Ruth E. Royston, of Wood River, Wednesday struck pedestrians Steve Carmel, 51, and Jeanette Carmel, 8, both of 900 W. Madden Road, at Denver Avenue and Ninth Street. Both were treated and released at Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital.

Silver angel fish \$2.99. Aquarium Decoration Sale. Pet clothes. Dan's Pet Palace. -Adv.

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

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

Tammy K. Martin, of 1306 W. Fifth St. No. 1, reported Friday that a portable compact disc player, compact discs and a satellite radio were taken from her vehicle at her residence.

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

A vehicle reportedly driven by Steven F. Jacoby, of 1301 N. Spanish Trail, Tuesday struck a canopy owned by Holiday Inn, 2205 Osborne Drive East.

10-percent off wedding tuxedos, Gary Michael's Clothiers. -Adv.

SALE4KIDS, March 3, see classifieds, garage sales. -Adv.a Send a message to your loved one or special person with "Sweet Sentiments", to publish in Tribune February 14; deadline February 8. Call 461-1235 or 461-1234 for information. -Adv.

It was reported Thursday that a 46-year-old Hastings woman was cited for shoplifting at Dollar General, 705 W. Second St. The value of items taken was \$6.

Super Sunday party, February 4, 4:00 to close. Wanda's welcomes The Joe Parr Band. -Adv.

Taco John's Customer Appreciation Event, Wednesday, February 7, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Free Kids Potato Ole's; one per customer. -Adv.

Vehicles reportedly driven by Margie M. Faber, of 510 S. Lane B, and Gary D. Powell Jr., of Davenport, collided Thursday at Elm Avenue and B Street.

Super Sunday, free snacks, drink specials. DAV Club, 302 South Elm. All welcome. -Adv.

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

The Village of Kenesaw would like to thank the Volunteer Fire Department and all volunteers who helped with the blackout and storm of December 30, 2006. Also, we would like to thank the people of the Village for cooperating with us during the storm. It was a community effort and everyone worked together. The Kenesaw Village Board. -Adv.

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

Vehicles reportedly driven by Brandon J. Savage, of 506 S. Keystone Ave., and Kimberly J. Sealey, of 800 N. Valley Chase Ave., collided Thursday on A Street near Lexington Avenue.

United Way annual meeting Monday, February 13, Lochland Country Club of Hastings. Public invited. Call 402-462-6600 for reservations. -Adv.

Vehicles reportedly driven by Lindsay J. Patterson, of 110 Ringland Road, and Mark A. Whittenbach, of 2514 Edgewood Lane, collided Thursday on 14th Street near B Street.

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

2005 Monte Carlo, like new. www.bramblesautosales.com -Adv.

Watch the Bowl Game on Super Sunday on 52 big TVs at Hastings Keno Sports Bar and Grill; \$9.95 100-ounce Big Towers of Beer all day/night. -Adv.

Area funerals

Today

◆ Bernard Eblen, 77, of Hebron, 11 a.m. at Hebron Memorial Funeral Home chapel in Hebron.

◆ Mary Greer, 84, of Grand Island, 1 p.m. at Williams Funeral Home in Edgar.

Monday, Feb. 5

◆ Robert Hemberger, 75, of Roseland, 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Roseland.

◆ Robert Wistrand, 86, of Franklin, 11 a.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home chapel in Franklin.

◆ Ruth Delimont, 80, of Trumbull, 2 p.m. at Brand-Wilson Funeral Home chapel in Hastings.

◆ Theda Kleck, 90, of Superior, 2 p.m. at Megrue-Price Funeral Home chapel in Superior.

Tribland five-day forecast

Art by Erika Harms, 9, Sandy Creek Elementary



**COLD TODAY**  
High: 18 Low: 1  
Wind: Northwest 10  
Wind chill advisory in effect until 10 a.m.



**PARTLY CLOUDY SUNDAY**  
High: 22 Low: 2  
Wind: Northwest 10



**FLURRIES MONDAY**  
High: 17 Low: 4  
Partly cloudy with scattered flurries.



**PARTLY CLOUDY TUESDAY**  
High: 25 Low: 11  
Partly cloudy at night.



**PARTLY CLOUDY WEDNESDAY**  
High: 30 Low: 11  
Partly cloudy at night.

# NYC plan for 911 dispatchers to accept photos, video could mean info overload

**NAHAL TOOSI**  
*The Associated Press*

**NEW YORK** — The scenario is all too common on the crowded streets of New York: A car crashes into another, confusion ensues and a slew of people at the site call 911 to offer the same or similar information. Now the city wants to broaden the 911 system to accept digital photos and video clips of accidents and crimes. But the expansion of the massive 911 system, which already handles roughly 11 million calls a year, raises questions about what to do with all that data. “It sounds like a good idea because it’s technically doable and because it makes sense and other areas are doing it,” said Alan Reiter, a wireless data consultant. “The downside is getting swamped with photos.” City officials say they’re not worried about their ability to process all the digital images — or the possibility that hoaxes might trip up dispatchers.



LISA RAE DAVIS/AP

**A photo taken by a subway rider with a cell phone shows a subway train standing at rest with a window broken by the impact of hitting a man as it entered the station at 57th Street and Sixth Avenue in New York in this Jan. 19 file photo.** “We’re managing information all the time,” said John Feinblatt, Mayor Michael Bloomberg’s criminal justice coordinator. “If somebody calls up and gives us words, we’re assessing those words. Something that we do every day is

judge the authenticity of the report and the veracity of the report.” The New York initiative, announced in January, will involve equipping 911 facilities with the necessary technology to accept the photos and videos, which often may come from individuals’ cell phones. The city also intends to upgrade its non-emergency services through the 311 information hot line, which gets about 14.6 million calls a year. New York officials do not yet have a timetable or cost estimates for implementing the technology, though Feinblatt said there “definitely will be a million at the end” of the price tag of the multiyear effort. In adding image capability, New York City will be at the forefront of governments upgrading emergency-response systems to take advantage of the wireless age, joining states like Indiana, Tennessee and Vermont in working to enhance their systems. Indiana, for instance, is in the

early stages of planning and is still examining how incoming pictures would be managed. Officials want to first make sure the networks can handle the files. “Your message will not go through until the bandwidth is there,” said Ken Lowden, executive director of the Indiana Wireless Enhanced 911 Board. “If the bandwidth is really tight your picture’s gonna sit there.” Paul Cosgrave, New York City’s information-technology commissioner, said city systems are unlikely to need a major upgrade to handle the incoming digital data. In theory, a witness to an emergency could directly send a picture or video to a dispatcher in what some call an “open” system. But the leading technology at the moment is less direct: A person must call a dispatcher first and receive instructions for transmitting an image.

# U.S., Russia clash over Syria’s role in Mideast peace

**ANNE GEARAN**  
*The Associated Press*

**WASHINGTON** — Russia’s top diplomat rebuked the Bush administration Friday for its resistance to diplomacy with distasteful Middle East governments and said Syria should be part of international efforts to force Israeli-Palestinian peace. With Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice looking on, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said following a gathering of world powers that hope to restart Israeli-Palestinian talks. Lavrov did not address his remarks to the United States, but Russia has increasingly opposed or resisted U.S. efforts to isolate Iran and Syria as well as the Iranian-backed Hamas militants now in control of most of the Palestinian government. “We are in favor of involving all those who can contribute to progress in this process,” Lavrov said. “And definitely, in this case, Syria could play a constructive role.”

Lavrov said Syria has responded positively to a Russian request to mediate between Hamas and the Western-backed Fatah faction, and he defended Russian contacts with Hamas, which the United States considers a terrorist group. The Russian diplomat spoke in Russian, and his words were translated. “I don’t think that to resolve this problem, just like any problem that exists in the world, that you could do it through boycott and isolation,” Lavrov said of the U.S.-backed strategy of diplomatic and financial isolation of Hamas. His implicit criticism followed more frontal critiques this week from former secretaries of state James A. Baker III, Henry Kissinger and Madeleine

Albright. All said the Bush administration should talk to Iran and Syria in hopes of reducing violence in Iraq. Baker also said that renewed U.S. dialogue with Syria could remove a major roadblock to Israeli-Palestinian peacemaking.

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Call 460-5810  
February 8th  
4-6 p.m., Kerr Chevrolet  
Event focuses on Spot the Tot, a national program to prevent child injuries and deaths in driveways and parking lots. The first 15 children ages 7-9 to be seat belt tested will receive a McDonald's Gift Card. Parents can register to win a \$50 gas card.  
**Educational Classes**  
CARR COUNTING  
February 20th  
1:30-3 p.m., MSB  
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**Support Groups**  
**CANCER SUPPORT**  
February 5th, 7-8 p.m., Morrison Cancer Center  
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**TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY SUPPORT**  
February 8th, 5:30-7 p.m., MSB  
Individuals with TBI and similar afflictions, and their families, can share experiences while working toward understanding and support for one another.  
**ALZHEIMER'S INFORMATION SESSION**  
February 12th, 6:30-8 p.m., MSB  
Family and caregivers can receive support and helpful information about Alzheimer's disease and other dementia. Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association and MLMH.  
**STROKE OF LUCK**  
February 13th, 6:30-8 p.m., MSB  
Dr. Kalpesh Ganatra will speak about sleep apnea in this group, which supports stroke survivors and their families.  
**LOSS & GRIEF SUPPORT**  
February 13th, 2 p.m., Hastings Public Library  
The Hastings-Area Loss & Grief Group meets monthly to provide support and education to those dealing with grief and grief issues.  
**SPINAL CORD INJURY SUPPORT**  
February 13th, 6 p.m., MSB  
Designed to provide support and information toward coping and healing for families and those who have suffered an injury to their spinal cord.  
**DIABETES EDUCATION & SUPPORT**  
February 15th, 7-8 p.m., MSB  
A time for individuals living with diabetes, and family members, to learn what they can do to achieve good diabetes control. Sponsored by the American Diabetes Association and the MLMH Diabetes Program. February topic: Kathleen Smith, MLMH Speech Therapist, will review the relationship between diabetes and stroke.  
**INSULIN PUMP SUPPORT**  
February 15th, 8 p.m., MSB  
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**MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS (MS) SUPPORT**  
February 20th, 7:30 p.m., MSB  
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• Birth & Beyond (Call to pre-register)  
February 12th 7 p.m.  
Conference Room #1  
• Breastfeeding (Call to pre-register, fee of \$10)  
February 6th & 20th, 7 p.m.  
MSB  
• Super Siblings (Fee of \$2.50 per child)  
February 20th 7 p.m.  
Conference Room #1

**55PLUS® Family Medical History**  
February 20th 2 p.m., MSB  
Dr. Amyot will discuss the key information contained in your family medical history that you should share with your doctor.

**Clinics**  
**SPORTS INJURY**  
February 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th 9-11 a.m.  
**MSB Rehab Dept.**  
Saturday morning sports clinics, specifically for student athletes and staffed by a Certified Athletic Trainer, assess your sports injury and provide treatment recommendations. No appointment is necessary and there is no charge.

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# What a wonderful country

Scripps Howard News Service

As we become more and more of an indoor nation, nicely insulated from the vicissitudes of winter, we also seem to have become more and more obsessed by the weather, and so it is that Feb. 2 is Groundhog Day. Only nitpickers insist that it should properly be called the much more mellifluous Candlemas Day.

The early German settlers in Pennsylvania brought with them a tradition regarding hedgehogs. There being no hedgehogs in the New World, the much larger groundhog would have to do. As a former defense secretary might have said, sometimes you have to work with the rodent you have rather than the rodent you want.

The tradition was that if the groundhog emerged from his burrow and saw his shadow, there would be six more weeks of winter weather. If the day was overcast and the groundhog saw no shadow, spring was right around the corner.

Groundhog Day was most famously celebrated in Punxsutawney, Pa., where — let's face it — midwinter diversion is at a premium, and the Feb. 2 appearance of Phil the Groundhog became the occasion for a big party.

The observance might have remained relatively local except for the appearance in 1993 of an oddly compelling movie starring Bill Murray called "Groundhog Day." Murray, as an obnoxiously self-centered TV weatherman, is dispatched to Punxsutawney to cover the festivities, but becomes trapped there and is condemned to live the same day over and over and over again until he learns generosity and compassion, naps out of the time loop and is rewarded with Andie McDowell.

In short order, Punxsutawney Phil was certified as a minor American icon by appearing on "Oprah," and the expression "groundhog day" had become universally understood shorthand for numbing repetition.

Could an educated nation embrace a pagan custom rooted in the Teutonic tribes of Northern Europe that attributes meteorological skills to a drowsy rodent roused out of winter hibernation? You bet. This is such a wonderful country.

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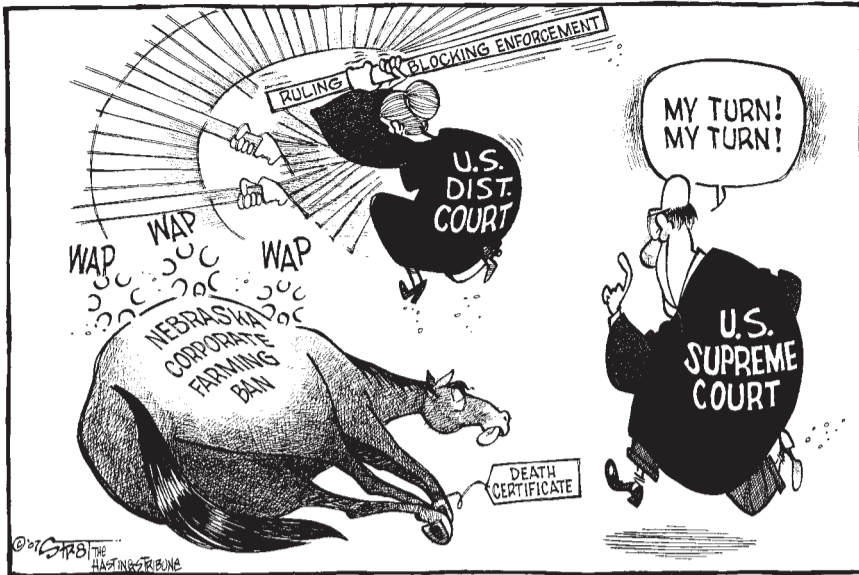
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# Elevated morality won't win in Iraq

I find myself in political limbo. I don't agree with the president and I don't agree with his opponents. I'm not convinced by the argument for sending 21,000 additional troops mainly to Baghdad, and I'm downright incensed at Senate Foreign Relations Committee voting along (Democratic) party lines (plus GOP Sen. Chuck Hagel of Nebraska) to declare this same so-called troop surge to be against "the national interest."

The president's argument fails to convince me that the effort required to secure Baghdad, which comes down to American troops quashing sectarian street violence, is worth the price. It's hard to imagine that an increased American presence, which is necessarily temporary, will win more than a pause in the violence, which goes back centuries. But I'm also unconvinced that the mission itself is of strategic value to the United States. My great concern, as I have written before, is that it's very possible that renewed American fighting in Baghdad, if successful — which, as Americans, we must hope it to be — will not only stabilize the chaotic capital of Iraq, but will also entrench its Shiite-led, pro-Hezbollah, anti-Western government. This suggests that victory in Iraq may deliver not a new brother for the anti-terror coalition, but rather a perfect ally for Iran. And what kind of American victory is that?

A victory for democracy, I guess. In his State of the Union address this week, President Bush was still chanting the democracy mantra, insisting that "free people are not drawn to



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violent and malignant ideologies" — this after a whole lot of free people across the Islamic world have democratically shown themselves to be drawn to just such ideologies. Even so, Lt. Gen. David Petraeus, whom Bush has tapped to execute his new Iraq strategy, has noted the limited transformative powers of democracy. Addressing the Senate Foreign Relations Committee this week, the general said, "The elections that gave us such hope actually intensified sectarian divisions in the population at the expense of the sense of the Iraqi identity."

He could say that again, and, in a way, even about our own elections. With Senate Democrats pushing through that non-binding resolution opposing troop surge (mentioned above), it might well be argued that recent U.S. elections brought about "divisions" that have fractured the American identity. Debate is one thing, but, as Sen. Richard G. Lugar (Indiana Republican), who himself considers the troop surge "dubious," pointed out, "Official roll call votes carry a unique message." And, in this vote's case, that message goes straight to our enemies, who will hunker down to wait for a divided America to up and crumble. This is a disgraceful way for lawmakers to send troops off anywhere.

It also reveals the blindness of Bush's political opponents, who see no mission of strategic value to the United States in Iraq. For exam-

ple, if, as al Qaeda claims, there are some 12,000 al Qaeda terrorists in Iraq, it is obviously a mission of strategic value to the United States to eliminate them, and to do so with as little loss of American life as possible.

This would likely require U.S. air attacks, and such attacks would likely entail Iraqi civilian casualties. Just the thought of such casualties seems to render such a mission unthinkable to both Bush opponents and the Bush team, which now presides, for example, over a recurring battle for Baghdad's Haifa Street, where enemy fighters keep returning to fire at American and Iraqi troops from positions in high-rise buildings. Is it just me, or does anyone ever wonder why, if pacifying Baghdad is so darn vital, those buildings are still standing?

It is the great irony of our time that even as our stone-age enemies seek to inflict as many civilian casualties as possible, we in the post-modern West seek to inflict none. Which is extremely nice, but what is it they say about nice guys? And how nice, really, is it? Citizens of the 21st century, we pat ourselves on the back for an elevated morality even as we expect our brave volunteers to risk life and limb to protect both ourselves and, in effect, our enemies also. This does nothing but prolong the state of war and the suffering that goes with it, which is surely neither nice, nor morally uplifting. Maybe such a mindset is relatively new to the American identity, but the limbo of unresolved conflict it consigns us to promises to be with us for a long time.

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# Often can find best answers looking inward

Years ago a dear young friend of mine married and at the reception her mother-in-law commented to me how thrilled she was to have learned that her new son's new bride was a virgin.

I remember making a note to myself: Never get or share information about the "history" of my children's betrothed.

Recently I wrote about "experts" who essentially applauded even very young girls "dressing provocatively, dancing seductively and posting salacious photos on social networking (Web) sites" because, in doing so, the girls were showing their "confidence." I commented that these folks were more than a little out of touch with reality, and I bemoaned the hyper-sexualization of our youth.

Fast forward again. Glamour Magazine this month reports on the growing popularity among some evangelical Christians of so-called "purity balls," apparently now the cutting edge of the teen abstinence movement. These are elaborate parties which young women and girls attend, gowns and all, with their dads. The theme is the girls' sexual purity, and the big moment comes when the dads sign a formal pledge stating, "I choose before God to cover my daughter as her authority and protection in the area of purity..." The girls themselves pledge to stay "pure" until marriage.

At the particular ball Glamour attended the young ladies piled flowers under a "V" formed with swords. (At least one dad



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recounted how he presented his adolescent daughter with a tiny lock. The key he will give to her husband on her wedding day.)

But just like my friend's mother-in-law commenting on the new bride's virginity, while this is surely well meant, I find it more than a little unsettling.

Look, I'm an evangelical Christian who knows the incredible and positive value of the relationship between a dad and daughter and who firmly believes that sex should be reserved for marriage.

But I just can't imagine going about it this way with any of my four kids, son or daughters.

For starters, something like a "purity ball" essentially minimizes a young woman's very humanity. It seems that in this context a girl's sexuality is first her father's (a little odd) then her husband's. But, of course, if we value her we know that her sexuality and the choices she makes about it as an adult are hers.

Besides, I can't help but wonder if a single-minded focus on virginity is an ironic, and unintended way, of sexualizing youth in a different way.

In any event, what bothers me most is that these dads and daughters may be falling for the misperception that "the sin is in the thing" instead of the heart, or conversely, that some sort of righteousness is inherent in the status of virgin, or any outward appearance of propriety.

But what if that same virginal girl has a heart full of bitterness, envy, lust, greed? Would her dad still be proud? Would she? Should they be?

This isn't to say these girls aren't lovely on the inside, too. Only that focusing on outward appearances of righteousness, perhaps even idolizing such things, is dangerous because it too often allows us to rest there, however unwittingly. There's a reason that Christ warned, in condemning the hypocrisy of the (outwardly righteous) Pharisees, that sin is not what goes into a person, it's what comes out of the heart.

A lot of us Christians don't like that — getting at "heart" issues is actually a lot more difficult than just not "doing" certain things.

I'm not suggesting for a moment that keeping God's commands is unimportant for His people. Just the opposite. It's because we love Him that we are called to do so, and it's His love that enables us to do so. And so, for instance, I talk to my children about the gift of sexuality, and that one can't rightly enjoy that gift outside of marriage because anything less isn't good enough for us. It's not how we were designed.

But neither is treating our girls, or our sons, like property. We need to protect our kids, not minimize their human agency. Such attempts might make it easier for us to watch them grow up, but it does them no favors in the end.

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Canine's world good place to be

If we humans were as indiscriminate, uncritical and accepting of those around them as our canine companions, surely the world be a better place.

Our 25-pound, 8-month old Keeshond, Annabelle, has become friends with a 9-month old, 5-pound longhaired Chihuahua named Majabella and a 7-year-old, 100-pound lab called Buddy. Despite the huge difference in size and age, Annabelle eagerly looks forward to her time with both.

Annabelle is unaware that Buddy is getting gray around the muzzle and doesn't have the same amount of energy as she. She doesn't care that Buddy could lose a couple of pounds around the middle or that his lifestyle is much different than hers. She doesn't care that he rambles along during their long walks while she runs ahead to explore unknown territory.

What Annabelle likes about Buddy is that he greets her with a wagging tail and friendly toss of the head and that he accepts her for what she is, a young pup that has much to learn.

Majabella is cute, petite and much smaller than most of the toys that Annabelle chews on and tosses around. The difference in size doesn't seem to be important to Annabelle or Maja. They chase each other up and over, down and around. Annabelle nips here while Maja chews there, each never hurting the other. Annabelle doesn't care that Maja has big ears, makes chirping noise, has a sounding name and is a size minus zero to her size 14. She doesn't even care that Maja buries her food and carries around rocks because she also likes to carry rocks.

What Annabelle knows is that Maja is happy to see her and plays nice.

A dog's world is a good place to be.

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Calendar

HASTINGS

- ◆ "Happy Feet," 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Lied Super Screen Theatre at Hastings Museum.
- ◆ Alcoholics Anonymous, noon and 8 p.m. Sunday; and noon, 5:15 and 8 p.m. Monday, 521 S. St. Joseph Ave.
- ◆ Alanon, 8 p.m. Sunday and 8 p.m. Monday, First United Methodist Church, and noon Monday, The Kensington.
- ◆ Sunday Sundaes, 2-3 p.m. Sunday, College View Assisted Living, 1100 N. Sixth Ave. Open to public ages 55 and older.
- ◆ Gamblers Anonymous, 6:30 p.m. Monday, basement at Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital Education Building, Room D.
- ◆ Overeaters Anonymous, 5-6 p.m. Monday, basement of Mary Lanning Medical Center.
- ◆ Chorus of the Plains, 7:30 p.m. Monday, ballroom of The Kensington. Barbershop-style music open to men of all ages.
- ◆ Narcotics Anonymous, 8 p.m. Monday, 401 N. Lincoln Ave.
- ◆ Panic and Anxiety program, noon to 1 p.m. Monday, call (732) 940-9658 for details.
- ◆ Mary Lanning Cancer Support Group, 7-8 p.m. Monday, Morrison Cancer Center, north end of Mary Lanning's campus.

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Nebraska Pick 3 ..... 6-3-7  
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OFFICIALS SAY SOME SCHOOLS COULDN'T AFFORD PROGRAM

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A legislative proposal that would require high schools to offer a drivers safety course has school officials concerned about funding such a program.

If passed into law, LB66 would require public high schools to offer a drivers safety course as an elective for students in grades 10-12. The bill was introduced by Sen. Arnie E. Stuthman, of Platte Center.

"Our biggest concern would be the funding for paying for an additional staff member," said Jay Opperman, principal of

Hastings Senior High School. "Financing the thing, I think, would have to be a consideration in any district."

In addition to adding staff, he said schools would have to pay for vehicles for students to drive along with fuel and maintenance for the vehicles.

Currently, Opperman said the high school provides space for the Nebraska Safety Center in Kearney to conduct classes in the summer. Students pay the safety center for the course.

"We provide some space so there can be a drivers education course," he said.

Opperman said the school previously offered a drivers safety course until a few years ago when it cut the program because of a lack of funding.

"We were one of the last schools to still offer a drivers safety course," he said. "We were just providing training in an area that is common for young adults."

St. Cecilia Schools currently offers drivers education courses in cooperation with the Nebraska Safety Council in Lincoln, said principal Marie Butler. The class is graded, appears on a student's transcript and can be used to help reduce insurance rates for young drivers.

"We've offered it for a while now," she said. "Usually, we have both sections full with 24 students."

She said the school provides the course to help student drivers meet the requirements to

obtain a provisional operators permit.

"A lot of families aren't able to drive them around for the 50 hours they need," she said.

Butler said the course is offered in the evening and parents pay extra to enroll in the course. The Nebraska Safety Council provides the vehicles for the course and instructor assistance.

"We could not afford those cars," Butler said.

Cost is also a factor in the summer drivers education courses offered over the summer at Adams Central High School, said principal Dave Barrett.

Barrett said the course is held in the summer through the University of Nebraska at

Kearney Safety Center.

"Students pay them but the school supplements that a little bit," he said. "We want our students to be safe drivers. We invest a little bit."

He said the school also offered a drivers safety course until the state withdrew funding several years ago, and the program was dropped.

Barrett said the school would offer courses during the school year again if the law was passed, but funding would be an issue.

"The problem with that is there are many schools that are financially strapped right now," he said. "Some of these schools won't be able to afford it. If the state is really serious about it, I think they need to fund it."

Accident kills Minden man

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MINDEN — A Minden man died west of here early Friday morning after the pickup he was driving collided with the back of a semitrailer and then collided head-on with another semi, the Kearney County Sheriff's Office reported.

Colby L. Hicken, 21, was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident at U.S. Highway 6/34 and 26 Road, about three miles east of Axtell. The emergency call was received at 6:44 a.m.

According to the Sheriff's Office, the first semitrailer truck, which was westbound on the highway, was driven by Lyle Kinnaman, 47, of Holdrege. The second, which was eastbound, was driven by Michelle Winkler, 40, of Wilcox.

Winkler was taken by Axtell ambulance to Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, where she was treated for her injuries and released. Kinnaman was uninjured.

The accident is being investigated by the Sheriff's Office and the Nebraska State Patrol. Assistance at the scene was provided by the Axtell Volunteer Fire Department, Minden police and fire departments, Kearney County Road Department and Nebraska Department of Roads.

Local events to mark Black History Month

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The Hastings community and Hastings college are planning events in honor of Black History Month.

On Tuesday, Hastings College will welcome George Martinez, also known as Rithm, the first hip hop artist to be elected to a political office. Martinez will speak at 8 p.m. in French Memorial Chapel.

Martinez, born and raised in Brooklyn, N.Y., co-founded the Blackout Arts Collective. The Blackout is a non-profit organization that helps develop communities of color through arts, activism and education.

Events will continue throughout the month at HC, with a talent show at 8 p.m. Feb. 12 and a special chapel service on Feb. 14.

Also, student members of the Multicultural Student Union are planning a student panel in the Wilson Auditorium at 8 p.m. Feb. 19. The panel will center on diversity issues, senior Rob Andrews said.

"The idea was created a few years ago," Andrews said. "It was really successful in past at airing tensions and discussing issues on campus."

The events at HC are free and open to the public.

A community-wide event also is being planned by the Hastings African Awareness Committee. A banquet will be at the Adams County Fairgrounds on Feb. 24 at 4 p.m. The banquet will include a speaker, presentation of gospel music and ethnic food. Barb Smith, a banquet organizer, said final preparations are still being made.

Tickets to the banquet are on sale and can be purchased by calling (402) 462-8176 or (402) 462-6173.



NATI HARNIK/AP

Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., is shown in Omaha where he met with a group that delivered its recommendations for ways to improve the country's health care system.

Health care reform

GROUP PRESENTS 40-PAGE REPORT TO HAGEL ON WAYS TO IMPROVE SYSTEM

JOSH FUNK

The Associated Press

MAHA — A 15-member panel that spent most of the past year looking for ways to improve the country's health care system delivered its recommendations to U.S. Sen. Chuck Hagel on Friday.

The Nebraska Republican, who is considering a 2008 presidential run, said he hopes the recommendations will help shape the national debate on health care reform. Hagel plans to present the 40-page report to his colleagues, but he said reforms will take years and voters shouldn't expect immediate results.

"This is a foundational document," Hagel said.

The senator's commission recommends mandating basic health insurance for all Americans and creating a new federal agency to develop and oversee that basic health plan. A combination of private premiums and public dollars, including a national tax on alcohol and tobacco consumption, could help pay for the reforms.

"The commission has developed creative and important ideas to help meet America's health care needs in the 21st century," Hagel said.

But Hagel said he'll consider other reform options, too, because there may be better ideas.

He said the only aspect of health care that people agree on now is that the system needs to be overhauled because it is too costly and can't handle the demands of the aging baby boom generation.

Hagel's panel was led by Charles Marr, former chief executive officer of Alegent Health in Omaha. Nine members of the panel Hagel appointed last February were doctors from across Nebraska.

"This issue is the number one domestic issue right now," Marr said.

The group recommends creating an independent federal agency called the Health Care Transformation Commission that would be modeled after the Federal Reserve Board.

Members of that commission would be appointed by the president and the Senate to oversee health care reform.

"We believe that rising health care costs result, in part from a lack of clear national policies regarding health care delivery and financing," the Hagel

commission said in its report.

Some of the group's key recommendations are:

- ◆ To create a mandatory dispute resolution process for malpractice claims.
- ◆ To expand the nation's public health system.
- ◆ To create secure, standardized electronic medical records for individuals.
- ◆ To establish incentives to attract doctors and other health care workers to high-need areas.

The group suggests that all of the state and federal dollars that now go to Medicaid, Medicare and other health programs should be used to pay for the reforms. But employers and employees would also be asked to pay premiums, and a national tax on tobacco and alcohol may be needed.

Public money would be needed to help some employers and poor individuals pay their premiums, the commission said. Eligibility for subsidies would be determined by federal poverty guidelines.

Marr said the panel didn't do extensive research into consumer concerns about health care because other national task forces had already done that, and Hagel's commission didn't have the resources. So Marr said they relied on the research into consumer concerns.

DNA testing requested by kidnapper denied

NATE JENKINS

The Associated Press

LINCOLN — A Madison County District Court judge correctly denied a request for DNA testing by the man convicted in the disappearance of a Norfolk girl in 1987, the state Supreme Court ruled Friday.

David Phelps is serving a life sentence for the kidnapping of 9-year-old Jill Cutshall. Cutshall was never found, though a hunter near Stanton found her clothes. She later was legally declared dead.

Phelps wanted evidence tests

on stamps from postcards sent in October 1987, on Jill's clothing and fingerprints on branches, two pennies and six keys.

But the state high court ruled that exposure to the elements and extensive handling of the evidence justified a decision not to test it.

The clothing was not discovered for nearly three months after Cutshall disappeared, Justice John Wright wrote for the high court.

"It was recovered from a wildlife refuge, in a location

where the clothing would have been exposed to weather elements and animals," the opinion goes on to say. "The clothing was then handled by numerous persons during the investigation and at trial. Thus, it was not clearly erroneous for the court to determine that the clothing had not been safeguarded for purposes of DNA testing and that DNA testing would not produce noncumulative, exculpatory evidence."

The Iowa/Nebraska Innocence Project, a nonprofit group that handles cases where post-conviction evidence may yield proof of

innocence, filed the appeal with the state Supreme Court on Phelps' behalf.

Phelps filed his motion in Madison County in accordance with a 2001 state law that allows defendants to seek additional DNA tests if they could produce evidence that a person was wrongfully convicted.

In 1991 a jury found Phelps guilty of kidnapping Cutshall, who was last seen on Aug. 13, 1987, sitting on her baby sitter's front porch.

# Women's commission in uproar over firing, future

SOME BELIEVE GOVERNOR IS TRYING TO UNDERMINE GROUP TO POINT OF DEMISE

The Associated Press

LINCOLN — The state Commission on the Status of Women is in limbo while it tries to fire and replace its executive director, in hopes of eventually returning to its mission of supporting strong women leaders.

Some commission support-



Heineman

ers believe Gov. Dave Heineman may be trying to undermine the group to the point of its demise, by appointing commissioners who don't know or care about the group or who want to see it fall apart.

The governor denied those charges, through a spokesman.

Commissioners voted to fire executive director Lisa Good last week through a secret vote. But state law requires a roll call vote on all issues except electing leaders, so the vote may not be legal.

Good has said she would not comment publicly.

Virginia Wright, a longtime commission supporter who attended the Jan. 26 meeting where the vote was taken, said

Good was asked to resign on a 7-5 vote from 13 of 23 commissioners.

Wright said she told commissioners that firing Good wouldn't fix the commission.

"In my opinion the commission is failing to do its duty to represent and identify the status of women in Nebraska and then to come up with programs," she said. "Instead they are spending far too much time and energy on nitpicking, on micromanaging."

Good's attorney, who is negotiating her severance package, has refused to comment.

Tom McCormick, who also supports the group, wrote in an e-mail to commission support-

ers that several commissioners were working to remove Good "in concert with the governor's administrative staff."

McCormick acknowledged writing the e-mail but refused to comment further until Good's severance package is negotiated.

Heineman appointed 14 new board members in February 2006.

Before that, Good "performed to the commission's standards and above its expectations without complaint," McCormick said.

Wright said she asked any commissioners who were appointed with the direct or implied purpose of undermining the commission to step

down at the Kearney meeting.

"The commission is entirely dysfunctional at this point. And it needs corrective action, not its demise," she said.

Commissioner Anne Hobbs, who is also the director of the Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission, said she was not appointed by Heineman to take down the commission. She supports Good's removal.

"As a fellow director, a lawyer and mother of four children, I support good strong women leaders," she said. "The commissioners' intent is to bring this commission a new direction, one that supports good, strong female leaders."

Heineman's spokesman Aaron Sanderford said asser-

tions that the governor wants to destroy the agency are not true.

"The facts will bear that out," Sanderford said.

The governor wanted to appoint board members until after the agency was funded. State financial support had ceased in 2003, but the commission was re-funded — \$200,000 for each of two years — starting in July 2005.

The appointments were based on the open slots and interested candidates. The commission can have as many as 30 members representing both major political parties, several interest areas and a wide range of the state's regions.



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LINCOLN — Nebraska had a net loss of about 400 farms and ranches in 2006.

The USDA reported the statistics Friday, saying that the numbers show a continuing downward trend that has lasted for several years.

The USDA reported that the number of farms with more than \$100,000 in annual sales were unchanged, but farms with sales of less than \$100,000 decreased by about 400.

There were about 47,600 total farms and ranches in Nebraska in 2006.

Land in farms and ranches totaled 45.7 million acres. The average size of a farm or ranch increased to 960 acres, up eight acres from a year before.

*The Associated Press*

47 gravestones found in storage unit

FAMILY OF MAN WHO  
DIED IN 2006  
FOUND MARKERS

**The Associated Press**

LINCOLN — Lincoln police are looking for relatives of 47 dead people whose stolen gravestones were found in a rented storage unit.

The family of a Lincoln man who died in 2006 found the markers and notified police.

Now the police are asking for help from the public, because, despite conversations with cemetery caretakers, investigators haven't found out where to return the tombstones.

"We'd like to get as many of them returned to their place of

rest as we can," said Police Chief Tom Casady.

The gravestones were found last summer by relatives of Clarence Horner, 54, as they went through his belongings and the storage unit.

Authorities determined that Horner died March 10, said police spokeswoman Katherine Finnell on Friday.

"He had been dead in his apartment for several weeks when maintenance found him, so I don't think he had much contact with family," Finnell said.

Horner had a criminal record, she said, including convictions in 1983 for drunken driving and in 1988 for failing to appear at a hearing on a van-

dalism charge. He also was cited several times for other incidents, but the charges were dropped, she said.

Horner's macabre collection "probably came from a lifetime of stealing headstones," Casady said.

Some of the gravestones date to the late 1800s; others are relatively recent. Police say they probably came from different cemeteries at different times.

The gravestones are pictured on the police Web site in hopes that people who click on will recognize names and notify relatives or police.

Investigators also will check public records to see whether any of the names on the gravestones match death certificates

filed in Nebraska.

Two matches have already been made.

One had been a temporary marker for a Shelly Wright-Lair, who died Oct. 5, 1981. Someone from a Lincoln cemetery had seen the marker on the police Web site, then matched the name to cemetery records.

"We don't know how long it had been missing," Finnell said, "but a larger one had been put back on the grave."

For the other match, Chief Casady called Janice Schmidt of Clatonia on Thursday to see whether she was the same Janice Schmidt listed on a gravestone for an infant boy who died in 1965.

She was.

She said she and husband Charles had a baby who was stillborn.

The baby's body was buried in a church cemetery west of Clatonia. The stone said only: "Infant son of Charles & Janice Schmidt 1965."

They had always thought of baby as Michael Shawn Schmidt, so in 2000 they put in a new stone with his name.

She was shocked that the original gravestone had turned up in a Lincoln storage unit.

"I think I, at first, couldn't imagine how this tombstone got there," she said. "To think that it was stolen from wherever it was stolen from, you feel kind of hurt or violated."

Proposed Tri-Basin rule change needs hearing

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**HOLDREGE** — A proposed change to groundwater management rules and regulations in the Tri-Basin Natural Resources District allowing for interbasin groundwater transfers will be the subject of a March 13 public hearing before the district's board of directors.

Meeting here in special session Wednesday, the TBNRD board voted that the proposed change and others should be put up for the public hearing. A final vote on the proposed changes will follow the public hearing.

A story in Thursday's Tribune incorrectly suggested the proposed rules change already had received final approval.

The proposed change would allow groundwater from that portion of the Tri-Basin NRD lying in the Platte River Basin to be released into Spring

Creek near Bertrand. The water would flow into the Republican River upstream of the Harlan County Reservoir, improving inflows into the lake and allowing for large releases downstream.

The NRD would need to issue a permit for transfers. For every acre-foot of water being moved to the Republican Basin, one acre-foot of water would need to be retired from use in the Platte Basin.

The idea of transferring water from the Platte Basin to the neighboring Republican Basin arises as state and local officials contend with Nebraska's problems complying with the interstate Republican River Compact.

Computer models indicate Nebraska is violating the compact by overusing its allocation of Republican Basin water.

The Tri-Basin district's March 13 meeting is set to begin 1:30 p.m. at the Phelps County Ag Center in Holdrege.

Sexual assault case moves to District Court in Thayer County

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**HEBRON** — A Hebron man charged with six counts of sexual assault of a child waived his right to a preliminary hearing in Thayer County Court here Friday, in exchange for reports.

Thomas V. Caudy, 20, was bound over to Thayer County District Court. He was scheduled to have a preliminary hearing in Thayer County Court Friday on three counts of first-degree sexual assault of a child and three counts of third-degree sexual assault of a child.

First-degree sexual assault of a child is a Class 2 felony, which is punishable by up to 50 years in prison. Third-degree sexual assault of a child is a Class 3A felony, which is punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

He had initially been charged with one count of first-degree sexual assault of a child and

attempted first-degree sexual assault of a child.

Thayer County Attorney Daniel Werner amended the counts Friday, prior to the scheduled hearing.

The charges are based on complaints from the parents of 14- and 11-year-old girls, who are sisters.

According to court records, Caudy subjected the 14-year-old girl to sexual penetration on three occasions and had sexual contact with the 11-year-old girl on three occasions.

The alleged crimes occurred between Sept. 19, 2006, and Dec. 27, 2006.

Caudy is a convicted felon, having been convicted of theft in Thayer County District Court in 2006.

His arraignment in district court on the sexual assault charges is scheduled for 10 a.m. Feb. 8 in Thayer County District Court.

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# Ethanol: Industry good for economic development

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"After 9/11, everybody's attitude about importing from the Middle East has changed, and that's really what kick started the renewable fuels industry," he said.

He said the industry in Nebraska alone has grown about as much in the last three or four years as it did in the previous 30 years.

## PART OF THE COMMUNITY

The key component of a successful ethanol plant is its proximity to a large supply of corn and a supportive community, industry officials said.

In recent years, as the demand for ethanol has grown, Sandeen said the demand for corn also has grown exponentially.

The demand for corn has become an increasing benefit for farmers, who have seen corn prices rise in recent years, he said.

But while the increased prices might benefit the farmer, they only hurt the livestock producer.

"While the ethanol industry raises price for corn, which has a negative impact on the livestock industry, the bi-product of the ethanol industry helps to offset some of those problems for livestock producers," Kristensen said.

Ethanol plants use a process to remove the starch from the corn to produce ethanol.

The remaining components of the corn, including the fat, fiber and protein, are mixed together to create distillers grain that is then sold to livestock producers.

The distillers grain is mixed with corn and other grains to serve as a supplemental feed for livestock.

While sending much of the corn to the ethanol plants doesn't always help the livestock producers, Kristensen said ethanol plants are still beneficial to a local economy.

"In a broad sense, ethanol facilities are the best rural eco-



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**A semitrailer dumps a load of corn off Thursday at Chief Ethanol Fuels, Inc. in Hastings.**

nom ic development tool that there is," he said.

In central Nebraska, where there isn't a lot of industry, Kristensen said ethanol plants create jobs, purchase products and use services.

AGP currently employs 35 workers in its ethanol plant, while Chief Ethanol employs around 60 people.

Kristensen said the plant also has a lot of mechanical equipment that requires regular repair and maintenance. Much of that work is done by local contractors.

He said the parts are purchased from local retailers, and the employees live in and around Hastings.

Gaylin Prior, co-chair of the Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce's agri-business council, agrees that the plants have a major effect on the economy.

"First and foremost is the payroll, and second is the demand for corn and soybeans," he said.

AGP also purchases corn from area farmers for its two soybean operations, which include soybean processing and the production of soybean oil.

Prior said the increasing

prices for corn have a major effect on the economy by giving the farmers more for their product, which they then put back into the local economy.

Sandeen said the ethanol industry most certainly benefits the state's economy, as well.

There are currently 12 producing plants in the state, with several under construction and more than 30 in the early planning phases.

In September 2006, Sandeen said corn was trading for about \$2.40 a bushel. That number has since jumped to \$4.

With the state growing about 1.2 billion bushels of corn each year, Sandeen said the \$1.60 per bushel increase is significant to the state's economy.

"The impact for the state of Nebraska, because of the ethanol industry, is tremendous with just what it has done to the value of corn and what that brings to the farmer," he said.

**ETHANOL'S FUTURE**

Looking to the future, Kristensen and Sandeen both agree that the future is nothing but bright for the ethanol industry.

On Jan. 23, President Bush announced a plan to increase

the nation's renewable and alternative fuels production to 35 billion gallons by 2017. He also called for a 20-percent reduction in the dependence on foreign oil in the next 10 years.

Looking at Bush's plan realistically, both local ethanol producers see the president's plan as very ambitious and something that can't be done through only the production of corn-based ethanol.

Sandeen said the United States currently produces about six to seven billion gallons of renewable fuels each year.

He said he expects the new technology of cellulosic ethanol to be pursued more heavily in an effort to meet President Bush's goals.

Cellulosic ethanol is made of a variety of products, including the waste from urban, agricultural and forestry sources.

Kristensen said there will be increased production of biodiesel fuel to also meet the president's goal.

Heineman said he is excited about Bush's emphasis on renewable fuels.

"As chairman of the Governors' Ethanol Coalition and as the governor of

Nebraska, what the president is proposing, relative to ethanol and other alternative fuels, is good news for America and good news for Nebraska," he said.

Heineman said the increased production of ethanol will help decrease the nation's dependence on foreign oil and help Nebraska's economy.

"We are ideally suited to take advantage of this opportunity," he said of Nebraska. "Right now, we have more ethanol plants under construction than any other state, in large measure because we have water, corn and livestock."

Even with the need for greater ethanol production, Kristensen does have a concern about the increased number of proposed plants in Nebraska.

In Tribland, Advanced BioEnergy is building a plant near Fairmont, while dirt work is being done on plants near Sutton and Carleton.

Plans are also on the drawing board for plants near Fairfield, Roseland, Red Cloud and Superior.

Across the state, there are more than 30 plant proposals in the works.

Kristensen said there could be a surplus of plants and not enough corn and livestock to fill the needs of these plants.

"It is a little concerning at the rapid growth of the industry," he said.

He said there is a chance that plants could be overbuilt in the Midwest if the industry continues at its current rate.

Even so, Kristensen said he sees the need for more plants, just not as many as have been proposed.

"We all know we're going to run out of crude oil at some point in time, and gasoline continues to go up," he said.

"We need some other sources of fuel, and ethanol is a tremendous product.

"I don't know long-term, but at least for the foreseeable future, ethanol is here to stay."

# UW: Goal met for campaign

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somebody always steps up to help us meet our goal. We appreciate it, our volunteers appreciate it and especially the organizations involved appreciate it."

From here, United Way moves into its allocation process.

Extensive meetings are conducted with the agencies to discuss their funding needs, the programs provided and the number of people served. More than 25,000 people benefited from the area programs in 2005.

Any additional money received will go toward this year's total until the next campaign begins.

Though a goal for the next campaign, which begins in June, hasn't been discussed yet, Junker expects it to increase.

"I hate to sound like it's never enough, but the needs are continuing to increase every year," Junker said. "We're very pleased with this amount, but we'd like to get it back up to a higher level. There were campaigns where we raised over 400,000, and we'd like to get back to that level."

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- ◆ Saint Michael's School, 9-11 a.m.
  - ◆ Homestead, 11:15 a.m.
  - ◆ District No. 33, 1:25-2:15 p.m.
  - ◆ 1000 block of South Hastings Ave., 2:40 p.m.
- Thursday**
- ◆ Children's Ark, 9-10 a.m.
  - ◆ Pooft Corner North 10:15-11:15 a.m.
  - ◆ Juniata School, 1:15-2:45 p.m.

## Adams County property transfers

- ◆ Max A. Sharp Jr. and Deanna J. Sharp to Max A. Sharp Jr. lot 9 and the east half of lot 8, block 4, East Park Addition to the city of Hastings, Jan. 22.
- ◆ Jolene M. Jurgensmeier to Jesse Hill lot 2, block 7, Westland Subdivision in the city of Hastings, Jan. 22.
- ◆ Deb Bunde, Larry Hohlfeld and Delores Strasburg, co-personal representatives of the estate of Darrell R. Hohlfeld, deceased to Deb Bunde, Larry Hohlfeld and Delores Strasburg an undivided one-third interest each in the north half of the northwest quarter of section 12, township 6 north, range 12, west of the 6th P.M., Adams County, Jan. 23.
- ◆ Trent L. Clark and Mandi K. Clark to Jay Hinrichs lot 12, block 1, Cleland's Addition to the city of Hastings, Jan. 23.
- ◆ Green Tree Servicing LLC, a limited liability company under the laws of Delaware to Timothy B. Lindeen and Angela M. Lindeen lot 1047, village of Juniata, Adams County, Jan. 23.
- ◆ Myra Porter, Trustee of the Gertrude A. Porter Living Trust to Harry C. Haverly and Kathleen M. Haverly the northwest quarter of section 20, township 7 north, range 12 west of the 6th P.M., Adams County, Jan. 24.
- ◆ Gregory A. Hopkins, Personal Representative of the Estate of Joanne Hopkins, deceased to Trent L. Clark and Mandi K. Clark lot 5 and the west 12 feet of lot 4, block 5, Westland Subdivision in the city of Hastings, Jan. 24.
- ◆ Marvin H. Schultes and Delores E. Schultes and Mark A. Siebrass and Kimberly K. Siebrass to Westbrook Village LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company lot 3, Lakeview 2nd Addition, a subdivision in the city of Hastings, Jan. 24.
- ◆ Westbrook Village LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company to Marvin H. Schultes and Delores E. Schultes lot 4, Lakeview 2nd Addition, a subdivision in the city of Hastings, Jan. 24.
- ◆ Westbrook Village LLC, a

Nebraska limited liability company to Mark A. Siebrass and Kimberly K. Siebrass lot 5, Lakeview 2nd Addition, a subdivision in the city of Hastings, Jan. 24.

◆ Sharon Kay Hoffman and Merle W. Hoffman to Greg A. Hoffman, Lori A. Happer, Mark J. Hoffman, Todd J. Hoffman, Jodi L. Adler, Tonya K. Hoffman, Tricia J. Hughes and Troy A. Hoffman, subject to a life estate of Sharon Kay Hoffman and Merle W. Hoffman the southwest quarter of section 14, township 7 north, range 11 west of the 6th P.M., Adams County except a tract of land comprising a part of the southwest quarter of section 14, township 7 north, range 11 west of the 6th P.M., in Adams County, Jan. 24.

◆ Ryan T. Pavelka and Kristin K. Pavelka to Pavelka Rentals LLC, a limited liability company the south 44 feet of the north 132 feet of the west half of block 7, St. Joseph's Second Addition, city of Hastings; lot 2, block 2, Rohrer's

Addition, city of Hastings; lot 6, block 3, Rohrer's Addition, city of Hastings; and lots 4 and 5, block 13, St. Joseph Addition, city of Hastings, Jan. 25.

◆ Heritage Bank to Waid Zysset and Marilyn Zysset Lot 4, except the east 30 feet thereof, block 1, West Hilltop Acres Addition to the city of Hastings Jan. 26.

◆ Valentin Family Limited Partnership, a Nebraska limited partnership to Dale A. Valentin the southeast quarter of section 32, township 7 north, range 9 west of the 6th P.M., Adams County, Dec. 30, 2005.

◆ Valentin Family Limited Partnership, a Nebraska limited partnership to Denise L.

Bengtson the northeast quarter of section 32, township 7 north, range 9 west of the 6th P.M., Adams County, Dec. 30, 2005.

◆ Valentin Family Limited Partnership, a Nebraska limited partnership to Ivan D. Valentin, trustee; Eileen K. Valentin Revocable Trust and Eileen K. Valentin, trustee; Eileen K. Valentin Revocable Trust an undivided one-half interest each the south half of the south half of section 18, township 6 north, range 9 west of the 6th P.M., Adams County and the southwest quarter of section 33, township 7 north, range 9 west of the 6th P.M., Adams County including the west 350 feet, except a tract of land located in

the southwest quarter commencing at the southwest corner of said quarter, thence north 1,066.54 feet to place of beginning, thence east 200 feet; thence north 300 feet; thence west 200 feet; thence south 300 feet, to place of beginning; containing 1.3 acres, and except tracts deeded for roads.

◆ Valentin Family Limited Liability Partnership, a Nebraska limited partnership to Renee K. Bennett the southeast quarter of section 33, township 6, range 9 west of the 6th P.M., Adams County and a tract of land located in the southwest quarter of section 33, township 7, range 9 west of the 6th P.M., Adams County, Dec. 20, 2005.



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Before



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HC FORENSICS

The Hastings College forensics team competed in the Nebraska in Kansas tournament at the University of Kansas, Manhattan, Jan. 27 and 28. The team placed second in overall team sweeps on Jan. 27, and placed third in overall team sweeps on Jan. 28.

Jan. 27 results

- ◆ Sarah Jones, senior, Hoskins: fifth place, dramatic interpretation.
- ◆ Melanie Hiatt, junior, Harvard: seventh place, prose; fifth place, informative; fourth place, poetry; third place, program of oral interpretation.
- ◆ Jordan Palmer, junior, Omaha: first place, informative; first place, persuasion speaking (qualified for nationals).
- ◆ Aaron Blackman, sophomore, Valparaiso: fourth place, dramatic interpretation.
- ◆ Paul Martin, freshman, Doniphan: fourth place, extemporaneous speaking; fourth place, impromptu speaking.

Jan. 28 results

- ◆ Jones: second place, dramatic interpretation (qualified for nationals).
- ◆ Palmer: second place, informative.
- ◆ Blackman: fifth place, prose; fifth place, extemporaneous speaking.
- ◆ Sara Ninabuck, sophomore, Edgar: fourth place, poetry.
- ◆ Martin: second place, impromptu speaking.

NORTH SHORE MEETING

Anyone with an interest in construction of North Shore Drive is invited to learn more Wednesday.

The public is invited to attend an informational meeting Wednesday to discuss the logistics and schedule for reconstruction of North Shore Drive from Wendell Drive to Osborne Drive West. The tentative start date for this project is June 1.

There are several possible designs that the city is considering to include the width, surface type and use of curbs and gutters. These issues will all be addressed at the meeting.

The meeting is 7 p.m. Wednesday in the auditorium at the Hastings Public Library, 517 W. Fourth St. Contractors and city staff will be in attendance to discuss the project and answer questions.

This is the second phase of the North Shore Drive project, as the first section from Baltimore Avenue to Wendell Drive was completed in late 2006.

Region/State

# Balloonists escape rough landing near Crete

The Associated Press

**CRETE** — High winds and frozen instruments forced down two helium balloonists onto a field near Crete in southeast Nebraska, far short in their attempt for a coast-to-coast record.

The open basket carrying Andy Cayton and his co-pilot, Samuel Canders, bounced 100 feet in the air Wednesday morning, said Cayton. It tumbled down a hill and ejected the pair, but they were unhurt.

Cayton, 51, is from Savannah, Ga.; Canders, 29, is

from Washburn, Maine.

They rose from the Earth more than 62 hours earlier from Lake Elsinore, Calif., hoping to land about 2,300 miles east in North Carolina. Their goal was the world distance record for AA-6 gas balloons, held by Belgium.

Balloon enthusiasts say a class AA-6 balloon would hold about 56,500 cubic feet of helium and run about 40 feet from top to bottom.

Canders sponsored their quest, trying to win a bet he made in college that he would

fly coast-to-coast in a balloon by the time he was 30. Were he to lose, said a story in the North County Times newspaper of Escondido, Calif., he would have to get a tattoo.

Cayton has been flying balloons professionally since 1995, after 22 years in the U.S. Army.

Canders, who flies transport aircraft now, spent seven years flying Black Hawk helicopters.

The gondola suspended beneath balloon was equipped to handle its flight altitudes, ranging from 10,000 to 18,000 feet. It had oxygen, a satellite phone,

global position system and plenty of extra warm clothing.

Their original, southerly route was changed when they had to skirt north around Area 51 in Nevada, the secret base military aircraft are developed and tested, Cayton said.

The jet stream pushed them across southern Colorado and eventually to Kansas, where they hit bad weather and wind that carried them 200 to 300 miles farther off their planned path.

"All of the radios, all of the equipment was frozen. We

couldn't keep flying. We couldn't keep in contact with air traffic controllers," Cayton said.

So, late Tuesday night, they decided to land and began to slowly descend.

Wednesday morning found them 2,000 feet over an elementary school in Wilber.

A few minutes later, shortly after 8 a.m., they bumped down with the wind blowing at 45 mph.

Cayton said the landing was his hardest in a dozen years.

"We were still with it," he said, "but we weren't in the basket."

## Planning, zoning commission to consider plat for subdivision

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The Adams County Planning and Zoning Commission is scheduled to consider a previously tabled subdivision application when it meets Monday.

The application for the Buescher Subdivision at 1780 Assumption Road was tabled Jan. 8 because of several concerns by the board.

The application, submitted by Glenvil residents Leland and Jolene Buescher, had a plat that the commission said was incomplete because there was no easement for the natural gas line on the plat.

It also was tabled to allow for information to be acquired

from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality relating to the plat.

The commission meets at 6 p.m. Monday at City Building, 220 N. Hastings Ave.

The commission also will:

- ◆ Consider the application of Bert and Joy Rostvet, of Ayr, for the Austin Acres Subdivision, which would allow for the property to be subdivided to allow for another residence. The property is at the corner of Pony Express Road and Adams Central Avenue.

- ◆ Consider the application of Jerrad and Sherri Stroh, of Juniata, for the Rocking K Subdivision, which would allow for the property to be subdivided to allow for a new residence to be moved there. The property is at the corner of Juniata Avenue and Idlewild Road.

## Lincoln assistant fire chief back on job after being fired

The Associated Press

**LINCOLN** — Lincoln's assistant fire chief is back on the job after being fired by the mayor for his role in the purchase of seven new fire trucks that didn't meet the city's specifications.

The City Personnel Board decided Thursday that John Huff should not lose his job, pointing to his 33 years of service and differing accounts of what led to the city's \$2 million purchase of the fire trucks.

The city could have appealed

the decision to the district court, but Mayor Coleen Seng said Friday that doing so would result in "substantial additional cost to taxpayers."

Fire Chief Mike Spadt resigned at the mayor's request in July in connection with purchase. Huff was placed on paid leave, then told he would be suspended and subsequently fired.

Huff appealed his termination to the city personnel board and won. He reported for work on Friday.

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The Associated Press

**WAVERLY** — Six girls in a classroom spell "prepared."

Katie, 17, writes on a small black chalkboard and holds it up to Sister Karen Eden for approval. Katie can spell anything, said Sister Patricia Stoeckinger, principal for the Villa Marie Home and School for Exceptional Children.

Special. Sugar. Guacamole.

It's really something, she said. "Sometimes we have her spell just to keep her entertained."

The teens dress stylishly: Alexis in camouflage pants; Jessica in a plum track suit; Miranda in a bright poncho accessorized with dangly earrings and an armful of bracelets.

Recently, the girls practiced their moves for a benefit dance for the school. They are the more advanced learners at Villa Marie, a 14-student special needs school run by the sisters of the Marian Order of the Lincoln Diocese.

The sky blue walls of their classrooms are hung with calendars and clocks for telling time and learning dates; portraits of religious figures and words of scripture. Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not want what belongs to others.

Stoeckinger has taught at Villa Marie, off and on, since

the school opened in 1964. Back then, she said, many educators were not as well-trained to teach children with special needs.

The children were mainstreamed into normal classrooms or kept at home.

Some parents preferred to send their challenged children to Catholic schools, but the school system in Lincoln was operating at near capacity. So the Lincoln Diocese created a boarding school for children with special needs.

It's been the right place for Stoeckinger. She grew up with a brother with disabilities and loves to talk about her children and their unique learning needs.

Like Simon, 13, who loves music. Or Rourke, 13, who wants the teachers to grade him on his behavior at the end of every day. They are taught by Stoeckinger and teachers Jacob Malone and Sister Karen Eden, all certified in special education.

Their housemother, Sister Rosaline Herbek, and a few volunteers help with chores and recreation.

The children are grouped by their abilities, rather than age. Most have Asperger's syndrome, autism, Down syndrome, moderate developmental impairment or other issues. They come here from Elkhorn, York, David City, Syracuse, Humphrey, Firth, Roca and Lincoln. Some sleep in the bedrooms upstairs on school nights; others just take classes

by day.

They help one another learn. "Pre-PEAR-ed," 12-year-old Miranda tells the girl at the next desk. "You wrote pre-PAR, like pizza PAR-lor. You need an E before your D."

Together they help prepare food, set the table, do dishes and clean.

The sisters know how to prod students who pretend a task is beyond their capacities. "We don't let them live in their own little world," Stoeckinger said.

Some students come here with behavioral problems, which don't slide by the teachers. "In some cases, they have become the boss of their family," Stoeckinger said. "They can't do that here."

The school relies on donations, support from Catholic groups and tuition from those who can afford it.

A benefit dance is Villa Marie's only annual fundraiser.

Many people come just to hear the bands and dance, Stoeckinger said. "I also see kids I taught who are now 35 and 40."

The sisters, in their gray habits, have seen many come and go. By day's end on a windy January afternoon, the students' clamor for the teachers' attention as they prepare to say goodbye for the weekend.

Away from the bustle of chore time and sendoffs, Stoeckinger says she sometimes needs the weekend break to rest up, too: "At Villa Marie, once the children are up, you have a full life."

# Water: Experts take aim at thirsty weeds along streams

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At the present time, Aden said, with water being on everyone's mind, saltcedar and phragmites are the two weeds receiving the most attention. Both grow and propagate rapidly, consume great amounts of water as they grow, and crowd out more beneficial species.

In a film provided by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at another invasive weed workshop, it was documented that in other areas, where the saltcedar was not controlled, it choked out all native vegetation, and sucked streams dry by using all the underground recharge water for plant growth and maintenance. Once the saltcedar was eradicated, however, the stream began to recover.

Both Aden and Helzer said it is difficult to find, and control or get rid of, both saltcedar and phragmites.

The species don't obligingly spring up in large colonies of plants, in plain view, announcing their presence. Most often there are small, isolated clumps of plants, or even single trees or bushes, in the case of saltcedar, that no one notices until it is almost too late.

Because both grow along waterways and in wetlands, only specific, habitat-safe herbicides can be used to kill them. Those herbicides are quite expensive — one costing more than \$200 per gallon — and application of them can be costly as well.

There are other ways of control, Aden said — some as expensive as the herbicides, some that appear to be making the weeds pay for themselves.

When rivers are running low during irrigation season, the stands of weeds can be disced under if the sandbars are dry enough to support the weight of the equipment.

Helzer said dising would have a double benefit. On in-channel islands and sandbars, it allows the sand and silt to be moved downstream when the river rises again and water is moving over it. Seeds can't germinate where they can't get a foothold.

Another method that seems to be working, and actually making the weeds pay for their own destruction, is grazing. During irrigation season, when banks and sandbars are exposed and the weeds are green and succulent, cattle and goats can be

turned loose to eat the offending weeds down.

While not eradicating the weeds, grazing is a stop-gap method, achieving about 75-percent control of phragmites, Aden said.

Goats, Aden said, will eat what cattle will not. Therefore, they are being used by CNPPID to see how they do against saltcedar on the islands in the channels of the Platte.

The goats, he said, won't cross water, so the river is a natural fence.

The animals like the new

plants as they spring up and they defoliate the more mature plants. After being defoliated a number of times, the plant dies.

The goats also are used to control leafy spurge in wetlands and pastures along the river.

Cattle have been turned into areas where phragmites is a problem. They seem to relish the tall reed and readily graze it down. This does not kill the plant, but it does achieve some control, Aden said.

Grazing by cattle can allow a producer time to come back and spray once he has completed

other jobs. It also opens up lower levels of plants, buried beneath the layers of rhizomes that grow on top of one another over the years.

"If you can't kill them, you might as well get some use from them," Aden said. "Why not get free feed?"

This has been one of the problems with other methods of control, Helzer said. Those layers of rhizomes protected parent colonies. Sprays didn't penetrate, and burn-offs allowed air to the parent colonies giving them a new lease on life.

Helzer said more research would be needed to find the best way to get rid of these pests, but in the meantime producers would need to work together in small groups to find ways that work for them in their particular situations.

"The thing is," Helzer said, "no one knows how to deal with this problem. We have to learn how to do it ourselves. I think we can do that in small groups trying as many ways as possible and communicating the results among ourselves. We need lots of research as well."

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Hastings High's Jordan Clancy (5) steals the ball from Gretna's Tom Lunzman during the second half of their game at Hastings High Friday night.

## Blue Hill girls reach TVC championship

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The Class C-2 No. 4 Blue Hill girls basketball team reached the final stage of its quest to complete its second goal of the season, defeating Red Cloud 40-24 in the semifinals of the Twin Valley Conference tournament Friday at Adams Central.

With their win, the Bobcats will play Deshler tonight at 7:15.

"We passed the second step of the three goals we set at the beginning of the year," Blue Hill senior Raelene Buschow said. "The first was to win the holiday tournament, second the conference tournament and the third is state."

Buschow led the Bobcats with 14 points, but it did not come easy with Red Cloud's zone defense. She also had eight rebounds.

"They were sagging down on the post, making it hard to get the ball into the post," Buschow said.

Kelsey Bonifas helped to loosen the zone by making two three-point field goals in the first 3:25 of the first quarter on her first two shot attempts.

"Our guards played really well tonight," Blue Hill coach Tim Streff said. "We knew they were going to pack the inside. We were able to stretch their zone by the guards making shots early. Our guards were the key tonight."

The Bobcats (17-2) went on a 9-0 run to finish the first quarter to build their lead to 17-4.

"We did a really nice job of getting up early," Streff said.

Buschow scored six of Bobcats' nine points during the run as she finished the quarter with eight points, including the final points with 39 seconds remaining.

"We had a size advantage and had to get something out of the post," Streff said. "She gave us a spark early."

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## Deshler needs OT to beat B-D

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It seemed only fitting that Hannah Schardt was the player with the ball in her hands in the waning seconds of Friday night's Twin Valley Conference semifinal between the Bruning-Davenport and Deshler girls basketball teams.

Schardt scored 16 of her game-high 20 points in the second half, including a jumper in the lane with no time remaining that sent the game to overtime, where Deshler held on for a thrilling 42-40 victory at Adams Central.

With the win, Class D-1 No. 5 Deshler moves into tonight's championship where it will take on Class C-2 No. 4 Blue Hill at 7:15.

"The play was for Ali (Turan) and she couldn't get the shot so she passed it to me and I was able to make it," Schardt said of her buzzer-beater in regulation. "We just stuck it out."

The 5-foot-10 Schardt was brilliant in the second half, hitting 6-of-7 shots from the field and grabbing seven of her game-high 12 rebounds after intermission as Deshler erased a 24-9 halftime deficit.

"Hannah is the girl that always shows up and does all the dirty work and a lot of times you don't notice it," Deshler coach Heath Birkel said. "She has been a huge part of our program for a long time."

The Dragons outscored Bruning-Davenport 4-2 in the four-minute overtime period, getting a huge three-pointer from sophomore guard Tara Herbek with 1:24 left to take the lead for good.

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# Tigers win marathon over Gretna

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Hastings High's Jordan Clancy led the Tigers in treys Friday night. The old-fashioned three-pointers that is, making three of them to lead the Tigers to a 59-55 overtime thriller over Gretna.

Clancy's last three-point play gave the Tigers (7-7) the lead for good in the overtime period. "That was an intense ballgame," Clancy said. "It was a good win. We practiced hard this week following our loss to Fremont. We are coming together as a team."

Clancy scored a team-high 16 points. Hastings seemed to have the game won in regulation with the Tigers leading 49-46 with six seconds to play.

However, Gretna's Andrew Hoffman made a desperation three-pointer from the corner to force the game to overtime.

Hoffman hit another trey to start the over-

time to give the Dragons a 52-49 lead.

But the Tigers answered quickly with a basket by Chris Hollister and Clancy's three-point play for the lead.

Leading 57-55, the Tigers' David Cooke stole the ball with less than 10 seconds to play and was fouled. Cooke made both of his free throws for the four-point win.

"We did what we like to do late in the game and that is get the ball inside and force the other team to foul us," Hastings High coach Mike Simmons said. "We were more patient on offense tonight and cut down on their second shots in the second half."

With 1:43 to play in the first half, Gretna's Alex Stover hit his head on the wall while going for a rebound. The game was delayed approximately 25 minutes as Stover was taken to the hospital by the ambulance.

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BRENT McCOWN/Tribune

Hastings High's Andrew Lyle (1) is fouled while shooting by Gretna's Bryce Arp during their game at Hastings High Friday night.

# HASTINGS HIGH SWIMMING



AMY ROH/Tribune

Above: Hastings High's Christopher Schaefer competes in the 100 yard freestyle Friday at the 16th Street Hastings YMCA. Below: Hastings High's Caitlin Frazer does the backstroke in the first leg of the 200-yard medley relay.

## Tiger girls sweep home double dual

HHS BOYS SPLIT WITH  
NORTH PLATTE, MCCOOK

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The Hastings High girls swimming and diving team won its second and third duals of the season as it defeated Greater Nebraska Athletic Conference rivals McCook 126-107 and North Platte 121-109 Friday at 16th Street YMCA. However, the boys were not as lucky as they went 1-1, defeating McCook 142-41 and losing to North Platte 134-98.

"I have seen a lot of improvement from our girls team today," HHS co-head coach Thor Larson said. "I know we can still make the necessary improvements as we near the conference tournament and especially state."

The girls, who won four of the 12 events over both McCook and North Platte, improved on two of their secondary qualifying marks in 200 medley and 400 freestyle relay teams.

The 200 medley relay team of Caitlin Frazer, Lauren Fast, Kari Taylor and Alice Welch finished in first with a time of 2:08.31, bettering its previous qualifying mark of 2:09.13.

The 400 freestyle relay team of Welch, Taylor, Abby Foster and Fast finished in second with a time of 4:13.24, beating its previous time of 4:14.60.

Larson said he has been making some changes with his relay teams to achieve faster times, and that he is still looking for his swimmers to get even faster times.

"We were kinds of juggling that relay around (200 medley) because of some illness," Larson said. "I think it worked out pretty well. We know that Kari Taylor can go a little bit faster, but Caitlin Frazer has been making big improvements since the beginning of the season. We will pull together before conference time."

The girls had two of their divers almost qualify for the state meet as they missed the 300-point target mark by fewer than three points.

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# Scoreboard

## Basketball

### NBA Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	24	23	.511	—
New Jersey	20	25	.468	2
New York	20	28	.417	4 1/2
Philadelphia	15	33	.313	9 1/2
Boston	12	34	.261	11 1/2

Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	27	19	.600	—
Orlando	25	22	.532	3
Miami	21	25	.457	6 1/2
Atlanta	17	28	.378	10
Charlotte	17	29	.370	10 1/2

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	27	18	.600	—
Cleveland	27	20	.574	1
Chicago	26	20	.565	1 1/2
Indiana	25	21	.543	2 1/2
Milwaukee	18	28	.393	10

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	38	9	.809	—
San Antonio	32	16	.667	6 1/2
Houston	29	18	.614	8
New Orleans	20	25	.443	17 1/2
Memphis	12	35	.255	26

Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	30	17	.638	—
Denver	22	21	.523	5 1/2
Minnesota	22	24	.478	7 1/2
Portland	20	28	.417	10 1/2
Seattle	17	29	.370	12 1/2

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	37	9	.804	—
L.A. Lakers	28	19	.596	9 1/2
L.A. Clippers	24	22	.522	13
Golden State	22	25	.468	15 1/2
Sacramento	18	28	.393	18

Friday's Games				
Indiana 95, L.A. Lakers 84				
Golden State 102, Philadelphia 101				
Toronto 103, Atlanta 91				
L.A. Clippers 100, Boston 89				
Cleveland 101, Charlotte 81				
Orlando 119, New Jersey 86				
Detroit 96, Milwaukee 86				
New Orleans 90, Minnesota 83				
Denver 114, Portland 107, OT				
Chicago at Seattle, late				

Saturday's Games				
New York at Orlando, 6 p.m.				
L.A. Lakers at Washington, 6 p.m.				
Golden State at Charlotte, 6 p.m.				
Indiana at Memphis, 7 p.m.				
Miami at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.				
New Orleans at Houston, 7:30 p.m.				
Minnesota at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.				
Utah at Phoenix, 8 p.m.				
Denver at Sacramento, 9 p.m.				
Chicago at Portland, 9 p.m.				

### Prep Boys Results

Auburn 71, Nebraska City 62
Banner County 65, South Platte 35
Bellevue East 48, Bellevue West 44
Bennington 57, Syracuse 50
Bertrand 95, Northern Valley, Kan. 44
Bishop Neumann 55, Columbus Scotus 39
Cedar Rapids 54, Elba 39
Chase County 61, North Platte St. Patrick's 51
Clay Center 72, Meridian 51
Cody Kilgore 78, Crawford 28
Columbus Lakeview 57, Aquinas 46
Concordia 80, Parkview Christian 69
Conestoga 64, Plattview 47

Creek Valley 50, Leyton 48
Crete 64, Schuyler 43
Exeter/Miligan 46, Giltner 27
Grand Island Central Catholic 60, Broken Bow 44
Grand Island Northwest 62, Holdrege 56, 2OT
Hastings 59, Gretna 55, OT
Hyannis 36, McPherson County 33
Lincoln Lutheran 55, Fort Calhoun 41
Lincoln Plus X 53, Omaha Gross Catholic 50
McCool Junction 54, Dorchester 48, OT
Milard North 73, Omaha Burke 51
Milard South 57, Omaha South 52
Minden 63, Cozad 49
Nebraska Christian 50, Greeley/Wolbach 48
Northfork 52, Fremont 43
Norris 47, Plattsmouth 33
North Platte 43, Lincoln North Star 32
Ogallala 54, McCook 53
Omaha Nation 76, Lutheran High Northeast 66
Omaha Roncalli 61, Ralston 60
Omaha Westside 73, Omaha Northwest 54
Oscola 49, Palmer 41
Papillion-Lavista 51, Millard West 50
Perkins County 60, Garden County 36
Potter-Dix 43, Peetz, Colo. 37
Seward 64, Waverly 53
Sheley 51, Fallerton 49
Sidney 61, Gering 59
Sioux County 56, Minatare 49
Southern Valley 62, Alma 49
Spalding/Spalding Academy 85, Loup County 51
St. Edward 80, North Loup 36
Twin River 50, Cross County 28
Valentine 57, Gothenburg 47
Wahoo 63, Arlington 28
Winner, S.D. 78, Santee 53

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**Cornhusker Conference Tournament**  
 Howells 57, Humphrey 42  
 Humphrey St. Francis 49, Lindsay Holy Family 43  
 Leigh 56, Dodge 52  
 Newman Grove 66, Clarkson 39

East Central Nebraska Conference Tournament				
Quarterfinal				
Blmwood-Murdock 53, Weeping Water 52, OT				
Louisville 49, Mead 33				
East Husker Conference Tournament				
Quarterfinal				

East Husker Conference Tournament				
Quarterfinal				
Scribner-Snyder 34, Oakland-Craig 25				
Wisner-Pilger 64, North Bend Central 57				
Faith Baptist Torney				
Menomonee Falls Calvary Baptist, Wis. 67,				
Omaha Christian Academy 47				
Fort Kearny				
Conference Tournament				

Fort Kearny Conference Tournament				
Semifinal				
Loomis 56, Overton 43				
Pleasanton 62, Axtell 56				
Golden Plains Activities Conference Tournament				
Semifinal				

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Semifinal				
Hitchcock County 54, Wallace 44				
Waucoma-Palsade 56, Hayes Center 54				
Heartland-Metro Tournament				
Lincoln Southeast 50, Lincoln High 48				
Lewis and Clark				
Conference Tournament				
Semifinal				

Bloomfield 57, Wynot 49
Ponca 60, Wakefield 36
<b>Mid State Conference Tournament</b>
<b>Consolation Semifinal</b>
Norfolk Catholic 60, Hartington Cedar Catholic 50
West Point Central Catholic 64, Marlison 54

**Championship Semifinal**  
Battle Creek 57, Wayne 45  
Pierce 50, Boone Central 40

**NENAC Tournament**  
**Fifth Place**  
Loyal General 68, Brighton 40

Laurel-Concord 62, Creighton 49
<b>Third Place</b>
West Holt 67, Randolph 57
<b>Championship</b>
Plainview 63, Crofton 52

### Prep Girls Results

Auburn 44, Falls City 41
Beatrice 48, York 37
Cedar Rapids 65, Elba 59
Chase County 45, North Platte St. Patrick's 32
Columbus 43, Grand Island 34
Concordia 60, Parkview Christian 25
Creek Valley 59, Leyton 28
Crete 63, Schuyler 25
Fremont 37, Norfolk 33
Fullerton 33, Shelby 30
Gering 48, Sidney 37
Giltner 51, Exeter/Miligan 49, OT
Gothenburg 43, Valentine 40
Grand Island Central Catholic 49, Broken Bow 31
Greeley/Wolbach 62, Nebraska Christian 17
High Plains Community 38, Hampton 32
Holdrege 47, Grand Island Northwest 42
Lincoln North Star 46, North Platte 43, OT
Lincoln Northeast 65, Lincoln Southwest 46
Loup County 36, Spalding/Spalding Academy 34
Lutheran High Northwest 79, Omaha Nation 52
McPherson County 58, Hyannis 15
Minden 55, Clay Center 36
Millard South 51, Omaha South 42
Millard West 61, Papillion-Lavista 37
Minden 45, Cozad 27
Norris 60, Plattsmouth 43
North Loup 50:54, St. Edward 16
Northern Valley, Kan. 45, Bertrand 41
Ogallala 54, McCook 49
Omaha Burke 47, Milard North 43
Omaha Westside 93, Omaha Northwest 43
Oscola 48, Palmer 37
Peetz, Colo. 44, Potter-Dix 32
Perkins County 75, Garden County 40
Platteview 58, Conestoga 41
Prague 79, Omaha Christian Academy 27
Shockey 52, Rising City 43
Sioux County 52, Minatare 17
Southern Valley 63, Alma 37
Twin River 45, Cross County 28

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**Lewis and Clark**  
**Conference Tournament**  
**Semifinal**

Homer 56, Bancroft-Rosalie 51  
**Lou Platte Conference Tournament**  
**Semifinal**  
 Kearney Catholic 59, Centura 22  
 St. Paul 50, Ravenna 29  
**Pioneer Conference Tournament**

## Football

NFL Playoff Schedule				
Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 4				
Miami				
Chicago vs. Indianapolis, 6:25 p.m.				

NFL Injury Report				
Sunday				
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS VS. CHICAGO BEARS —				
Colts: QUESTIONABLE: CB Nick Harper (Ankle); S Bob Sanders (Knee); LB Keith O'Neil (Rib). PROB-				

BLE: CB Jason David (Abdomen); DE Robert Mathis (Back). Bears: QUESTIONABLE: LB Rod Wilson (Hamstring).

## Golf

### PGA-FBR Open Results

Partial Second Round				
Note: Play suspended due to darkness with 18 golfers not finishing. Round will be completed Saturday morning				
Jeff Quinney	66-63	—	129	
Billy Mayfair	66-66	—	132	
Bart Bryant	66-66	—	132	
Bubba Watson	66-67	—	133	
John Rollins	65-68	—	133	
Robert Garrigus	66-67	—	133	
Vaughn Taylor	67-67	—	134	
Brett Quigley	67-67	—	134	
Dave Toms	65-69	—	134	

## GPAC

### Wrestling

Dana 25, Dakota Wesleyan 16
Morningside 22, Jamestown 20

## Hockey

NHL Standings				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pts	GF
New Jersey	31	15	6	140
Pittsburgh	25	17	8	170
N.Y. Rangers	25	22	4	149
N.Y. Islanders	24	21	6	154
Philadelphia	12	32	7	125

Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pts	GF
Buffalo	35	14	4	200
Ottawa	30	21	6	178
Montreal	28	18	6	154
Toronto	25	21	6	169
Boston	22	24	4	140

Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pts	GF
Atlanta	29	17	8	167
Tampa Bay	28	23	2	150
Florida	26	22	6	163
Washington	20	23	10	153
Washington	21	24	7	163

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Central Division				
	W	L	Pts	GF
Nashville	36	14	3	187
Detroit	33	14	6	172
St. Louis	20	24	8	133
Columbus	21	27	5	137
Chicago	19	25	7	157

Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pts	GF
Vancouver	29	19	4	162
Calgary	28	17	6	161
Minnesota	28	21	4	160
Colorado	25	22	4	160
Edmonton	25	23	4	144

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pts	GF
Anaheim	22	18	8	172
San Jose	33	18	1	159
Dallas	31	19	2	140
Phoenix	24	26	2	144
Los Angeles	17	30	7	147

Colorado	25	22	4	54	160	152
Edmonton	25	23	4	54	144	153
<b>Pacific Division</b>						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	32	12	8	72	173	132
San Jose	32	18	1	67	159	121

San Jose	35	18	1	67	133	121
Dallas	31	19	2	64	140	128
Phoenix	24	26	2	50	144	179
Los Angeles	17	30	7	41	147	195

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

**Friday's Games**

Edmonton at Colorado, 2 p.m.
Chicago at San Jose, 3 p.m.
Toronto at Ottawa, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
Los Angeles at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Buffalo at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Boston at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Calgary, 9 p.m.

## Transactions

### Baseball

American League				
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with RHP Paul Shue on a minor league contract.				
MINNESOTA TWINS—Agreed to terms with 3B Nick Punto on a two-year contract and OF Lew Ford, 1B Justin Morneau and RHP Juan Rincon on one-year contracts.				
SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with LHP Jim Paquette on a minor league contract.				
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with OF Alex Rios, OF Fred Johnson and LHP Scott Downs on one-year contracts.				

SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with LHP Tim Lincecum on a minor league contract.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with OF Alex Rios, OF Reed Johnson and LHP Scott Downs on one-year contracts.



AMY ROH/Tribune

Hastings High's Tarah Brown competes in the 100-yard freestyle Friday at the YMCA.

## Swim: HHS girls win double dual

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Junior Kathryn Johnson was 1.75 points (298.25) away from the mark and Camille Koopman was off by 2.45 points (297.55).

"Cami has been coming through on a lot of things in the past couple of weeks," Larson said. "Kathryn has been sick and has missed a couple of meets. She is trying some higher-degree, difficult dives. I see them come here every day working on their dives."

The boys once again got a strong showing from Sam Zoucha. He has been finishing in the top five of most his events all season long and Friday was no exception as he finished third in the 200 freestyle and second in the 100 freestyle.

He is also one of the legs of the 200 medley relay team and the 200 freestyle relay team.

Zoucha already has established three secondary qualifying marks in the 200 freestyle (1:58.35), 50 freestyle (24.17) and 100 freestyle (52.43).

"He is a good, hard worker in practice and has a great technique. He has an incredible

kick," Larson said. "He has an unbelievable talent of bringing that kick all the way through."

The Tiger boys also almost had its only diver qualify for the state tournament as junior Joe Cockrell missed the mark by less than 10 points. He finished in second with 290.30 points.

"Joe brings in a lot of points for us," Larson said. "He has been solid all year long. I think tonight he has been working on getting his momentum straight off the board. He is actually making some progress on his dives."

The Tigers finish their dual season Tuesday as they host Kearney at 4 p.m. After that, the Tigers close out the season at the Greater Nebraska Athletic Conference tournament Feb. 9 and 10 in Columbus.

Larson said the boys shouldn't have much of a problem defeating the Bearcats as they are down in numbers. But the girls will have an uphill battle on their hands as Kearney is stacked with great competitors according to Larson.

"The (Annalise and Mariah)

Anderson girls are very tough," he said. "They are dynamite and will have a battle on our hands. But anything is possible."

Team Results	
GIRLS	
Hastings High 126, McCook 107; HHS 121, North Platte 109; North Platte 124, McCook 105	
BOYS	
HHS 142, McCook 41; North Platte 134, HHS 98, North Platte 141, McCook 40	
Top HHS Individual Results	
GIRLS	
200-yard medley relay — (Caitlin Frazer, Lauren Fast, Kari Taylor, Alice Welch), 1st, 2:08.31; 200-yard freestyle — Abby Foster, 2nd, 2:21.13; 200-yard intermediate — Fast, 1st, 2:34.31; 50-yard freestyle — Welch, 3rd, 27:57; Diving — Kathryn Johnson, 2nd, 298.25; 100-yard butterfly — Taylor, 1st, 1:10.09; 100-yard freestyle — Tarah Brown, 3rd, 1:07.27; 500-yard freestyle — Jocelyn Plein, 2nd, 6:32.61; 200-yard freestyle relay — (Taylor, Welch, Fast, Brown), 1st, 1:55.20; 100-yard backstroke — Brown, 4th, 1:25.65; 400-yard freestyle relay — (Welch, Taylor, Foster, Fast), 2nd, 4:13.24.	
BOYS	
200-yard medley relay — Jack Zoucha, Charlie Lainson, Chris Smolik, Sam Zoucha), 2nd, 1:53.96; 200-yard freestyle — Sam Zoucha, 3rd, 2:01.88; 200-yard intermediate — Smolik, 2nd, 2:31.01; 50-yard freestyle — Lainson, 2nd, 25.47; Diving — Joe Cockrell, 2nd, 290.30; 100-yard butterfly — Matt Freed, 3rd, 1:03.41; 100-yard freestyle — Sam Zoucha, 2nd, 54.74; 500-yard freestyle — Greg Faber, 2nd, 6:12.95; 200-yard freestyle relay — (Lainson, Gavin Raitt, Freed, Sam Zoucha), 2nd, 1:41.83; 100-yard backstroke — Freed, 3rd, 1:15.51; 100-yard breaststroke — Lainson, 2nd, 1:12.73; 400-yard freestyle relay (Smolik, Freed, Faber, Jack Zoucha), 2nd, 3:52.88.	

## Boys: Tigers beat Gretna in overtime

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Gretna's Bryce Arp, a 6-foot-6 junior, provided the fire for the Dragons in the first half, scoring 14 of his 16 team-high points. Gretna led at halftime 30-26

The Tigers opened the third period with a 10-2 run. Chris Hollister sparked the run with back-to-back baskets and Andrew Lyle scored four of his 10 points in the run. Hollister scored 15 points.

Simmons was pleased with the play of his posts in the second half and the defense on Arp.

"We got better help-side defense and our post got tougher in the second half," the first-year coach said.

Gretna battled back-to-take the lead 40-39 going into the final stanza.

The Dragons extended their lead to five, before Hastings went on a 10-2 burst to take the lead.

"We played hard tonight, but you have to give credit to Hastings as they also played very hard," Dragon coach and former Hastings High standout Brad Feeken said. "We tried to force the tempo and it didn't always work tonight. I was very pleased with our effort."

Andrew Hoffman scored 13 for the Dragons and Trent Miller netted 10.

Hastings (59)	
Andrew Lyle 3-8 4-6 10, Jordan Clancy 5-11 5-10 16, David Cooke 1-3 2-2 5, Brett Herbek 1-2 1-2 4, Chris Hollister 7-9 0-0 15, Mike Mankin 1-1 0-0 2, CK Duang 1-2 0-0 3, Derek Rasmussen 2-3 0-4 4, Team 21-39 12-20 59.	
Gretna (55)	
Tom Lunzman 2-4 1-1 5, Ben Wagner 3-9 0-0 6, Andrew Hoffman 4-11 2-5 13, Trent Miller 4-8 2-3 10, Bryce Arp 4-12 8-8 16, Nick Schram 2-5 0-0 5, Alex Stover 0-1 0-2 0, Team 19-49 13-19 55.	
Gretna (9-6) .17 13 10 9 6—55	
HHS (7-7) . . . . .14 12 13 10 10—59	
Three-point field goals—G 4-9 (Hoffman 3-6, Schram 1-3), H 5-8 (Clancy 1-3, Cooke 1-1, Herbek 1-1, Hollister 1-1, Duang 1-2). Rebounds—G 25 (Lunzman 7), H 27 (Herk 7). Turnovers—G 9; H 16. Fouls—G 19; H 13. Fouled Out—G (Lunzman). Technicals—none.	

## Grossman could make critics disappear Sunday

RICK GANO  
The Associated Press

MIAMI — There's a way Rex Grossman can finally silence his critics, the ones who've hounded him this season and pounded him with questions all week leading up to the Super Bowl. Win the game.

Do something only one other Chicago Bears quarterback has done.

Whatever is said about Jim McMahon's quirkiness — he likes to golf in his bare feet, among other things — one description stands above the others: He was the winning quarterback in a Super Bowl.

Now, 21 years later, the Bears are back and one win away. It's been a patience-testing run through a long list of QBs of different pedigrees, abilities and physical conditions — an inconsistent mix at the most important position on the field.

In the last decade, the Bears have waded through nearly a dozen different starters. And numerous backups, too.

"A lot was said when I was drafted about the struggles they've had at quarterback," Grossman said.

There was Cade McNown, a first-round pick in 1999, who fizzled. And Kordell Stewart, Chris Chandler, Shane

Matthews and Jim Miller. Don't forget Craig Krenzel and Chad Hutchinson.

The starter for most of last season was rookie Kyle Orton, who's been the Bears' No. 3 quarterback this season and didn't throw a pass. Orton led 10 wins a year ago, but this week he's run the scout team and tried to simulate the Colts' Peyton Manning.

Now Grossman, who is 17-6 as a regular-season starter and 2-1 in the playoffs, can finally cement the position and perhaps his own future.

"I know Jim Miller played well for a while and Erik Kramer had a couple of really good seasons, but they haven't had a consistent quarterback, really, for a long period of time since Sid Luckman, which is a long time ago," Grossman said.

"That was my goal, to win a world championship here and be a franchise quarterback, be a quarterback who will be in Chicago for a long time," he said.

Even Luckman, the Hall of Fame quarterback who started the Bears' 73-0 rout of the Redskins in the 1940 NFL championship game, struggled early on trying to master the nuances of George Halas' newfangled T-formation.

Once he got a handle, the offense took

The sophomore finished with just six points, both coming on three-pointers late in the game.

"I was open and my coaches always say that if you are open, shoot. And I just shot it and hoped it went it," Herbek said. "It looked like it was a little off. But that gave us momentum and carried us the rest of the way."

Deshler entered Friday night allowing opponents to just 30 points a game, but gave up 24 in the first half as Bruning-Davenport shot 41 percent in the opening half and committed just two turnovers.

"We played a great first half against a rated team," Otto said. "We played our hearts out. We just missed some open shots. The first half they were going in, the second half they weren't."

Deshler's defense quickly returned to form in the second half as it forced 15 Bruning-Davenport turnovers in the second half and over time and held the Storm to just 5-of-17 shooting.

The Dragons used full-court pressure to force four consecutive turnovers during their critical 12-2 run late in the third quarter.

Deshler held Bruning-Davenport to just four points in the final 10 minutes of the game and did not allow the Storm to attempt a field goal in overtime.

"We hang our hats on our defense that is one thing that we work on every day," Birkel said. "Bruning-Davenport is a good team and we knew coming in it wouldn't be an easy game. To be able to contain that team down the stretch — the girls stepped up."

With the win, Deshler has its sights set on a rematch with Blue Hill and its first TVC championship since 1996.

The Bobcats defeated Deshler 59-33 back on Dec. 5.

"We are ecstatic," Birkel said. "Blue Hill is a great team. They have some good seniors and some very big athletic girls. We played them early in the year and they came out and dominated us. I told the girls, enjoy it in the locker room. But when we leave here tonight, we need to be focused."

Bruning-Davenport (40)	
Lichelle Schroeder 2-9 0-0 5, Kelsey Werner 1-3 1-3 3, Whitney Holtzen 1-5 2-3 4, Cecelia Catlett 5-12 5-7 15, Brittany Hoins 4-9 0-0 9, Kelsey Otto 1-1 2-2 4, Team 14-39 10-15 40.	
Deshler (42)	
Riley Baker 0-4 0-0 0, Tara Herbek 2-4 0-3 6, Shelby Pahl 0-2 0-0 0, Ali Turan 2-13 2-9 6, Ashley Dahl 4-8 2-2 10, Hannah Schardt 8-12 4-6 20, Team 16-43 8-20 42.	
B-D (10-10)	11 13 8 6 2—40
Deshler (15-3)	6 3 18 11 4—42
Three-point field goals — BD 2-4 (Schroeder 1-3, Hoins 1-1), D 2-7 (Baker 0-2, Herbek 2-3, Pahl 0-2). Rebounds — BD 31 (Holtzen 8), D 33 (Schardt 12). Turnovers — BD 17, D 14. Total fouls — BD 17, D 14. Fouled out — None. Technicals — None.	

### Shickley girls 52 Rising City 43

**SHICKLEY** — The Shickley girls basketball team defeated Rising City 52-43 Friday night.

Andrea Schweitzer led the Longhorns with 17 points and Arielle Brinkman added 16.

Rising City (2-14) 6 8 14 15—43  
Shickley (14-3) 14 10 15 13—52

**Shickley (52)**  
Andrea Schweitzer 17, Arielle Brinkman 16, Stephanie Swartzendruber 5, Anna Brinkman 4, Emilee Doll 10.

**Rising City (43)**  
Alyssa Skinner 4, Chantal Hiatt 17, Stacey Feik 15, Ashley Hellbusch 5, Christina Doehling 2.

### Tri County girls 62 Sutton 57

**MILFORD** — The Sutton girls basketball team fell to Tri County 62-57 Friday night in the semifinals of the Southern Nebraska Conference tournament.

Courtney Stone led the Fillies with 13 points and Logan Rath added 12.

Tri County (11-6) 13 9 19 21—62  
Sutton (14-3) 9 13 28 7—57

**Tri-County (62)**  
J. Erskine 2, J. Zimmerman 4, K. Schuerman 10, S. Genrich 7, M. Hermes 7, K. Pohlman 6, S. Zimmerman 17, L. Cammack 10.

### Sylvan Unified 37 Rock Hills girls 31

**MANKATO, Kan.** — The Rock Hills girls basketball team fell to Sylvan Unified 37-31 Friday night.

Brandi Jensen led the Grizzlies with 11 points.

Sylvan Unified (37)  
4 10 17 6—37  
Rock Hills 7 6 7 11—31

**Sylvan Unified (37)**  
K. Hitter 1, E. Carney 11, A. Rasmussen 2, C. Nielsen 10, A. Foreman 6, J. Vonda 7.

**Rock Hills (31)**  
Rachel Duffy 7, Abby Newell 7, Bret Colson 6, Brandi Jensen 11.

### Giltner girls 51 Exeter-Milligan 49

**GILTNER** — The Giltner girls basketball team defeated Exeter-Milligan 51-49 in overtime Friday night.

Stasia Otto led the Hornets with 14 points and had four rebounds. Natalie Harmon added 11 points, three rebounds and three assists.

Megan Kuska led Exeter-Milligan with 15 points. Lindsey Moore and Kim Sladek each added 12 points.

### E-M (15-5) 10 9 4 18 8—49 Giltner (13-4) 8 11 11 11 10—51

**Giltner (51)**  
Chelsea Stallings 9, Natalie Harmon 11, Gretchen Kreutz 8, Jenny Lockmon 9, Stasia Ott 14.

**Exeter-Milligan (49)**  
Lindsey Moore 12, Kim Sladek 12, Megan Kuska 15, Allee Kuska 4, Jenna Rhodes 2, Katyi Mark 4.

### Minden girls 45 Cozad 27

**MINDEN** — The Minden girls basketball team defeated Cozad 45-27 Friday night.

Lea Ann Jameson led the Whippets with 17 points and Ann Ahrens added nine in the win.

Cozad (7-11) 10 3 4 10—27  
Minden (14-3) 17 17 0 11—45

**Minden (45)**  
Samantha Van Pool 2, Lindsey Sitorius 6, Jaimie Miller 3, Ann Ahrens 9, Lea Ann Jameson 17, Becca Pettz 4, Caitlyn Anderson 4.

**Cozad (27)**  
Amanda Franesato 1, Kayla Topinka 8, Gretchen Clark 9, Mallory Nutt 7, Carlie Pinkelman 2.

### Meridian girls 55 Clay Center 36

**CLAY CENTER** — The Clay Center girls basketball team fell to Meridian 55-36 on Friday night.

Ashley Boman led the

Wildcats with 13 points.

Meridian (6-8) 17 15 15 8—55  
Clay Center (4-13) 6 9 9 12—36

**Meridian (55)**  
Jessie Jordening 6, Amber Hansel 17, Brianne Hofstetter 8, Amanda Hansel 7, Brooke Hofstetter 3, Michelle Dutton 12, Eireason Brockinga 12, Breanna Dutton 2.

**Clay Center (36)**  
Abby Sorensen 9, Stephanie Hoyt 7, Ashley Boman 13, McKayla Vap 2, Jessie Sorensen 5.

### Minden boys 63 Cozad 49

**MINDEN** — The Minden boys basketball team defeated Cozad 63-49 Friday night.

Spencer Choquette led the Whippers with 16 points and Nick Carlson added 10. Gavin Blum led Minden with 17 rebounds in only two quarters of play. He also had eight points in the win.

Cozad (2-12) 8 18 14 9—49  
Minden (13-4) 14 14 12 23—63

**Minden (63)**  
Nic Carlson 10, Spencer Choquette 16, Josh Werner 7, Gavin Blum 8, Jordan Granger 9, Stuart Anderson 1, Wyatt Binderup 2, Dallas Christensen 3, Cody Krull 7.

**Cozad (49)**  
M. Fischer 13, J. Luong 5, L. Fox 9, J. Crick 19, J. Standage 3.

### Shickley boys 58 Rising City 56

**SHICKLEY** — The Shickley

boys basketball team defeated Rising City 58-56 Friday night.

Bret Carlson led the Longhorns with 23 points and Clark Schultz added 17.

Rising City (5-11) 14 22 12 8—56  
Shickley (10-9) 16 17 6 19—58

**Shickley (58)**  
Bret Carlson 23, Clark Schultz 17, Zach Schlegel 6, Sam Polk 4, Bryce Erb 4, Philip Hochstetter 4.

### Exeter-Milligan boys 46 Giltner 27

**GILTNER** — The Exeter-Milligan boys basketball team defeated Giltner 46-27 Friday night.

Brent Jansky led the Timberwolves with 15 points and Marcus Ruhl added 14.

Shay Hinrichs led Giltner with five points.

E-M (11-7) 20 8 7 11—46  
Giltner (5-9) 8 6 6 7—27

**Exeter-Milligan (46)**  
Kelan Walford 3, Marcus Ruhl 14, Josh Sluka 2, Brent Jansky 15, Kyler Sharp 3, Nick Sudria 4, Blake Baller 1, Tanner Gloystein 4.

**Giltner (27)**  
Ben Harmon 4, Justin Happold 3, Colin Cates 2, Nathan Most 3, Derek Kleier 2, Brock Hinrichs 4, Jacob Harmon 2, Shay Hinrichs 5, Thomas Thies 2.

### Rock Hills boys 50 Sylvan Unified 47

**MANKATO, Kan.** — The

Rock Hills boys basketball team defeated Sylvan Unified 50-47 Friday night.

Adam Bader led the Grizzlies with 16 points and Lee Simon added 12.

Sylvan Unified 12 6 8 21—47  
Rock Hills 8 11 12 19—50

**Rock Hills (50)**  
Lee Simon 12, Riley Sholtz 4, Alan Wagner 8, Zane Hesting 3, Michael Tucker 3, Adam Badger 16, Chad Modlin 4.

**Sylvan Unified (47)**  
Z. Hlad 8, Venters 20, Gier 3, Falcon 13, Pounds 3.

### Clay Center boys 72 Meridian 51

**CLAY CENTER** — The Class D-2 No. 4 Clay Center boys basketball team defeated Meridian 72-51 Friday night.

Bryson Studnicka led the Wildcats with 22 points and 12 rebounds. Alex Johnson added 13 points and Nema Koochmariae had 11 in the win.

Meridian (3-13) 5 16 15 15—51  
Clay Center (14-2) 18 15 23 16—72

**Clay Center (72)**  
B.J. Koochmariae 7, Andrew Malone 12, James Martin 4, Nema Koochmariae 11, Bryson Studnicka 22, Alex Johnson 13, A.J. Soliz 3.

**Meridian (51)**  
Andrew Rohr 13, Jonah Jordening 4, Dillon Wolfe 2, David Sommers 2, Reid VanWeston 9, Brent Wolfe 3, Josh Avde 2, Ryson Johnson 16.



GAIL BURTON/AP

Charm City Cakes baker and owner Duff Goldman is shown surrounded by his unique cakes in his workshop Dec. 18, 2006, in Baltimore.

# Excitement real on ‘Ace of Cakes’

**BEN NUCKOLS**  
*The Associated Press*  
**ALTIMORE** — Spend a few hours at Duff Goldman's bakery and it becomes clear the omnipresent Food Network camera crews don't have to manufacture the dramatic tension that fans of his show, "Ace of Cakes," have come to expect. Like Goldman himself, Charm City Cakes, where the ace and his staff produce their fanciful, edible creations, has a relaxed, welcoming vibe. But then crisis intrudes as a \$1,600 cake that once looked like a Scottish castle becomes, well, a pile of crumbling pastry and green icing. It's around noon, and the party that the cake was made for starts at 6 p.m., so the Charm City crew has about five hours to remake it from scratch. Plus, the customer wasn't exactly thrilled with the cake before it collapsed, so she's asked for changes. "This will be a good episode," said Willie Goldman, a co-executive producer of the show and Duff's older brother. Duff Goldman knows that, sometimes, cakes fall apart. He can handle that. But he's taken aback that a

customer isn't happy with a cake that was designed precisely according to a detailed contract. "I would have pulled out my wallet and given her what she paid for the cake," Goldman said. The bakery moves into triage mode, with employees pulled from other projects to help rebuild the castle. As the anxiety subsides, they return to cracking off-color jokes, confident they'll persevere to create a beautiful, exquisitely detailed new cake. With a devilish grin on his face, Goldman tells Richard Karoll, the employee who delivered the first cake and was there to witness its demise, that he's now in the Charm City Cakes records for worst foul-up ever. "You couldn't have planned this to make it more awful," Goldman said. Or make for tastier TV, he could have added. The second season of "Ace of Cakes" debuted Jan. 18 and will run for 13 weeks, airing Thursdays at 9:30 p.m. It's an unusual series for Food Network, because Goldman doesn't teach viewers how to bake cakes. Instead, the show chronicles what Goldman calls "the insanity that ensues" every time he and his

gonzo bakers try to put together a cake that looks like, say, Machu Picchu, or a working soda fountain. "Ace of Cakes," which debuted in August, is Food Network's first "docu-soap" — essentially a reality show with fewer contrivances, said Bob Tuschman, the network's senior vice president for programming. "Our viewers loved it right off the bat. It quickly became one of our top-five shows," Tuschman said. "Duff, I think, is a pretty unique being. He's a brilliant artist and an incredibly talented cake maker, but he's also very funny, outrageous, and he doesn't care what people think about him." With a shaved head and a long, rectangular tuft of hair protruding from his chin, Goldman contrasts with Rachael Ray, Paula Deen and the rest of Food Network's folksy, ingratiating stars. Goldman, 31, is a former graffiti artist and college hockey player. He plays bass guitar in a rock band. He can take a car engine apart and put it back together, and when he's assembling a cake he likes to use power tools. He has also been cooking all his life, and he graduated from the prestigious Culinary Institute of

America. But he wasn't enamored with the hazing process aspiring chefs have to go through. He learned early that in the culinary world, pastries are the path to sanity and serenity. "Here I am rolling out some dough, sipping on a latte that I made myself, chatting up one of the waitresses or whatever, and the guys on the line, all the line cooks, are like, they're burning themselves, they're all stressed out, really just freaking out," Goldman said. "And I'm like, 'I don't think I want that job.'" He made desserts at several prestigious restaurants, but when a wedding cake he made for a friend drew raves, the light bulb went on. Goldman moved back to Baltimore — he had graduated from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, where he studied history and philosophy — and started Charm City Cakes in 2000. Just two years ago, the bakery was still operating out of a rowhouse near the Johns Hopkins University campus, but then "business just blew up," Goldman said. Charm City Cakes relocated to a sprawling space that allowed Goldman to hire more staff. Rather than sifting through the resumes of

culinary school graduates, he recruits local artists, many of them alumni of the Maryland Institute, College of Art. With their variety of skills, they can make a cake that looks like virtually anything. "I've got sculptors on staff, I've got painters on staff, color people on staff," he said. "(Customers) just tell me what they want and I'm like, 'All right.'" Mary Alice Yeskey, the manager of Charm City Cakes and a friend of Goldman's since college, isn't shocked that he found fame. But she wouldn't have pegged him as a celebrity baker. "He's always been a larger-than-life personality. I knew that he wouldn't be able to settle for something mediocre," Yeskey said. "I thought he would be a rising chef, or an abstract artist. This (the show) just sort of happened." But the work has an undeniable appeal: The Ace has always loved cake. "Cake, for me, it's joy in the flesh. It's the physical manifestation of happiness," Goldman said. "I feel it's the most artistic that you can get with food, on a visceral, visual kind of level."

## Conceptis Sudoku

by Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★  
**Sudoku**

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

## FRIDAY'S ANSWERS

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

# 'Lost' can be found again on Wednesday

## TERRY MORROW

Scripps Howard News Service

After three months away, "Lost" can be found again (9 p.m., Wednesday, ABC). The 2007 return launches 16 consecutive new episodes of the island adventure, a scheduling strategy to keep viewers from tuning away. In recent months, "Lost" has weathered complaints from fans about the abundance of repeats through the season. This opener picks up at the same point where "Lost" ended in the fall: Jack (Matthew Fox) is in the operating room, having the villainous Ben exactly where he wants him. Meanwhile, Jack's gamble to get Sawyer and Kate (Josh Holloway and Evangeline Lilly) free hits a geographical snag. Guns are blazing as Sawyer and

Kate try to elude their captors. This week's flashback involves Juliet, the nurse assisting Jack in Ben's procedure. As for how long this particular adventure will play out, co-creator Damon Lindelof says it will be wrapped up shortly. "Jack, Kate and Sawyer's time on The Others' island, on Alcatraz Island, is officially over at the end of episode six as a result of what Jack does," he says. "Now we're spinning back towards the beach community and telling a lot of those stories. It doesn't mean that we are abandoning the other storyline by any stretch of the imagination. It's just we're not committing as much screen time to the telling of that story once we get our hero characters back together." Also, new relationship dynamics will emerge in the

new round of episodes. "The Jack/Juliet relationship is one that's very interesting for us," says executive producer Carlton Cuse, "and also, the Claire/Charlie story is something where there will be some really good additional (material)." Other highlights for the week of Feb. 4-10 (listings subject to change; check local listings): **SUNDAY** ♦ "Super Bowl XLI" (5:25 p.m. CBS). The Colts vs. the Bears, and they'll have nifty commercials, too. ♦ "Criminal Minds" (9 p.m. CBS). James Van Der Beek — that's Dawson from "Dawson's Creek" — is the killer of the week. **MONDAY** ♦ "Montana Sky" (8 p.m. Lifetime). Three half-sisters have to cowboy up when they are forced to work together on their late father's ranch.

♦ "24" (8 p.m. Fox). Jack and his brother's fortunes are reversed. ♦ "Rules of Engagement" (8:30 p.m. CBS). The Tiffany Network's only new midseason show is a dried farce of marriage and relationships starring David Spade. **TUESDAY** ♦ "American Idol" (7 p.m. Fox). Everything's bigger in Texas, especially during the San Antonio auditions. ♦ "Gilmore Girls" (7 p.m. CW). Logan grabs a chopper to be by Rory's side during her time of crisis. **THURSDAY** ♦ "Survivor: Fiji" (7 p.m. CBS). Ho, hum: Another day at the beach.

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## More chances for quick play

Edith Nesbitt said, "It is wonderful how quickly you get used to things, even the most astonishing."

I am no longer astonished at how quickly inexperienced players choose their cards. But it would be wonderful if they worked at a more leisurely pace.

Sit in the South seat. You are in four spades. West leads the heart nine. What would be your plan? Slow down!

South should rebid four spades because a slam is unlikely and he would be giving no further information to the defenders. But hoping North had an ideal hand, South jumped to four clubs, a splinter bid showing his singleton and asking his partner to evaluate given that information. North beat a quick retreat to four spades.

The original South covered with dummy's heart 10 and took East's queen with his ace. He next cashed his two top spades, then led his club. But West, aided by South's revealing rebid, won with his ace and continued with a second heart. The defenders took one club, two hearts and one spade.

Declarer was unlucky, but where did he err?

The heart-nine lead was clearly top-of-nothing — it could not be fourth-highest. So, when East played the heart queen at trick one, South had to let him hold the trick.

East would be forced to shift, perhaps leading his trump. South takes his top spades and plays his club. West wins with his ace and returns a heart, but declarer takes his ace, cashes the ace-king of diamonds, ruffs a diamond on the board, and discards his remaining heart and diamond on the club king-queen.

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

Dealer: South  
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
1 ♠ Pass	2 ♠ Pass		
4 ♣ Pass	4 ♣ All pass		

Opening lead: ♥ 9

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# Bahama islands magnet for celebrities



TIM AYLEN/AP

This April 2006 photo shows a lavish home that occupies both sides of a spit of land on Paradise Island in the Bahamas.

JESSICA ROBERTSON

The Associated Press

**NASSAU, Bahamas** — Actor Johnny Depp bought a rugged private island ringed with white sand off Exuma. Musician Lenny Kravitz snapped up a speck of land in the Eleuthera chain. Sean Connery is ensconced behind high walls on the western tip of New Providence.

The Bahamas, an archipelago of 700 islands strewn across the western Atlantic Ocean, is drawing celebrities seeking sun and a culture that discourages celebrity worship, allowing them to largely avoid autograph seekers while remaining with-

in easy reach of the United States.

"People are happy to meet you, but they don't want to exploit you or want anything from you," actor Nicolas Cage, who owns a home near the capital, Nassau, and an island off Exuma, told The Associated Press. "It's nice to be able to ... take a walk on the beach and not have to worry about having your picture taken."

Offering favorable tax and residency laws, the government of the former British colony is encouraging the wealthy to come and take a look.

Any foreigner who purchases a home worth at least \$500,000 can become eligible for perma-

nent residency — an incentive for jet-setters seeking to come and go with minimum hassle. Another inducement is that the Bahamas has no tax on income, capital gains or inheritances.

Other stars who own Bahamas getaways include Shakira, Michael Jordan, John Travolta, David Copperfield, Faith Hill and Tim McGraw, Sean "Diddy" Combs and former tennis great Jim Courier.

The interest of celebrities has boosted already high real estate prices in a country where home prices are largely out of reach of locals and has prompted fears of overdevelopment.

## The New York Times Crossword Puzzle

HAVING PULL By VICTOR FLEMING AND BRUCE VENZKE/ EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

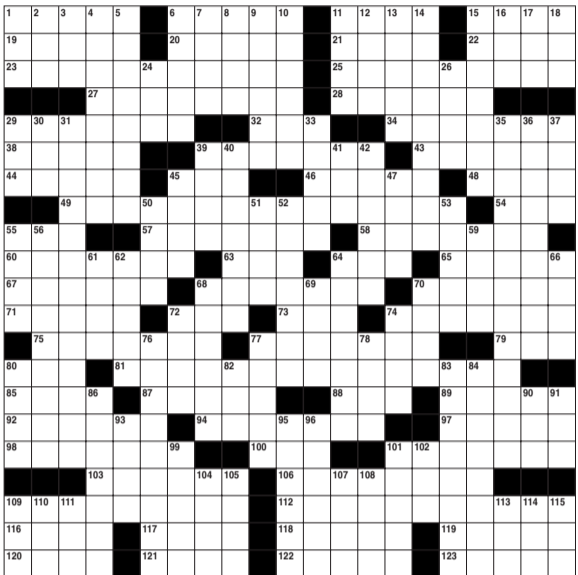
### ACROSS

- 1 Shoots  
6 Wicker willow  
11 Bee Gees brother  
15 Cry from a butterfingers  
19 Words sung "with love" in a 1967 hit  
20 Band of fighters  
21 \_\_\_ vez (again, in Spanish)  
22 "Fudge!"  
23 They may be pulled  
25 It may be pulled  
27 Visibly showed displeasure with  
28 "Falstaff" and others  
29 Contest of wills?  
32 Member of the familia  
34 Lady from Ipanema  
38 Neutral shade  
39 Half of a 1970s TV duo  
43 Traveled (along)  
44 Cookout staple  
45 \_\_\_-mo  
46 Goethe play  
48 Cusp  
49 One may be pulled  
54 Scripture topic  
55 Mil. mail drop  
57 Appeared  
58 Roasted snacks  
60 Lincoln, maybe  
63 Hibernation site  
64 Water holder  
65 Select group  
67 Bank holdings  
68 They may be pulled  
70 Place for a beer and a bite  
71 Stu of early TV  
72 Dandy  
73 She-demon  
74 Like some Roman tragedies

- 75 Feature of many a hospital rooftop  
77 Saw-edged  
79 Day divs.  
80 "\_\_\_ see"  
81 It may be pulled  
85 Blockheads  
87 Half of a 1980s TV duo  
88 Sot's affliction  
89 Lyndon Johnson, by birth  
92 Fireplace receptacle  
94 Brandy glass  
97 Some jackets  
98 Women's apparel department  
100 "Count me out"  
101 Convertibles  
103 Fundamental figure in geometry  
106 Tiger Beat topic  
109 It may be pulled  
112 They may be pulled  
116 Pizazz  
117 Always  
118 Syrian leader  
119 Grasshopper stage  
120 Arab League member  
121 Break off  
122 Content of some rings  
123 Far from enthusiastic

### DOWN

- 1 Place to sell tkts.  
2 Campaign pro  
3 Immigrant's class: Abbr.  
4 A hummingbird has a fast one  
5 Country that styles itself a "democratic socialist republic"  
6 Yellowish shade  
7 Fill  
8 Fingering, briefly  
9 Text miscues  
10 Not let settle  
11 Kind of dancer  
12 "Live \_\_\_!"  
13 Highland hillsides  
14 Hair clasps  
15 Worthless loafer?  
16 Sch. in Tulsa  
17 Stroke  
18 Dump  
24 Hood's rod  
26 Linda of soaps  
29 Abbr. of politeness  
30 Gradually slower, in mus.  
31 It may be pulled  
33 \_\_\_ as a fiddle  
35 It may be pulled  
36 University official  
37 Gulf of \_\_\_, off the Horn of Africa  
39 Diet  
40 Worked out  
41 "Krazy \_\_\_"  
42 Desert bloomers  
45 Chinese checkers board shape  
47 Counterfeit  
50 Some VCR's  
51 Pushes off  
52 They may be pulled  
53 Köln's river  
55 "Look \_\_\_!"  
56 Oliver Twist's birthplace  
59 Besides that  
61 Pulitzer-winning writer  
62 Diogenes, for one  
64 Put down  
66 Major stretches  
68 Posers  
69 Prix de \_\_\_ de Triomphe (annual Paris horse race)  
70 Kick



- 72 Strike out  
74 Marie and others: Abbr.  
76 Pilot, flight attendants, etc.  
77 Lager holder  
78 Observatory observer: Abbr.  
80 Sharp rebuke  
82 Diarist Anaïs  
83 "Aha!"  
84 1962 musical co-directed by Bob Fosse  
86 Secretly watched  
90 Econ. measure  
91 C.I.A. ancestor  
93 Swift's "A Tale of \_\_\_"  
95 Mullahs' calls  
96 Basic belief  
99 Freedman, once  
101 \_\_\_ Janeiro  
102 Naval V.I.P.  
104 Furniture retailer since 1943

- 105 Laura of "I Am Sam"  
107 Petrol brand  
108 Sask. neighbor  
109 "Deadwood" carrier  
110 Tentacle  
111 Actress Long  
113 Literary monogram  
114 \_\_\_ Friday's  
115 Brick holder

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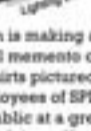
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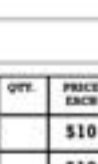


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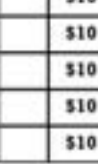
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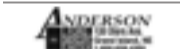
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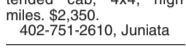
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## No snow days on the farm

I didn't want to go outside to go to work. It was cold, and I mean really cold, dark and snowing. I decided it was a perfect day for a snow day.

"That's great," my husband Daryl said. "You can go out and deal with chores."

"What chores?" I asked. "It's cold and snowy and dark out. Those cows will be fine."

The cows would not be fine, I was told. Although farm animals are designed to live outdoors, they can't survive our winters without our help. They need to have protection from the wind, and if it snows enough, they can't always get through the snow drifts to get to food or water.

"I remember once when I was in high school and it snowed and the wind blew," he said. "My dad and I had to scoop a path through the snow drifts that were over our heads just for the cows. They couldn't, or wouldn't, go through the drifts to get to the hay we put out for them."

He showed me a newspaper photo of cows after one of the recent snowstorms in Colorado. "Just look at those cows," he said.

I looked, and immediately felt bad. The poor cows were coated with snow. They could have been black or red cows, but all I could really see was that they had black noses and dark eyes. They looked liked they were covered with wool blankets, but it was snow. They had to be cold. Even the little calves had their own snow blankets. I shivered just to look at them.

"So, we have to monitor the snow fall and make sure the cows can get to the feed," Daryl said.

I could see that. I looked outside. Luckily, we only had about an inch. I wouldn't have to worry about that for a few hours.

"No, but the cows need feed," he said.

"They have hay, don't they?" I asked.

He just shook his head at me. Yes, they had hay, but it doesn't take long for cows to eat a bale of hay, and hay just doesn't get into the feeder by itself. It had to be monitored and bales added as needed.

"But they have enough for today, right?" I asked.

He shrugged. "Maybe, but you still have to go out and make sure they have water," he said.

I groaned. Since it was snowing, that meant the pond would be frozen. If we couldn't break the ice on the pond, we would have to haul the hose out of the basement and fill the stock tank from the hydrant. It was not fun.

Once the stock tank is full, we have to keep that water from freezing before the cows are done drinking. The ice can be broken, but once the tank is frozen, it's frozen.

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**Denise Andersen**

## PW Eagle merger deal moving forward

**JOHN HUTHMACHER**  
johnh@hastingstribune.com

With the announcement of its definitive merger agreement with J-M Manufacturing last week, PW Eagle will now begin the process of sorting out how that agreement will affect its 12 plants in eight states, including its founding location in Hastings.

Headquartered in Livingston, N.J., J-M Manufacturing will acquire all of the outstanding common shares of PW Eagle for \$33.50 per share, according to a company news release. The transition represents an implied total equity value of about \$400

million for the manufacturers of plastic pipe, fittings and tubing products.

Jerry Dukes, president and CEO of PW Eagle, said that the full impact of the merger on his company is still uncertain. How or if it will affect the company's day-to-day operations and 1,200 employees will likely be more clear 60-90 days down the road, he said.

"Being a public company, you can imagine there's quite a bit of work that has to be done," Dukes said. "We have to get shareholder approval and have to get approval through the FTC (Federal Trade Commission), so

these things take time. It's too early to tell what changes might take place at the business or that sort of thing."

Established in Hastings in 1993, the local PW Eagle plant employs about 150 employees, he said.

What is certain is that the merger will give the company a broader geographic reach throughout North America. Formed in 1982, J-M Manufacturing operates 14 plants across the country.

"It's just going to give us a much better opportunity to service our customers in terms of the products the companies

manufacture and the geographies that we service," Dukes said. "We're just going to be able to service our customers in a lot more complete fashion. I think that's probably the most important thing to be gained."

The merger was the brainchild of a strategic committee put in place at PW Eagle in May of 2006, Dukes said.

"We seated a new board back in May and the board established a strategic committee that began the work of evaluating alternatives that were available to the company," he said. "This was one of those alternatives."

Dukes anticipates employees will also benefit from the merger.

"It's going to be a much larger company," he said, "and larger companies can provide more opportunities for employees."

The transaction is expected to be completed during the second quarter of 2007, subject to customary closing conditions, including the receipt of regulatory approvals and approval by PW Eagle's shareholders.

Information on the merger is available online at [www.pweagleinc.com](http://www.pweagleinc.com) or by calling PW Eagle's investor relations manager at (541) 343-0200.



**BRENT McCOWN**/  
*Tribune*

**Left: Manager Jill Hinrichs relays an addition to a customer's order Thursday morning at Barista's Daily Grind in Hastings. Below: A vehicle exits the drive through of the Barista's Daily Grind at Highway 281 and Kansas Avenue Thursday morning.**

## Still grindin' it out

**HASTINGS BARISTA'S  
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FRANCHISE WOES**

**JOHN HUTHMACHER**  
johnh@hastingstribune.com

Despite the recently published financial woes of its two corporate locations in Kearney, business at Barista's Daily Grind in Hastings has never been better, the owner said this week.

A story in the Jan. 23 edition of the Kearney Hub painted a grim picture of the coffee company's financial situation, which reportedly stems from a faulty disclosure agreement drafted for

the company that cost owners Cathy Mettenbrink and Steve Sickler \$252,000 in fines alone. While the matter is being settled through litigation, the company has reportedly lost an estimated \$10 million dollars revenue from its inability to complete deals with 16 new franchise operations.

There are currently 21 Barista's franchises in seven states. With the exception of the two Kearney locations, all are independently owned and operated.

Susan Overmiller opened the Hastings location in December 2003.

"I just want the people of Hastings to be assured that this in no way affects our business," she said. "My understanding is that we were the first



franchise that they sold and my documents are correct. When they reached a certain amount of franchises sold,

they needed to include something more in the disclosure statement."

*Please see GRIND/page E2*

## 95 million reasons for lobbying reform

By Capitol Hill standards, \$95.5 million is chicken feed; but even chicken feed has a purpose: fatter broilers, happier hens, more eggs.

In 2005, agribusiness spent \$95,469,961 on high-protein feed — lobbying money — to influence Congress on everything from halting global warming legislation to pushing crop disaster relief caused by

global warming.

Now, however, this money-fueled merry-go-around promises to slow as both the U.S. House and Senate recently passed versions of lobbying reform. Each hopes to throttle an influence machine that has spun out of control.

According to public data, the number of lobbyists working Washington, D.C., has doubled since 2000; now more 34,750



**Alan Guebert**

spent on D.C. lobbying in 2005. The incredible sum means

they trade in the nation's capital. In 2005, according to the nonpartisan, nonprofit Center for Responsive Politics, \$2.28 billion was

spent on D.C. lobbying in 2005. The incredible sum means

lobbyists spent \$6.25 million every day of 2005 to influence your government and your representatives, or an unfathomable \$4.26 million per senator and congressman.

If the money — which, according to the nonprofit, nonpartisan Center for Public Integrity, also paid for at least 23,000 trips taken by lawmakers and their aides since 2000 — is viewed as an investment,

it was cash well spent.

For example, the number of earmarks, those money-dripping "special projects" slipped into most federal spending measures by most reps, rose from 6,114 in 2000 to 14,211 in 2004. The cost climbed also, from \$38 billion to \$52.7 billion, according to the government's own Congressional Research Service (CRS).

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## Your turn

**Are you planning to watch Super Bowl XLI?**

**Jenna Jorgensen, Hastings**

"Maybe. The only reason why I would is to watch the commercials. And the only reason I won't if something better comes up and that's almost anything."



**Clinton Wemhoff, Grand Island**

"Yes, because it's the Super Bowl and I watch it every year."



**Zach Boyd, Hastings**

"No, because I don't care."



**Justin Schellhorn, Hastings**

"No I'm not watching the Super Bowl because foos-ball is the devil."



**Maddy Mayer, Nebraska City**

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## Hebron GM dealer to close

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**H**EBRON — Residents here are going to have to travel a little farther to purchase a new General Motors vehicle.

After 38 years in business, Ken-Boy Motors is closing the doors at its location on the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Second Street. A dealership has operated at that address since 1949.

Manager Ray Henning sees the closure as another example of outmigration from rural Nebraska.

"We lost population and didn't get it back," he said. "That would not terminate us instantly, but we don't have as many baptisms as we do funerals."

The dealership made the decision to close since it was having trouble meeting obligations and was losing too much money.

He said Ken-Boy had not been profitable for a year.

"You've got to be profitable or the end doesn't justify the means," man-

ager Ray Henning said.

General Motors reviews dealerships' marketability on a regular basis. Ken-Boy received its first negative analysis in 1992.

"They're probably suprised we lasted this long," Henning said. "They probably don't understand rural Nebraska, either. I think we've done as good as anybody."

Lorence Henning, the late husband of owner Ramona Henning, partnered with Pat Boyer to purchase the Chevrolet-Oldsmobile dealership from Howard Burnett in 1968.

The dealership's name is a combination of the two owners' last names.

Local residents are wondering what they are going to do, Ken Hofts said.

"It's a feeling of shock and desperation," Henning said. "Where am I going to go to get my car fixed?"

With the exception of 74-year-old parts man Corwin Powell, all Ken-Boy employees have found jobs.

There are still five used vehicles for sale at Ken-Boy. Its final new car was sold last week.

Ken-Boy employees will do what they can to take care of local customers, Hofts said.

Hofts, who has worked at Ken-Boy for 35 years, will go to work at the Melton Motor Co., 25 miles away in Belleville Kan.

Henning, who has worked there for 40 years will work at Friesen Chevrolet Inc., in Sutton.

Riverside, in Fairbury, is the dealership closest to Hebron on the east.

Both Henning and Hofts plan to continue living in Hebron.

The dealership will continue to service cars through February, and he and Henning will be there until probably the middle of March, shipping equipment back to General Motors.

This gives Kenning more time to visit her 11 grandchildren and complete the paperwork on her estate of her late mother.

"I guess I'm going to catch up things I haven't gotten done," Kenning said.

At the moment, she said, she doesn't have any plans for the building.

## State

**RV PLANT CLOSING**  
**YORK** — Chief Industries will be closing its King of the Road plant and leave the manufacture of recreational vehicles to others.

Chief blamed consolidation in the RV industry and the sales hit hard by the high price of fuel.

Chief, which is based in

Grand Island, said about half of the 53 employees at King of the Road will be transferred to other Chief operations. The remainder will be out of a job.

King of the Road began in 1983 and set up in Russell, Kan. It moved to York in 2000 and at one time employed as many as 130 people.

*The Associated Press*

## Andersen: No snow days on farm

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"Even if they have water," my husband continued, "you have to check to make sure that no cows are calving. We don't want any calves born into a snowdrift."

I agreed that was a bad way to come into the world.

What it came down to is that for farmers and ranchers, there is no such thing as a snow day. Our animals are valuable and must be cared for no matter what the weather. If that makes

it uncomfortable for us, then that's the way it has to be

I shivered just thinking about it, but went and got my coat anyway. I still wouldn't have to drive in the snow and I could watch a movie and eat popcorn in between trips outside. After all, the cows were depending on me.

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## Grind: Franchise woes won't affect Barista's

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According to the Hub article, the rewritten disclosure agreement violated 19 of 22 sections required by the Federal Trade Commission. Unless an agreement is reached, the two Kearney Barista's stores are scheduled to be sold at a trustee sale at 10 a.m. March 6 at Buffalo County Courthouse.

Whether the pending sale proceeds will have no bearing on operations in Hastings, however, Overmiller said.

"Of course, all of us are saddened by Cathy and Steve having to go through what they're going through," she said, "but

we all have hope that it will be settled because they have such a strong business there in Kearney."

Overmiller said her store does not rely on Barista's corporate stores for product distribution. Its coffee and tea products are purchased from an out-of-state roaster, while its printed materials and cups are supplied by Cash-Wa Distributing in Kearney, she said.

Should the two Kearney stores be sold, Overmiller said her store would continue business as usual.

"We will still be able to get product," she said.

## Guebert: 95 million reasons for lobbying reform

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Ag lobbyists, like every other lobbyist, belied up to the trough, too. The number and cost of earmarks for U.S. Department of Agriculture money rose from 359 and \$271.2 million in 2000 to 704 and \$500.5 million in 2004. (Total federal spending rose nearly as fast, up 30 percent over the same period.)

And, too, the big ag players, like all lobbyists, spent big bucks.

According to data collected under federal reporting laws and analyzed by the Center for Responsive Politics (CRP), the American Farm Bureau Federation spent \$7.9 million lobbying Capitol Hill and federal agencies in 2005; the National Farmers Union spent \$1 million.

Other commodity groups, according to CRP findings, spent varying sums in 2005: the National Cattlemen's Beef

Association, \$420,370; the National Pork Producers Council, \$404,125; the National Corn Growers, \$550,000; the American Soybean Association, \$370,000; the National Association of Wheat Growers, \$120,000.

Agbiz was in there pitching, too: Dean Foods, \$1.6 million; Dairy Farmers of America, \$620,000; Tyson Foods, \$1.08 million; Monsanto Co., \$3.04 million; Smithfield Foods, \$880,000; Crop Life of America, \$1.9 million; Syngenta, \$960,000.

"Plain and simple," says Tom Buis, National Farmers Union former lobbyist, now its president, "over the last five or six years there's been more check-book influence on Capitol Hill than people influence. Lobbying reform is long overdue."

Mary Kay Thatcher, one of Farm Bureau's dozen or more

Washington lobbyists, agrees but sees "lobbying reform affecting us" — nonprofits like the major farm and commodity groups — "less than the for-profits," such as agbiz.

"We don't wine and dine Hill people like they do," she explains: "our strengths are grassroots members and issues-to-the-forefront. The reforms will likely enhance face-to-face, issue-directed lobbying like ours."

Independent lobbying watchers agree; hard facts and sincere faces will become more influential than rare steaks and even rarer Scotch.

"Breaking the corrupting influence of lobbyist money is crucial for better government," relates Craig Holman of Public Citizen, "because you'll never have one without the other."

Lobbying reform, says Alex Knot of the Center for Public Integrity, is even more important than campaign finance reform because, "Typically, two times more money is spent on lobbying than on campaigns."

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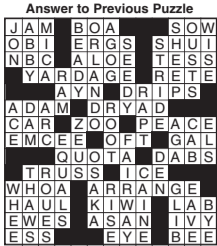
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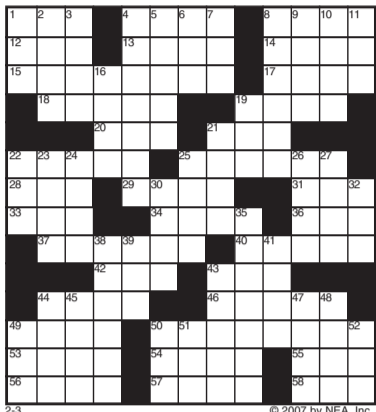
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Astrograph

SUNDAY, FEB. 4

Your possibilities for generating additional income from sources other than your usual ones appear promising. Look into supplemental ways to add to your holdings, which could prove profitable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Try not to make any suggestions to friends as to how they should handle their financial affairs. If your tips prove unfruitful, it could be more harmful to them than you could imagine.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Should an opinion about which you feel strongly not be too popular among your companions, don't be stupid about imposing your views on a hostile audience. You'll lose favor with friends.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you're feeling slightly sluggish lately, perhaps it is time to get that needed exercise you've been neglecting. The longer you put it off, the more difficult it will be to get back in shape.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Overindulgence of any kind — financial, physical or where food and drink are concerned — is apt to be a difficult inclination to control. Get your back up and be disciplined.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Inviting a guest over to your place without checking to see what your spouse's plans are could evoke a chilly reception. Don't assume everybody wants what you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Someone might supply you with some juicy information, but unless you can substantiate it as fact, don't pass it on. If it turns out to be a nasty lie, you could be blamed as a contributor.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It might not be wise to go shopping, because this could turn out to be one of those days when you're not too adroit at managing your funds and even less capable of handling another's.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll be doing yourself a disservice if you try to impress someone merely because you think this person is important. If another doesn't accept you as you are, it's his or her loss — not yours.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Resist temptations to embellish a story more than you should just to make others sit up and take notice. They'll pay attention, all right, but it's more likely to be of your pretense and phoniness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Unless you're careful and not drawn into someone else's plans, the larger portion of expenses you incur will be because of others' needs and not your own. Be prudent with your funds.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't wait on others to come to your assistance before you think you can start anything. Actually, you'll be far more effective acting on your own than doing things another's way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be very careful about telling little white lies, no matter the reason. You might have to tell a larger fib just to cover your tracks later, and your memory might not be up to the task.

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MONDAY, FEB. 5

There are many indications your financial indicators will be trending upward. However, there are also signs you could be sluggish in capitalizing on your opportunities. Make hay while the sun shines.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be careful about those with whom you select to spend your day. There are signs you could choose a companion who'll do something underhanded and cause you to be accused of complicity.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You're not one who always needs to set the goals of the day, but take care not to entrust that assignment to someone whose aims aren't in harmony with yours. It'll be a bummer.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Expect problems with co-workers, especially if you are hypercritical of their efforts and overly insistent they do everything your way. They'll be more efficient doing things their own way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Someone who is indebted to you will find ways to avoid you, especially if you attempt to pressure him or her. If you're tactful, this person will be more apt to try harder to find the means.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Should you have to make a hard decision that would affect you and another, make sure you let this individual know you are considering his or her interests, along with your own.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Those over whom you have some authority will mirror the work example you set. So if you want to get more out of them, don't let them perceive you as being indifferent and inactive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Unless you make a diligent effort to be proficient in the handling of your resources or those of others, you're apt to be chastised for losses you incur. Be prepared to take some heat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Guard against inclinations to overreact to unexpected frustrations. If you blow small infractions way out of proportion, you'll make matters far worse.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Without having tolerance, you might expect more from persons than capabilities warrant. And when they can't deliver, you end up getting angry. You'll be your own worst enemy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You have a tendency of being overly generous at times, which is fine. But you may reward the undeserving and ignore one who warrants kindness. It's a formula for hurting someone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You might want to reevaluate your objectives, because the very goals you go after at this time aren't apt to gratify your needs once they are attained. Apply your efforts to essentials.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't suffer in silence should something disturbing occur. Bring it out into the open with those involved, where it can be discussed and resolved to everyone's satisfaction.

Son extends his hand in hopes of a handout

DEAR ABBY: My son recently got in touch with me after almost four years of absolutely no contact. We had a falling-out years back, and neither of us could seem to put things behind us at the time and move on.

His mother (my wife) died 3 1/2 years ago, and he barely made it back for the funeral.

He called after all this time to ask me for money. It seems he has fallen on hard times and needs my support. I am not sure I am in a position financially to help him, as I am nearing retirement and concerned about my own expenses. I also feel a little resentful that after all this time, the only reason he called was for money.

I'm afraid if I don't help him, I will lose him forever. But should I give him money as a way to keep him in my life? I am torn about the situation. I want to be a good father and help my son, but what does that mean? — UNSURE IN NEW YORK

DEAR UNSURE: If your son is without a job, help him find one if you can. But do not jeopardize your retirement.

Much as one might wish it, money can't buy love. Until you and your son iron out what went wrong in your relationship, such an investment would not bring you the return you are looking for.

UNCOMFORTABLE WITH IN-LAWS' VISITS

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for three years and had our first child 10 months ago. The problem is, his parents want to come and visit us at least once a month. They live six hours away.

It wouldn't be so bad, except our house is very small and has only one bathroom. It's very uncomfortable to share a bathroom with your in-laws. My husband doesn't see my point of view. He believes I am just being hateful and do not like his parents! I don't know what to do. I just can't take these monthly visits much longer. Please help me. — TRAPPED IN ATLANTA

DEAR TRAPPED: If you do not stand up for yourself now, this could continue until your child is in college. It's time for a frank chat with your mother-in-law. Tell her that while you love her and welcome her and "Dad's" involvement with the grandbaby, you would all be more comfortable if they stayed in a nearby hotel/motel.

P.S. Of course, the same rule should apply to your parents when they come to visit.

WANTS TO GET ALONG WITH STEP-SISTER

DEAR ABBY: How do you make yourself like somebody if you don't like them, but want to like them?

Here's the situation. I am 15 and have a stepsister the same age. We have been stepsisters for two years. We have never gotten along and have never liked each other. Usually, when you won't like somebody you can just avoid the person, but we have to be together and share a room every other weekend when I go to my dad's for visitation, and it would be a lot nicer if we liked each other.

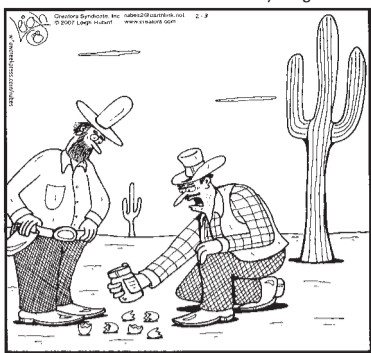
It's not that either of us is a bad person — it's more of a personality conflict. How can I get myself to like her and get her to like me? — KANSAS CITY STEPSISTER

DEAR STEPSISTER: You are asking about the art of diplomacy and negotiation. Here's how it works. First, you find something the two of you can agree on. (Example: I love my father. You love your mother. We both want them to be happy, don't we?) And work from there. Anything you can agree on, you take off the table. What you can't agree on, try to compromise. This takes practice, but it is a valuable tool once you master it and will serve you well all your life.

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Rubes

By Leigh Rubin



"The cracked shells, the hollandaise sauce ... No doubt about it, Leroy, this is definitely the work of poachers."

The Family Circus

By Bill Keane



"My favorite flavor of cake is birthday."

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By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



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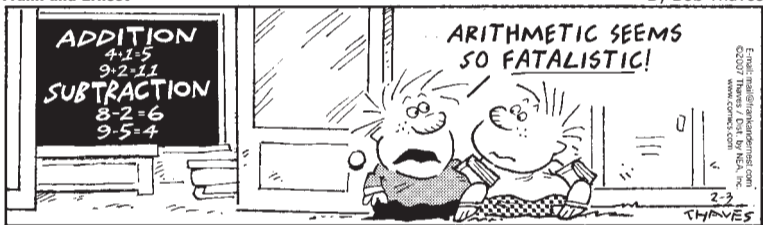
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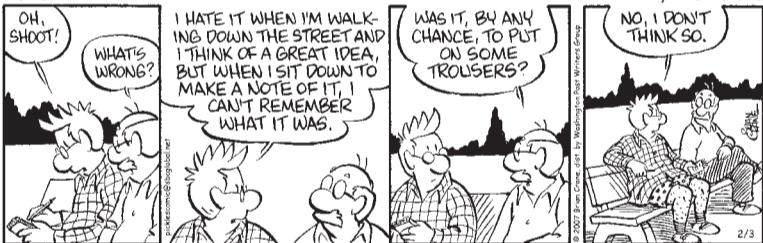
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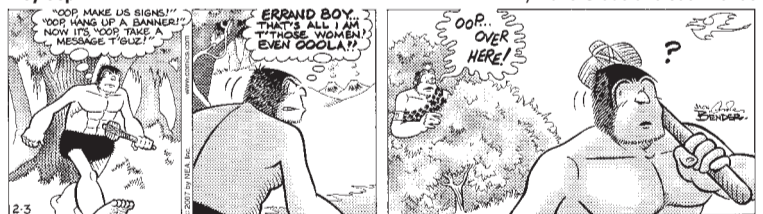
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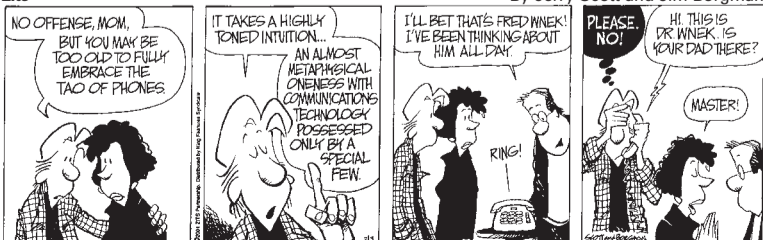
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Zits

By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



Doug TenNapel  
uses cartoons  
to create bridge

Doug TenNapel isn't your ordinary guy who doodles on the church bulletin when the sermon gets boring.

The Eisner Award-winning cartoonist scribbles in his daily calendar, creating a bridge from the pew to his studio. The result is a pocket universe of character sketches, strange movie ideas and graphic "plot wheels" in which he works out the twists and turns in his stories.

These days, swarms of Kid Elves on flying logs bump into sketches of Bigfoot, next to rough ideas for a violent, at times profane, graphic novel that TenNapel is creating about crime bosses, invading aliens and an inquisitive priest.

"I can write 10 of these stories a year, but I only have time to draw one," he said. "When I see these things in my head, it's like I'm watching movies. ... But in the past they've been too far out for Hollywood."

TenNapel is a cult figure with online fanboys who admire his work in cartoons, video games, television and, especially, his book-length graphic novels with complex plots and images that resemble movie storyboards. But things will change if "Creature Tech" reaches movie theaters.

What is the graphic novel about? Publishers Weekly said: "It's the story of the battle between the abrasive good-guy scientist Dr. Ong and the resurrected Dr. Jameson, a malevolent 19th-century occultist-mad scientist who sought to rule the world. Ong ... returns to his hometown after being appointed to direct a research facility locals call Creature Tech. There he opens a crate housing the Shroud of Turin. Things get complicated when the ghost of Jameson ... steals the shroud, resurrects his own body and resumes trying to take over the world with the help of an army of conjured hellcats and a gigantic space eel."

There's more. Ong is also a seminary dropout and his father is a pastor who used to be a scientist. Then there's the 7-foot mantis the U.S. government sends as a security team and the symbiotic alien parasite that clamps onto the hero's chest and, strangely enough, makes him a better person.

This is a normal TenNapel plot. It helps to understand that he grew up in rural Turlock, Calif., in a home that, during his childhood years, contained many religious influences — from atheism to evangelicalism. He studied art at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego and eventually took a TV animation job with "The Attack of the Killer Tomatoes."

Then he moved into video games, leading to his 1994 hit "Earthworm Jim." Two years later, Steven Spielberg hired him to create the "Neverhood" games for Dreamworks. TenNapel was a digital success, but he also spiraled into burnout. Then, in 2002, he created "Creature Tech."

The key moment came when the blogger called "Moriarty" posted the following at the Ain't It Cool (aintitcool.com) site for film insiders. "There's no doubt. It's weird. ... It's also very funny, profoundly sweet and heartfelt, touching in a strange way, and serious about concepts like faith and family without being in any way preachy or corny," he wrote. "Simply put, 'Creature Tech' is the best American animated film since 'The Iron Giant.' ... Better than anything from any studio. ... It's a movie that just happens to be in print."

Within minutes, studios started calling his agent. Regency Enterprises and 20th Century Fox won the bidding war and early work began on a live-action movie.

Part of the challenge, admitted TenNapel, is capturing his blend of fantasy and Christian faith. Some critics wish he would quit weaving sin, redemption, politics and science into his plots. Then there are church people who think he should be drawing evangelistic, "Christian comics" and avoiding his occasional blasts of sci-fi potty humor.

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Terry Mattingly

Armed  
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FORMER ARMY  
CHAPLAIN ASSUMES  
SENIOR PASTOR ROLE  
AT ST. MARK'S

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After calling 13 different military bases home during his 20-year stint as a U.S. Army chaplain, the Rev. Bob Neske is looking forward to making St. Mark's Episcopal Pro-Cathedral his new address for the long haul.

Neske, 59, was named dean of the 300-member congregation in November. He replaces the Very Rev. Richard Martindale, who served the church for seven years.

"Unless someone knows something I don't, my hope is to stay here for a good amount of time," Neske said. "I like the people. I've really enjoyed getting to know them."

A native of New Jersey, he became an Episcopalian priest six months after being ordained a deacon at General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church in New York City in 1972.

Now retired from the military, his tours of duty included stops in Kuwait, Panama, El Salvador, Honduras, South Carolina, Texas, North Carolina, Louisiana, and wherever else duty called. His final assignment, which ended in November, was at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., about 11 miles from the Mexico border.

"It's a very different kind of ministry," he said of his military experience. "The way the army does ministry, we were always

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St. Mark's Episcopal Pro-Cathedral senior pastor Bob Neske poses in the sanctuary Tuesday.

Alma woman makes CD with help from above

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ALMA — A secret trip and her mother's favorite gospel hymn garnered a top Nashville music producer and a compact disc for Cindy Boehler.



Boehler

"It usually takes a year or longer to produce a CD like this," the Alma resident said. "This one, from start to finish, only took about five months."

Boehler, 46, credits God and her parents for her ability to sing. She assigns credit for her luck in getting Steve Ivey as her producer and the Jordanares as the backup singers on her first CD to God, as well.

"I picked up an album at Walmart produced by him," Boehler said. "It was both gospel and bluegrass. I liked it. I e-mailed him to tell him so."

Boehler said she didn't really expect a response to her e-mail — but respond Ivey did. They corresponded a bit, and once Ivey found out she is a writer-musician, he kept after her to send him a tape of some of her songs.

"I kept blowing him off," Boehler said. "I figured he might be disreputable. He finally said if you won't send me the tape will you come down here? I said that I can do."

Boehler said she discussed the trip with her husband J.J., her best friend and one other person, but no one else — not even her mother. She did, however, ask her mother what her favorite gospel hymn is. As it happens, it's "Just A Closer Walk With Thee," as performed by the late Patsy Cline with back-up by the Jordanares.

Boehler said her visit with Ivey was supposed to be just one afternoon, but that after meeting with him, playing her tape, and singing for him, he signed

her that very day. She stayed over and met Michael Black of the Jordanares the next day.

"I'm really fortunate," Boehler said. "I've been able to meet some Hall of Fame stars like Whispering Bill Anderson. He even asked me for one of my CDs. That was a big honor. I've met and become friends with the Jordanares. They have been so gracious and kind."

Boehler said she chose to make her first CD all gospel music to thank her mother, but mostly to thank God.

First, she said, God gave her a mother who went to a post-high school music school in St. Louis, then kept music at the forefront of her children's lives.

Their father too, was musical, having played trumpet in the U.S. Army and being blessed with a wonderful singing voice.

She and her siblings — two brothers and one sister — all are musically inclined. Boehler sang in junior choir and choir at church and played in band in high school. She did write one song in high school, but her strongest memory is of walking home one afternoon after school in the springtime, singing.

"I was walking along the road, the

breeze blowing, singing about this boy I had a real crush on," Boehler said. "I don't even remember what I sang. I was just pouring my heart out in song."

When she married and she and J.J. began their family, Boehler put her music on the back burner. It wasn't until the last few years that she again took up the dream.

For a time, she operated a DJ business in the area. She also occasionally sings in the choir at Peace Lutheran Church in Alma.

"My voice is a bit lower than most women's voices, so I don't do it very often," Boehler said. "I can't hit the high notes, but I can't go low enough to sing the tenor parts, either. I hear perfect pitch, but I cannot reproduce perfect pitch. Fortunately, now they can fix such problems electronically rather than re-record them, if they aren't too bad."

Boehler said she was planning another CD and also was planning to write more songs, both lyrics and music. While her first CD is strictly gospel and is dedicated to her mother, she said, her second CD will be in the bluegrass genre.

Please see CD/page E5

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Engagements

DWORAK-BATEMAN

Harry and Pat Dworak of Hastings announce the engagement of their daughter, Jillian Suzanne Dworak, to Andrew Woodcock Bateman, son of Larry and Ann Bateman of Longboat Key, Florida.

A March 3 wedding is planned at St. Clement's Catholic Church in Chicago, Illinois.

Miss Dworak is a 1996 graduate of St. Cecilia High School. She attended UNL and is a 2002 graduate from Creighton University in Omaha with a Clinical Doctorate in Occupational Therapy. She is a Clinical Research Coordinator at Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, IL.

Bateman is a 1989 graduate of Cary-Grove High School in Cary, IL, a 1994 graduate from



the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, received his masters from the National Technological University in Colorado and is currently attending Chicago-Kent College of Law in Illinois. He is employed by McAndrews, Held and Malloy Law Firm in Chicago.

PONTINE-THOMSON

Sara (Sadi) Winter Thomson and Rodney William Pontine, both of Hastings, announce their plans for an April 21, 2007 wedding at Evangelical Free Church in Hastings.

Parents of the couple are Barry and Peggy Thomson of South Bend, NE and Bob and Sue Pontine of Hastings.

Miss Thomson is a graduate of Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Deaf Education. She also attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and graduated with her Masters Degree in Special Education. She is currently employed by Educational Service Unit #9 as a deaf educator and a sign language instructor at Central Community College.

Mr. Pontine is a graduate of



Hastings College with a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Psychology and Human Resource Management. He currently owns and operates Pontine Enterprises LLC, a lawn care, snow removal, and limousine business in Hastings.

DEMUTH-GLORE

Jerry and Kay DeMuth of Ayer, and Max and Lorrie Anderson of Juniata, take great pleasure in the announcement of the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Jocelyn DeMuth to Nick Glore, son of Tim and Terry Glore of Crystal City, MO.

Both Jocelyn and Nick will graduate May 3, 2007 from Central Bible College with a degree in Children's Ministry. A June 23, 2007 wedding is planned at Park Crest Assembly of God



Church in Springfield, MO.

Laborious commute

The Associated Press

**SEATTLE** — If you think rush-hour traffic is frustrating, imagine what it was like for three women who gave birth in their vehicles because they couldn't make it to the hospital along clogged Interstate 5.

Two little girls entered the world during the morning commute in as many days this week, and a boy was born along the north-south artery on Jan. 5.

"We simply attribute it to coincidence," State Patrol Trooper Jeffery L. Merrill said. "Who wants to have their baby in their car on the freeway?"

On Tuesday, Trooper Chad Williams was parked on an off-ramp in the city's south end when a Toyota 4Runner stopped and a frantic Magin Rodriguez leaped out, forming the shape of a pregnant belly with his hands and gesturing toward the passenger door.

Williams got to the sport utility vehicle just in time to greet the arrival of 7-pound, 7-ounce Alexa, whom he placed in the lap of her mother, Wendy Meza-Jimenez. He called for emergency medical aid and mother and daughter were reported in

good condition that evening at a nearby hospital.

A day earlier, Liz Kirkman and her husband Brian got caught in a rush-hour slowdown while driving to a hospital east of the downtown area.

"Once I was in the moving car, I was like 'Uh-oh,'" Kirkman, 28, said Tuesday. "I started doing the math in my head and thought, 'I am cutting this real close.' Then I got this urge to push."

Finally she propped her leg up on the dashboard and delivered Juliet, her seventh child, as her husband drove in the car pool lane. He got off the freeway shortly afterward and drove a short distance to Northwest Hospital, where mother and baby stayed until Tuesday night.

That's also where Jenny Miller, 29, went with her baby Ian after he insisted on entering the world while she and her husband headed for the hospital on Jan. 5.

All troopers are trained to deliver babies, Merrill said.

"It's part of our basic curriculum at the academy," he said. "You secretly hope you don't have to use it in the field."

Birthdays

SVOBODA 80TH



**Alice Svoboda will celebrate her 80th birthday Feb. 9, 2007. Her children Rosie and Pat Brockman, Marilyn and Dave Thome, Barb and Bob Nitschke, Jay and Shawn Schleif, Betty and Bruce Bricker, and Marilyn and Howard Ostrander wish to honor her with a card shower. Wishes may be sent to: 421 N. Stephens St., Lawrence, NE 68957.**

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90TH BIRTHDAY



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Wedding

WARRINGS-KEY

Angela Marie Warrings and Aaron Thomas Key, both of Omaha, were married September 2, 2006 at the Renaissance Mansion in Omaha.

Parents of the bride are Donna and Lynn Alber, and Dan Warrings all of Hastings. Parents of the groom are Terry and Shirley Key of Omaha.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents.

Members of the wedding party included Laura Anderson, Brian Key; Matt Key and Andrew Warrings, wedding attendants.

The reception was held at the Renaissance Mansion in Omaha.

The bride is a graduate of Adams Central High School and Bellevue University with a degree in accounting. She is



employed as an accountant at the DLR Group in Omaha.

Key is a graduate of Burke High School and Creighton University with a doctorate in physical therapy. He is employed by Nannen & Harte Physical Therapy in Blair.

The couple will be taking a honeymoon to Italy this April.

Five generations

Nass family



**The birth of Layna Rose Meents brings the number of generations in the Nass family to five. Back row (from left): Lori Meents, grandmother; Elaine Goodrich, great-grandmother; and Jason Meents, father. Front row: Eleanor Nass, great-great-grandmother, holding Layna.**

Savings bonds lost and found

The Associated Press

**PENSACOLA, Fla.** — A packet of U.S. savings bonds, washed out of a house destroyed during Hurricane Ivan more than two years ago, was found and returned to its owner.

Jan Meade and her husband, Timothy, a Fort Walton Beach attorney, received the bonds Tuesday after they were found by two people on the shoreline of East Bay, the Pensacola News Journal reported.

The Meades fled their home just before Ivan struck on Sept. 16, 2004. When they returned

the next day, they found the back half of their house had been blown out and almost all of their possessions gone or in ruins. Damage was so severe that the house had to be razed.

On Saturday, Trudie Childers and her 75-year-old mother, Claudie Tolbert, spotted a plastic bag as they walk along the beach.

"When I pulled it out, it looked like just one bond wrapped in plastic," Childers said.

Meade greeted Childers with a hug and tears when she reclaimed the bonds, estimated to be worth about \$1,000.

Menu

Adams County Senior Services Inc. provides noon meals Monday through Friday at the Golden Friendship Center, 509 S. Bellevue Ave., and Good Samaritan Village Goldbeck Towers, 721 S. First Ave., for people 60 and older. Reservations must be made by calling (402) 463-4439 by 2:30 p.m. one day in advance.

♦ Tuesday: Hamballs, potato casserole, California blend vegetables, orange Jell-O with carrots and pineapple, rye bread and pears.

♦ Wednesday: Hamburger green bean casserole, tator tots, applesauce Jell-O salad, bread stick and cinnamon roll.

♦ Thursday: Pork chop, mashed potatoes with gravy, stewed tomatoes, coleslaw, raisin bread and apricots.

♦ Friday: Potato soup, ½ chicken salad sandwich, lime Jell-O with cottage cheese and pineapple, wheat bread and crackers and apple pie.

♦ Feb. 12: Meat loaf, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, Waldorf salad, banana nut muffin and ice cream bar.

Noon meals are also served at the Kenesaw Senior Center on the second Thursday of the month; at the Roseland Town Hall on the first and third Tuesdays of the month; and at Juniata the third Thursday of the month. Reservations may be made by calling the Golden Friendship Center by the Friday before the serving day.

SOCIAL GUIDELINES

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Grants Available

The Sunnyside Board of Directors is accepting grant applications through **March 31, 2007**. Grants must be used in Adams County for educational, social or civic programs. Applicants must be non-profit organizations, or individuals requesting scholarships for use in Adams County. Submit request for application to P.O. Box 1651, Hastings, NE 68902.

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Clubs

DELTA KAPPA  
GAMMA

Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, a society for women educators, met Jan. 20 at the I-80 Interstate Holiday Inn. Hostesses were Thetta Rother, Sue Clement and Joan Clark.

President Betty Schmidt presided at the meeting. She reminded the members of the Rho State Convention April 13-15 at the New World Inn in Columbus. Members will find registration forms in their last Rho State News.

Kathryn Moritz was introduced as a new initiate, and Sandra Bottger was welcomed as a transfer member from Columbus. Schmidt honored Bonnie Owens with a pin for her 50 years of membership in Delta Kappa Gamma.

Donations were collected for World Fellowship recipients. World Fellowship recipients are women around the world who are pursuing graduate studies at universities in Canada and the U.S. In 2005-2006, 22 recipients were awarded \$4,000 each.

Marsha Dunn presented an interesting and informative program on the importance of women maintaining good bone health throughout their lives.

The next meeting is 9:30 a.m. March 17 at the I-80 Interstate Holiday Inn. Mary Ann Richards will present a program on "Bullying in School." Hostesses will be Brenda Knapp, Dill, Glenda Crick and Betty Hunt from Adams County.

FIRST ST. PAUL'S  
WELCA

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America of First St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hastings met Jan. 16-17.

Group 1 met at the Youth and Family Ministry Center. Hostesses were Darlene Veburg and Gayle Lysthaug. The lesson was led by Lysthaug.

Group 2 met at the Youth and Family Ministry Center. Hostesses were Mona Mueller and Mary E. Johnson. The lesson was led by Mueller.

Group 3 met at the Youth and Family Ministry Center. The hostess was Cheri Korgan. The lesson was led by Sheila Zalman. Jeanette Grothen, Mueller, Illene Olson, Bessie Haake, Joan Bramble, Marge Eitzmann and Carol Bosshardt attended a winter retreat Jan. 20 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Grand Island. The study was "Telling the Story of Jesus and His Love" featuring the Rev. Dr. Mary E. Jensen, of Lincoln.

The Mission Festival will be 2 p.m. Feb. 4 at First St. Paul's Lutheran Church. All are welcome to join for an afternoon of fellowship and learning about the mission of the church.

MADD

Mothers Against Drunk Driving of Adams County met for the January meeting in the Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital Medical Services building.

The group discussed meeting with the Hastings College alcohol awareness group, court monitoring of DUI cases and upcoming events. Upcoming events include Victim Impact Panels in March and August, high school proms and graduations, April Victim Rights week, May Officer Appreciation and November "Tie One On For Safety."

XI BETA THETA

Xi Beta Theta met Jan. 22 at Holly Potts' home.

The meeting was called to order with President Kathy Nelson presiding. Communications from International were read and discussed. It was to donate \$25 each to the endowment fund for disasters and cancer funds.

The group received an invitation to the Valentine party to be held Feb. 10 at the Elks Club. Several members signed up for the party. The group voted for their Valentine Queen and King. The winners will be announced at the party.

The group will have a social at Arlene and Randy Rippen's home Jan. 27. Ham and bean soup will be the main course. Each member is to bring their own desserts and snacks.

The members read from the Book of Beta Sigma Phi, article XII of the Constitution. The meeting was closed with ritual and Mizpah.

The program was making center pieces for the dinner tables at Goldbeck Towers.

OUTLOOK  
STUDY CLUB

The Outlook Study Club met Jan. 18 at Dee Shiffler's home.

Alice Marvel reviewed "The History of Dutton-Lainson Co.," which was written by Laura Marvel Wunderlich. The book chronicled the 120-year history of the Hastings company.

The next meeting is Feb. 1 at Helen Jacupke's home.

HARTA

Hastings Area Retired Teachers Association met Jan. 22 at Knights of Columbus Hall with 35 members and two guests present. Margaret Cordle and her committee were hostesses.

John Goracke, Zone director, spoke on the functions and needs of the ZONE. It provides a safe environment after school for middle school and high school students.

Super heart awards were given to Oriel Kinley, Linda Story and Donna Dill.

Dill explained the credit that is available on Income Tax for the Federal Excise Tax charged on telephone bills from Feb. 28, 2003 to Aug. 1, 2006.

Janet Hibbs reported on bills before the Legislature that concern retired teachers.

Diane Gundlach won the "split the pot."

The next meeting is 2 p.m. March 26 at Knights of Columbus Hall.

AFTER 5 CLUB

The Hastings After 5 Club, a division of Stonecroft Ministries, was to meet on Jan. 15, but because of the weather the group had to cancel the dinner and speaker.

The next meeting is 7 p.m. Feb. 19 at the OK Café east entrance. All women are welcome. Jo Ann Lantzer, of Imperial, will be the speaker. She will be talking about the choices we have to make in life. Is your life at its best? Every Women Matters will be sharing about women's health and Angie Gill, of Juniata, will be sharing her musical talent. For reservations, call Nancy at (402) 463-3871 or Brenda at (402) 752-3651 or e-mail at Hastingsafter5@yahoo.com.

CHAPTER GZ,  
P.E.O.

Chapter GZ, P.E.O. met Jan. 22 at Hastings Library with Vicki Bergman and Mary Larsen as hostesses. Judy Reimer introduced the recipient of the P.E.O. Program For Continuing Education grant, Amanda White. She spoke to the group about her journey in education and her goal to get a master's degree in teaching.

The next meeting is 9:30 a.m. Feb. 10 at Jeanne Reynold's home. Hostesses will be Connie Halloran, Marnie McAuliff and Jane Miller. The program is on Cottey College.

FORTNIGHTLY  
STUDY CLUB

Fortnightly Study Club met Jan. 23 at Linda French's home with 18 members and one guest present.

Nancy Seaton reviewed the book "Shantram" by Gregory David Roberts.

The next meeting is Feb. 13 at Karen Nicholson's home.

LAUREATE ALPHA  
EPSILON

Laureate Alpha Epsilon of Beta Sigma Phi met Jan. 17 at Phyllis Hobbs' home.

Hobb gave a cultural program about snowmen. She read "All I Need To Know, I Learned From A Snowman" and "The Trouble with Snowmen." Members shared memories of building snowmen while growing up.

A business meeting followed with opening ritual repeated by all. Roll call was taken and secretary and treasurer reports were read and approved. A Beta Sigma Phi city council report was given with details of the upcoming Valentine dinner. Communications from International, Gayle Fandry and Sharon Scholl were read. Discussion was held about the chapter hosting the upcoming Founder's Day celebration in April. Points of discussion were about location, menu and confirming the names of committee members.

Closing ritual was repeated. The next meeting, include dinner and rituals for Sherry Goehring and Andrea Towler, is Feb. 7 at Ruth Svoboda's home.

JANE LELCHUK  
San Francisco Chronicle

Leigh Bailey will never forget the day her daughter, then 2, pulled her small hand away and darted into a busy street.

Brakes screeched. Bailey ran to her. Then came the consequence.

"I got her back to the sidewalk, I took her over my knee and spanked her and said, 'Don't ever, ever do that again.'"

The mother of two said that was one of very few times she has spanked her children. "To keep my daughter safe," she explained, "I had to make sure she knew it was wrong and dangerous."

But was what Bailey did equally wrong?

The emotional debate over spanking reignited in California when Assembly Speaker Pro Tem Sally Lieber said she plans to introduce a bill this week outlawing anyone from swatting children age 3 and younger. Violators could face up to a year in jail or a \$1,000 fine.

The public reaction to her announcement has been fierce. Lieber has been swamped with requests for national media interviews, her staff said. Her opponents are telling the legislator, who has no children, to butt out. The

Vaginal births may lead  
to minor bleeding in infants

LEE BOWMAN

Scrips Howard News Service

A new imaging study finds that more than 25 percent of infants sustain minor bleeding in and around their brains when they pass through the birth canal.

Although the minor bleeding seldom causes any problems for newborns, larger bleeding episodes have been linked to neurological problems later in life, such as seizures, subtle learning difficulties or problems with motor-skills development.

But the finding that more than one in four infants sustain minor bleeding is significant, given that earlier studies put the rate much lower, at 2 percent to 10 percent of vaginal deliveries. Researchers said sharper images allow them to spot more minor bleeding.

Dr. John Gilmore, professor of psychiatry at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine and lead author of the report published Tuesday in the journal Radiology, said parents

who have or expect to have natural childbirth shouldn't worry about the findings or change their plans.

"After all, humans have been born vaginally for a very long time, and our brains probably evolved to handle vaginal birth without major difficulty," Gilmore said. "The vast majority of us who were born vaginally and may have had these types of bleeds are doing just fine."

Normal delivery of babies in the United States has become less common over the past decade. One in three babies born in 2005 was delivered by Caesarean section, a 40 percent increase since 1996. Critics say much of the increase has been driven by both a desire for convenience among doctors and mothers, and a desire to avoid liability risks posed by traditional delivery.

The government has set a national goal of rolling the C-section rate back to 15 percent by 2010.

# Allen's Bridal Registry

February, 2007

10th Maranda Weiss and Alex Griess

17th Jennifer Wetherell and Ethan Whitesel

24th Amber Wilford and John Winter

March, 2007

3rd Jessica Heeren and Brian Kloppenborg

10th Pixie Lyons and Troy Kyle

April, 2007

21st Sadi Thomson and Rod Pontine

May, 2007

12th Melissa Buss and Jared Gravitt

19th Danielle Sallinger and Jeremy Shultz

June, 2007

16th Amanda Adams and Ryan Nickerson

July, 2007

7th Brandy Struempler and Rodney Holling

21st Tina Feliciano and Michael Darwin

August, 2007

4th Tiffany Reams and Adam Fitzke

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September, 2007

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devil out of children."

Straus said his research has shown that spanking is traumatic and demoralizing and can lead to aggression, disruptive behavior in school and depression in adulthood, and it correlates with adult criminal activity. He based his conclusions on surveys of thousands of parents and children he has conducted over the years.

On the other side, University of California-Berkeley professor Diana Baumrind concludes that spanking isn't so bad.

"The short- and long-term consequences of corporal punishment is no more or less harmful than a mild scolding, time-out or other developmentally appropriate level and kind of punishment," said Baumrind, who conducted a long-term study following about 100 families over a dozen years.

She added, though, that it is pointless to spank or withdraw affection from a child under 2 because toddlers won't understand.

The debate is likely to take on religious as well as academic tones. The Bible includes a handful of proverbs on the benefits of spanking, as in "Thy rod and reproof give wisdom," which gave rise to the expression, "Spare the rod, spoil the child."

The Counselor

(Seeking God's answers to man's questions)

ARE THE WORDS OF CHRIST AND THE APOSTLES THE WORD OF GOD?

Last month our subject in question was "What is the Word of God?" In the process of addressing this question, a number of scriptures were cited, most of which were quotes from Jesus Christ himself. In these passages, Jesus urges all to heed His words and reject all others that claim to have a word from God.

Many people accept the words of Christ (those that are in red in the red letter editions of the Bible), but reject those that are credited to the apostles or other biblical writers. They explain their position by saying that Jesus instructed us to pay attention to His words alone. What about this?

First, are the words of Christ the Word of God? In John 1:1 we read, "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God." Who is this "Word" that is spoken of here? Verse 14 of this same book and chapter tells us who he is: "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." Obviously, this scripture is referring to Christ, the incarnate one. Jesus said, "I and the Father are one" (John 10:30). Thus, the words of Christ are the Word of God.

But, what about the other biblical writers? Are their words the Word of God? Consider this: "All scripture is God-breathed (inspired) and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped to every good work" (II Timothy 3:16,17). How did God bring about this inspiration of scripture? "For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along (inspired) by the Holy Spirit" (II Peter 1:21).

If the Bible is inspired by the Holy Spirit, then the Bible is the Word of God regardless of who the inspired writer was. The Bible is God's revealed will to mankind, whether it was revealed through the prophets, the apostles, or Christ himself.

—Gary Werner for the South Street Church of Christ

## Back to school: Time to become a mensch

**DEAR BRUCE:** I am a 35-year-old man, married with two children, ages 7 and 11. My vocation from the time I got out of high school has been in the automotive industry, working in management in various dealerships located from the Midwest to the East Coast. We are in the process of relocating to our home state so we can be closer to both sets of parents who have health problems.

In order to accomplish this, I have accepted a position that pays less than half of what I have earned in the past, which has now left me with an annual income of \$35,000. My wife will return to work as a teacher's aide after being a stay-at-home mom for more than 10 years, and she will add another \$12,000 of income. I have grown weary of the auto industry, reaching the point where I completely despise getting up and going to the job. I would sincerely like to pursue a career in the health-care industry and, in order to do so, would like to attend college.

Are you aware of any grants, aid programs or government assistance that enables someone like myself to handle a very rigorous college schedule full-time? Getting student loans wouldn't be a problem; however, acquiring the necessary income to keep food on the table while I am in school for several years could prove daunting. Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

— D.E., via e-mail

**DEAR D.E.:** I understand being fed up with a job and I understand taking a pay cut to relocate to your home state so you can be helpful to your parents; that's to be commended. You may have to rethink what you consider to be ordinary in life. That said, no, I am not aware of grants, aid programs, etc. (though there may well be some) that help a guy like you attend a very rigorous college schedule full-time. I handled a fairly rigorous college schedule full-time as a married guy who fathered three children, one born in each of my freshman, junior and senior years (with a stay-at-home wife). I also managed to buy a home during that period of time.

While sympathetic, I am going to be hard-nosed with you and I hope we can remain friends. I believe a 35-year-old healthy guy can go to college full-time, pay the bills, maybe take some student loans, support his family and have his wife stay at home, too. Now you can say, "You did this in a different era," and that would be accurate. But I wish God would be kind enough to let me do it all over again. I'm reasonably certain I could, and I have every confidence you can.



**Bruce Williams**

Is it going to be easy? No. Are you going to have to pay attention in class more than everyone else? You bet. Are you going to work eight to 10 hours outside of class? Absolutely. Every day? For sure. Are you going to see your kids? Not very often. Are you going to see your wife? I saw mine often enough to have three kids as an undergraduate. Can it be done by a man? Yes. But not by a little boy!

I think you are a man. Go prove it!

**DEAR BRUCE:** Before our marriage, my husband purchased a mobile home after his divorce from his ex. He took out a 30-year mortgage on it, with a high rate of interest. He had it placed in a trailer park. When we married, he sold it on a lease-purchase basis. The buyers ran out on us after causing about \$7,000 in damage. We moved it to a nice park near our home and repaired it. We are retired and in our 60s. He cannot refinance because, if he dies first, I will be responsible for paying for the mobile home, which I cannot afford to do without his retirement income. We cannot rent it for enough to cover the mortgage and the lot rent. It is rented now for just the lot rent. If, in the future we have to let them foreclose on it, will there be a judgment placed on my husband's credit? We have no desire to let them foreclose, but medical bills may make it necessary at some point in the future (hopefully not!).

— Y.C., via e-mail

**DEAR Y.C.:** You guys are caught between the proverbial rock and a hard place. I'm perplexed why your husband took a 30-year mortgage on a mobile home. You didn't sell it on a lease purchase, there is no change in title and the type of people who are going to do that are generally not financially responsible and, in this case, that has been amply demonstrated.

You didn't tell me how much this is worth, but very likely you are upside down on that as well. If you could possibly sell it for enough to persuade the people who own the mortgage to hold you harmless, that would be a great idea. In absence of that, I don't know where you can go. If they foreclose, they most surely will place a judgment on you for the deficiency that was not retired by the sale. You will be responsible for that amount of money, and they will very likely get a judgment and move against your husband's current assets or his estate, if he passes away.

If possible, negotiate with the lender for disposing of this property and allowing all of the money that is generated to go to them. They may have to swallow hard, but many lenders, particularly sub-prime lenders, recognize there are times when they have to make concessions. Good luck!

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## Fighting foreclosure fraud

STATES TARGETING COMPANIES THAT CLAIM THEY HELP HOMEOWNERS, BUT TAKE THEIR HOUSES

**JOSH FUNK**  
The Associated Press

**OMAHA** — After Ivan Eicher lost his job, he and his wife Delores fell several months behind on their house payments. Facing foreclosure, they accepted an offer from a company that promised to help them keep the home where they'd lived for more than 20 years.

Without realizing what they were doing, the couple ended up surrendering ownership of their home.

"It was just a really nice song and dance," Delores Eicher said.

The Eichers are among the thousands of people who fall each year for offers that promise to help them avoid foreclosure but that leave them with none of the equity they had built up in their property. Their situation matches one of the three common models of foreclosure fraud the National Consumer Law Center has described in a report on the growing problem.

The number of foreclosures reported nationwide soared 42 percent in 2006 to 1.26 million, according to RealtyTrac, an Irvine, Calif.-based company that tracks foreclosures. That creates opportunities for more foreclosure fraud, although the exact number of cases is difficult to determine because they are generally lumped in with other kinds of fraud in crime reports.

The Eichers thought they were taking out a \$1,700 loan to help them pay the roughly \$4,700 in back payments they owed on their mortgage. They learned too late they had signed their house over to Mid-America Financial Investment Corp. and agreed to lease their home from Mid-America when they accepted that loan.

Although the couple no longer owned their home, the mortgage remained in their names, so they made their \$554 payments on the loan through Mid-America, along with monthly fees of at least \$100.

Elizabeth Renuart, a staff attorney at the National Consumer Law Center who co-authored the report on foreclosure fraud, said such schemes are popular in areas of the country where home values have soared, but any homeowner who has been paying down a mortgage for many years will have significant equity and can become a target.

A second scheme described in the report involves consultants charging high fees to help homeowners out of trouble but never delivering the promised services. A third involves an agreement where a homeowner knowingly signs over their home and agrees to buy it back over time, but the terms of the agreement make it nearly impossible for the homeowner to succeed.

The Eichers became part of a lawsuit against Mid-America in 2001. They eventually won the title to their home back after the Nebraska Supreme Court ruled in 2005 that Mid-America had defrauded them and 12 other homeowners in the Omaha area.

Scott Bloemer and Elaina Hollingshead, who run Mid-America,



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**Delores and Ivan Eicher pose in front of their Omaha home. After Ivan lost his job, the couple fell behind on their house payment. The Eichers learned too late that they had signed their house over to Mid-America Financial Investment Corp.**

did not respond to The Associated Press' requests for comment. Bloemer and Hollingshead defended their business practices in court and argued that the paperwork the Eichers and others signed spelled out what was involved in the deals. But the courts ruled that Bloemer's and Hollingshead's testimony wasn't credible.

Renuart said foreclosure rescue agreements can be difficult to decipher — even for an attorney.

"It's hard to make heads or tails of these agreements," she said.

That's one reason why at least eight states have adopted laws designed to help protect consumers from the questionable practices some foreclosure consultants use. Nebraska's Legislature is considering adopting such legislation this year.

The laws vary, but generally all require the terms of these agreements to be spelled out in writing and offer homeowners a chance to cancel the agreements within a few days of signing them.

Nebraska's proposed law is based on a Colorado law passed last year.

For most of 2006, Colorado was the state with the highest residential foreclosure rate in the nation, according to RealtyTrac. Colorado had one new foreclosure filing for every 376 households in December.

The Eichers and a dozen other homeowners who sued said they never had a chance to read the Mid-America loan documents before signing them because Bloemer and Hollingshead rushed them through the process.

One of the other people who successfully sued Mid-America, Steven Starman, said he realizes now he

should have read the documents carefully instead of relying on oral explanations.

"I made decisions based on what I was told," Starman said. "They tell you what you want to hear."

Renuart and groups that track foreclosures worry that many more Americans could fall victim to fraud because the number of adjustable-rate and interest-only mortgages taken out in recent years will likely contribute to a jump in the number of foreclosures when loan payments adjust upward.

RealtyTrac said 109,652 homes across the nation entered some stage of foreclosure in December, a nearly 9 percent drop from the previous month, but an increase of 35 percent from December 2005. The company reported a national foreclosure rate of one new foreclosure filing for every 1,055 U.S. households.

The Eichers are now trying to sell their home because during four years of litigation, the house developed a roof leak they couldn't afford to fix. Their insurance company refused to pay for the repairs after the lawsuit was settled, partly because it had already paid Bloemer \$1,080 to repair the roof, which was never done.

The Eichers did receive \$1,080 as a result of the lawsuit, but Delores Eicher estimates that the needed repairs might cost more than \$30,000 now. The couple moved out of their home in November and hope someone will buy it before March, so they can pay off the mortgage and possibly other debts as part of a personal bankruptcy.

"We just want to sell the house and get everything cleared up," Eicher said.

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