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## Burling responds to bill to cut HRC funding

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Sen. Carroll Burling, of Kenesaw, plans to defend the Hastings Regional Center against a proposed bill in the state Legislature that would cut funding to juvenile services there — one year after it was reorganized to serve adolescents.  
“We’re going to have to defend what we’re doing and why we’re doing it,”

he said. “That’s OK. I think we will have a good case saying there’s no point to building a facility somewhere else when we have a good facility here.”  
If passed into law, LB542 would discontinue funding of juvenile state services at the Hastings Regional Center and reallocate the funds to create an Enhanced Services and Capacity Expansion Fund for Juveniles.

The bill was introduced by state Sen. John Synowiecki of Omaha, who didn’t return calls for comment on the bill.  
According to the proposed bill, the Enhanced Services fund would be administered by the Nebraska Health and Human Services System to enhance juvenile behavioral services and provide a resource pool for expansion.

Activities eligible for assistance from the fund would include new construction, developing community-based services and expansion of juvenile services. The fund would not be available for state employee salaries.  
Just one year ago, HRC’s focus was shifted to adolescents, while Lincoln Regional Center was to focus on adult services.  
Burling said he wants to try to figure

out the purpose of the bill. He said the bill doesn’t specify Omaha, but part of the money could be used to build a facility in Omaha.  
“I’ll certainly be watching this very closely as the bill moves through the process,” he said. “We want to provide the best service we can at the best cost for taxpayers. The state already owns a good facility here.”  
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BRENT MCCOWN/Tribune

Above: Juniata Elementary music teacher Kristin Lukow (right) leads her sixth grade music class through the actions to “Beautiful Nebraska” Friday afternoon. Below: Eric Clements places his hands over his heart while singing “Beautiful Nebraska” Friday during music class at Juniata Elementary.



## Teachers speak out about state song

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Elementary music specialist Kristin Lukow, changing the state song is almost unthinkable.  
“‘Beautiful Nebraska’ is classic,” she said. “It’s a very simple, timeless ballad that anybody can sing.”  
On Jan. 11, state Sen. Carroll Burling of Kenesaw introduced LB345, which would change the state’s song from “Beautiful Nebraska” to “I Love Nebraska” by Hastings resident Ginger tenBensel.  
In a recent interview, Burling said he was

approached by several people about making “I Love Nebraska” the state song after tenBensel performed it at Gov. Dave Heineman’s inaugural ball earlier this month.  
Lukow said she knows Burling and spoke with him after he introduced the bill. At that time, he told her that his job is to create a forum for discussion.  
“I said, ‘Well, Carroll, you’re going to have a lot of discussion because I’m going to make this very public,’” Lukow said.  
Lukow’s passion for the

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state song comes after years of teaching it to elementary students at both Juniata Elementary and Wallace District 60.  
She said she teaches her students the history of the song when she introduces them to it in the second grade.  
“Beautiful Nebraska” was adopted as the state song in 1967, after Sen. Dick Marvel of Hastings introduced a bill to the Nebraska Legislature. The song was chosen from a list of songs submitted by people throughout the state.  
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## Two bills look at safe haven laws

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For the past several years, many Nebraskans have questioned why the state is one of only a few that doesn’t have a safe haven law.

Safe haven laws allow a parent to abandon a newborn baby at a specified location without facing retribution for his or her actions.  
This session, two very different bills have been proposed to protect the state’s newborn babies.



Sen. Rich Pahls of Omaha introduced LB6, which would give a parent up to 30 days after the infant is born to drop the child off at any hospital, police station or manned fire station.  
“It gives those individuals who cannot handle the task of raising a little one the opportunity to keep the little baby alive,” he said. “It’s that simple.”  
The parent or designated guardian would not be required to give out information about himself or herself or the child.  
Under LB6, the placement does not cause an automatic termination of parental rights. Instead, the parent has 90 days to contact the Health and Human Services System to go through a process of reacquiring the child. Otherwise, the child will be put up for adoption.  
At that point, the parent or parents would have to go through the state’s court system to try to take the child back, Pahls said.  
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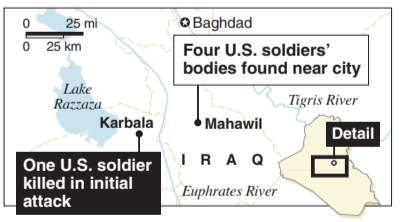
## Four U.S. soldiers abducted, shot to death in southern Iraq

ONE OF VICTIMS IDENTIFIED AS NEBRASKA MAN  
**STEVEN R. HURST**  
The Associated Press  
**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — In perhaps the boldest and most sophisticated attack in four years of warfare, gunmen speaking English, wearing U.S. military uniforms and carrying American weapons abducted four U.S. soldiers last week at the provincial headquarters in the Shiite holy city of Karbala and then shot them to death.

The U.S. military confirmed a report earlier Friday by The Associated Press that three of the soldiers were dead and one was mortally wounded with a gunshot to the head when they were found in a neighboring province, about 25 miles from the compound where they were captured. A fifth soldier was killed in the initial attack on the compound.  
The new account contradicted a U.S. military statement on Jan. 20, the day of the raid on an Iraqi governor’s office, that five soldiers were killed “repelling” the attack.  
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### Inquiries reveal soldiers were shot after attack

Four U.S. soldiers were abducted in Karbala on Jan. 20, and killed elsewhere, contrary to reports they repelled attackers. Nine to 12 militants in GMC Suburban vehicles, the type used in U.S. convoys, attacked the compound wearing U.S. military fatigues, carrying American weapons and speaking English.



Events beginning around 6 p.m. Saturday

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| Convoy is waved through Iraqi checkpoint at edge of Karbala. | Guards radio to center that convoy is on its way. | Attackers throw grenade and open fire, killing a U.S. soldier in the compound and abducting two others. | Guerrilla team jumps on U.S. Humvee, captures two more soldiers. | Attackers flee toward Mahawil with four soldiers. | Soldiers found together near Mahawil. | Three are dead and one is wounded; he later dies. |
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### Weather

**Hi: 25**  
**Lo: 6**

Partly cloudy with scattered flurries this afternoon.

Art by Logan Searle, 9, Sandy Creek Elementary

### Nation

#### U.S. MILITARY DEATHS IN IRAQ HIT 3,071

As of Friday, Jan. 26, 2007, at least 3,071 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

The figure includes seven military civilians. At least 2,464 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military’s numbers.  
The AP count is eight higher than the Defense Department’s tally, last updated Friday at 9 a.m.  
The British military has reported

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## Obituaries

## BERT VICKERY JR.

Former Hastings resident Bert Vickery Jr. of Aurora, Colo., died Wednesday, January 17, 2007.

A graveside service will be held at a later date at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver.

Memorial contributions may be made to Evercare Hospice and Palliative Care in care of Allnutt Funeral Service, 650 W. Drake Road, Fort Collins, CO 80526.

Condolences may be sent to www.allnutt.com.

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Bert was born May 9, 1916, in Hinsdale, Ill., to Bert and Louise Vickery. After high school, he attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where he met his wife Courtney. They were united in marriage on June 15, 1941. Bert received an Army commission in 1939 and then entered into active duty in 1941, serving during world War II, being discharged in 1945 as a Lieuten-

ant Colonel. He continued to stay active in the reserve until 1963. Bert worked for the Burlington Northern Railroad for 38 years. During this time, they had the opportunity to experience living in many different locations. They spent many years in Hastings. Upon Bert's retirement in 1976, they relocated to Fort Collins. In 2002, Bert and Courtney moved to Aurora, Colo. He was a member of the Fort Collins Rotary Club and was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Bert is survived by three sons, John J. Vickery of Steamboat Springs, Colo., Thomas A. Vickery (Lee) of Tucson, Ariz., and Brian Vickery (Cindy) of Clearwater, Fla.; one sister, Marjorie Brandt (Les) of Clearwater, Fla.; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Courtney; and his son, William.

## THOMAS R. KENNEY

Minden resident Thomas Rae Kenney, 56, died at his home on Thursday, January 25, 2007.

Rosary will be recited 7 p.m. Sunday at St. John's Catholic Church in Minden. Services are 10 a.m. Monday at the church with Father Nicholas Baker officiating. Burial will be in Minden Cemetery with military rites. Visitation is 3-5 p.m. Sunday at Layton-Craig Funeral Home.

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Tom was born on December 20, 1950, in Kearney to Thomas B. and Viva E. (Fees) Kenney. They moved to Minden in 1956 and Tom graduated from Minden High School in 1969. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army serving in Vietnam. He served in the Army from 1969 until 1972. In 1972, he married Cheryl Malcom. He attended Norfolk Tech and became a lineman. They moved

to Kearney and Tom worked for Dawson Public Power, later moved to Minden and was a lineman for the City of Minden. He also worked at the West Company in Kearney. He married Kerry Hibberd and they lived in the Kearney area. He was a member of the American Legion. Tom enjoyed sports, hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his son, Luke of Amherst; two step daughters, Kris Parzych of Kearney and Chanon Hibberd of Lincoln; mother, Vi Wright of Minden; three sisters, Tammy Haynes and husband Stan of Winner, S.D., Brenda Smith and her husband Tracy of Minden, and Alicia Porter and her husband, Steve of Blue Springs; two brothers, Tim Kenney and his wife Jeanne of Minden, and Bob Kenney of Lincoln; and his dog, Huck.

## Michael Jackson is back in the States

## The Associated Press

**TOKYO** — Since Michael Jackson forsook his Neverland Ranch, the King of Pop has popped up in some very unexpected places.

He's taken up residence in the Gulf state of Bahrain, in France and even in a castle in Ireland. He showed up in Augusta, Ga., to give a eulogy at James Brown's funeral, and materialized in London to accept an award for his contributions to the world of pop music. Lately he's been spotted in Las Vegas on his famed shopping sprees.

So where is he now?

In a rare conference call, the singer emerged with his spokes-

woman Friday to confirm to The Associated Press that he is back in the United States after more than a year in self-imposed exile following his acquittal in a high-profile child molestation trial that ended in June 2005.

They also said he is on the comeback trail — planning a pair of "fan appreciation events" in Japan in March, one of which will charge \$3,300 for the opportunity to meet the Gloved One.

"I can confirm that he is in the United States," spokeswoman Raymone K. Bain said. "We don't give out information regarding our client's whereabouts because of safety, and this is just an ongoing policy."

## Keith Urban to kick off concert dates in Phoenix

## JOHN GEROME

## The Associated Press

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** — Keith Urban will launch the North American leg of his world tour June 8 in Phoenix, marking his return to U.S. concert stages after undergoing treatment for alcohol abuse.

"I'm looking forward to getting back on the road, to reconnecting with everyone and to doing what it is that I love to do," he said in a statement released Thursday. "To finally be able to present the songs from 'Love, Pain (& the whole crazy thing)' live, is something that I've been looking forward to doing since recording the album."

Other stops on the 33-city North American tour include San Diego, Los Angeles, Seattle, Vancouver, Las Vegas, Dallas, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Memphis, St. Louis, Houston and several other cities, according to the release.

Dates were not immediately available for most of the U.S. and Canadian concerts, but a complete schedule was expected to be posted on his Web site

Thursday.

Tickets are set to begin going on sale Feb. 3, though advance tickets will be offered through his fan club and retailer Target.

Urban recently completed a three-month stay at the Betty Ford Clinic in Rancho Mirage, Calif., forcing him to delay the tour and promotional appearances for "Love, Pain & the whole crazy thing," his latest album.

On Monday, he posted a video on his Web site in which he praised his wife, actress Nicole Kidman, and thanked fans for their support.

Urban, who has publicly acknowledged a former addiction to cocaine, said he checked himself into the clinic on Oct. 19 for what he thought would be a 30-day visit.

He said he decided to stay for three months because he realized that learning to abstain was only part of the process to recovery.

Urban and Kidman, both 39, were wed last June in Australia, where both grew up. They live in Nashville.

## NUGENT DENIES

## IMMIGRANT REFERENCE AT GOVERNOR'S BALL

**WACO, Texas** — Ted Nugent has denied reports that he made offensive remarks about non-English speakers during his performance at Gov. Rick Perry's inaugural ball.

In a guest column in Thursday's Waco Tribune-Herald, Nugent said allegations made by some people who attended the Jan. 16 ball were "pure, unadulterated lies."

"In total defiance to the vicious lies and hateful allegations of 'racism' leveled at me by irresponsible, unprofessional and downright goofy media punks, I never said a word about immigration or language, specifically not the alleged slam against 'illegal immigrants' or 'non-English-speaking' anyone," the outspoken 58-year-old rocker wrote.

Nugent, a hunting and guns-rights advocate, wrote that he will recruit more National Rifle Association members, provide hunting trips for needy children and wounded soldiers and their families, and fight the war on drugs and drunken driving.

"I will intensify my fight for a united America by demanding all Americans speak English," he wrote.

## B.B. KING HOSPITALIZED

**GALVESTON, Texas** — B.B. King was hospitalized for a low-grade fever following the flu but was in good condition Friday, his management agency said.

The 81-year-old bluesman was expected to be discharged Saturday, a hospital spokesman said. His agency said he plans to perform Tuesday in Fort Worth.

"He's doing great," Tina France, vice president of Lieberman Management of New York. "He's in good spirits and cracking jokes."

King had been scheduled to perform Thursday at the Grand Opera House but was admitted to The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, said Paul McCarthy, a nurse administrator.

King, who has a history of diabetes, was taking antibiotics for a 100-degree fever, France said. The ailment in a younger person wouldn't have required hospitalization, but King is being monitored because of his age, she said.

John Koloen, a hospital spokesman, said the hospital was keeping King in the elderly acute care unit until Saturday "just to make sure."

With his trademark guitar that he named "Lucille," King racked up hits including "The Thrill is Gone," "Every Day I Have the Blues" and "You Upset Me Baby."

## TRUMPETER SENTENCED FOR TAX EVASION

**CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.** — Grammy-winning trumpeter Phil Driscoll was sentenced Thursday to a year and a day in prison for using his gospel music ministry in an income-tax evasion scheme.

U.S. District Judge Curtis L. Collier allowed Driscoll 45 days to report to prison and agreed to decide by that March 12 deadline on Driscoll's request to remain free while he appeals his conviction.

The white-haired trumpeter said at the sentencing that he "never intended to take any money from our government, the country that I love."

"I never took a dollar that I didn't sign for," Driscoll said. "The purpose of my life

## NewsMakers

## Princely bearing



DIANA ZALUCKY, Disney Parks/AP

Soccer star David Beckham portrays the gallant Prince Phillip from Disney's "Sleeping Beauty" sitting astride a horse during a photo shoot on Dec. 18, 2006, in Burguillo Lake, Spain, near Madrid. Photographer Annie Leibovitz was commissioned for three images to kick off Disney Park's Year of a Million Dreams celebration. The Disney Parks project is Beckham's first endorsement since signing a contract to play professional soccer in the United States. Each of Leibovitz's three Dream-themed images feature a scene, with celebrities — including Beckham, Beyonce and Scarlett Johansson — playing the role of a fabled Disney character. The celebration's promotion was unveiled Friday.

was the gift that God gave me."

Last June, a jury found Driscoll, 58, guilty on charges of conspiracy and tax evasion from 1996 through 1999.

The indictment accused Driscoll and his wife, Lynne, of scheming with Lynne Driscoll's mother, bookkeeper Chris Blankenship, to avoid reporting personal income totaling more than \$1 million.

An IRS agent testified at the trial that Driscoll and his wife improperly used his Mighty Horn Ministries to shield the money and evade \$128,627 in taxes.

The jury acquitted Lynne Driscoll on the conspiracy count and deadlocked on a tax evasion charge that was later dismissed.

## BIRTHDAYS

Singer Bobby "Blue" Bland is 77. Actor James Cromwell is 67. Actor John Witherspoon is 65. Rock musician Nick

Mason (Pink Floyd) is 62. Ballet star Mikhail Baryshnikov is 59. John Roberts, chief justice of the United States, is 52. Actress Mimi Rogers is 51. Rock musician Gillian Gilbert is 46. Actress Bridget Fonda is 43. Actor Alan Cumming is 42. Country singer Tracy Lawrence is 39. Rock musician Michael Kulas (James) is 38. Actor Josh Randall is 35. Country singer Kevin Denney is 31.

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If we die, we want people to accept it ... We are in a risky business and we hope that if anything happens to us, it will not delay the program. The conquest of space is worth the risk of life."

— Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom (1926-1967)

The Associated Press

## Tribland

Vehicles reportedly driven by Sherrill L. McCune, of 23 Sara Drive, and Nancy Foster, of 615 E. Ringland Road, collided Wednesday on Ninth Street near Burlington Avenue.

Rave Revue Winter Clearance Sale, 50-percent off/more. Hurry in! 718 East Side Boulevard. -Adv.

The following couples recently applied for marriage licenses at the Adams County Clerk's Office: Gerald Thomas Gravitt and Teresa Ann Switzer, both of Juniata; Douglas Larry Griess, of Sutton, and Skye Marie Greenland, of Hastings; and Ryan Tate Engel and Kelsey Fay Tibbetts, Daniel Gary Fitzke and Amanda Kay Heidtbrink, and Paul Michael Mick and Alicia Renee Hartman, all of Hastings.

Brighton Go Red for Women charm bracelet \$50, limited supply now at Gary Michael's. -Adv.

Vehicles reportedly driven by Rebecca D. Dodds, of Davenport, and Cheryl Fisher, of 615 S. St. Joseph Ave., collided Tuesday on Denver Avenue near Third Street. Fisher, 57, was admitted and released at Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital.

Due to our recent move, The Bridge, Inc. is selling surplus items at 922 North Denver, Saturday 9:00 to 3:00; window air conditioners, water softening unit, furniture, more. -Adv.

Vehicles reportedly driven by Clayton Roberts, of Sutton, and John J. Friend, of 1040 Highland Drive, collided Thursday at Denver Avenue and Seventh Street.

Denise Janssen of DJ's Hair Affair in Juniata now taking appointments; walk-ins welcome. Call 751-2657. -Adv.

Vehicles reportedly driven by Matthew J. Andersen, of 406 S. Lexington Ave., and Audrey E. Lewis, of 402 S. Sewell Ave., collided Thursday on Hastings Avenue near South Street.

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.

Vehicles reportedly driven by Lorraine C. Katzberg, of 711 S. Kansas Ave., and Ashleigh S. Orr, of 743 E. Fifth St., collided Friday at Seventh Street and Colorado Avenue.

A vehicle reportedly driven by Jeffery A. Uden, of 205 W. Fifth St., Thursday struck a parked vehicle owned by Stephanie M. Lee, of 741 N. Hastings Ave., at 820 S. Pine Ave. No. 160.

Parenting classes at Faith Lutheran Church...four Sunday sessions beginning February 4, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; \$20. To pre-register, call 462-5044. -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.

Giant Garage Sale, Saturday, March 3, 9:00 to 3:00, Adams County Fairgrounds. Table space limited; \$19.50 reserves two tables, extra tables \$9.00 each. Table reservation deadline February 23. Sponsored by Hastings Tribune, 461-1241. -Adv.

How to write effective business letters begins February 5. Contact Susan at Central Community College, 461-2431, to register. -Adv.

Vehicles reportedly driven by Della O. Cruz-Lopez, of 722 N. Colorado Ave., and Leonard J. Trausch, of Roseland, collided Thursday at 146 W. Fifth St. Juniata Lounge, lamb fries every Sunday night. 751-2225. -Adv.

Karaoke at Wanda's, Saturday, the 27th, 9:00 p.m.; music by Mike's Music. -Adv.

Korky Lightner Auction, 213 South Woodland...new items, Monday, January 29, 5:30. -Adv.

Lewis Greenscape "Make Your Own Garden Planter" class: February 3, 5, 8. To register and for times and costs, 308-384-2100. -Adv.

Charles Lainson, of 1015 N. Kansas Ave., reported Thursday that his vehicle tire was damaged at 1100 W. 14th St.

Pancake breakfast, Knights of Columbus, Sunday 8:00 to 11:00. Everyone welcome. -Adv.

YWCA Table Setting Luncheon, Saturday, February 3, Call 462-8821 for reservations. -Adv.

1997 Hitchhiker 28-foot 5th-wheel, full slide. This one could be a ten! Transportation Equipment, 100 North Laird. -Adv.

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

## Area funerals

## Today

◆ Miriam Peterson, 93, of Lincoln, 10:30 a.m. at Megrue-Price Funeral Home chapel in Superior.

◆ Juanita Ullsh, 79, of Superior, 3 p.m. at Megrue-Price Funeral Home chapel in Superior.

## Monday, Jan. 29

◆ Thomas Kenney, 56, of Minden, 10 a.m. at St. John's Catholic Church in Minden.

◆ Betty Niles, 78, of Esbon, Kan., 11 a.m. at United Methodist and First Christian Church in Esbon.

◆ Lydia Bender, 85, of York, 1:30 p.m. at Sutton Cemetery in Sutton.

◆ LaVern Nielsen, 83, of Kearney, 2 p.m. at First Christian Church in Minden.

# 'Warriors Walk' running out of room

RUSS BYNUM  
The Associated Press

**FORT STEWART, Ga.** — The sergeant major calls the name, Staff Sgt. John L. Hartman Jr., as it's unveiled on a granite marker at the root of a new eastern redbud tree on Warriors Walk — where hundreds of these living memorials have been planted to honor the wartime dead.

Hartman volunteered for a third tour in Iraq last year so an Army buddy could stay home with his newborn son. He was killed Nov. 30 when a bomb blast tore into his Humvee.

Last week, Hartman became the 318th soldier memorialized at Warriors Walk, a grove of eastern redbuds started with 34 trees in April 2003.

Fort Stewart has planted a tree here for every member of the 3rd Infantry Division to die in the war, as well as for soldiers from other Army posts killed while serving with the division.

Jeff Fornshell, the post's ceremonies coordinator, said he wonders how many trees he'll have to plant this year. Expanded twice since its inception, Warriors Walk has room for only 72 more trees.

"Is 72 going to be enough? I hope it is," Fornshell said. "I hope we don't put any more out here. You're all the time thinking you don't want to have a new tree dedication."

Earlier this month, the 3rd Infantry began deploying its 19,000 troops for a third tour in Iraq. Hartman went separately from the division last year as an instructor training Iraqi security forces.

At least 3,069 U.S. service members have died in Iraq. More than 10 percent are represented at Warriors Walk, which exhibits the war's cost in a way that's staggering in scale yet also intensely personal.

The trees already line both sides of two paved walkways flanking Fort Stewart's parade



A 3rd Infantry Division honor guard presents the colors on Warriors Walk Thursday during a ceremony at Fort Stewart, Ga., commemorating Staff Sgt. John L. Hartman Jr., who was killed in Iraq Nov. 30.

CARL ELMORE/AP

grounds, stretching nearly the length of three football fields. A third walkway had to be poured last year to start a new row.

Fornshell said he never expected Warriors Walk would grow so much when the first tree was planted. The 3rd Infantry lost 42 soldiers during the invasion to topple Saddam Hussein's regime. Trees honoring those soldiers were planted in single-file rows, about 13 feet apart.

But the division's second tour in 2005, when its troops faced shadowy insurgents rather than a stand-up army, proved more costly. The 3rd Infantry suffered 105 deaths, not counting those among supporting units. A second walkway of memorial red-

buds had to be started.

The expansion encroached slightly on the Army post's golf course. The tree for Staff Sgt. Jens E. Schelbert was planted less than a foot from the greener grass of the teeing area for the No. 5 hole.

Birgit Smith of Holiday, Fla., has watched Warriors Walk grow during visits four times a year since her husband, Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith, was killed April 4, 2003. Credited with saving dozens of American lives by holding off Iraqi forces with a machine gun before he was killed at the Baghdad airport, Smith was awarded the Medal of Honor in 2005.

"When I first returned to Fort Stewart to visit the tree, the

walk seemed so far to get to Paul's tree," Smith said. "And now it seems so short because there are so many more trees."

Smith said she likes to leave a single red rose when visiting her husband's tree. At the foot of the other living memorials lie dozens of mementos — toy soldiers, angel figurines, wind chimes, whiskey bottles, garden gnomes and laminated photos that personalize each.

Two unopened bottles of Corona Extra beer stand next to the tree dedicated to Spc. Joseph A. Lucas. Nearby, someone placed five golf balls at the tree for Staff Sgt. Chad M. Mercer. A Hawaiian lei circles the granite tree marker for Spc. Derence W. Jack.

As curator of the Fort Stewart Museum, Walter Meeks III has collected more than 400 such mementos from Warriors Walk since the war began. Some are displayed at the museum, while most are in storage.

"It's a sobering duty," Meeks said. "It's a beautiful monument, but it represents a great deal of grief and loss for the community. It's definitely not a walk in the park."

Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch, commander of the 3rd Infantry, knelt and touched his fingers to Hartman's granite stone following its unveiling ceremony, where Lynch praised the 39-year-old for his service.

"We routinely come to this hallowed place to remember

## Nation

ABU GHRAIB

### COURT-MARTIAL

**HAGERSTOWN, Md.** — The only U.S. military officer charged with a crime in the Abu Ghraib scandal will be court-martialed on eight charges, including cruelty and maltreatment of prisoners, the Army said Friday.

Lt. Col. Steven Lee Jordan, a 50-year-old reservist from Virginia who ran the interrogation center at the Iraqi prison, was accused of failing to exert his authority as the place descended into chaos, with prisoners stripped naked, photographed in humiliating poses and intimidated by snarling dogs. He was also charged with lying to investigators.

He has not been accused of personally torturing or humiliating prisoners, and was not pictured in any of the photos that embarrassed the Pentagon and shocked the Muslim world.

Army spokesman Col. Jim Yonts told The Associated Press that Maj. Gen. Guy C. Swann, commander of the Military District of Washington, decided Jordan must stand trial.

The Associated Press

## Chronic Back Pain, Disc Pain, Leg Pain, & Technology

**Grand Island** — Have you considered or tried pills, therapy, injections, massage, stretching or considered surgery for your severe back, buttock or leg pain?

Have you wondered if your pain will ever go away? Have...

- They told you to take more and more pills
- They told you to stop bending.
- They told you to stretch
- They told you to go to therapy
- They told you to do exercises
- They told you to stop doing the things you love most
- They told you to try injections
- They told you "Try surgery or just live with it."

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So if you are wondering if there is anything else at all that can be done even though every treatment you've tried may have failed, then you should order the free guide entitled "The Severe Back, Sciatica, And Disc Pain Guide".

Discover why your back treatments may have failed and a technology relatively new to Nebraska that may provide a solution. For your free copy, call 1-888-764-2954 (Toll-free 24 Hour recorded message) or go to: [www.mydiscpainhelp.com](http://www.mydiscpainhelp.com) NuSPINE Rehabilitation

## Roommates get 5 years in prison for dormitory fire

The Associated Press

**NEWARK, N.J.** — Two former roommates who set a dormitory fire that killed three students at Seton Hall University were sentenced to five years in prison Friday after listening to the victims' relatives reject their apologies and call them murderers and cowards.

Joseph T. LePore and Sean Ryan, both 26, pleaded guilty in November to arson for setting fire to a paper banner in a lounge on Jan. 19, 2000. The flames spread to a couch, filling the dorm with smoke.

At the sentencing, family members of the three students who died and another who was seriously burned gave wrenching statements before a hushed courtroom jammed with more than 100 people.

Frank Caltablotta, whose son died, said his family could have forgiven the defendants had they quickly admitted their mistake and taken responsibility.

"Eventually, your judgment day will come from the highest court," he said. "And on that day, justice will be served for what the two of you have done. And that judge will give you a final sentence. It will be a maximum sentence, with no negotiations or plea agreements, and no chance for parole."

## Tribland five-day forecast

Art by Logan Searle, 9, Sandy Creek Elementary



**FLURRIES TODAY**  
High: 25 Low: 6  
Wind: Northwest 15-20  
Partly cloudy with scattered flurries in the afternoon.



**PARTLY CLOUDY SUNDAY**  
High: 25 Low: 9  
Wind: Northwest 10-15



**PARTLY CLOUDY MONDAY**  
High: 25 Low: 10  
Partly cloudy at night.



**SUNNY TUESDAY**  
High: 28 Low: 11  
Partly cloudy Tuesday night.



**SNOWY WEDNESDAY**  
High: 30 Low: 10  
Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow.

## Sheriff: S.C. soldier, cheerleading coach had sex with students

The Associated Press

**GREENWOOD, S.C.** — A South Carolina National Guardsman who recruited at a high school and a former cheerleading coach each are accused of having sex with students, and the principal is charged with hindering the investigation, authorities said.

Former Ware Shoals High School coach Jill Moore, 28, took cheerleaders to a motel, where they met guardsmen for sex, according to Greenwood County sheriff's reports released

late Thursday.

Moore, a married mother of two, also is accused of having sex with a male student on a different occasion, according to the reports.

**BRODERSEN 50TH**

Tod and Bonnie Brodersen of Hastings, NE will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on January 29th. Their children request a card shower in their honor. Bonnie Kruse and Tod Brodersen were married on January 29, 1957 at Bonnie's parents home near Spiker, NE. Send greetings to: 2405 W. 11th, Hastings, NE 68901.

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## U.S. puts Iran on notice

Scripps Howard News Service

The White House has authorized U.S. forces to take aggressive action against Iranian agents who are a threat to them or anybody else in Iraq. The announcement comes pursuant to President Bush's declaration in his "surge" speech that the United States would pursue more aggressively Iranian and Syrian meddling in Iraq.

The new policy, it was stressed, does not authorize cross-border operations, although the announcement surely must raise that possibility in the minds of the people in Tehran and Damascus. The National Security Council says it has evidence that Iran has been training Iraqi insurgents and supplying them with remote-controlled explosives, which, if it could be incontestably tied to the deaths of U.S. troops, would seem to call for reprisals.

The issue of semi-overt Iranian involvement in Iraq comes at a delicate time for U.S.-Iranian relations because Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad seems determined to see how far he can go in goading the United States before he provokes a response. If there is a positive in any of this, it is that Ahmadinejad's belligerence isn't sitting well with many of his countrymen and he is even making some of the ruling clerics nervous.

The most aggressive U.S. action came just over two weeks ago when U.S. troops raided an Iranian liaison office in Kurdish Iraq and arrested five Iranian officials. Although the five were not diplomats nor the office a consulate, Tehran claimed immunity for them and demanded that they be released and compensation paid.

Iran might want to carefully consider its use of diplomatic missions in Iraq. Given the fact that Iranian "students" held 52 American diplomats hostage for 444 days, Tehran is in no great position to invoke international laws governing diplomatic immunity nor does the United States have any great incentive to respect them.

## Cheering on Dubas for railroad bill

The Grand Island Independent

For anyone who has endured the frustration of waiting seemingly forever for a train to remove its iron carcass from a road crossing, the bill introduced this week in the Legislature may seem like a gift from heaven.

State Sen. Annette Dubas of Fullerton introduced a bill that would bring far heavier fines to railroads for blocking intersections for more than 10 minutes. Dubas is seeking a \$5,000 maximum fine. Even that may be too low. Since 1925, the railroads have been fined a mere \$100 for blocking an intersection in incorporated areas. Dubas' bill extends that to include all communities with fewer than 100,000 people.

While the residents of central Nebraska will celebrate loudly if the bill passes, Dubas faces the reality of persuading the legislators of Omaha and Lincoln about the need for such a dramatic fine. ...

Our eastern brothers and sisters need to realize the frustration that many counties face when it comes to dealing with the railroads. The current \$100 fine is more a source of laughter to the train crews than a punishment for disrupting lives or creating emergencies. A \$5,000 fine will get the attention of supervisors, dispatchers and senior officials in any railroad. ...

Both Union Pacific and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroads had record years of shipping and profits this past year and they look to surpass those levels again this year. While nobody denies their right to make a profit, the railroads need to display some respect to residents as they cross the state. ...

Dubas has taken on a big opponent in the first weeks of her unicameral career. The residents of her district, and those of greater Nebraska as well, will cheer her attempts to minimize the increasing intrusion of the railroads in their daily lives.



## Cat Woman boots provide new image

Shoes make me stupid in an "I can't believe I bought these" sort of way. A few weeks ago, I resolved to get my life in order. So I balanced my checkbook, cemented a budget, cleaned my closets of 2006 fashion faux pas, and told myself to keep my mitts off the clearance racks. And I was doing great, until I saw "them."

"They" were a pair of the coolest, most ridiculously dizzy boots I'd ever seen. Knee-high and black, with silver studs and pirate-style buckles, they sported 3-inch spike heels and a come-hither attitude.

Now, I'm not exactly a come-hither woman. I'm a Chuck Taylor high-top wearing, meat-and-potatoes eating, middle-aged flake. So buying these boots made about as much sense as wearing a grass skirt on an Arctic expedition.

I made three passes by the shoe department before I stood staring long enough to attract the attention of the security guard. I tried them on, teetered around like I was walking on a water bed, and instantly felt like a rock star and Cat Woman rolled into one. Move over Madonna, Big Tam's in the house.

These were boots that would make a woman get a tattoo — or better yet, become a tattoo artist and open her own studio. They'd make her get 2-inch fake nails painted Mustang red. They'd make her buy a Harley, ride to Sturgis, S.D., in the heat of August, and actually show off that tattoo. And while she was in Sturgis, she'd go into a biker bar



Tamera Schlueter

and get into a bona fide bar fight. And if she didn't poke her eye out with a fake nail in the process, she might even come out with a respectable shiner. That's the type of boots they were. So, of course, I bought the blasted things. I had to. They represented something I wanted to be at least once in a while — "bad" in a cool sort of way. But before I even got them home, I realized I didn't have a pair of jeans cool enough to wear with them. And while I jean shopped, I found a black sweater to complete my image; plus earrings, a new haircut, cologne and eyeliner. Three hours and \$350 later, I was ready for action.

Reality falls heaviest when I'm at my flakiest, and after donning my new image, I stared into the mirror and pondered the possession of my marbles. Cat Woman looked more like an aging hooker, but, hey, maybe it's just me. My husband tried hard to hide the smirk, and my sons discovered reasons to spend lots of time with friends. Undeterred, I set about finding a place to unveil the new me.

Now, Hastings doesn't offer many opportunities for a girl to get into bar fights, so I did the next best thing. I went grocery shopping. I clicked down the aisles, taking tiny steps, and using the cart as a walker to keep me upright on my spike heels.

I watched for people to realize that Big Tam

was in the house, but oddly enough, they seemed more interested in the price of toilet paper. I did discover something important, though; 3-inch heels on Chuck Taylor feet feel a bit like walking on broken glass. And the further I walked, the more they hurt, and the less I liked them. I did get noticed, however. It was while I was being "wanded" by the security guard, when an improperly scanned item tripped the alarms on my way out the door.

While the guard probed my grocery bags for potentially shoplifted booty, people stared at the oddly dressed woman. Suddenly, I felt more like Howard Stern in drag than Madonna meets Cat Woman, and I couldn't wait to get home to turn Big Tam back into the lumpy-but-loveable flake I know and love — or can at least recognize.

My boots will find a home with the rest of 2007's "I can't believe I bought these" purchases. I'll rediscover them next year while cleaning out the closet. I'll shake my head, have a good laugh, and perhaps even wear them grocery shopping to commemorate the "wandering" episode.

I suppose it's human nature to long to be something we aren't once in a while, just to be sure we know who we are. And though we may inadvertently wind up looking like Howard Stern in drag, we can always be Cat Woman at heart.

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## For kids to be kids, adults must be adults

Maybe I'm a cynic. But every once in a while I see a news story and I wonder if it's for real. And so it was when I recently read on

ABCNews.com a story by Sheila Marikar headlined "Some Say It's OK for Girls to Go Wild."

"Your 14-year-old daughter shows up on MySpace in a bikini. Her 13-year-old friend is wearing a miniskirt that might make Britney Spears blush. Time to panic? Not necessarily," Marikar opens. Some experts, she writes, argue that, "while young women may express their sexuality more overtly than they have in the past, for the most part, their behavior isn't cause for alarm. It's a necessary step in growing up."

(Hold on. We're not at the "unreal" part yet. Here come the quotes in the article from the experts.)

"There's a difference between posting a picture of yourself in virtual space, like Myspace or YouTube or Friendster, and posing in provocative clothing in public," said John Broughton, Columbia University professor of psychology and education.

(Yeah. Sexual predators have more access to our kids in the first case.)

"Jaana Juvonen, who studies the development of middle and high school students at UCLA, said ... 'Many girls might look very differently from how they act. We should not judge them based on what they look like.' "



Betsy Hart

Well, unfortunately, Ms. Juvonen, I just don't think most predatory males — OK, make that "males" — have gotten that memo. But the articles goes on to quote Lynn Hancock, who covers the "youth beat" at Columbia University's journalism school, to say that "by dressing provocatively, dancing seductively and posting salacious photos on social networking sites, young women are trying to accomplish a time-honored goal of adolescence: establishing their independence."

And Broughton further offered this in the article: "Putting up pictures of yourself scantily dressed on Myspace is, in a way, kind of a good sign. The good news is that it's somebody who isn't horrified by their appearance. Also if they get some positive response, that can be very supportive."

It was at this point I had to make sure this is all for real. It is. And it's more than a little ironic that even as the Marikar story was being posted two men were arrested on charges they raped a 14-year-old girl they pursued through Myspace.

Yes, the vast majority of the "scantily dressed" girls on these sites will, thankfully, not be sexually assaulted as a result. That's not the point. This is: Just what are these kids learning about what to value in them-

selves in a society whose "experts" think that public demonstrations of sexuality in young girls is a good thing? And what are the young guys taking away about what an adult society says they are supposed to value most in girls?

Hello. We adults are supposed to be protecting our kids, not serving them up. But we are hyper-sexualizing them at ever younger ages in a way that does just that.

I have four children, a son and three daughters. And the oldest are bumping up against the teen years. Look, I love the Internet, and there's a lot I like about community Web sites, used right. I'm already encouraging my kids to find their own clothing style even when it's different than mine.

More to the point, I also encourage them to find value in who they are, and to enjoy their minds, and their accomplishments, and to appreciate and respect their bodies. So I hate the gratuitous sexualization of our kids. It's not because I'm a prude. Just the opposite. I hate it because that's not good enough for our kids in any sense. They were designed for so much more.

I'm actually all allowing kids to discover themselves. But that should come within our guidance and protection. And that means the adults in our children's lives need to behave like, well, grown-ups.

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## Images hard to explain

The earliest event I am able to pull from my overflowing memory bank is being in a

truck with my dad and seeing through several holes in the floor of the cab rocks flying on the dirt road below us.



Joyce Ore

It was a bitter, blustery, overcast day, and I was colder than blue blazes because it was in the middle of the winter — the 17th of January, to be exact.

The event is as clear in my mind as what I had for dinner last night. Let me change that thought. I can't remember what I had for dinner last night, but I do remember Jan. 17 of the winter I was 3.

It was the date my brother was born, and my dad and I were on the way to the hospital. I was fascinated with the road and the flying rocks I was seeing through the holes in the floor.

What I can't remember is if we brought my brother home that day, what he looked like when we did, if he cried a lot or anything else about the time surrounding his birth.

So why is the image of the hole in the floor and the flying rock so clear in my mind even though I was only 3? I am sure there is a clue somewhere in that happening that explains my entire personality.

It probably has a direct bearing on why I sneak peanut butter cups, although there isn't anyone else in the house who likes them, feel claustrophobic in elevators and am uncomfortable when sitting with my back to a door.

The next thing I can remember after the cold ride in the truck happened about a year later when I was backing up in the front porch of our farm home and sat in a nearly full pail of milk my mother had just brought in from barn.

Suppose that has anything to do with my feeling nervous anytime I can't see behind me?

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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 Kensington. Barbershop style music open to men of all ages.
- ◆ Narcotics Anonymous, 8 p.m. Monday, 401 N. Lincoln Ave.

## Lotteries

### WINNING NUMBERS

Friday  
Nebraska Pick 3 ..... 9-8-9  
Kansas Pick 3 ..... 6-9-2  
Nebraska Pick 5 ..... 1-3-18-31-38  
Jackpot: \$54,000  
2by2 ..... Red 2-16, White 11-21

# No tax on textbooks draws praise

PROPOSAL WOULD PUT EXTRA MONEY IN STUDENT POCKETS

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An extra \$20 doesn't sound like a lot to some people, but an extra \$20 to a college student means ordering a pizza with some friends or being able to see a movie.

With a new bill introduced by State Sen. Danielle Nantkes of Lincoln, college students across the state could keep a \$20 bill in their pockets each time they purchase their college textbooks — by not paying sales tax.

Nantkes introduced the bill after the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska-

Lincoln presented the idea to her. She said the students' research was extensive and well thought-out, which is why she decided to put her name on the bill.

"They should be commended for their efforts," she said.

The research done by the UNL students shows that the average student spends between \$801 and \$894 on textbooks a year. The average Nebraska student graduates from college with \$16,909 in debt. The research also showed that textbook prices have increased twice the annual inflation rate over the last two decades.



James Mahoney, a sophomore English major at Hastings College, said any legislation that lowers costs for students is a good thing. Even though he only spent about \$250 on books last semester, he said, the \$17 he would have saved if there were no sales tax would have been helpful.

"I'm a poor college student, and every penny counts," Mahoney said. "That's why I'm working over break."

Most of Hastings College is vacated right now, as it is currently in interim break. On Wednesday, second semester classes begin and students will start buying new books.

Local college officials say the bill would definitely benefit students, and they can't really see

any problems with it. "Administratively, it wouldn't really affect us," Hastings College Director of Accounting Dan Laux said.

Laux said the only problem he foresees with the bill is noting all exemptions.

"There are going to be some gray areas," Laux said. "It's going to be a matter of noting what's exempt and what's not."

Cliff Ewert, vice president of public and campus relations for Follett Corp., said the bill is a step forward in helping make higher education more affordable. Follett operates the campus bookstore at Central Community College-Hastings.

"It would be a great thing for students," Ewert said. "I think it's part of how higher educa-

tion can be more affordable." Nantkes said the bill has been received favorably by most senators, but it will be up to the revenue committee to bring it to the floor for debate. Nantkes said the revenue committee is open to the idea, but is moving forward with caution.

"Ultimately, I believe the revenue committee will bring a tax relief package," she said. "It is my hope this will be a piece of that."

There will be a public hearing for the bill Feb. 23, which Nantkes said will be well attended by UNL students.

"This has been a unique avenue for college students to be involved with their government," Nantkes said. "That's really happening with this bill."

## Bill wouldn't tax military retirement benefits

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Veterans wouldn't have to pay income tax on military retirement benefits under two bills proposed in the Nebraska Legislature.

State Sen. Tom Carlson of Holdrege introduced LB183, which would exclude military retirement benefits from state income taxation.

The bill is part of a marketing strategy to encourage people to move to Nebraska, Carlson said.

Other states exclude military retirement benefits, Carlson said. He hopes that by joining them, Nebraska could motivate veterans to move here.

"The immediate result is that income tax would be lost, but if we can get some people to move in here, it's a long-term revenue source," he said. "Any other income they would have or earn would be subject in income taxes."

Carlson said military retirees usually buy homes and spend money in the area. He said they are usually young enough to have a second career, which would still be subject to income tax.

The goal, he said, is to draw more people into the state.

"That, as well as respect that I have for career military people who have spent their lives defending our country," he said of why he introduced the bill. "They've taken a great risk so you and I could do what we're doing today."

Carlson said that as he campaigned for election to the Legislature in 2006, many people introduced the idea of exempting military retirement benefits from taxation and he thought it sounded good.

In addition to Carlson's bill, LB354 was introduced by Sen. Abbie Cornett of Bellevue, which excludes military retirement benefits from state taxation up to \$24,000 per individual.

Carlson said the multiple bills show people are interested in the idea.

"You hope that you bring about legislation that makes it possible for a win-win situation," he said. "If they receive the income tax portion, it is a win for them. If we bring people into the state, it's a win for us."

Joe Ballweg, Adams County veteran services officer, said he retired from the military after 20 years of service. While he isn't sure how many military retirees are in the Hastings area, he said the bill could have an impact across the state as veterans decide where to live.

"It didn't influence me, but it probably could have influenced others," Ballweg said. "I think probably some retirees are hesitant to come back to their home state of Nebraska. It might be an incentive for some people to locate in other areas."



JOE GUNTHER/Tribune

Lora Bannan of Harvard walks a client's dogs at Lincoln Park in Hastings. City officials are looking into creating a dog park in Hastings.

## Discussion going to the dogs

TONY HERRMAN

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City officials are looking into creating a dog park, and they want community input. The Hastings Parks and Recreation Department will conduct a community meeting on dog parks at 7 p.m. Monday at the Hastings Public Library, 517 W. Fourth St.

Eric Christensen, parks and recreation director, said a dog park is basically a fenced-in, off-leash area.

"Since I've been here, about two years, I've had a number of residents speak about the opportunity to have a dog park and have given me information about other com-

munities that have dog parks," he said.

Hastings has a leash law, preventing animals from going most places without a leash.

This is the first public step in the process to create a dog park, Christensen said.

"It's kind of an open forum," he said. "I will present information regarding ideas I've gathered not only from other communities, but workshops I've gone to."

Start-up costs would be \$10,000-\$50,000, depending on amenities, Christensen said. Annual maintenance, including water for irrigation, turf maintenance and garbage pick-up, would cost \$5,000-\$10,000.

He said he would like to see a discussion about whether this is something community members want and to see if they have any ideas for park locations.

The only potential spot that Parks and Recreation staff members have identified is the American Legion Wayside Park, a six-acre park south of the Holiday Inn, 2205 Osborne Drive East.

There also will be discussion Monday about starting a committee to investigate having a dog park in Hastings.

"We invite anyone and everyone who wants to discuss the topic — for or against," Christensen said.

## Medical clinic opens in Guide Rock

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GUIDE ROCK — This community once again can boast of a medical clinic to serve the surrounding area.

Monday was opening day at the clinic, which is being furnished and staffed by the Webster County Community Hospital in Red Cloud.

Dr. Michelle Durr will be on hand to see patients each Monday and Wednesday morning. Kelly Oberlechner, an advanced practice registered

nurse, will cover Tuesday and Friday mornings. The clinic will be closed Thursday.

Anne Craig, a licensed practical nurse, will assist with office work all four days each week.

Craig is a native Missourian. She and her husband, Dr. Jim Craig, are new to the region, having arrived in Red Cloud just a couple of months ago.

Jim grew up in Nebraska and received his medical degree from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. He has worked as a physician in both South Dakota and North Dakota, where he spent 17 years staffing satellite clinics.

The couple's move to Red

Cloud was prompted by a desire to get back to Jim's native state.

"We are excited to be back in Nebraska," Craig said, "although we enjoyed our work in the Dakotas."

Durr is the daughter of Jim and Sondra Decker of Burr Oak, Kan. She received her medical degree from the University of Kansas in 2002.

She worked at the Superior Medical Clinic before joining the Webster County hospital staff recently.

She and her husband, Dave, a native Nebraskan, have built a house northwest of Superior and will continue to live there.

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## Lawmakers asked to rush bill

DECISION COULD HAVE NATIONAL RAMIFICATIONS

NATE JENKINS

The Associated Press

LINCOLN — Scabies covered the 8-year-old girl's thighs when she came home from visiting her father in Canada last summer. She told psychiatrists he had put his hands in her pants, and also suggested that the man ejaculated in bed and situated video cameras to record the molestation.

A Nebraska judge believes the girl was abused, and ordered she not go back to the alleged molester. The father denies all the allegations.

But if the Nebraska Legislature doesn't act soon to change a law that is shared by 44 other states, supporters of a bill (LB341) say, a Canadian court could force the youngster to return anyway.

The dilemma is caused by laws in Nebraska and most other states that give foreign courts the same authority as U.S. courts in matters of child custody.

"The way Nebraska law stands, the judges' hands are tied by the Nebraska law," the child's mother said at a Legislative hearing Thursday. "We are forced to send her back into British Columbia, and he continues to abuse her."

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Local

BOOKMOBILE

- Monday**
- ◆ Goldbeck Towers, 9:30 a.m.
  - ◆ The Villa, 9:45 a.m.
  - ◆ Hoeger Memorial Library, 10:15 a.m.
  - ◆ Perkins Pavilion, 10:45 a.m.
  - ◆ Village Green, 11 a.m.
  - ◆ Regency Retirement, 1:15 p.m.
  - ◆ HPS Preschool at Hawthorne, 1:45 p.m.
  - ◆ 1900 block of West Ninth Street, 2 p.m.
  - ◆ HPS Preschool at Headstart, 2:20 p.m.
- Tuesday**
- ◆ Kenesaw School, 9:15-1 p.m.
  - ◆ Christ Lutheran School, 1:30 p.m.
- Wednesday**
- ◆ 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.
  - ◆ Pooh Corner North 10:15-11:15 a.m.
  - ◆ Juniata School, 1:15-2:45 p.m.

# Columbus woman sends mugs to warm son, troops

**JULIE BLUM**  
*The Associated Press*  
**COLUMBUS**—The mornings are so chilly the soldiers can see their breath.

But thanks to the help of a local woman and her co-workers, it won't take the members serving with the U.S. Marines 9th Engineer Support Battalion Company B too long to warm up. Upon a request from her son, Master Sgt. Charles Daily, Gina Gwinner of Columbus collected more than 100 thermal mugs to send to the members of her son's company.

Gwinner stays in contact with her son, who has been serving at Camp Taqaddum Iraq since August, through e-mail. In one of their most recent correspondence he told his mom they could use thermal mugs to carry coffee and hot chocolate. The Styrofoam

cups they use just don't cut it when traveling along the land in their vehicles.

"I think it was like in the first part of November. He said it was really cold over there, especially at night. When they are out in their Humvees, they don't have any way to stay warm. He was just hoping some charitable organization would chip in and help," Gwinner said.

Gwinner talked to her family about it and also posted fliers at her work asking for monetary donations so she could buy mugs and ship them off.

Within a few days, Gwinner said she had enough money to order 100 mugs - one for each member of the company - from Wal-Mart. She boxed them up and sent them out the first week of December. Because of the gen-

erous donations from her co-workers at B-D, Gwinner said she had enough money to purchase a total of 151 mugs. The extra mugs were to be distributed to other military companies.

Gwinner said it was nice to see so many people wanting to give. "They just walked up to me and gave me money and said, 'Here.' I was really quite surprised," she said.

In an e-mail sent to his mom, Daily said his company is appreciative for the gifts.

"Thanks for these mugs. The guys are drinking a lot of coffee and hot cocoa on these cold night missions," Daily wrote. "We can see our breath. Can you believe it? It is supposed to get to 20 degrees here on Thursday, that is wind chill. I thought I was in the desert."

# Details of soldier's death still unknown

**JOSH FUNK**  
*The Associated Press*

**OMAHA**—The parents of an Army officer killed in Iraq last Saturday are more focused on planning their son's funeral than learning the exact circumstances of his death.

Questions about 1st Lt. Jacob Fritz's death emerged Friday after The Associated Press reported that the 25-year-old from rural Verdon, may have been one of four U.S. soldiers abducted during a sneak attack in Karbala, Iraq. A total of five U.S. soldiers were killed in the region last Saturday.

Karen Mezger, a family friend who knew Fritz, said Friday afternoon that the military has not told Fritz's parents anything new about Jacob Fritz's death since the initial notification.

"Right now, the parents are not listening to, or concerned with, anything about how he died," Mezger said. "They just want to get him back here in Verdon, Nebraska."

The U.S. military confirmed Friday that four soldiers were abducted during the attack in Karbala on Jan. 20. It said three were shot to death and a fourth was mortally wounded with a gunshot to the head when they were found in a neighboring province, far from the compound where they were captured.

The military's statement confirmed details The Associated Press reported earlier. Two of the four abducted soldiers were handcuffed together in the back seat of a sport-utility vehicle near the southern Iraqi town of

Mahawil. A third dead soldier was on the ground nearby. The fourth soldier died on the way to a hospital, the military said.

On Jan. 20, the day of the highly sophisticated raid on a security meeting in the Shiite holy city of Karbala, the military said five soldiers were killed repelling the attack.

Mezger asked Fritz's parents several questions on behalf of The Associated Press, but they declined an interview.

Mezger said Fritz's parents were told about a vehicle that went through a checkpoint in Karbala, and someone inside the vehicle shot their son. But she said the family was never told anything about an abduction.

Mezger said Fritz's parents have been told that any change in the explanation of how their son was killed would come from officials in charge of his unit, and it might be some time before all the details are known.

Jacob Fritz was a 2000 graduate of Dawson-Verdon High School and 2005 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y. He left for Iraq in October.

His 22-year-old brother, Daniel, will graduate from West Point in 2008.

Fritz's family is tentatively planning his funeral for Wednesday afternoon in Prichard Auditorium in Falls City, which is the southeast corner of Nebraska. He will be buried in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church cemetery about six miles north of Falls City.

## Winter graduation

- University of Nebraska at Omaha, bachelor's degree in nursing
- ◆ **Hastings:** Lisa Christy, bachelor's degree in business administration; Tania Greene, bachelor of arts degree; Benjamin Heady, bachelor's degree in education and human sciences; Julie Klein, University of Nebraska at Omaha, bachelor's degree in criminal justice; David Lessor, bachelor's degree in business administration; Brian Poppe, bachelor's degree in business administration with highest distinction; Jenny Prior, bachelor's degree in veterinary technology; David Quinn, bachelor's degree in construction management; Amy Schmeckle, bachelor of fine arts; Chris Wagner, University of Nebraska Medical Center, bachelor's degree in nursing; Ryan Wendel, bachelor's degree in business administration
  - ◆ **Hebron:** Juli Hintz, master of arts
  - ◆ **Hildreth:** Susan Hays, University of Nebraska Medical Center, bachelor's degree in nursing

- ◆ **Kenesaw:** Brandon Chrisp, bachelor of arts
- ◆ **Minden:** Andrew Casper, bachelor's degree in biochemistry with high distinction; Brandon Schmidt, bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering
- ◆ **Nelson:** Daniel Laughlin, bachelor's degrees in animal science and grazing livestock systems; Ann O'Connor, doctorate in law; Erin Utecht, bachelor's degree in education and human sciences
- ◆ **Omaha:** Tyler Saatmann, bachelor's degree in agricultural engineering
- ◆ **Shickley:** Kelsey Erb, bachelor of arts; Kerri Kennel, bachelor's degree in business administration
- ◆ **Strang:** Andrea Myers, bachelor's degree in education and human sciences
- ◆ **Superior:** Neil Bouray, bachelor's degree in agricultural economics; James Fenimore, bachelor's degree in industrial engineering
- ◆ **Sutton:** Mitchell Bergen,

- bachelor's degree in business administration with distinction; Katherine Sheridan, bachelor of arts; Blake Smith, bachelor's degree in fisheries and wildlife; Monica Smith, bachelor's degree in education and human sciences

## SCC GRADS

- The following area students received degrees Friday from Southeast Community College Milford Campus:
- ◆ **Geneva:** John Hogue, architectural engineering technology
  - ◆ **Grafton:** Jerod Timmermans, diesel technology-farm
  - ◆ **Hastings:** Alex Kamarad, architectural engineering technology
  - ◆ **Kenesaw:** Joel Eberle, electrical technology
  - ◆ **Lawrence:** Nicholas Karmazin, electrical technology
  - ◆ **Saronville:** Austin Carlson, diesel technology-farm
  - ◆ **Smith Center, Kan.:** Janelle Baetz, John Deere ag parts; Jordan Hommon, John Deere ag parts

## UNL

- About 1,300 University of Nebraska-Lincoln students received degrees at commencement exercises recently at the Bob Devaney Sports Center in Lincoln.
- Area graduates were:
- ◆ **Blue Hill:** Luke Pawlowski, bachelor of science
  - ◆ **Davenport:** Ross Sissel, bachelor's degree in education and human sciences
  - ◆ **Deshler:** Timothy Kruse, bachelor's degree in computer engineering
  - ◆ **Doniphan:** Curtiss Dill, bachelor's degree in business administration
  - ◆ **Exeter:** Robert Michl, doctorate in education
  - ◆ **Geneva:** Kenzi Clark, bachelor's degree in food science and technology; Renee Domeier, bachelor's degree in agribusiness; Melissa Hughes, bachelor's degree in business administration; Timothy Scarborough, bachelor of science
  - ◆ **Glennville:** Brenda Riessland,

## Silver Lake honor roll

- The following students made the honor roll for the second quarter and first semester at Silver Lake High School in Roseland:
- Second quarter high honor roll (94-100 average)**
- ◆ **Seventh grade:** Morgan Hill, Amy Trausch
  - ◆ **Eighth grade:** Sarah Fischer, Brianna Gentert, Erin Plambeck, Jacob Trausch
  - ◆ **Freshmen:** Cami Bruckman, Kate Crowell, Kevin Hall, Connor Hansen, Nate Kosse, Jennifer Mahoney, Chantel Pittz, Ronny Sorensen
  - ◆ **Sophomores:** Betsy Battreall, Caitlin Bruckman, Mark Lutkemeier, Jessica Monroe
  - ◆ **Juniors:** Baili Klein
  - ◆ **Seniors:** Tova Ehrman, Amanda Grigg, Rachel Hall, Shanda Pittz, Shayla Trausch
- Second quarter honor roll (90-93.99 average)**
- ◆ **Seventh grade:** Megan Blumenthal, Michael Hinrichs, Estefany Perez, Colin Smith
  - ◆ **Eighth grade:** Zac Battreall, Bailey Crowe, Taryn Ehrman, Taylor Ehrman, Megan Jacobitz, Mackenzie Kral, Sawyer Monroe, Bailey Morris, Derek Peters
  - ◆ **Freshmen:** Dalton Echemnach, Michelle Gentert, Chloe Gibson, Carmi Grigg, Chace Lutz, Jenae Parr, Dylan Pritchard, Jared Rathje, Shelby Rupprecht, Kayla Timm
  - ◆ **Sophomores:** Alarissa Borja, Cassandra Borja, Molly Conner, Sarah Klein, Courtney Kral, McKenzie Mangers, Connor Morris
  - ◆ **Juniors:** Zach Crowe, Kim Crowell, Aurora Gibson, Melissa Klein, Kristin Primm, Joslynn Roth,

- Ben Trausch
  - ◆ **Seniors:** Heather Gentert, Mitch Hansen, Joseph Hemberger, Mia Jensen, Heidi Jones, Josh Oles
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## Fillmore Central honor roll

- The following students made the honor roll for the first semester at Fillmore Central High School in Geneva:
- Principal's honor roll (Grade point average of 3.66 to 4.0)**
- ◆ **Freshmen:** Abbi Adkisson, Laura Baltzer, Cassie Beale, Dakota Boeck, Tiffany Burklund, Joseph Chapman, Demi Hogue, Paul Hubert, Kelly Jefferson, Brooke Neville, Kristine Ochsner, Nicole Rosenquist, Alex Shaner, Jordyn Taylor, Rebecca Wicks, Emilie Workentine
  - ◆ **Sophomores:** Cody Austin, Megan Baumann, Maribeth Capek, Jenna Cassidy, Lacy Eichlerberger, Seth Gebers, Eric Kamler, Wade Kerl, Caitlin Moore, Emily Pribyl, Brooke Roth, Kari Schendt
  - ◆ **Juniors:** Aislee Adkisson, Phillip Boon, Kristin Broman, Kyle Carroll, Alishia Copanos, Mariah Hogue, Kelsey Lightwine, Samantha Menard, Matthew Miller, Olivia

- White, Elizabeth Wilson
  - ◆ **Seniors:** Nikki Anderson, Michael Baumann, Tiffany Bruns, Daphne Domling, Lynn Gerdes, Julia Hafer, Alyssa Hayse, Stacy Kamler, Kristine Knoche, Bobbie Lovegrove, Whitney Peppard, Crystal Pribyl, Maika Roehner, Chris Schendt, Lindsey Taylor
- Honor roll (GPA of 3.25 to 3.65)**
- ◆ **Freshmen:** Paul Hubert, Jenny Kleinschmidt, Brittny Schropfer, Ashton Soukup
  - ◆ **Sophomores:** Levi Davenport, Katelyn Domeier, Daniel Elznic, Jessica Herman, Wendy Rippe, Katherine Roemich, Tyler Salmon, Mitchell Softley, Shelby Walton
  - ◆ **Juniors:** Brian Anderson, Miranda Burgess, Paige Fairbanks, Dustin Hinrichs, Connie Jones
  - ◆ **Seniors:** Jordan Duensing, Cody Engle, Sean Hoarty, Caroline Ochsner, Luke Pared, Kall Reinsch, Chris Shaw, Karl Sievert, Roby Taylor, Kevin Ward, James Weese

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

The following students were named the students of the week at Hastings Middle School:

◆ For the week of Jan. 15-19: Team 7A, Lauren Bartunek; Team 7B, Evan Price; Team 8A, Tyler O'Callaghan; Team 8B, Alex Keele; Exploratory Team, Anne Halsted (7A) and Tara Sadd (8A).

◆ Week of Jan 22-26: Team 7A, Ryan Grealish; Team 7B, Coren Fielder; Team 8A, Cheyanne Kerr; Team 8B, Olivia Harms; and Exploratory Team, Ryan DeBoer (7B) and Alyssa Harig (8B).

DEAN'S LISTS ANNOUNCED

The following Tribland students were recently named to the Dean's List at their respective schools:

Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa:

- ◆ Hastings: Ryan Boesch; Erin Lepird
- Peru State College, Peru:**
- ◆ Davenport: Jesse Williams, Sr.
- ◆ Fairfield: Kara Lally
- ◆ Hampton: Jari Wehmeier
- ◆ Ong: Doug Mountford
- ◆ Shickley: Brianna Zauha
- ◆ Wood River: Laura Kjar
- Creighton University, Omaha:**
- ◆ Byron: Courtney Tietjen
- ◆ Campbell: Jordane Choquette
- ◆ Davenport: Heath Grone
- ◆ Deshler: Alisha Looftjer
- ◆ Exeter: Bailee A. Becker
- ◆ Hastings: Diana Bruguera; Julie Buffalo; Megan Choquette; Dessa Consbruck; Abby Hayek; Nicole Henrichs; Ashley Howard; Blake Hyde; Valerie Kopecky; Michael Lueth; Andrea McGrath; Dacia McIntyre; Tamdan Ngo; Sarah Weaver

- ◆ Hebron: Tara Orvis
- ◆ Juniata: Jason Hinze
- ◆ Prosser: Christopher Rainforth
- ◆ Red Cloud: Alison Brumbaugh
- ◆ Sutton: Kristi Lorenzen
- ◆ Upland: Adrianna Choquette

Region

FARM, RANCH CLINIC

Farmers and ranchers are invited to attend a free, one-on-one, confidential clinic in Grand Island Feb. 1 for advice on legal and financial matters.

The clinic staff will include a lawyer with experience handling agricultural issues and an ag financial counselor. The staff specializes in financial and estate planning, farm loan programs, debtor/creditor law and other areas of the law.

The clinic is sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture and Legal Aid of Nebraska.

For more information, contact Michelle at the Nebraska Farm Hotline, (800) 464-0258.

QUILT SHOW

**CLAY CENTER** — A quilt show at the Clay County Museum here is planned for Feb. 3-4 and 10-11.

A speaker or demonstration is planned for 2 p.m. Feb. 4 and 11.

Quilts must be entered Monday or Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the museum or by contacting any board member.

For information, call (402) 772-4041 or (402) 762-3563.

DOANE COLLEGE VOCAL FESTIVAL

**CRETE** — The following high school students recently attended the 31st annual Doane College Vocal Festival on Jan. 14-15:

- ◆ Adams Central: Luann Jacobitz, Brianna Knott, Jodi Nikkel
- ◆ Blue Hill: Kelsey Snider
- ◆ Clay Center: Daniel Sattler
- ◆ Deshler: Isaiah Burger, Stacey Duensing
- ◆ Doniphan-Trumbull: Tarryn Rouse
- ◆ Exeter-Milligan: Danni Erdkamp
- ◆ Franklin: Jacklyn Hlavac
- ◆ Shickley: Arielle Brinkman, Conley Straight
- ◆ Superior: Evan Robb
- ◆ Sutton: Amanda Gasal

Markets

Friday's closing local markets

|          |      |
|----------|------|
| Corn     | 3.70 |
| Soybeans | 6.37 |
| Milo     | 3.70 |
| Wheat    | 4.63 |

Stocks of local interest

|                           | Last       | Chg.    |
|---------------------------|------------|---------|
| Alltel                    | 61.37      | +0.05   |
| BN Santa Fe               | 77.66      | -0.62   |
| Berkshire Hathaway A      | 106,700.00 | -600.00 |
| Berkshire Hathaway B      | 3,545.50   | -40.41  |
| ConAgra                   | 26.09      | -0.34   |
| Eaton Corp.               | 75.85      | +0.66   |
| Ingersoll Rand            | 41.74      | +0.06   |
| Kinder Morgan             | 106.61     | +0.06   |
| Level 3                   | 6.32       | +0.15   |
| McDonald's                | 42.93      | -0.07   |
| PepsiCo                   | 64.45      | +0.03   |
| TierOne                   | 29.28      | +0.33   |
| Tricon Global Restaurants | 59.24      | +0.27   |
| Union Pacific             | 95.43      | -1.06   |
| Wells Fargo               | 36.03      | -0.05   |
| Williams Cos.             | 26.52      | -0.07   |
| Wal-Mart                  | 47.67      | -0.48   |

# Doctor says women's rights still at risk



MANUEL BALCE CENETA/AP

This file photo from Nov. 8, 2006 shows Bellevue physician Leroy Carhart meeting with reporters outside the Supreme Court in Washington, after a hearing on a partial-birth abortion case.

TIMBERLY ROSS  
The Associated Press

**BELLEVUE** — Abortion doctor LeRoy Carhart is entrenched in what he calls a "never-ending battle" — one that anti-abortion advocates have strongly urged him to surrender.

For now, his battleground is the U.S. Supreme Court. A victory there would overturn a 2003 congressional ban on what abortion opponents call partial-birth abortion and add to the Nebraska doctor's success in his campaign for women's reproductive rights.

"The only way women come close to achieving equality is if they can control their fertility," said the 65-year-old Carhart, seated in his suburban Omaha clinic. "Abortion rights for men have been available since the beginning of time. When they're unhappy with a pregnancy, they walk away; it doesn't matter whether it's the day after conception or when the child is 10 years old."

The Supreme Court heard arguments in Carhart's case in November and is expected to rule by early summer.

Carhart and the staff at his Bellevue clinic perform abortions as late as the 18th week of pregnancy.

Those procedures are prohibited by the federal Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act — a law Carhart says Congress had no authority to make.

The Bush administration is defending the law as drawing a bright line between abortion and infanticide. The method involves partially extracting an intact fetus from the uterus, then cutting or crushing its skull.

Doctors most often refer to the procedure as a dilation and extraction or an intact dilation and evacuation abortion.

The procedure appears to take place most often in the middle third of pregnancy. There are a few thousand such abortions, according to rough estimates, out of more than 1.25 million abortions in the United States annually. Ninety percent of all abortions occur in the first 12 weeks of pregnancy, and are not at issue.

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## Sales tax bill gets first-round approval

The Associated Press

Developments on the 17th day of the first session of the 100th Nebraska Legislature, Friday, Jan. 26th, 2007:

ON THE FLOOR:

**SALES TAX:** Nearly \$13 million that now goes to the state's general fund would instead go to cities, counties and the state's highway trust fund to pay for roads under a bill (LB305) from Sen. Deb Fischer of Valentine. The bill got first-round approval. The millions of dollars come from a sales and use tax on leased vehicles, trailers and semitrailers.

IN COMMITTEE:

**COUNTY LAWS:** Two state lawmakers say the power to pass laws shouldn't be confined to city

borders. Sens. Gail Kopplin of Gretna and Kent Rogert of Tekamah want counties to have the power to pass ordinances to control everything from dogs and cats to health threats. County boards currently don't have the power to pass ordinances. They would have broad authority under Kopplin's bill (LB172) by being able to pass ordinances to generally maintain the peace, general welfare and health of residents. Rogert's bill (LB212) is narrower in scope and would allow ordinances only on towing, control of dogs and cats and sidewalk obstructions. The Legislature's Government Committee held hearings on the bills.

**FOSTER CARE:** Parents of kids in foster care could pay

more in child support under a bill (LB29) considered by the Judiciary Committee. Courts currently have discretion to decide whether parents should be forced to pay child support for their kids in foster care. The bill from Sen. Mike Friend of Omaha would require such payments.

**ID THEFT:** Sen. Arnie Stuthman of Platte Center wants fewer digits on court orders. His bill (LB306) would require that just the last four digits of Social Security numbers go on court orders; the first five would be replaced by asterisks. The measure could help prevent identity theft and was considered by the Judiciary Committee.

## Rush: Decision could have big impact

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The Associated Press is not using her name to protect the identity of the child.

The case of alleged abuse in Nebraska has lawmakers rushing to change the law — possibly by the middle of next week — so that Nebraska courts trump foreign courts for children who spend most of the time in the United States and are deemed at risk if they return to foreign countries to visit parents.

An expert on child custody says other states may follow.

"What the Nebraska Legislature is going to do ... will be a model for other states to enact," said Richard Ducote, a New Orleans attorney who has worked on the Nebraska case and other child protection cases around the country.

An attorney for the girl's father has another take on the case, and on the proposed change in law.

"This is outrageous," said attorney Christopher Furches, who learned of the bill Friday. "If they change the law and your child comes here from a foreign country, you can kiss your rights goodbye when allegations of abuse are raised."

"This is a situation where a woman is not happy with the results in Nebraska and wants it to thumb its nose at a sovereign nation's laws. She's not doing this to save her child from abuse, she's doing it to keep my client from having a relationship" with the child, Furches said.

The woman who prompted the bill is from Nebraska and moved to Canada in the late 1990s to take a job. While there she gave birth to a daughter. About seven years ago, she got custody of her daughter from a Canadian court and returned to Nebraska.

She said her daughter behaved hysterically when returning from visiting her father in Canada a few years ago, so she took her to a psychiatrist. The girl told the psychiatrist about being abused, her mother said. Nebraska police got involved, as well as a district court judge who

on two occasions has issued orders that the girl not have to return to Canada.

The Canadian court has been "totally unresponsive to her child's abuse," Ducote said, and is an example of the type of legal paralysis that harms children but that U.S. courts can do little about now.

Furches, the father's attorney, believes the law change would stymie thorough legal reviews of such cases.

A thorough review, he says, occurred in Canada, where the mother and her attorneys "have lost every motion they've filed."

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# Burling: Bill would cut HRC funding

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Jeanne Atkinson, spokeswoman for Nebraska Health and Human Services, said HRC officials wouldn't comment on the bill until it is heard before a committee.

In an interview last week, HRC Executive Director Bill Gibson said the Lincoln Regional Center changed its

focus last year to adult services and the adolescent program was moved to HRC because of its proximity to juvenile detention centers in Geneva and Kearney.

He said about 16 juveniles are being treated for mental health at HRC and 40 adolescent boys from Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment

Center in Kearney are being treated for substance abuse.

Gibson said previous legislation called for the closing of adult services at HRC in favor of community-based services, which have developed greatly since 2004, but about 10 adults remain because their problems are too complicated to be handled in the community.

Burling will meet with city officials Monday to discuss the bill.

"We want to get everybody on the same page so we all know what's going on with the situation," Burling said. "That way we can plan on how we're going to be involved as this bill moves through the process."

# Law: Infant protection getting attention

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Under the bill introduced by Sen. Arnie Stuthman of Platte Center, there would be much stricter guidelines for parents and the state.

He said the parent has up to 72 hours after the child is born to drop the child off at a hospital or manned fire station. Stuthman said he chose those places because they are the only people allowed to admit a patient into the hospital.

The person who receives the child has four hours to contact law enforcement, which will start the process of placing the child through Health and Human Services.

"It's a straight-forward, simple bill that if an individual parent does not show an interest in their child and wants to leave it somewhere for possible adoption, they

can," Stuthman said.

With his bill, HHS would start the process of terminating the parental rights as soon as they are notified that the child was dropped off.

Stuthman said he didn't want to allow the biological parents to reclaim the child, like LB6 would do, because that could cause a legal battle leading to undue harm of the child.

"I just think that really opens up a can of worms, and there's no permanent place for the child," he said. "I want to get these kids adopted and into a permanent home as soon as possible."

Pahls said he questioned the legality of Stuthman's proposal to immediately terminate the parent's rights.

A second major difference between the two bills is the length of time the parent has

to drop off the child.

After researching safe haven laws across the country, Pahls determined 30 days was a common time limit, while only a few states limit the time to 72 hours.

He said three days doesn't seem like enough time for a parent to make such a tough decision.

"And after a couple weeks, if you're really young, the novelty of having a baby is no longer a novelty," Pahls said.

Stuthman said he chose 72 hours as a way to protect the infant from suffering injury or neglect at the hands of his or her parents.

"In this time, I think there is a possibility that there may not be harm done to the child," he said.

In 30 days, Stuthman said a parent could neglect a child to

a very unhealthy point. With the shorter time, the child is less likely to suffer any permanent damage.

While the two senators disagree on what the law should look like, the two both came to their decisions in the same way.

Pahls and Stuthman both said their decisions to move forward with this type of legislation was due to the comments of numerous constituents, including concerned citizens and medical workers.

"And I think there are people out there that really don't know what to do," he said. "They would like to have a safe place for their child and allow it to go up for adoption."

Both bills are currently being reviewed by the judiciary committee.

# Issue: Doctor says women's rights at risk

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Six federal courts have already struck down the partial-birth abortion law as an impermissible restriction on a woman's constitutional right to an abortion that the Supreme Court established in its landmark Roe v. Wade ruling in 1973.

"This ban is so broadly and vaguely written, it will criminalize abortion much earlier in pregnancy than people think," said Eve Gartner, an attorney for the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, which has also argued against the ban before the Supreme Court. "It is part of a bigger agenda to chip away at the underpinnings of Roe and ultimately to criminalize all abortions."

In 2000, the high court ruled for Carhart in striking down a similar Nebraska law because it lacked an exception to preserve a woman's health and encompassed a more common abortion method.

The cases have put him in the national spotlight and provoked hostility from some abortion opponents.

The clinic, his house and those of his employees have been picketed. So has the equestrian center he owns and his daughter, Janine, runs.

In 1991, Carhart's rural home burned in a fire he believes was started by an abortion foe. The family dog and cat were killed, as were 17 hors-

es trapped in a barn.

Those sacrifices are Carhart's battle scars.

"It's worth it to me," he said. "You have to fight for what you believe in."

Julie Schmit-Albin, executive director of anti-abortion group Nebraska Right to Life, has followed Carhart's legal battles for partial-birth abortion. She said he is a "poster boy" for a procedure her group believes is tantamount to infanticide.

"This man has a vested interest in protecting his industry," she said. "He wants to be able to kill unborn babies in any manner he deems necessary to bring him his profits."

Schmit-Albin was present for Carhart's oral arguments before the Supreme Court in 2000 and before federal courts on the current case. His testimony about the abortion procedures he performs is candid, she said.

"He matter-of-factly just describes what he does," she said. "It's really very grisly to listen to."

Carhart said he's able to champion abortion rights because he doesn't have to rely on his medical practice to pay the bills. The military pension he gets from his 21 years in the Air Force provides enough income to support his family.

The Center for Reproductive Rights, a New York-based advocacy group, covers many of his legal costs.

# Song: Teachers speak out against bill to change 'Beautiful Nebraska'

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It was written in 1960 by Jim Fras, a Russian refugee who came to Lincoln in 1952.

Lukow's students sing the song each year in the fall and again in the spring on the state's birthday, March 1.

She has even created actions for the song that the students perform as they sing about the beauty of their state.

But all of that would change

if the Legislature approves LB 345.

In fact, Lukow said she was shocked when she initially read of Burling's proposal.

"I was not pleased because I like our state song so much," she said.

And Lukow is not alone.

Lincoln Elementary general music teacher Pam Smith said she thinks the Nebraska state song is one of the most beautiful state songs in the nation.

It's a song that has stood the test of time and continues to be appropriate today, Smith said.

Lukow said she believes "Beautiful Nebraska" is a song that describes the state as a whole — not just certain aspects of it.

"It doesn't cause any animosity between groups like the city and the country," she said. "It includes everything and everybody."

That is much different from

"I Love Nebraska," a country tune that focuses primarily on the wildlife, agricultural products and the Huskers.

"It's a very style-specific song, and if people don't like that style, then they're not going to like the song," Lukow said. "Then they think they don't like the song writer and all the other things. But none of that matters."

Lukow said she has nothing against tenBensel or her song. Her real reason for speaking

out against LB345 is because she doesn't think there is any reason to get rid of "Beautiful Nebraska," which she believes captures the tradition and heritage of Nebraska.

Alcott Elementary vocal music teacher Catherine Wilson said she would teach whatever song is chosen as the state song.

As a former Arkansas resident, Wilson is accustomed to having different state songs.

The state currently has two

official state songs, one state anthem and one state historical song, which include "Oh, Arkansas," "Arkansas (You Run Deep in Me)," "Arkansas" and "The Arkansas Traveler."

Coming from that background, Wilson said she is very willing to teach whatever songs the state has.

"I would be happy to teach a new song. I would be happy to teach the current song," she said. "It's a beautiful state. Let's have lots of songs."

# Iraq: Four U.S. soldiers abducted, shot to death in sneak attack

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The four were identified as 1st Lt. Jacob N. Fritz, 25, of Verdun, Neb.; Spc. Johnathan B. Chism, 22, of Prairieville, La.; Pfc. Shawn P. Falter, 25, of Homer, N.Y., and Pvt. Johnathon M. Millican, 20, of Trafford, Ala. All were with the 2nd Battalion, 377th Parachute Field Artillery Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, of Fort Richardson, Alaska.

The security breakdown and the dramatic kidnapping and murder of four soldiers leaked out just as President Bush faces stiffening congressional opposition over his plan to flood Baghdad and surrounding regions with 21,500 more American troops. Two of Congress's most vocal war critics, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Rep. John Murtha, were in the Iraqi capital as the news broke.

In a statement issued late Friday, the military said two of the soldiers were handcuffed together in the back seat of an SUV near the southern Iraqi town of Mahawil. A third dead soldier was on the ground nearby. The fourth soldier died on the way to the hospital.

The brazen assault, 50 miles south of Baghdad, was conducted by nine to 12 gunmen posing as an American security team, the military confirmed. The attackers traveled in black GMC Suburban vehicles — the type used by U.S. government convoys — had American weapons, wore new U.S. military combat fatigues, and spoke English, according to two senior U.S. military officials as well as Iraqi officials.

None of the American or Iraqi officials would allow use of their names because of the sensitive nature of the information.

The confirmation came after nearly a week of inquiries. The U.S. military in Baghdad initially did not respond to repeated requests for comment on

reports that began emerging from Iraqi government and military officials on the abduction and a major breakdown in security at the Karbala site.

Within hours of the AP report that four of the five dead soldiers had been abducted and found dead or dying about 25 miles east of Karbala, the military issued a long account of what took place.

"The precision of the attack, the equipment used and the possible use of explosives to destroy the military vehicles in the compound suggests that the attack was well rehearsed prior to execution," said Lt. Col. Scott Bleichwehl, spokesman for Multi-National Division-Baghdad.

"The attackers went straight to where Americans were located in the provincial government facility, bypassing the Iraqi police in the compound," he said. "We are looking at all the evidence to determine who or what was responsible for the breakdown in security at the compound and the perpetration of the assault."

The Karbala raid, as explained by the Iraqi and American officials, began after nightfall on Jan. 20, while American military officers were meeting with their Iraqi counterparts on the main floor of the Provisional Joint Coordination Center in Karbala.

Iraqi officials said the approaching convoy of black GMC Suburbans was waved through an Iraqi checkpoint at the edge of the city. The Iraqi soldiers believed it to be American because of the type of vehicles, the distinctive camouflage American uniforms and the fact that they spoke English. One Iraqi official said the leader of the assault team was blond, but no other official confirmed that.

A top Iraqi security official for Karbala province told the AP that the Iraqi guards at the checkpoint radioed ahead to

the governor's compound to alert their compatriots that the convoy was on its way.

Iraqi officials said the attackers' convoy divided upon arrival, with some vehicles parking at the back of the main building where the meeting was taking place, and others parking in front.

The attackers threw a grenade and opened fire with automatic rifles as they grabbed two soldiers inside the compound. Then the guerrilla assault team jumped on top of an armored U.S. Humvee and captured two more soldiers, the U.S. military officials said.

In its statement, the U.S. military said one soldier was killed and three were wounded by a "hand grenade thrown into the center's main office which contains the provincial police chief's office on an upper floor." The attackers seized four soldiers and an unclassified U.S. military computer and fled with them east toward Mahawil in Babil province, crossing the Euphrates River, the U.S. military officials said.

The Iraqi officials said the four were captured alive and shot just before the vehicles were abandoned.

Police, who became suspicious when the convoy of attackers and their American captives did not stop at a roadblock, chased the vehicles and found the bodies, the gear and the abandoned SUVs.

The military statement said: "Two soldiers were found handcuffed together in the back of one of the SUVs. Both had suffered gunshot wounds and were dead. A third soldier was found shot and dead on the ground. Nearby, the fourth soldier was still alive, despite a gunshot wound to the head."

The wounded soldier was rushed to the hospital by Iraqi police but died on the way, the military said.

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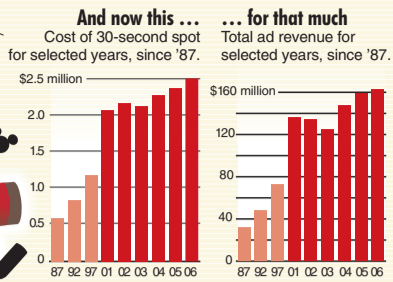
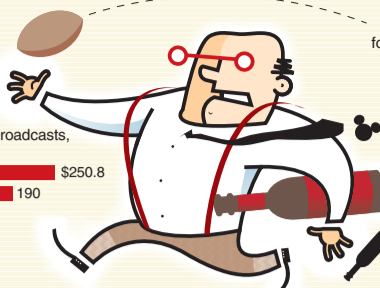
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# Super Bowl ads go campy

SETH SUTEL  
The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — There's one place where you can find both FedEx, the overnight package delivery service, and "Fed-Ex," or Kevin Federline, the future ex-husband of pop diva Britney Spears. Both will be making appearances in Super Bowl ads, the highest-profile advertising event of the year.

FedEx Corp. is keeping mum about what its ad will look like, keeping up a tradition of ultra-secrecy that many marketers follow in hopes of building up the maximum amount of surprise during the game, which airs Feb. 4 on CBS Corp.'s CBS network. Advertisers want to get the most out of the huge cost of an ad in the big game, which is running as high as \$2.6 million this year, up slightly from \$2.5 million last year.

Federline will be poking fun at himself in a humorous spot for the Nationwide Mutual Insurance Co. under its "Life Comes at You Fast" campaign. Those spots, which have previously featured the supermodel Fabio and MC Hammer, will show Federline winding up working in a fast-food restaurant.

Humor and attempts to drive viewers to the Web, two themes from past years, are back again with some variations, and this year's Super Bowl commercials add a new twist — viewer participation.

One of the biggest new themes of this year's game is getting amateurs into the act. General Motors Corp.'s Chevrolet division ran a contest for college students to propose an ad that would be made by a team of professionals, and PepsiCo Inc.'s Frito-Lay unit will run an ad made entirely by an amateur contestant.

Meanwhile, Bayer Corp.'s Alka-Seltzer has a spot in the pre-game broadcast featuring the winner of a contest to come up with an updated version of its "plop-plop, fizz-fizz" jingle. The winner was Josh Anderson, a DJ at a radio station in Greensboro, N.C. The NFL also made an ad from an idea generated by a fan contest.

Many of the other spots made available for preview ahead of the big game show a decided shift to lighthearted, sometimes campy humor. That's in contrast with a number of ads last year that highlighted oddball violence, such as a female player in a touch football game getting clobbered with an illegal tackle.

Several marketers are trying even harder to use their ads to drive traffic to Web sites associated with their brands, such as Chevrolet's college-student contest and Nationwide, which posted outtakes from its Federline ad on its Web site.

Jo Ann Ross, the head of ad sales at CBS, says the spots have been selling well, and that several advertisers have inquired about making a tie-in with Black History Month in February given that the coaches of both teams, for the first time, are black. "That is a very, very positive story," Ross said.

Ross said demand had been brisk for the ads, and the network was seeing strong interest following a highly rated AFC championship game and the recent announcement of nominations for the Academy Awards. "We're wrapping it up," she said.

It's been a busy few weeks for Ross and her staff, including a personal trip to Omaha,



Kevin Federline is seen in a clip from the Nationwide Super Bowl ad "Life Comes at You Fast."

Neb. to seal a deal with infoUSA Inc., a marketing database company that is one of the first-time advertisers in this year's game.

Vin Gupta, the founder and CEO of infoUSA, said the Super Bowl represented a key chance to reach the 20 million sales people and 10 million small business owners that his company markets its services to. An excerpt of the ad provided by the company shows a successful salesman emerging from a snazzy new red sports car.

"If you're trying to reach 30 million potential clients, the Super Bowl is the best way to reach them," Gupta said. "Plus, it gives you instant credibility."

Garmin International Inc., another first-timer, is planning a campy spot inspired by 1960s Japanese monster movies with a showdown between an evil "Maposaurus" and a hero who uses a Garmin-made electronic navigation device to save the day. This being the Internet age, there is, naturally, an accompanying blog: <http://garmin.blogs.com>.

Among returning advertisers, Diamond Foods Inc.'s Emerald Nuts brand came up with new ads after innovative spots last year that turned the company's name into an acrostic-like word puzzle.

Emerald is hoping to generate even more interest in its ad, which features the actor Robert Goulet, by posting video clips on the video-sharing site YouTube. They feature humorous "victim testimonials" from people who didn't have Emerald Nuts handy at that key time late in the day when many people run low on energy.

Other big advertisers are also returning, including Anheuser-Busch Cos.' Budweiser and Bud Light brands, which are once again the game's biggest advertisers. Featured spots will include comedian Carlos Mencia and rapper Jay-Z. YUM Brands Inc.'s Pizza Hut is coming back with another spot featuring singer Jessica Simpson, and Mars Inc. will have a spot for its Snickers bar set in an auto garage.

# Gates says resolution 'emboldens the enemy'

ROBERT BURNS  
The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Friday that a congressional resolution opposing President Bush's troop buildup in Iraq undercuts U.S. commanders and "emboldens the enemy."

He also said the Pentagon was now studying whether it could accelerate the deployment of the five additional Army brigades that it has announced will be sent to Baghdad between now and May to bolster security in the capital.

At his first Pentagon news conference since taking office Dec. 18, Gates was asked his reaction to the debate in Congress over the effect of such a nonbinding resolution. "It's pretty clear that a resolution that in effect says that the general going out to take command of the arena shouldn't have the resources he thinks he needs to be successful certainly emboldens the enemy and our adversaries," he said.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi "agrees with Senator Warner, who said, 'We're trying to exercise the fundamental responsibilities of our

democracy' and how this nation has two co-equal branches of the government, each bearing its own responsibilities," said Brendan Daly, a spokesman for the California Democrat. She was referring to Republican Sen. John Warner of Virginia.

An aide to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid declined comment.

Gates talked to reporters as Senate Democrats on Capitol Hill prepared for the start of debate next week on the resolution of opposition to Bush's decision to send an additional 21,500 U.S. forces into battle in Iraq. Reid said Friday that a quick test vote would likely be taken if Republicans try to delay or block the move.

Gates was referring to Army Lt. Gen. David Petraeus, who was confirmed by the full Senate on Friday to replace Gen. George Casey as the top American commander in Iraq. Petraeus has said he needs all 21,500 extra troops that Bush has ordered to Iraq in order to quell the raging sectarian violence in Baghdad.

# U.N. officials say Iran plans to start installing thousands of centrifuges next month

GEORGE JAHN  
The Associated Press

**DAVOS, Switzerland**

Iran plans to begin work next month on an underground uranium enrichment facility, as part of a plan to create a network of tens of thousands of machines turning out material that could be used to make nuclear arms, U.N. officials said Friday.

The officials' comments were the first concrete confirmation that work on the facility would begin in February. A senior U.S. State Department official warned the move would be a "major miscalculation" by Iran.


"If Iran takes this step, it is going to confront universal international opposition," said Undersecretary of State Nicholas Burns. "If they think they can get away with 3,000 centrifuges without another Security Council resolution and additional international pressure, then they are very badly mistaken."

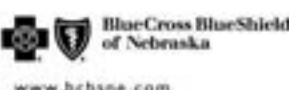
Former Iranian President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, meanwhile, accused the U.S. of acting like a bully, with the ultimate aim of forcing Iran to "abandon nuclear energy." In a sermon in Tehran, he said a U.S. military buildup in the Gulf and the announcement that U.S. forces would seek to capture or kill Iranian agents in Iraq were aimed Iranian nuclear programs. "Today our enemies have come with several issues against us while having supporters in the world communities," Rafsanjani told worshippers Friday. "This is bullying."

Also Friday, the Iranian government said it would bar all U.N. inspectors from countries that voted in favor of a U.N. Security Council resolution last month that imposed sanctions on Iran for its nuclear program. Iran said it had rejected 38 names from a list of inspectors from the U.N. International Atomic Energy Agency.


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The goal at the Nutrition Depot is to be able to offer "good for me" products. Their selection of organic foods is growing. The Ezekiel bread line is a great product and is popular with many. Their gluten and wheat free line is also expanding as they see more and more people who are looking for these products.

The bulk granola and trail mixes are very nutritious and tasty, too. Quinoa and amaranth make excellent dishes, as well as a variety of beans and nuts that they have available. Just recently they added pine nuts to the list.



The Nutrition Depot in Burlington Village offers a wide range of "Good For Me" products, from vitamins and herbs to natural and organic foods, bulk products and more.

Their freezer handles no salt bread and bread for diabetics as well as entrees that are organic and wheat and gluten free. Their frozen meats include free-range ground turkey, nitrate free turkey bacon and organic hot dogs.

The Nutrition Depot endeavors to carry quality vitamins, minerals, and herbal products from various companies to provide a choice for their customers. Their health and beauty line

focuses on being natural and chemical free and includes shampoos, conditioners, lotions, toothpastes, mouthwash, soaps and women's products.

As one customer aptly put it recently, "You can't put a price on your health!" February is heart month and a good time to investigate what may be good to keep the heart healthy. Beginning February 5th the Nutrition Depot will be running

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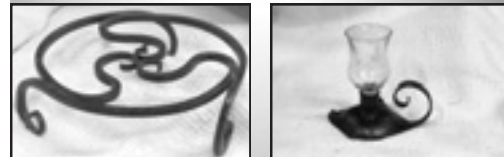
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- characteristics of one's own color.
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a.m.-5 p.m. in the CIT Building at Central Community College-Grand Island. Cost is \$89.

To reserve your seat for "Real Colors," please contact: Sue Carlson, [scarlson@cccneb.edu](mailto:scarlson@cccneb.edu), (308) 398-7527 or (877) 222-0780, ext. 7527.

## E-M wins fifth straight CRC title

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**YORK** — The Class D-1 No. 10 Exeter-Milligan girls basketball squad made history Friday night, becoming the first team ever to win five consecutive Crossroads Conference tournament championships with a 52-38 victory over Class D-2 No. 8 Shickley at York City Auditorium.

Only Exeter, before merging with Milligan, had ever reached the four-consecutive CRC championships mark (1985-1988), a milestone that E-M head coach Jason Arbuck said is an accomplishment even more outstanding considering that the Timberwolves lost six standouts to graduation last year.

"This year's bunch of girls has waited their turn and I'm very proud now that they are getting the recognition they deserve," Arbuck said. "Tonight was their night to shine and I'm pleased with what they have done."

Arbuck partially credits the 2005-06 and 2004-05 Timberwolves for this season's success.

"Last year's team is why this team is so good," he said. "They got to go up against them every single night in practice, they had to learn to take it and now they're using that experience to do good things themselves."

Shickley's Andrea Schweitzer, who averages 20 points per game for the Longhorns, left the game

with 4:19 to go in the first half after requiring eight stitches in her scalp following a collision with E-M's Lindsey Moore.

That was a huge factor in the Longhorns' performance, according to head coach Scott Shipley.

"E-M shot the ball really well and they hustled great on defense," Shipley said. "Andrea Schweitzer going down made us lose about 20 or so potential points and in the second half our girls stepped up and showed their heart, but we just ran out of gas. I have a good rotation with seven or eight girls, but when you take out a 20-point producer it hurts."

Arielle Brinkman netted her third foul just before Schweitzer's

accident and that didn't help matters any.

"Foul trouble hurts a Class D-2 team, but I'll admit that we did have girls step up well this week and help us make it to the finals ... and for that, I'm grateful," Shipley said. "Our pressure caused turnovers and we translated some into buckets. But the more foul trouble we got into, the less we could press and the better E-M executed."

A pair of Moore three-pointers helped the Timberwolves to an 8-2 lead at the 5:40 mark of the first quarter, but Schweitzer and Brinkman quickly reduced the span to five points.

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**BJ FICTUM/Tribune**  
Allee Kuska (40) of Exeter-Milligan dribbles around the block of Shickley defender Megan Alfs (3) in the first quarter of the Crossroads Conference tournament championship Friday night at York.



## AC wrestling invitational



**AMY ROH/Tribune**  
Above: Adams Central's Nick Lonowski tries to take down St. Paul's Levi Walch in their 140-pound first-round match Friday at the Adams Central invitational. Top left: Adams Central's Scott Schmidt wrestles Ravenna's Bryant Rice in their 171-pound semifinal match. Top right: South Central's Ryan Musgrave and Harvard/Clay Center's Chris Johnson wrestle in their 215-pound semifinal match.

## Patriots win own wrestling invite

**ARMES' UPSET WIN LEADS ADAMS CENTRAL TO TITLE**

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**T**he Adams Central wrestling team continues to make heads turns in Class B as the Patriots won their own invitational Friday night.

The Patriots, who scored 175 in the win, outdistanced conference

rivals Gibbon (147.5) and Ravenna (134.5) for the second week in a row. Last week, Adams Central won the LouPlatte Conference tournament as it beat out Gibbon and Ravenna for the team title.

However, AC's Riley Armes (25-4) may have scored the biggest upset in his high school career as he defeated Gibbon's Class C No. 1 Zach Bishop, 5-4, in the 189-pound weight class.

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**AMY ROH/Tribune**  
AC's Riley Armes wrestles Wilbur-Clatonia's Jaron Muckey in their 189-pound semifinal match.

## Norvell leaving for UCLA

**KEN PETERS**  
The Associated Press  
**LOS ANGELES** — Jay Norvell, an assistant coach who helped Nebraska develop a prolific, well-balanced offense, was named UCLA's offensive coordinator on Friday.

Norvell brings his "West Coast" style of offense back to California, where he was an assistant with the Oakland Raiders for two years before moving with head coach Bill Callahan to Nebraska following the 2003 season.

Norvell, 43, also will coach the quarterbacks at UCLA, a role he filled at Nebraska. Unlike Nebraska, where Callahan called the plays, Norvell will have that duty with the Bruins.

"I'm ready now. I've prepared my entire career to gain some more responsibilities," Norvell said in a conference call.

"We run a pro-style attack, very multiple, and play to a good tempo. We're going to be extremely demanding of the kids."

Norvell replaces Jim Svoboda, who was the Bruins' quarterbacks coach in 2004-05 and added the offensive coordinator duties this past season.

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## L-N girls rally past Silver Lake

**RYAN MURKEN**  
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**NELSON** — Late in close games there is no substitute for experience, and the seniors for the Lawrence-Nelson girls basketball team picked the right time to show their age.

Seniors Kayla Hoelting and Elizabeth Stemper combined to score all eight of their team's points in the fourth quarter as the Raiders rallied for a thrilling 36-33 victory over Silver Lake in a battle of Twin Valley Conference rivals Friday.

Stemper's steal and layup with 40 seconds left in the game proved to be the game winner as Hoelting calmly sank a pair of key free throws seconds later to seal the win as Lawrence-Nelson improved to 10-6 on the season.

"Every game they get more confidence. Plus they have a lot of experience from the past," L-N coach Cathy Biltoft said of Stemper and Hoelting.

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## Clay Center boys hold on for CRC championship

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**YORK** — If Rick Rath had to judge his Clay Center basketball team on poise and appearance after Friday night's 53-47 win over Exeter-Milligan in the Crossroads Conference tournament championship, the Wildcats would likely get 10 out of a possible 10 from their head coach.

Rath felt the hard-fought victory was due to poise and hard work.

"It was a hard-fought win," he said. "You look at the two tournament wins we had (over Hampton and E-M) and you can't duplicate in practice the poise we needed to play

that well. That's what we had at the end tonight and even though we missed a couple of free throws, I don't think the guys were ever panicked or felt they would lose the game."

Rath said he expected a close contest with the Class D-1 Timberwolves after his Class D-2 Wildcats beat them 55-41 this past December.

"When I talked to [E-M head coach Dean Filipi] after we played that game, he said that by January he could have a very nice team and they were really improved from December," Rath said. "They will really make some noise in D-1 if

they continue to work."

The key to beating E-M was finding someone to step up and the Wildcats answered Rath's challenge.

"A good example is that B.J. Koochmarie had 22 points against Shickley and then didn't score the next two nights but still did a good job of distributing the ball," Rath said. "Bryson (Studnicka) did a good job tonight, Alex (Johnson) stepped up and had a huge shot at the end of regulation last night and the others all pitched in ... it was a total team effort."

"They have really bought into that team concept now. I think that in December, they thought it was

just going to happen. We weren't in synch and were still trying to learn some new positions, but they finally understand their roles, what they can do for this team and how they can play together. That's the thing I'm most excited about."

"We are playing our best ball of the season right now, but we still need to cut down on some unforced turnovers. We aren't satisfied yet."

E-M led the entire first quarter with inside play from Tanner Gloystein, Kelan Walford and Brent Jansky, but the Wildcats closed it to 11-9 at the break after Johnson hit back-to-back three-pointers.

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**BJ FICTUM/Tribune**  
Brent Jansky (22) of Exeter-Milligan tries to keep Clay Center's Alex Johnson from getting the easy bucket in the second quarter Friday night at the CRC tournament.

Basketball

NBA Standings

Table with columns for Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division, Southeast Division, Central Division, Western Conference, Southwest Division, Northwest Division, Pacific Division, and Friday's Games. Includes team names, wins, losses, and percentages.

Prep Boys Results

Table listing basketball results for various prep schools and conferences, including Alliance 61, Gering 57, and other teams.

GPAC Women's Basketball

Table listing women's basketball results for GPAC, including Concordia (NE) def. Concordia (MI), 73-62.

Men's Basketball

Table listing men's basketball results for GPAC, including Concordia (NE) def. Concordia (IL), 66-47.

Transactions

Table listing various sports transactions, including American League, National League, and other league news.

Tribland

Table listing Tribland SATURDAY events, including USHL Hockey, College men's basketball, and Prep boys basketball.

Saturday's TV broadcasts

Table listing Saturday's TV broadcasts across various sports, including Basketball, Boxing, College Men's Basketball, and Extreme Sports.

Saturday's radio broadcasts

Table listing Saturday's radio broadcasts, including College Men's Basketball, College Women's Basketball, and Prep Boys Basketball.

Sunday's TV broadcasts

Table listing Sunday's TV broadcasts, including Basketball, Bowling, College Men's Basketball, and Extreme Sports.

Local

STORM DEFEATS GAMBLERS GREEN BAY, Wisc. — The Tri-City Storm defeated the Green Bay Gamblers 5-3 Friday. Jordan Willert tied the game at 1-1 with a power play goal in the first period.

Nation

ERSTAD SIGNS WITH WHITE SOX CHICAGO — Outfielder Darin Erstad and the Chicago White Sox agreed on a \$1 million, one-year contract that includes a club option for 2008. Erstad will receive a base salary of \$750,000, and the White Sox have a \$3.5 million option for 2008 with a \$250,000 buyout.

Area bowling teams ready for districts

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The Hastings High and Adams Central boys bowling teams are confident about making it back to the state tournament in early February. With conference titles under their belts, the Tigers and Patriots would likely assure both teams a place at state.

going to be a lot lower. So, you won't see a lot of strikes. We just need to get all the spares we can get." The Tigers will look at Mike Rothfuss and Mike Schmidt to lead the way. Schmidt has the third best individual average (185.42), while Rothfuss has the fifth best (183.58).

GIRLS

The Blue Hill, Adams Central and Hastings High girls bowling teams will also be competing at districts. The Bobcats, who are in their third season as a team, will look to Kelsey Snider to lead the way. Snider won an individual medal last year. This year, she is third in high score for a game (221), second in high score series (409) and second in high individual average (175.25).

The girls are paced by Danae Hess, who is averaging 126 per game, Kelsey Blanchard, who is averaging 112 per game. "Kelsey has been out sick for a while, but we look for her to get her game back on track," Lechuga said.

"Danae has been improving and doing quite well. These two ladies are going to be our key bowlers for this event (districts)." The Tigers, according to head coach Chuck Kidd, have come together well in the last couple of weeks of the season, including leading bowler Amy Pettit. She leads the team with an average of 149 per game.

Pettit's mother bowled for the University of Nebraska team. "Both of her parents are very good bowlers and that reflects on their daughter," Kidd said. "If we are going to make it to state, we have to be better than two other teams. We still have a shot, but it is all up to them."

NSAA RECOGNIZED?

There has been talk lately about the Nebraska School Activities Association making bowling a recognized varsity sport. "I feel we have a good shot of making it happen," Hogan said. Lechuga and Snider also feel that bowling stands a good chance of becoming recognized. The support of parents, booster clubs and administrators is growing, they said.

Hogan said bowling promotes a clean, wholesome atmosphere and it gives students an opportunity to participate in a sport who otherwise are not athletically-gifted to play sports such as football, volleyball or basketball. "Come to a bowling event some time, this place goes wild," Hogan said. "The parents get involved, and the enthusiasm is so high."

High school bowling is becoming more popular across the state. Hogan said there are about 100 teams competing this year and more are expected to participate next year. He said Red Cloud, Kenesaw, Holdrege and Minden are among those considering adding teams next year. He also said that Blue Hill is considering of putting together a boys team.

"This is becoming a popular sport," Hogan said. "We have teams from Scottsbluff making a trip 300 to 400 miles to Lincoln to compete at state." Hogan said one of the most beneficial aspects of competing in bowling at the high school level is that the bowler may have an opportunity to earn a scholarship to college. He said there are more than 100 colleges across the U.S. that offer bowling as a varsity-level sport. He said that between 20-26 of them offer full rides.

Girls: E-M wins fifth straight title

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E-M led 15-5 after one quarter via Jenna Rhodes and Kimberly Sladek free throws plus a three-pointer by Megan Kuska, but the E-M well went dry early in the second stanza as Schweitzer put together a 7-0 run. Charity throws from Megan Kuska, Sladek and Moore kept the lead at 22-17 until the Schweitzer accident, after which the Longhorns responded goals from Anne Troyer and Brinkman.

heading into the final stanza when Sladek, the Kuskas and Moore unleashed another 10-3 run that basically sealed the victory.

Arbuck said another crucial key to victory was playing relaxed. "Last night and tonight we played so relaxed that we went out and took care of business," he said. "When we do that, we don't make mistakes. We told the girls that all the pressure was on Shickley — they were the No. 1 seed and we were the team that lost all five starters — so just go out and have fun. The girls responded and found success."

Allee Kuska led all scorers with 16 points while Lindsey Moore chipped in 15 for the Timberwolves. The leading scorer for Shickley was

Arielle Brinkman with 15. Exeter-Milligan plays Hampton on Tuesday while Shickley is off until Friday when it plays Rising City.

Table with columns for E-M (14-4) and Shickley (13-3) with statistics for 15, 11, 13, 13, 52 and 5, 20, 6, 7, 38.

CONSOLATION

In the consolation game, Giltner outlasted McCool Junction 54-44 to earn third place in the tourney. The Hornets trailed 12-10 after one quarter then finally opened up

from the perimeter to take a 25-22 lead at intermission.

The lead changed hands a number of times in the third quarter before Giltner finally went ahead for good early in the final stanza, stretching the spread to 12 points several times.

Stasia Ott led the Hornets with 15 points while Natalie Harmon and Jenny Lockmon each contributed 14 points.

Giltner (54) Kassidi Burson 6, Alex Hosier 0, Lisa Lockmon 0, Natalie Harmon 14, Gretchen Kreutz 2, Jenny Lockmon 14, Jordan Ashby 3, Chelsea Stallings 0, Chelsea White 0, Stasia Ott 15.

Table with columns for McCool Junction (44) and Giltner (54) with statistics for 12, 10, 15, 11, 18, 54 and 12, 10, 12, 10, 44.

NU: Norvell leaving for UCLA

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Coach Karl Dorrell fired Svoboda earlier this month after the Bruins went 7-6 and averaged 23 points a game this past season. They averaged more than 39 points and went 10-2 the previous year. Last season, the Cornhuskers ranked 14th nationally in yards per game (414.6) and 17th in scoring (30.6). They were 23rd in both passing (244.1

yards a game) and rushing (170.5). Nebraska quarterback Zac Taylor was named the 2006 Big 12 Conference offensive player of the year. He set school records by passing for 3,197 yards and 26 touchdowns as the Cornhuskers went 9-5 and won the Big 12 North title. "What intrigued me is that they were able to do it quickly at Nebraska," Dorrell said. "He devel-

oped a quarterback there as well. "He's an up-and-coming coach and this is a great opportunity for him to showcase his skills." Norvell's resume includes jobs with the Indianapolis Colts, Iowa State, Wisconsin and Northern Iowa. A native of Madison, Wis., he was an All-Big Ten defensive back at Iowa in 1985 and began his coaching career as a graduate assistant there.

Callahan, who also coached with him at Wisconsin, said, "Coach Norvell has a bright future in this profession." Norvell previously interviewed for head coaching jobs at Iowa State and Boston College, and had interviewed with Dorrell for a UCLA job a couple years ago. "The timing wasn't right then, and it's exactly right now," Norvell said.

Tribland Basketball Roundup

**Archbishop Bergen boys 70 St. Cecilia 59**  
**LINCOLN**—St. Cecilia fell to Archbishop Bergen 70-59 Friday night in the semifinals of the Centennial Conference tournament.

Blake Wright and Matt Sterup each tallied 14 points for the Bluehawks. Jake Hamburger added 11 points.

Wes Eikmeier had a game-high 23 points for Archbishop Bergen.

**STC (14-1) 11 20 17 11—59**  
**AB (14-1) 17 14 17 22—70**

**Archbishop Bergen (70)**  
Wes Eikmeier 23, John Melles 15, Chad Swanson 9, Isaac Morrissey 7, Travis Brown 7, Jim Wilmes 5, Brian Liekhus 2, Adam Walz 2.

**St. Cecilia (59)**  
Blake Wright 14, Matt Sterup 14, Jake Hamburger 11, Zane Anstine 9, Riley Nikkila 8, Justin Small 3.

**Bruning-Davenport boys 66 Harvard 37**

**DAVENPORT** — Bruning-Davenport coach Fred Kluck picked up his 300th career win as the B-D boys basketball team defeated Harvard 66-37 Friday night.

Spenser Otto led the Storm with 18 points and Greg Schroeder had 11 points and seven assists. Cory Voss had eight rebounds added 10 points.

Richard Jarzyna led Harvard with 13 points.

**Harvard (7-7) 8 4 13 12—37**  
**B-D (14-4) 10 21 16 19—66**

**Bruning-Davenport (66)**  
Greg Schroeder 11, Garrett Hoins 2, Brett Jagels 7, Lon Schoenholz 2, Seth Williams 8, Spenser Otto 18, Preston Lentler 6, Brent Houchin 2, Cory Voss 10.

**Harvard (37)**  
Anthony Mach 11, Richard Jarzyna 13, Pedro Gabriel 9, Derek Worman 2, John Ray 2.

**Rock Hills boys 56 Lakeside 40**

**MANKATO, Kan.** — The

Rock Hills boys basketball team defeated Lakeside 56-40 Friday night.

Lee Simon led the Grizzlies with 17 points and Adam Badger had 14.

**Lakeside 15 8 10 7—40**  
**Rock Hills 16 11 17 12—56**

**Rock Hills (56)**  
Lee Simon 17, Riley Sholtz 7, Alan Wagner 2, Nathan Gardner 2, Michael Tucker 6, Adam Badger 14, Chad Modlin 8.

**Lakeside (40)**  
McCart 8, Shoemaker 8, DeBey 4, Caldwell 4, Koops 6, Miller 9.

**Fillmore Central boys 63 Hartington Cedar Cath. 56**

**GENEVA** — The Fillmore Central boys basketball team defeated Hartington Cedar Catholic 63-56 Friday night.

Roby Taylor, Sean Hoarty and Austin Reinsch each had 14 points for the Panthers.

**Hart. CC (7-7) 13 13 12 18—56**  
**FC (7-7) 18 6 15 24—63**

**Fillmore Central (63)**  
Luke Parde 7, Michael Baumann 5, Roby Taylor 14, Sean Hoarty 14, Jordan Uldrich 7, Riley Bohlen 2, Austin Reinsch 14.

**Hartington Cedar Catholic (56)**  
Tony McFaggart 7, Mark Gubbers 6, Eric Hames 15, Shawn Becker 8, Tony Heine 2, Tyler Heine 1, Miles Studbeck 9, Kyle Kramer 8.

**Minden boys 53 Broken Bow 46**

**COZAD** — The Minden boys basketball team defeated Broken Bow 53-46 Friday night in the semifinals of the Southwest Conference tournament.

Nic Carlson led the Whippets with 19 points. Cody Krull led with eight rebounds and had seven points.

**Minden (12-3) 18 9 13 13—53**  
**Broken Bow (4-11) 15 9 11 11—46**

**Minden (53)**  
Nic Carlson 19, Spencer Choquette 10,

Josh Werner 2, Jordan Granger 4, Dallis Christensen 11, Cody Krull 7.

**Broken Bow (46)**  
Tyler Farmer 17, Kass Projie 9, Dustin Martin 2, John Burnett 5, Craig Steickler 2, Brian Meyer 11.

**Silver Lake boys 54 Lawrence-Nelson 26**

**NELSON** — Silver Lake defeated Lawrence-Nelson 54-26 Friday night. Shaun Fisher led the Mustangs with 14 points. Josh Oles and Jordan Grabil each added 10 points in the win.

Gage Biltoft led Lawrence-Nelson with 13 points.

**Silver Lake (54) 14 20 9 11—54**  
**L-N (1-13) 5 5 3 13—26**

**Silver Lake (54)**  
Shaun Fisher 14, Josh Oles 10, Jordan Grabil 10, Gary Thompson 7, Reid Choquette 5, Sam Kosse 2, Mitch Hansen 2, Ryan Sluka 3, Zach Crowe 1.

**Lawrence-Nelson (26)**  
Gage Biltoft 13, Ryan Schroer 5, Troy Peterson 5, Garret Svoboda 2, Zach Ault 1.

**Phillipsburg boys 52 Smith Center 44**

**SMITH CENTER, Kan.** — Smith Center fell to Phillipsburg 52-44 Friday.

Braden Wilson led the Redmen with 21 points. Jared Hayes added 11 points for Smith Center.

**Smith Center 6 10 11 17—44**  
**Phillipsburg 14 3 14 21—52**

**Phillipsburg (52)**  
Abell 23, Wickham 9, Jerby 6, Weinman 5, Feik 4, Bugbee 2, Frantz 3.

**Smith Center (44)**  
Braden Wilson 21, Jared Hayes 11, Drew Joy 6, Joe Windscheffel 3, Jared Mocaby 3.

**Franklin boys 73 Wilcox-Hildreth 43**

**FRANKLIN** — Franklin defeated Wilcox-Hildreth 73-43 Friday night.

Luke Siel led Franklin with 13 points. Brett Adam and Zach Dean each added 12 points for the Flyers while Kurtis Fritson tallied 11 points in the win.

Mike Jelken led the Falcons with 15 points. John Harms added 10 points.

**W-H (1-11) 9 7 12 15—43**  
**Franklin (9-4) 15 20 20 18—73**

**Franklin (73)**  
Luke Siel 13, Brett Adam 12, Zach Dean 12, Kurtis Fritson 11, Corey Blair 5, Shane Carraher 4, Cole Gottula 4.

**Wilcox-Hildreth (43)**  
Mike Jelken 15, John Harms 10, Austin Gardels 6, Tyler Guthrie 5, Payden Artz 5, Nate Gardels 2.

**Centennial boys 50 Thayer Central 32**

**HEBRON** — Centennial defeated Thayer Central 50-32 Friday night.

Trevor Wit led the Titans with eight points.

**Centennial (10-4) 11 10 13 16—50**  
**TC (4-11) 4 2 17 9—32**

**Centennial (50)**  
Chris Foreman 22, Sam Blake 8, Jon Koski 8, Jordan Sullivan 7, Brett Maher 3, Daniel Juraneck 2.

**Thayer Central (32)**  
Trevor Wit 8, Jordan Winn 6, Drew Onnen 6, Seth Wiedel 5, Michael Elting 5, Evan Meyer 2.

**Blue Hill boys 58 Shelton 48**

**BLUE HILL** — Blue Hill defeated Shelton 58-48 Friday night. Zach Herz scored a game high 21 points for Blue Hill in the win.

Tyson Jordening tallied 14 points and Jacob Bachman added 12 points for the Bobcats.

**Shelton (6-7) 11 16 13 17—48**  
**Blue Hill (9-7) 14 15 9 7—58**

**Blue Hill (58)**  
Zach Herz 21, Tyson Jordening 14, Jacob Bachman 12, Shawn Hastings 8, Jeff Huhl 3.

**Shelton (48)**  
Bryan Brown 8, Logan Bruner 5, Devin Woodman 2.

**Centennial girls 54 Thayer Central 40**

**HEBRON** — Centennial defeated Thayer Central 54-40 Friday night.

Sheila Heitmann led Thayer Central with 14 points.

**Centennial (9-6) 16 13 16 9—54**  
**Thayer Cen (0-15) 9 8 14 9—40**

**Centennial (54)**  
M. Maher 16, S. Bruns 11, Erks 8, K. Pankoke 8, D. Money 6, E. Koski 4, M Erks 1.

**Thayer Central (40)**  
Sheila Heitmann 14, Emilee Heitmann 9, Calicia Hergott 9, Jenna Wiedel 4, Paige Priefert 2, Allie Kenning 2.

**Bruning-Davenport girls 48 Harvard 41**

**DAVENPORT** — The Bruning-Davenport girls basketball team defeated Harvard 48-41 Friday night.

Cecilia Catlett led the Storm with 28 points and Brittany Hoins added 12.

Katie Klein led Harvard with 14 points and Jordan Harm added 12.

**Harvard (4-11) 8 12 12 9—41**  
**B-D (10-9) 15 4 13 16—48**

**Bruning-Davenport (48)**  
Lichelle Schroeder 5, Kelsey Werner 2, Cecilia Catlett 28, Kelsey Otto 1, Brittany Hoins 12.

**Harvard (41)**  
Alyssa Pelotte 1, Alyssa McDowell 2, Megan McDowell 11, Katie Klein 14, Jordan Harm 12, Selena Longoria 1.

**Rock Hills girls 50 Lakeside 37**

**MANKATO, Kan.** — The Rock Hills girls basketball team defeated Lakeside 50-37 Friday night.

Abby Newell led Rocks Hills against Lakeside with 13 points.

**Lakeside 7 7 8 15—37**  
**Rock Hills 14 14 14 8—50**

**Rock Hills (50)**  
Hillary Calaway 5, Breanna Webb 2, Rachel Duffy 8, Abby Newell 13, Kayla Sholtz 8, Bret Colson 3, Brandi Jensen 9, Amber Eakins 2.

**Lakeside (37)**  
DeBey 2, Doane 1, Gasper 14, Moore 12, Winkler 4, Groenandyk 4.

**Blue Hill girls 65 Shelton 36**

**BLUE HILL** — The Blue Hill girls basketball team defeated Shelton 65-36 Friday night.

Raelene Buschow led Blue Hill with 15 points. Kelsey

Bonifas added 12 points and had eight steals.

**Shelton (3-11) 11 5 10 10—36**  
**Blue Hill (15-2) 14 11 16 24—65**

**Blue Hill (65)**  
Aubrey Meyer 4, Amber Himmelberg 5, Elizabeth Lipker 3, Kelsey Bonifas 12, Danielle Huhl 3, Madison Coffey 11, Paige Kohmetscher 3, Raelene Buschow 15, Rachel VanBoening 9.

**Shelton (36)**  
Brittany Resh 7, Jessica Meyer 9, Allie Hempelman 10, Taylor Glenn 2, Amy Woodman 3, Kalli Brannigan 5.

**Phillipsburg girls 59 Smith Center 51**

**SMITH CENTER, Kan.** — The Smith Center (8-5) girls basketball team fell to Phillipsburg (9-4) in overtime 59-51 Friday night.

Rebekah Burgess led the Lady Red with 22 points and Dannie Boucher added 11.

**Phillipsburg 14 12 11 11—59**  
**Smith Cent 4 14 19 11 3—51**

**Phillipsburg (59)**  
Dustin 13, Robison 1, Redinger 14, Robertson 10, Bibby 8, Schilowsky 12, Jarvis 1.

**Smith Center (51)**  
Taylor Arnold 2, Sarah Tucker 4, Dannie Boucher 11, Morgan Lorenzen 8, Rebekah Burgess 22, Jihan Arnold 4.

**Franklin girls 62 Wilcox-Hildreth 57**

**FRANKLIN** — The Franklin girls basketball team defeated Wilcox-Hildreth 62-57 Friday night.

Rachel Walton led the Flyers with 20 points and Steph Minnick added 14.

Kristi Blank led Wilcox-Hildreth with 15 points and Alyssa Kruse had 14.

**Wilcox-Hildr (5-9) 16 11 13 17—57**  
**Franklin (5-9) 22 11 14 15—62**

**Franklin (62)**  
Taylor Randall 2, Steph Minnick 14, Rachelle Lenneman 4, Leslie Hammergren 8, Rachel Walton 20, Jess Dom 5, Chelsea Knehans 9.

**Wilcox-Hildreth (57)**  
Kristi Blank 15, Ashley Gellermann 1, Hannah Woolen 12, Alyssa Kruse 14, Logan Farley 5, Courtney Aspegren 10.

AC: Patriots win own wrestling invitational

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Armes was down 4-0 with 30 seconds left in the third period when he scored on a takedown and a three-point nearfall with no time remaining on the clock to upset Bishop (28-2).

“With 30 seconds left on the clock and me being down four points, all I could hear was the teachers, family and coaches cheering me on,” Armes said of his dramatic comeback.

“Coach (Dan Lonowski) told me let’s go and after it was done, ‘Wow.’” This wasn’t the first time the two had wrestled each other as they faced off in the semifinals of the conference tournament last week. They both wrestled close in the early going, but Armes lost the match 11-1.

“It is always a big win when you can defeat the No. 1 kid in the state,” he said. “He only had one loss and that is a great confidence booster. This win is really big when it comes to districts time.”

Lonowski said this match was a good way for Armes to get ready for one more match. But, more importantly, Lonowski said it is a good way for the senior to get prepared for districts Feb. 9 and 10.

“The game plan was to keep it close,” the coach said. “That kid beat the tar out of us the last time we faced him.”

Besides Armes winning, the Patriots had 10 other wrestlers who placed in the top four. Those who placed were Ben Jones (119), third; Travis Rust (125), second; Alex Rostvet (130), second; Dillon Brown (135), fourth; Nick Lonowski (140), second; Derek

Uhrmacher (145), third; Richard Coats (160), third; Scott Schmidt (171), first; Jeremy Hansen (215), second; and Andrew Eberhardt (285), first.

“We are starting to peak right now,” Lonowski said. “Our spirits are high and we are in pretty descent shape. We now have to get healthy and get ready for districts.”

The Harvard/Clay Center wrestling team was the only Class D team to participate in the invitational as it finished seventh with 42 points. Despite being undermanned, H/CC had three wrestlers medal, including Chris Johnson.

Johnson, who is 21-3 on the season, got a pin in the second period at 215 pounds to beat AC’s Hansen. “This win really means a lot to me,”

Johnson said as he moves closer to the 100-win mark (93-38). “My freshmen and sophomore years I had taken second and winning this makes me get closer to my goal of getting my 100th win before I graduate.”

H/CC also received medals from Tanner Leichter (145), fourth; and Will Gronewold (152), fourth.

The other Tribland team to compete at the invitational was South Central, which finished ninth with 25 points. South Central’s only medalist came at 215 pounds where Ryan Musgrave finished fourth.

**Team Results**  
1, Adams Central 175; 2, Gibbon 147.5; 3, Ravenna 134.5; 4, Centennial 122; 5, Holdrege 87; 6, St. Paul 71; 7, Harvard/Clay Center 42; 8, Wilbur-Catonia 32; 9, South Central Nebraska Unified 25.  
**Individual Championships**  
103 — John Bader, Cent., won by dec. over Tyler

Kautz, Gib., 9-3.  
112 — Josh Albright, Rav., pinned Derek Loos, Cent., 0-33.  
119 — Joe Korn, Gib., won by maj. dec. over Brandon Starkey, STP 18-8.  
125 — Tom Bader, Cent., won by dec. over Travis Rust, AC, 6-5.  
130 — Troy Allen, Rav., won by dec. over Alex Rostvet AC, 6-2.  
135 — Zach Pass, Rav., won by tech. fall over Jerry Vonasek, Hol., 15-0.  
140 — Tyler Samuelson, Rav., won by dec. over Nick Lonowski, AC, 5-2.  
145 — Breckin Coffey, Cent., won by dec. over Jake Woodside, Hol., 6-3.  
152 — Josh Pfeifer, Hol., pinned Karl Kasperbauer, STP 2-24.  
160 — Jack Hyde, Gib., won by dec. over Bradford Hernandez, Cent., 5-1.  
171 — Scott Schmidt, AC, won by dec. over David Egger, Cent., 13-6.  
189 — Riley Armes, AC, won by dec. over Zach Stovet AC, 5-4.  
215 — Chris Johnson, HCC, pinned Jeremy Hansen, AC, 3-00.  
285 — Andrew Eberhardt, AC, pinned Wes Dixon, SCU, 0-26.

Boys: Clay Center downs E-M, captures CRC title

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Andrew Malone gave Clay Center its first lead of the game with 5:20 left in the first half before the Timberwolves counted on Marcus Ruhl and Kyler Sharp to regain the lead 21-18.

The lead swapped hands three more times before a Johnson three-point play tied the game 26-26 at halftime.

The Wildcats moved on top 35-31 with three minutes remaining in the third quarter

and the spread wavered between two and four points until midway through the final stanza.

Gloystein and Nick Sudrla traded shots with Malone and Johnson to keep it knotted, but the Wildcats hit 6-of-8 at the

stripe in the final 1:11 to seal the victory.

Malone led Clay Center with 21 points. Johnson and Studnicka added 17 and 12 points, respectively. E-M was led by Walford’s 15.

The Wildcats host Meridian Friday and E-M travels to Giltner the same night.  
**Clay Center (53)**  
Josh Schmoldt 0-0-0 0, B.J. Koothmarie 0-0-0 2, Andrew Malone 6-7-13 3 21, Martin 0-0-0 3,0, Nema Koothmarie 0-0-0 0, Bryson Studnicka 6-0-1 12, Alex

L-N: Raiders rally past Silver Lake

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“They are becoming stronger leaders throughout the season and that has really helped us in taking some games like this. We need that kind of senior leadership.”

Silver Lake took a 33-32 lead late in the game when Mackenzie Mangers turned a Lawrence-Nelson turnover into a layup with just 1:21 left.

Trailing by a point following a miss by Lawrence-Nelson’s Mackenzie McCartney, Stemper turned in the play of the game when she intercepted a Olivia Grigg pass near midcourt and converted with a layup that gave the Raiders the lead 34-33.

The basket was the first of the game for Stemper, who was 0-for-6 from the field before turning in the game winner.

“She does that in practice all the time,” Biltoft said of Stemper’s play. “We wanted to put pressure on them and Liz made a good play on the ball.”

Silver Lake committed its 21st turnover on the next possession and Hoelting gave the Raiders a three-point cushion by sinking a pair of clutch free throws with 25 seconds left in the game.

“When I got the ball I wasn’t nervous at all,” Hoelting said. “I

just shot it like it was free throws at the beginning of the game. It didn’t phase me it all.”

The Mustangs had a chance to tie on their next possession but Mangers’ open three-pointer was online but just long with 10 seconds left as L-N held on.

“This is a tough loss,” Silver Lake coach Keith Crowe said. “The girls just have to keep their chins up and keep battling.”

Silver Lake jumped out to an 8-0 lead in the first four minutes of the game and led 18-8 at halftime as L-N struggled to just nine percent (2-of-21) shooting from the field in the first two quarters.

Lawrence-Nelson quickly reversed its fortunes in the second half, scoring four points in the opening 23 seconds of the third quarter on a pair of baskets by McCartney that cut the lead to six at 18-12.

“I think by getting those two shots, the girls saw it was possible,” Biltoft said. “The first basket dropped it to within eight. And eight points down, we have been there before. That gave them the drive and I saw a different team on defense.”

The rest of the quarter belonged to Lawrence-Nelson junior April Wilton, who was

instant offense off the bench for the Raiders — scoring nine of her game high 12 points in the final four minutes of the third quarter.

Wilton scored seven consecutive points during a 13-2 Raider run to open the half and her three-pointer with 3:18 left in the quarter gave Lawrence Nelson its first lead of the game at 21-20.

“She can shoot the ball,” Biltoft said of Wilton. “She just needs to keep getting that game confidence, and tonight she started feeling a little bit more relaxed and gave us a big lift.”

The 17-point Lawrence-Nelson third quarter was aided by eight Silver Lake turnovers as the Mustangs went more than six minutes before hitting their first field goal of the half.

Silver Lake shot just 29 percent from the field in the game and hit just 19 percent (3-of-16) from beyond the three-point arc.

“We didn’t get into our offense most of the time,” Crowe said. “I’ll give them credit. They did a nice job of playing defense on us and pushed us out a little bit further. We just struggled getting into our offense most of the second half.”

L-N used a sagging 2-3 zone defense to hold Silver Lake’s leading scorer Olivia Grigg to just two

points in the first half, then switched to a man-to-man defense in the third quarter and continued to hold Grigg in check.

Hounded by Hoelting and getting constant double and triple teams, Grigg — who entered the game averaging 19.6 points — finished with just 10 points on 4-of-12 shooting from the field.

“She is a great player and we just wanted to make her work hard to get her points,” Hoelting said of Grigg. “I just wanted to hold her strong when I was behind her and keep a hand up.”

Sophomore Jaycee Jacobitz added seven points for Lawrence-Nelson and McCartney and Hoelting each finished with six.

**Lawrence-Nelson (36)**  
Jaycee Jacobitz 3-11 1-3 7, Mackenzie McCartney 2-7 2-4 6, Julie Wehrman 0-3 0-0 0, Elizabeth Stemper 1-7 0-0 2, Deirdre Schendt 0-1 1-2 1, Kayla Hoelting 2-4 2-3 6, April Wilton 4-7 2-3 12, Abby Jensen 1-1 0-0 2, Team 13-41 8-15-36.

**Silver Lake (33)**  
Mackenzie Mangers 3-7 0-0 8, Jani Shaw 1-6 2-2 5, Maddie Thurston 0-5 2-4 2, Shelby Ruppert 3-7 2-4 8, Caitlin Bruckman 0-1 0-0 0, Olivia Grigg 4-12 2-2 10, Team 11-38 8-14 33.  
**L-N (10-5) ..... 4 4 17 11—36**  
**Silver Lake (9-6) ..... 10 8 7 8—33**  
Three-point field goals — SL 3-16 (Mangers 3-7, Shaw 1-5, Thurston 0-3, Grigg 0-1, Caitlin Bruckman 0-1), LN 2-7 (Jacobitz 0-3, Stemper 0-1, Wilton 2-3). Rebounds — SL 37 (Grigg 15), LN 26 (McCartney 7). Turnovers — SL 21, LN 14. Total fouls — SL 15, LN 14. Fouled out — none. Technicals — None.

*Congratulations* to these  
**Adams Central State Qualifiers!**

**Football**  
All-State Team Player  
Kevin Terwey

**Softball**  
All-State Honorable Mention  
Katie Bonifas

**Girls Golf**  
State Qualifiers  
LuAnn Jacobitz  
NaTasha Mann  
Lindsey Colburn  
Ashley Landwehr

**Volleyball**  
All-State Honorable Mention  
Jade Hodson

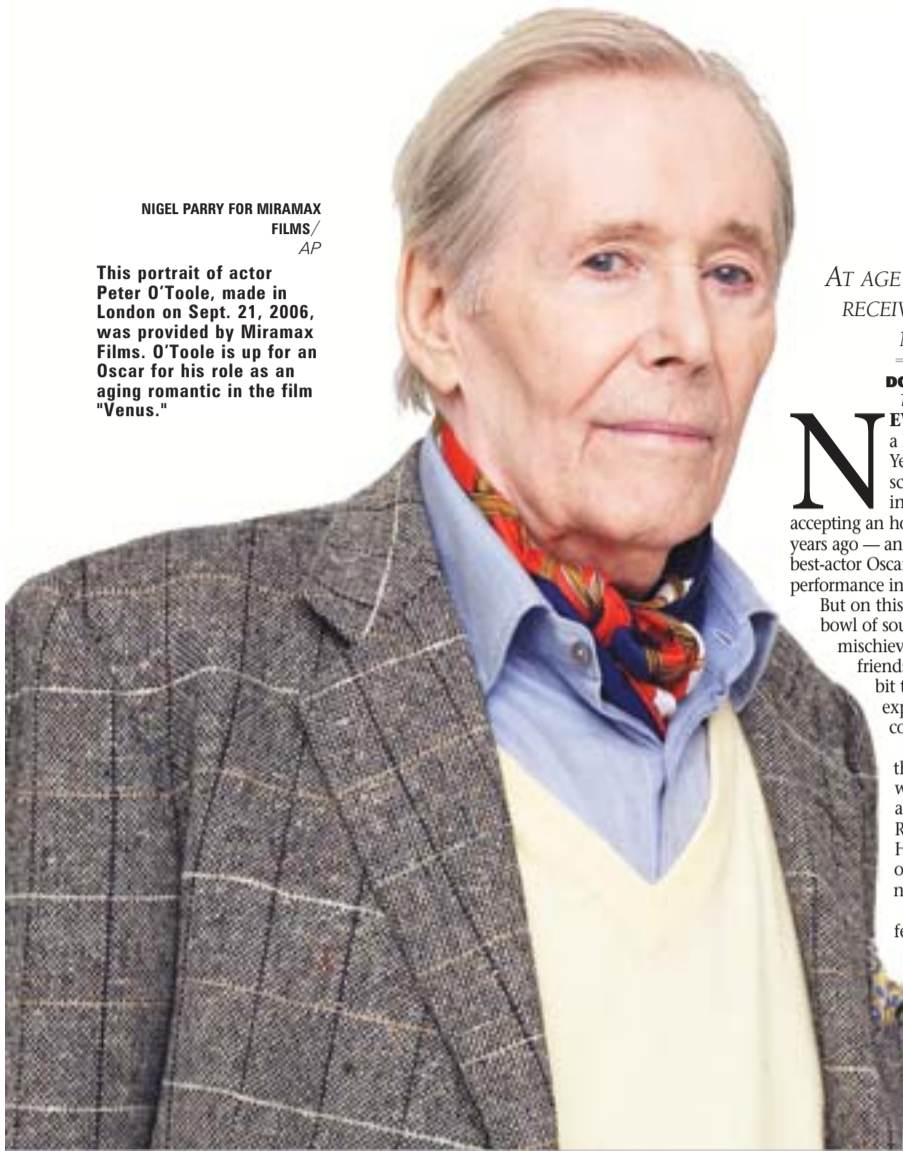
**Chair**  
All-State  
LuAnn Jacobitz  
Brianna Knott  
Jodi Nikkel

**Boys Tennis**  
State Qualifiers  
Jace Erickson  
Andrew

# Still in the game

NIGEL PARRY FOR MIRAMAX FILMS/AP

This portrait of actor Peter O'Toole, made in London on Sept. 21, 2006, was provided by Miramax Films. O'Toole is up for an Oscar for his role as an aging romantic in the film "Venus."



AT AGE 74, PETER O'TOOLE RECEIVES EIGHTH OSCAR NOMINATION

DOUGLAS J. ROWE

The Associated Press

**N**EW YORK — Peter O'Toole has a hangover. And he's relishing it. Yes, he's still in the game, on screen and off. That's why he initially dismissed the idea of accepting an honorary Academy Award four years ago — and why he received his eighth best-actor Oscar nomination this week for his performance in "Venus."

But on this morning, he's tucking into a bowl of soup. "Unfortunately, some very mischievous and thoughtless New York friends insisted that I drink a little bit too much last night," he explains. "As you can imagine, I couldn't disappoint them." It's not like the old days, though, when he would carouse with fellow world-class party animals Richard Burton, Richard Harris and Peter Finch. He imbibed a "modest" amount of red wine and whiskey the night before.

In his younger days, he preferred voluminous amounts of whiskey straight. "Now I'm afraid I have a pint of water with an eyedropper of whiskey," he says, laughing thunderously.

Back then, moviegoers were intoxicated, too, with his performance in the

role of David Lean's 1962 epic "Lawrence of Arabia" — and his breathtaking blond, blue-eyed visage. (At a premiere party Noel Coward told him: "If you'd been any prettier, it would have been 'Florence of Arabia.'")

Still, he doesn't miss being younger. "I quite like being old. I've said this before and I'll repeat it: Yes, I'm 74 years old, but in here," he says, pointing to his temple, "quite a lot of the time and in many instances, I'm 21. Nothing has changed, nothing has changed. And then I realize it's not too wise to climb that tree. And I can't play my beloved cricket anymore. I'm getting more and more used to my limitations, and enjoying them. ... I quite enjoyed the hangover this morning. Do you know the feeling?"

O'Toole certainly knows the feeling of being up for an Oscar. Until Tuesday, the star of such films as "Becket," "The Ruling Class," "Goodbye, Mr. Chips," "The Stunt Man" and "My Favorite Year" (he received Oscar nods for all these films, as well as "Arabia" and "The Lion in Winter") had been tied with his late chum Burton for futility in acting nominations, at oh-for-seven. If O'Toole loses again, he'll stand alone in the record books.

In "Venus," he plays Maurice, a modestly successful actor who's reduced to taking roles as dying old men and feeble royals. Off-screen, Maurice calls himself a "scientist of the female heart" who's undeterred by his infirmities, including prostate problems and impotence. So when a close actor-friend has his grandniece (played by newcomer Jodie Whittaker) come to care for him, Maurice ends up squiring her around.

The girl — coarse, sullen, barely 20 — gradually succumbs to this doddering dandy who quotes Shakespeare and extends theater invitations, gifts, even a life lesson or two.

## Look to TV for escapist shows, more online offerings

ROB OWEN

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

**PASADENA, Calif.** — As the definition of television's "mid-season" expands to the point that CBS launched and canceled its sole midseason drama before Jan. 1 (that would be the short-lived doctor show "3 Lbs."), network executives and show runners at the Television Critics Association winter press tour discussed lessons learned about what viewers want in prime time (other than that monster hit, "American Idol").

Viewers are already seeing some of the steps being taken to keep the audience (at least, those in key demographics) satisfied — quick cancellations, a shift in tone from darker to lighter fare, etc.

Here's why some of your favorite new shows and characters are already gone, some are staying, and how all of this plays out on your screen:

### KEEP IT LITE

Last summer, critics carped that networks were airing an abundance of a (generally) good thing: serialized shows. Audiences agreed, rejecting a whole slew of continuing series. But not always for the reason critics thought.

ABC Entertainment President Stephen McPherson said it wasn't that these shows failed because they were serials, but because they were dark and maybe a little too real. Witness the demise of CBS's "Smith," ABC's "The Nine," NBC's "Kidnapped" and Fox's



JEREMY COWART/ABC

From left: Lourdes Benedicto, John Billingsley, Tim Daly, Kim Raver, Camille Guaty, Dana Davis, Scott Wolf, Owain Yeoman, Jessica Collins and Chi McBride starred in the short-lived ABC drama, "The Nine."

"Vanished." The shows that did work, regardless of the degree of serialization, were lighter and more escapist, including NBC's "Heroes" and ABC's "Ugly Betty" and "Brothers & Sisters."

"I think 'The Nine' — great show, well cast, well written, well produced — there is a dour nature to it," McPherson said. "There's a serious, real, kind of hard edge to it. And I think that there is a kind of escapism going

on out there. That may be hindsight, but I think you may see a little bit of an adjustment toward that."

Fox Entertainment President Peter Liguori rightly noted that plenty of serialized shows are working, but they tend to perform best in the ratings when networks give fans what they want — airing episodes consistently with few interruptions as Fox is doing with "24" and ABC

is about to do with "Lost" when it returns Feb. 7.

"It is really critical to line up consecutive episodes, give the audience what they deserve, what they've earned, which is the respect of let's have these storylines continue week in, week out, and not have them guessing," Liguori said. "From there, it seems to me that in order to put on a serialized show, you have a higher stan-

dard. The audiences are committed to their favorite shows. ... If we're going to break in and ask them to make that kind of commitment, you'd better be great."

Liguori said serials with a singular focus may also have a better chance of hooking an audience.

"'Prison Break,' get out of prison. Get away from the cops. '24,' save the country," he said. "If you're able to give an audience a clearer goal in these serialized shows, I think, in fact, you may have a little bit of a leg up. Even with all that, that's too much programming-ese. The way serialized shows work is if you have a great creator who is inspired and really compels an audience. That's the magic fairy dust."

The networks haven't given up on serials, but they're likely to scale back on them for fall 2007.

"There's going to be a few more closed-ended dramas," said NBC Entertainment President Kevin Reilly. "We do have some serials coming back on. Nothing as highly serialized or demanding as a 'Heroes' — and that hasn't even been an adjustment necessarily. Serialization is still one of the biggest hooks that we have into an audience. It's potential rocket fuel when you hit it, so we're not running away from that. But we are balancing it out a little bit more."

### QUICK CANCELLATIONS

Some viewers were shocked when CBS canceled "Smith" after just three episodes, but CBS Corp. President Leslie Moonves said sometimes a pro-

grammer knows early on when it's justifiable to pull the plug.

"It didn't open big and still lost a lot of viewers in the second week and another chunk in the third week," Moonves said. "I've been doing this game long enough that you know it's certainly not going to have a reversal of fortune when it's had that pattern."

Moonves said it's one thing for a show to premiere with low numbers and slowly grow, but a series that starts at a certain level and continues to drop is unlikely to be saved.

"The competition wasn't changing and there was room for that show," he said. "The audience wasn't there."

Meaning, viewers either sampled it and hated it or just never had any interest in showing up.

NBC's "Friday Night Lights" is another low-rated series, but the network has stood by it regardless. Reilly said he believes in the show and the vision of its creative team, which he described as "so cohesive, so tight."

"It's not yet paying off in the ratings, but when you've got the vision, you hold onto it," Reilly said.

TV doesn't always go according to plan.

"Heroes" executive producer Tim Kring had intended Sylar's stay as the villain of the show to end by the conclusion of the first season. But after Zach Quinto was cast in the role, Kring's plans changed, and he wants the slippery Sylar to stick around.

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## Hank Hill resumes reign as family man

FRAZIER MOORE

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — "I'll have a normal orange juice, please," says Hank Hill. "And make it normal."

He wishes!

Hank, plaintive hero of Fox's comedy "King of the Hill," is joining someone at a dang ol' prissy juice bar. Not by his choice. This is not Hank's kind of place. Nor are these his kind of times.

Never were. After a decade on the air, "King of the Hill" (starting its new season 7:30 p.m. Sunday) finds Hank pretty much where he was in January 1997: a Texas good ol' boy in a world bent on serving up things that, in his mind, just aren't normal. Hank's a regular guy in a world that's always redefining "regular."

Hank doesn't smile much. He's sad-

eyed, with fretful little furrows etched into his brow.

Even so, he loves his job as a propane salesman, and also "loves barbecue, pickup trucks, edging the lawn, both kinds of music (country and western), and lamenting how a lack of common sense and a crush of meddling bureaucrats in today's society make life all that much harder for the working man."

At least, that's how I described him 10 years ago, when reviewing the premiere of this animated yet staunchly uncartoonish sitcom.

I could've added that Hank's a churchgoer and a family man (sturdy wife Peggy; slothful 13-year-old son Bobby; coquettish niece Luanne, 18) who, with his high school football days long gone, plays a new team sport: post-

ing himself with buddies Dale, Bill and Boomhauer out by the street, standing side by side, saying little, beers in hand.

Hank was a remarkable invention 10 years ago. The fact that "King of the Hill" carries on to this day, still funny and savvy, is even more notable.

Sunday's episode focuses on Peggy. She is feeling unfeminine (her size-16 feet and all the great shoes that don't fit them are to blame).

"YOU think I'm feminine, doncha, Hank?" she presses.

"Sure y'ar," says Hank, who, unequipped with a silver tongue, elaborates: "You're a wife, and a mother."

But then Peggy makes a new gal-pal, Carolyn, someone with whom she can comfortably share female concerns —

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RIC FRANCIS/AP

Mike Judge, co-creator of the Fox cartoon series "King of the Hill," poses in front of an illustration of Hank Hill, the animated character he voices, in this Oct. 28, 2002, file photo made in Los Angeles.

The New York Times Crossword Puzzle

ANSWERS NEXT SATURDAY

KAREEM OF THE CROP By PATRICK BERRY/ EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

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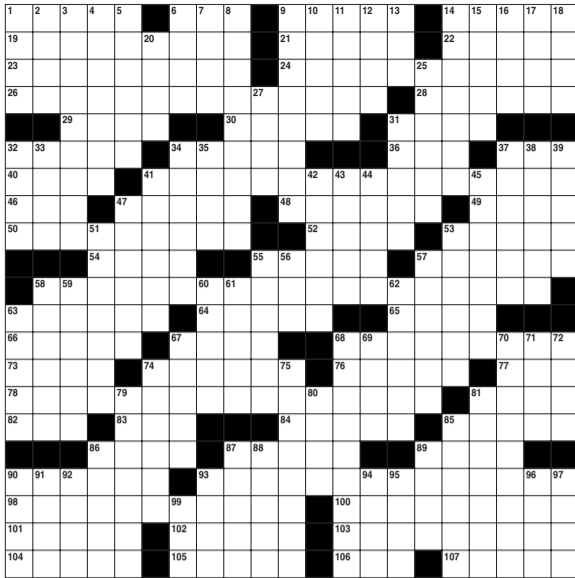
- 1 Fly effortlessly
- 6 Bub
- 9 Unstable
- 14 Talks up
- 19 Raise the proof?
- 21 Think the world of
- 22 Muppet who sang "Rubber Duckie"
- 23 1956 Oscar-winning title role for Ingrid Bergman
- 24 James Stockdale as running mate?
- 26 Terse account of what happened at the Raptor Petting Zoo?
- 28 Remained functional
- 29 Vest wearers
- 30 Tightens a piece, say
- 31 Golfer Ballesteros
- 32 Kind of bar
- 34 Attended without really belonging
- 36 "The child of Pride," according to Jonathan Swift
- 37 Badge awardee. Abbr.
- 40 "\_\_\_ go brag!"
- 41 Girl who wears hair clips in non-standard ways?
- 46 Stimp's TV pal
- 47 Poet/novelist Elinor
- 48 Like a crow or lark
- 49 Morales of "NYPD Blue"
- 50 Half of a long-time country duo
- 52 Impetuous quality
- 53 Forbidding
- 54 Quite often
- 55 Subtly suggest
- 57 Sows with salt, maybe
- 58 Work on logi-

- cal proofs while dining out?
- 63 Historic Irish city
- 64 Bête \_\_\_
- 65 Player's chance to shine
- 66 External
- 67 \_\_\_ of Oxford
- 68 Oscar nominee for "Unfaithful," 2002
- 73 "You said a mouthful!"
- 74 Archive's contents
- 76 Subsidized
- 77 Alternative to Rover
- 78 Practice sessions for coercion?
- 81 Sprout
- 82 Infiltrator
- 83 "\_\_\_ says?"
- 84 Suspicious
- 85 Tries
- 86 One of Emma's lovers in "Madame Bovary"
- 87 Quonset hut material
- 89 Lickety-split
- 90 In more pain
- 93 Show contempt for yellow fruit?
- 98 The Kingdom of Heaven?
- 100 About whom Shakespeare wrote "Age cannot wither her, nor custom stale / Her infinite variety"
- 101 Two-time loser to Dwight
- 102 Jive, e.g.
- 103 Kind of hat
- 104 Tranquility
- 105 Deep gulf
- 106 Geared up
- 107 Isn't complete without

DOWN

- 1 Seven-time Wimbledon winner
- 2 River of Yakutsk
- 3 "High Sierra" actress
- 4 Sony introduc-

- tion of 1984
- 5 Impedes legally
- 6 Other: Abbr.
- 7 Inter \_\_\_
- 8 Crimson
- 9 Accesses
- 10 Lead-in to further explanation
- 11 Summer sweaters?
- 12 Impel to action
- 13 So far
- 14 City on the Seine
- 15 Cropped up
- 16 Hand or foot
- 17 They're spotted in casinos
- 18 Some bird feed
- 20 Whips but good
- 25 Split
- 27 Underground film actress
- 31 Main character in Proust's "Remembrance of Things Past"
- 32 Cousin of a gull
- 33 Vicinity
- 34 General acknowledgment?
- 35 Like the Gobi
- 37 Split, in a way
- 38 Horror film's offerings
- 39 Claude who starred in TV's "Lobo"
- 41 "Here's a pleasant surprise!"
- 42 Fly from Africa
- 43 Ceremonial splendor
- 44 Sporty Mazda
- 45 Another name for vitamin A
- 47 More artful
- 51 1984 Hollywood biopic
- 53 Like diplomatic pouches
- 55 Distinctive Rolls-Royce feature
- 56 Ending with profit or racket
- 57 Some reconnaissance craft
- 58 Foster, as enthusiasm



- 59 Bistro
- 60 Nonsensical
- 61 NBC news-woman
- 62 In a convenient way
- 63 Witches' familiars, often
- 67 "Conspiracy of Fools" topic
- 68 Cancels, as in an online order form
- 69 Steel grating component
- 70 "Metaphysica" writer
- 71 Swift production?
- 72 They've split
- 74 How things may get washed
- 75 Soup accompaniers
- 79 Ladylove
- 80 Go through volumes
- 81 Make larger or smaller, as a photo
- 85 Clavell novel set in Hong
- 90 Order letters (sailor's yell)
- 91 Set of standards
- 92 \_\_\_ Bowl (post-season game)
- 93 Colorless
- 94 "Hard \_\_\_"
- 95 Confined, with "up"
- 96 Walked along
- 97 \_\_\_ culotte
- 99 Cereal box abbr.

ANSWERS TO LAST SATURDAY'S PUZZLE

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DANNY FELD/AP  
Actors Chris Klein and Gretchen Mol star in "The Valley of Light," a "Hallmark Hall of Fame" presentation that will be broadcast Sunday at 8 p.m. The drama tells the story of a young World War II veteran, played by Klein, haunted by his war experiences who meets and begins a relationship with a young widow, Mol.

TV highlights for the week ahead

**FRAZIER MOORE**  
*The Associated Press*  
Returning from service in World War II, Noah Locke is a young man who's carrying grief. Members of his platoon were killed on the battlefield and he blames himself. He saw the death camps at Dachau. His parents died and his brother is in prison. Even the family farm has been sold.  
Can he find a place, and peace, in the world? That's the story of "The Valley of Light," a new "Hallmark Hall of Fame" presentation airing 8 p.m. Sunday on CBS.  
At loose ends, Noah roams the back roads of the South in search of himself.  
"I'm guess I'm wandering," he tells a stranger, "looking for a sign that tells me to stop."  
But then he is led to a mystical town filled with folks who seem willing to receive him — in particular, Eleanor, a young widow and, like Noah, a lonely soul.  
Based on the novel by Terry Kay, "The Valley of Light" stars Chris Klein ("Election," "American Dreamz") and Gretchen Mol ("Calm at Sunset," "The Notorious Bettie Page"), and features Robert Prosky, Zach Mills, Jeff Perry and Jay O. Sanders.  
Other shows this week to look out for:  
◆ See what filmom's actors think of themselves when "The 13th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards" are presented in a live simulcast on TNT and TBS, airing 7 p.m. Sunday from Los Angeles. Awards will honor outstanding performances from 2006 in five film categories and eight TV categories, including the "distinctive ensemble" awards, which salute the collaborative performance by a cast in a motion picture and by the ensemble casts of both comedy and dramatic TV series. In addition, a life achievement award will be presented to Julie Andrews. The film and TV nominees were chosen by two groups of 2,100 people randomly chosen from the guild's 120,000 members; the guild's full membership was eligible to vote for winners.  
◆ Behind the picket fences of suburbia lurks more than one deadly secret, and "Suburban Secrets" aims to expose a whole community of them. This 15-episode documentary series chronicles true tales of crimes committed by devoted mothers, community leaders and hardworking neighbors who leave their corner of the world rocked by scandal. On the premiere, airing 9 p.m. Monday on Court TV, a vicious murder puts a neighborhood on edge in the sleepy town of Conway, S.C., when 17-year-old Crystal Todd turns up dead after a night out with friends. A second half-hour episode at 9:30 p.m. tells of two men who break into the home of a young married couple in the middle of the night. The husband is murdered, but before attacking his wife the assailants demand that she give them the keys to the bank where he worked ... or so she claims.

Escapist: Look to TV for more online offerings

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"The truth is, he was not the logical choice for that character when you had built a character for that many episodes with such a horrific trail behind him," Kring said. "I don't think you were expecting someone as intellectual and sort of post-modern as he is. I just find him a very watchable and fascinating actor."  
Kring said those unexpected detours in the story thanks to the marriage of an actor and a role is "absolutely the most fun part of writing for television."  
"It's most exciting when an actor meets you halfway," he said. Another example from "Heroes" was Jack Coleman, the actor who plays Claire's father, known as H.R.G. (for Horn Rimmed Glasses). "Jack Coleman, who had two or three lines in the pilot, suddenly became this fascinating character. The writers were obsessed with him, and we made him a series regular after 10 episodes or so."  
Scott Winant, executive producer on the upcoming CW teen drama "Hidden Palms," agreed that series television is a two-way street.

"We would look at dailies, and we would look at the actors and what they were doing and that would motivate and stimulate us to develop stories to service our actors," Winant said. "We would see what they gave us, and we would give it back to them."  
**ONLINE OFFERINGS EVOLVE**  
Back in November, I wanted to watch a "Men in Trees" episode at ABC.com that I missed on TV. It wasn't there then, but now it is.  
At Fox, full episodes of "24" are not posted, probably because the first four of the new season were rushed out on DVD and they don't want to undercut those sales.  
"We look at it on a case-by-case basis," Fox's Liguori said. "On 'Prison Break,' we will get some full episodes there. We are going to experiment. No one can say they have a formula. There doesn't exist enough data right now to make any kind of an ironclad decision of how we're going to work these."  
CBS's Moonves said that in five years "you're gonna get shows all over the place, whenever you want it. But the bulk of your revenue and

viewers will still be on the TV screen."  
So far, Moonves said there's no evidence of diminished TV viewing because of networks putting TV shows online.  
"If you see the numbers for all these things, they're not really significant, even for iTunes, which is doing the best of all of them," he said. "It's not a significant number to make a dent in 12 million viewers, so I think the ad-supported model will probably work best on the Internet."  
The availability of TV shows online may even help PBS, which tends to attract predominantly older viewers.  
"A lot of young people tell me that some programs, particularly programs like 'Frontline,' they're watching almost exclusively in streaming video forms," said PBS President Paula Kerger. "So this is really important that we pay attention to this new technology, because it really is giving us a way to reach a lot of people and particularly a younger audience that has challenges keeping up with our public television schedule."

**Conceptis Sudoku** by Dave Green

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**Bah humbug competition answers**

Here are the answers to my Christmas Competition.

- With West the dealer and neither side vulnerable, how should the auction proceed? See the sequence in the diagram. But if North passes, deciding his suit isn't good enough for a second-seat preempt, East would open one diamond and South might well jump to four hearts. (If South overcalls only one heart, probably West

**Phillip Alder**

**Hill: Hank still reigns as king**

Continued from page C4 and female tips.

Accounting for her square-rimmed eyeglasses, Peggy tells Carolyn they "hide thin brows, frown lines and wrinkles. People do not say it, but they make me look 10 years younger."

In short, opening up to Carolyn is just what she needed. But there's a problem. Turns

**North**  
♦ A J 8 7 5 4  
♥ 7 6  
♦ K 7 2  
♣ 10 6

**West**  
♠ 10 9 6 3  
♥ 9  
♦ 8 4  
♣ K Q 8 7 5 4

**East**  
♠ K  
♥ Q J 10  
♦ A Q J 9 6 5 3  
♣ 9 2

**South**  
♠ Q 2  
♥ A K 8 5 4 3 2  
♦ 10  
♣ A J 3

Dealer: West  
Vulnerable: Neither

**South** Pass 2 ♠ 3 ♠  
**West** Pass 2 ♠ 3 ♠  
**North** Pass 2 ♠ 3 ♠  
**East** Pass 2 ♠ 3 ♠

Opening lead: ♦ 8

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

**FRIDAY'S ANSWERS**

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| 8 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 5 | 1 |
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# Bush priorities, liberals' wish list falter

ANDREW TAYLOR  
The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — Liberals looking to Democrats for big spending increases in the new Congress — in education programs such as Head Start, for example — will come away disappointed with some of the choices being made in dividing up money for the rest of this year.

They will find an essentially tightfisted Republican-tilting bill coming from the Democrats who now are running Congress and picking up the pieces of what the GOP left undone in 2006.

Military veterans will be OK, as will health researchers, the FBI and food inspectors. But there will be many losers, including President Bush, as a \$463 billion-or-so catchall spending bill advances through

the House and Senate over the next three weeks.

Bush's "competitiveness initiative" boosting basic research and improving training and recruitment of math and science teachers won't fare as well as he'd like. Pentagon requests for implementing a 2005 round of military base closings are likely to get short shrift.

The bill wraps together the budgets through September for 13 Cabinet agencies. All of the budgeting work was supposed to have been completed months ago, but Republicans didn't want to make some of the tough choices before the election and made no serious effort to complete the work after it.

House Appropriations Committee Chairman David Obey would have preferred

boosting spending by \$13 billion on education, health care and science programs — but doesn't have the money.

Instead, most federal accounts will be frozen at 2006 levels. There are, however, scores of exceptions for agencies and programs that simply must have increases to avoid imposing furloughs and hiring freezes, or cutting critical services such as housing assistance for more than 200,000 poor people.

Deciding which programs get exempted from the money freeze has prompted several weeks of arduous negotiations led by Obey, D-Wis., and his Senate counterpart, Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va.

They announced last month that they will abide by a GOP-set funding cap for all agency

budgets passed at lawmakers' discretion, and they promised to keep the bill clean of congressional pet projects.

Lobbying has been furious, with lawmakers, agencies, interest groups and even the rock star Bono weighing in. Pressing for a \$1 billion boost to fight AIDS, malaria and poverty in Africa, Bono wrestled with Obey in a meeting last month — with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., looking on — only to emerge without a commitment.

"This isn't over," Bono said in a statement issued after the meeting.

The negotiations have been remarkably secret. What little information that has emerged comes from lawmakers, lobbyists and staff aides, most of whom demand anonymity for

fear of reprisals.

At issue is about \$10 billion available for plugging numerous funding gaps. Agencies likely to win some of the funds include:

- ◆ The Veterans Affairs Department, which is sure to win a \$3 billion increase for the rapidly growing veterans medical care program.

- ◆ The National Institutes of Health, which may get a \$500 million or so increase for health research grants.

- ◆ The Census Bureau, which is pressing for money to purchase new hand-held computers for field workers conducting the 2010 Census count. The agency needs \$63 million for the effort.

- ◆ The Nuclear Regulatory Commission, to hire people it needs to handle the expected first license requests for new power plant reactors since the Three Mile Island accident in Pennsylvania and

extensions of current plant licenses.

- ◆ The Agriculture Department, to avoid temporary layoffs of food inspectors.

- ◆ The Justice Department, to lift a hiring freeze at the Drug Enforcement Administration and hiring curbs at the FBI.

Among the likely losers are the Pentagon, which can't possibly get all of a \$4 billion increase sought by Bush to implement base closures. His foreign aid budget also faces cuts — but they won't be applied to allies such as Israel.

The \$10 billion at play represents the difference between the 2006 and 2007 funding "caps" set by Congress last spring, along with money available once emergencies and other one-time costs were scrubbed from last year's funding baseline.



TONY GUTIERREZ/AP

Joe Bieger receives a hug from his wife, Patricia, as they stand in the chapel at The Highlands School where they both work at in Irving, Texas, Jan. 8. During Bieger's 25-day disappearance, a photo of him was placed at the foot of the Virgin Mary statue seen behind them.

## Amnesia victim wandered streets of Dallas for 25 days

JAMIE STENGLE  
The Associated Press

**DALLAS** — Joe Bieger walked out his front door with his two dogs one morning last fall a beloved husband, father, grandfather and assistant high school athletic director. Minutes later, all of that — indeed, his very identity — would seemingly be wiped from his brain's hard drive.

For 25 days, he wandered the streets of Dallas and its environs a lost soul, unable to remember his name, what he did for a living, or where he lived, until, finally, a contractor who was building a new house for Bieger and his wife happened to recognize him.

By that point, Bieger had somehow made his way to a suburb about 20 miles from his Dallas home, holes worn in the rubber soles of his canvas shoes. He had lost 25 pounds, and a full white beard covered the normally clean-shaven educator's face.

Bieger, 59, says he was diagnosed afterward as suffering from psychogenic fugue, an extremely rare form of amnesia.

Now reunited with his family and back at work, Bieger agreed to tell his story to The Associated Press.

Bieger says he has regained all his memories up to the point he wandered away, and is amazed at the outpouring of support he received from friends, co-workers and the hundreds of volunteers who helped search for him on the streets, at hospitals and in homeless shelters and soup kitchens.

"Everyone believes that God brought me back for a reason, otherwise this might have ended differently," he says. "God wants me here to work with these students."

Bieger is under the care of a doctor who specializes in such cases. And his cell phone now includes a GPS tracking device.

But more than three months after the episode, he says he has only vague memories of those

days on the streets of Dallas, one of America's most crime-ridden cities.

He recalls being stopped and frisked by police officers, who were looking for a suspect in a holdup at a pizzeria. There was also a smoky bowling alley. He remembers waking up cold on a playground, wearing shorts and a T-shirt with fall temperatures dropping into the 50s. Another time, he says, he awoke under a construction trailer.

He says he cannot recall what he ate to survive. But when he was found, he had jelly packets from a fast-food restaurant in his pockets and half a stale bagel.

Witnesses and police accounts fill in a few other gaps in Bieger's journey.

Bieger's dogs were found running loose within a few hours of his disappearance. About two weeks later, some homeless people told searchers they had seen a man matching Bieger's description near a Sam's Club store close to his home.

Over the next several days, he apparently crossed busy streets and interstate highways to the Dallas suburb of Plano, several miles north of Dallas. Not long after that, he was spotted at a church carnival in Plano.

Gwen Brooks, executive administrator at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, says the man claimed he had lost his keys and asked if he could search the bushes.

"He didn't look out of the ordinary at that time," says Brooks, adding that everyone assumed he was part of a Habitat for Humanity construction crew working nearby.

Bieger's ordeal finally drew to a close on Oct. 30, in the suburb of Carrollton.

Mike Phillips, a construction foreman, spotted a man wandering close to the site where Bieger was having a new home built. Phillips thought the man might be Bieger, but he couldn't be sure.

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Sgt. Daniel D. Vogel with the Warrington Township Police Department, a member of the South Central Emergency Response Team, is seen in the driver's hatch of a M113 A2 Armored Personal Carrier during a demonstration for The Associated Press in Richboro, Pa., Tuesday.

# Military gives police parkas, guns, helicopters



HAL YEAGER/AP

Jefferson County, Ala., Sheriff Mike Hale examines one of the helicopters the county received from the U.S. government in Birmingham, Ala., Tuesday. The sheriff's department near Birmingham received four 1970s-era helicopters from the Defense Department.

**KIMBERLY HEFLING**  
The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — The Defense Department is giving away free equipment the military no longer needs to state and local police: fatigues for secret surveillance of drug labs in Indiana, a tranquilizer gun to shoot bears in Pennsylvania and a doublewide trailer in Virginia.

Cash-strapped law enforcement agencies are lining up to take advantage of the Pentagon's generosity. About 16,000 departments obtained more than 380,000 pieces of equipment in the 2005 budget year, according to an analysis of data provided by the Pentagon at the request of The Associated Press.

The items, which include

night-vision goggles, copy machines, helicopters and bulletproof vests, were worth nearly \$124 million.

Authorities in Bucks County, Pa., just outside Philadelphia, turned to the Pentagon for two hand-me-down armored vehicles to protect officers in hostage standoffs. The total savings to local taxpayers: more than \$70,000 a piece.

The top recipients nationwide are:

- ◆ California, \$17 million worth of equipment.
- ◆ Indiana, \$10.5 million worth of items.
- ◆ North Carolina, \$10 million worth.

Detectives on a drug task force in Tippecanoe County, Ind., wear military fatigues for

covert surveillance of methamphetamine cooks and cocaine dealers. In Pennsylvania, the state game commission uses a tranquilizer gun to put tracking collars on bears. In Covina, Calif., police converted a military ambulance into a SWAT team vehicle.

Police describe the free equipment as a godsend.

The program is administered by the Defense Logistic Agency. Police pay only to ship the equipment and for necessary upgrades. The military gives away only items it considers obsolete for its own use, parts that already have been replaced or are no longer needed in places such as Iraq.

"We've gotten unbelievable stuff," said police Sgt. Jim Forbes

in Hampton, Va. "It's benefiting a whole lot of folks in this business."

Last year, Forbes' department obtained 55 patrol rifles and paid only a few hundred dollars for shipping. Over the years, his department has received boats and even a doublewide trailer it uses as a training room on a range.

Some states have soured on what they describe as bureaucratic hurdles imposed by the Pentagon since the 2001 terrorist attacks.

Wyoming closed its coordinator's office more than two years ago because it cost more money to operate than the value of the equipment it received, said Gayleen Wyant, the surplus property manager there.

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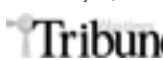
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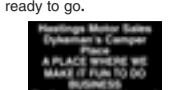
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**MLT**

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-to approve the December claims of \$201,699.32 as listed below  
-to approve the school's new Board member positions (Heier-President, Harpham-Vice President, Marble-Secretary, Stocker-Treasurer, Kroll-member, Jacobitz-member)  
-to approve the Randy Mierau & Company as the school auditor for 2006-2007 school years  
-to approve the Hastings Tribune as the district's legal school newspaper  
-to approve the firm of Perry, Guthery, Haase & Gessford as the district's legal counsel  
-to approve the Adams County Bank as the district's bank depository  
-to approve the Rule 10 Annual Report for the 2005-2006 School Year  
The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2007, at 7:30 p.m.

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We monitor markets on a daily basis, and sometimes hourly, as we sit in front of our computers.

We can even sell our cattle through online auctions, and now scientists think they have genetically engineered a cow to eliminate mad-cow disease.

I have registered my farm so my animals can be located quickly in the case of a disease outbreak, so the only thing left is to permanently identify each animal so the animal can be located at any given time.

"They'll probably make us use microchips in our cows," Alvin said when we were discussing the issue the other day. "It'll be expensive, but what else can we do?"

We could use bar codes on the ear tags, I suggested. The guys looked at me, and I just shrugged.

I told them to look at the technology we already have in place in the world of consumer goods.

Each product manufactured today has a bar code, or UPC symbol on it. Companies use a scanner to keep track of inventory and use that same scanner at the store when we buy the product.

Now computers can track everything we buy. It only takes a good detective a few minutes to find out if we bought a case of toilet paper on Tuesday or if we bought a new sweater on Wednesday. They know where we bought it and how much we paid for it.

"You're making that up," Alvin said.

I wish I were, but my receipt actually comes with my name printed on it along with the date and time of purchase. I've been in a couple of stores recently that won't let me buy anything until I give them my phone number or email address. They say they can track spending habits that way. And they can — mine.

"They know that you bought new boots at the farm store and an antibiotic for your dog at the vet," I told Alvin.

The guys shook their heads. "Isn't that invasion of privacy?" Carl asked.

I think it is, but unless we pay cash for everything, we are easy to trace. Even when I pay cash at the hardware store, they run my little card through with the bar code on it, so I can get a discount the next time I come in to buy something.

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Denise Andersen

## Ranchers still struggling to reach stranded cattle

STEVEN K. PAULSON  
The Associated Press

**DENVER** — A month after the first wave of devastating winter storms hit Colorado, some eastern Colorado ranchers still haven't been able to get feed to their cattle, a state official said.

With calving season under way, the damage is expected to get worse, state Agriculture Commissioner John Stulp told lawmakers Wednesday.

"They're starting to calve now. We're expecting losses," Stulp said.

"It really has been a continuing disaster, about 30 days in longevity. The real

loss is still buried in the snow," he said.

State officials estimate that 10,000 cattle died in the storms, although some agriculture groups think the toll could reach 15,000 once all the carcasses are found.

Besides the problem of deep snow, there is also a shortage of hay, with prices doubling and even tripling — if ranchers can find any.

State Rep. Kathleen Curry estimated Colo. ranchers will spend \$10 million to \$20 million extra on feed this year and said the state must find a way to help struggling farmers and ranchers.

"It certainly isn't going to end tomorrow," she said.

Rancher Traci Eatherton said five snowstorms in a row have taken a toll, making it difficult to reach her animals to feed them.

With another storm forecast for this weekend, she said she and her neighbors are getting awfully tired of snow. On Tuesday, a neighbor finally got a delivery of propane and the truck got stuck in the snow.

"It doesn't even have to snow, it just gets blown in. It's supposed to snow again this weekend. It's becoming a four-

letter word," she said.

The Kansas Livestock Association estimates well below 1 percent of the cattle in Kansas feedlots affected by the storms died in the weather — a relatively insignificant death loss. But the real loss, the association said, will be in production.

Many cattle that were market-ready before the storm lost weight they need to put back on before they go to market, said Todd Domer, an association spokesman. Weight loss in pregnant cattle could result in fewer births this season, veterinarians said.

## McChanges?



AMY ROH/Tribune

A McDonald's customer exits the drive-thru Tuesday. The popular restaurant may be rebuilt after the company recently purchased a piece of property adjoining the current location.

## McDonald's may start over

NEW RESTAURANT WOULD REPLACE CURRENT BUILDING ON BURLINGTON AVENUE

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**T**he house Ronald built at 1510 N. Burlington Ave. in Hastings may be facing the wrecking ball before too long. After purchasing a piece of property adjoining the current restaurant from the city of Hastings last month, McDonald's Corp. is expected to pursue plans to replace its current building with an all-new modern traditional structure.

Still in its formative stages, the plan

isn't expected to be presented to city planners until at least April or May, said Craig Barnes, real estate manager at McDonald's central office in Minneapolis.

"We're currently reviewing our existing restaurant and are working on a redevelopment plan," Barnes said. "I don't have any specifics to release right now because it's not complete. We're talking about rebuilding our restaurant. We're not exactly expanding, just replacing."

Built in 1977, the current building is often overcrowded during peak lunch and dinner hours, with cars backed up into the street for drive-through service. The new building wouldn't necessarily be any larger than the current building,

but would be "more current, not only with architecture, but more relevant to customers, as well," he said.

Most rebuilds by McDonald's are done because of age-related reasons, he said.

Barnes said that any specific timeline on the project will remain in limbo until the company decides to pitch its redevelopment plan to city planners for approval.

"Our building design concept is complete," he said, "but it doesn't mean anything until it is approved. At this point, I would expect we're trying to make applications with the city's planning or building department within the next 90 days. We've made no applications at this point."

## Very atypical questions asked for new farm bill

**I**f urban sprawl consumes two acres of America's finite farmland every minute, should Congress, through the 2007 Farm Bill, address farmland protection?

If one out of three Americans is either overweight or obese, should the \$57 billion the U.S. Department of Agriculture will spend on domestic food assistance in 2007/08 be tied to USDA's dietary guidelines?

Should the nation's number two farm state, Texas, with \$17 billion in annual food and fiber sales, receive three times more federal farm program money than California, the nation's top ag producer with \$32 billion in annual sales?

These aren't typical farm policy questions asked of Congress by ag players jockeying for ears and money in Farm Bill years like



Alan Guebert

the way the process is designed to work, neither of the last two Farm Bills followed that script.

In 1996, House ag boss Pat Roberts wrote Freedom to Farm almost single-handedly; House leaders then ordered it passed. The 2002 trail was wider — it had to be; Dems controlled the Senate — yet House leaders

drained important Senate reforms from the final bill and, later, failed to fund ones they couldn't kill.

Now, new players with new power are looking to make new Farm Bill hay.

For example, California Democrat Dennis Cardoza, new chair of the House Ag Subcommittee on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture, will "maintain California's leadership position in agriculture" by delivering his state's growers "full participation in the Farm Bill."

It isn't a boast. Cardoza already has a firm draft bill — and dozens of House votes — to send Farm Bill money (up to \$1 billion per year, say those who've read it) to longtime farm program outsiders like fruit and vegetable growers.

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## Catering company to close its doors

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After three years of fixing meals for various gatherings throughout the state, Two Chicks Catering of Hastings will call it quits at the end of this month.

The catering business started by Sheryl Timko and Coral Schnase in January 2004 faced unforeseen complications early on that simply could not be overcome, said Josh Kapustka, a cook for the business who also happens to be the future son-in-law of Timko.

Neither Timko or Schnase could be reached for comment.

The business catered multiple meal entrees for businesses and social community gatherings in both Hastings and Grand Island during its sometimes-busy run, Kapustka said.

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## New year, big changes for Minden Bank & Trust

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**MINDEN** — The First Bank & Trust Co. here began 2007 with a new name and a new charter, which officials say will make the bank more competitive.

The bank, formerly known as the First National Bank & Trust Co., dropped "National" from its name because it changed from a national to a state charter.

A bank can be examined anytime, but well-capitalized banks are examined about every 18 months, bank president Kelley Ayres said.

A federally chartered bank, which is primarily examined by the Office of the Comptroller of Currency, pays an examination fee each year whether it is examined or not.

Now, the First Bank & Trust Co. will be examined on an alternating schedule by the Federal Reserve — which does not charge an examination fee — and the Nebraska Department Banking and Finance, which the bank will pay only when it is examined.

As a state-chartered bank, First Bank & Trust Co.'s lending limit increased from \$1 million to \$1.25 million.

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## Your turn

What do you think about a bill in the Legislature that would change the Nebraska state song from "Beautiful Nebraska" to "I Love Nebraska"?

Frank Georgiana, Hastings

"I don't see why you would want to change it. We've had it for so long, it's like a tradition."



Torry Kloppenborg, Hastings

"I haven't heard the song, so I don't know."



Lisa Jacobi, Clarks

"I wasn't aware they were talking about it."



Dick Freeling, Hastings

"I think it's a waste of time trying to change it. I just think there are more important issues to take care of."



Nancy Freeling, Hastings

"There's nothing wrong with the current song."



Bonnie Will, Hastings

"I'm a traditional person. I guess just leave it as it is."



## Andersen: Changes in tracking

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"And have you been to a casino lately?" I asked the guys. They shook their heads again.

The first time in, you have to show identification and they give you a card — with a UPC symbol on it. You can't put coins in the slot machines; you have to put bills and the card in and then play. The slot machine greets you by name and keeps track of what time you started playing, when you quit, how much money you spent and how much money you made. And then they notify the Internal Revenue Service so you can pay taxes.

"They don't do that," Alvin said.

They do — and although I don't want everyone to know when and where I go to the casinos to gamble, I think we should make use of that technology to track our livestock. It would be cheaper than microchips, and even the cows would be surprised to know where they have been.

"At least we would know if any of our cows spent any of our money or went to the casino," Alvin said.

At least.

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## Bank: New year brings changes

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"That's important, as farmers have bigger operations (and) we have more customers who were bumping up against our lending limit," he said. "As a state bank, we're able to take care of more customers that way."

Ayres said the bank had received many questions about the change.

He said that for the most part, the change would be a non-event for customers, who can continue using their checks imprinted with the bank's old name.

Bank officials and board members began to discuss the possibility of change about a year and a half ago, Ayres said. They started talking with the state and the Federal Reserve about a year ago and officially made the decision to change at the July 2006 board meeting.

Fewer than 60 banks in Nebraska have a national charter, Ayres said.

The bank is owned by the First of Minden Financial Corp., a holding company made up of about 20 Minden residents.

## Cater: Two Chicks closing

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"Basically we fixed anything the customer wanted," he said. "Casseroles, appetizers, prime rib, enchiladas...you name it, we probably cooked it."

"We had busy times, it was just never consistent enough."

Of late, the business has operated out of the old kitchen at Crosier Park Professional Center, 223 E. 14th St. Initially, food preparation was done inside home kitchens, Kapustka said.

While he expressed disappointment in the closure, Kapustka said he will now pursue a job where hours of operation are a bit more regulated.

"You never like to see a business go down, but it happens unfortunately," he said. "Catering is a seven-day-a-week job some weeks. It was a lot of work, as is any business you open up. Hopefully, I'll get a job with regular hours and regular days off."

## Legislator, growers make plans to prevent E. coli

**JACOB ADELMAN**  
The Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES** — A California legislator is butting heads with farmers over his proposed regulations to protect lettuce, spinach and other crops from replays of the E. coli outbreaks that killed three people and sickened hundreds of others across the country in recent months.

State Sen. Dean Florez plans to introduce a bill Feb. 1 that calls for a system to track produce from fields to store shelves and forces growers to further protect crops from contaminated water and stray animals that can spread bacteria.

The legislation is proving to be a hard sell to state farmers who could have their crops condemned if they're caught

violating its rules.

The Western Growers Association, which represents the fresh produce industry in California and Arizona, is preparing a self-regulating scheme to head off Florez, who represents the agriculture-rich southern San Joaquin Valley.

Their plan would require handlers and shippers to buy from growers who can show they protected crops against E. coli and other contamination.

"We're the guys who understand our business and what needs to be done," said Imperial Valley spinach and lettuce farmer Jack Vessey, who supports the industry-led approach.

Florez invited the industry to adopt its own rules as his bill moves through Sacramento.

Then, he said, "once our regulation comes into effect, there will be very little cost for them."

The new regulations promoted by Florez would be tougher and more precisely worded than the current state guidelines that urge growers to be mindful of bacteria sources but specify no punishment for problems.

The California agriculture industry, which produces about three-quarters of the nation's lettuce and spinach, took a huge financial hit from the recent E. coli outbreaks.

Investigators linked a strain of E. coli that killed three people and sickened more than 200 others in September to wild pigs that may have spread the bacteria in a Salinas Valley spinach field.

Spinach was pulled from grocery shelves as authorities investigated the source of the problem.

Food and Drug Administration officials said this month that lettuce grown in the Central Valley was the likely source of an E. coli outbreak in December that sickened about 80 customers at Taco John's restaurants in Minnesota and Iowa.

The source of lettuce blamed for 70 cases linked to Taco Bell restaurants on the East Coast remained unknown.

Vessey and other farmers agreed that steps must be taken to ensure safety and strengthen confidence in California produce. But government regulations could be costly and put growers in jeopardy of being punished for outbreaks beyond their control, he said.

## Bush said exactly what farmers wanted to hear in speech

The Associated Press

**ST. JOSEPH, Mo.** — President Bush said just what many Missouri farmers wanted to hear when in his State of the Union address he unveiled a plan to increase government mandates on ethanol and other alternative fuels.

Many producers attending the Northwest Missouri Corn & Soybean Growers Association meeting Tuesday in St. Joseph said they had already planned to increase corn production next year to take advantage of the ethanol boom. But that was before Bush announced a plan to require the annual use of 35 billion gallons of ethanol and other alternative fuels by 2017.

A poll taken by the Missouri Corn Growers Association found that 10 percent of farmers planned to boost corn production by 20 to 50 percent in 2007. An additional 30 percent said they would increase production by at least 10 percent. The rest reported that they would keep production at current levels.

Corn prices have been rising steadily for the past year and are on pace to reach record levels. Some analysts predict prices will eventually reach \$5 per bushel.

Experts say corn-based ethanol alone is unlikely to cover the increase Bush is mandating. His proposal envisions more research into the production of cellulosic ethanol, made from

wood chips, switch grass and other non-corn feedstock.

But Gary Marshall, chief executive officer of the Missouri Corn Growers Association, said he believes ethanol plants are being built fast enough to meet Bush's goals. Now it's a matter of developing the market against resistance from major oil companies, he said.

"The problem now is getting Big Oil to buy it," Marshall said. "You think ethanol is big? Exxon could buy the entire ethanol industry with its profits from last quarter alone."

Marshall said the current demand for ethanol is about 6 billion barrels per year. About 5.4 billion barrels — or

roughly one-fifth of what Bush hopes to pump out by 2017 — are produced at 106 bio-refineries already in operation.

Commodity analyst Dan Basse, president of Chicago-based AgResource, says the near future will be the "Golden Age of Agriculture."

Basse said high crop prices could increase farm incomes by 15 to 40 percent. He also said the value of farm land could rise 20 percent to 40 percent in the next two to four years.

But Basse also warned farmers that the market could be fickle during this boom time.

"Be prepared for agricultural price swings not seen since the 1970s," he said.

## Guebert: Very atypical questions asked for new farm bill

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Likewise, two other farm and food coalitions — representing far more voters than there are farmers and ranchers — have announced sweeping Farm Bill reform plans.

On Jan. 18, more than 200 farm, ranch, consumer, labor, religious, environmental, and wildlife groups proclaimed their intent to include a "competition" title in the 2007 Farm Bill. Its aim, they noted, is "to make sure we reverse the advance of industrial food production, processing, and marketing."

Tall order? Sure, but some tall legislators, like Iowa's ag twins, Senate Ag Chair Tom Harkin and his GOP counterpart Chuck Grassley, have endorsed some or most of the corporation-clipping proposal.

Four days later, an alliance of more than 350 farm, food, public health, anti-hunger, conservation, faith, and rural development groups called the Farm and Food Policy Project unveiled a detailed shopping list for their ideal 2007 Farm Bill.

At their core, though, all

these newly-found ideas and players really aren't that new, explains Ferd Hoefner, policy director of the Sustainable Agriculture Coalition and a member of the Farm and Food Policy Project.

"It's just that now there's a growing awareness in Congress," he says, "that yesterday's 'farm' bill should move more to a 'farm and food' bill to serve all of America — consumers, communities, the environment and conservation, not just farmers and ranchers."

The biggest issue for these new players, however, will be the biggest, oldest issue of all Farm Bill debates — farm program money. It's tighter than a vest on a statue and might be capped at \$10 billion per year. What isn't capped this time around, though, is the process;

it's wide-open, and anyone who has ever lifted a fork, knife or pitchfork is walking into the fray.

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Prankster comes across as menacing to his friends

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are in our early 30s and we spend a lot of time with three other couples. A few months ago, we went on a picnic at a local park to play ball and have lunch. One man (I'll call him Bill) thought it was funny to pour what was left of a soft drink on one of the wives' heads. She and her husband had to leave. It was obvious she couldn't stay with sticky hair and clothing. Bill called them "party-poopers."

Three weeks ago, Bill yanked the cloth off a table that had been set with another of the wives' good dishes. Broken china lay everywhere. That wife was also a "party-pooper" because she didn't think it was funny.

Last weekend there was a pool party. I didn't want to go because I'm not comfortable with the water. My husband promised he'd stay right with me, which he did. However, Bill swam under the water, grabbed both my ankles and yanked me under. I was terrified. I told Bill I never wanted to see him again, and I meant it.

Now his wife, "Nicki," is upset because she found out I had a dinner at my home and didn't invite them. I told her she could come, but I would no longer let her husband near me. I think he needs professional help.

Nicki and I work in the same building, and I see her almost every day. We eat in the building cafeteria, and she's spreading the word that I have caused trouble with their group of friends. She's saying I made a play for her husband and he rejected me, and I'm angry about it. I have not said anything to defend myself. I don't feel the need. But my husband says I should tell the real reason. What do you think? — THE VICTIM, NOT THE PERP

DEAR VICTIM: I agree with your husband. You have an obligation to protect your reputation, and you should by all means tell the truth — the whole truth. Bill appears to be a real handful; whatever his problem is, I'll bet this isn't the first time this has happened to that couple. You are wise to avoid them. They both appear to be troubled.

BOTH PARTIES FEEL INSURE

DEAR ABBY: I am in my mid-50s and in a relationship with "Josh," who is 40. We have been seeing each other for three years. We care about each other, but we're both insecure.

Josh looks through my cell phone every chance he gets, even if it's in my purse. This bothers me because I have male friends, but he erased their phone numbers and forbade them to call me. Occasionally, I ask to see his cell phone. Sometimes he'll agree, other times he refuses.

A text message I sent to a friend caused Josh to question my loyalty. In retaliation, I went through some things at his house and questioned his. I have begged him to stop going through my cell phone, but it falls on deaf ears. I feel like I'm walking on eggshells. What should I do? — TREADING LIGHTLY IN DETROIT

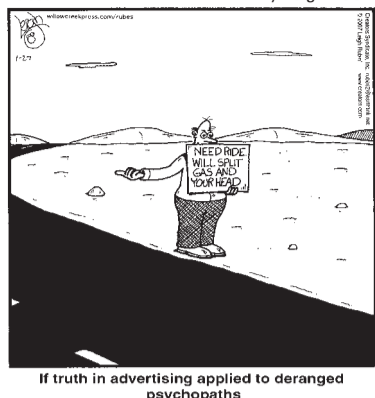
DEAR TREADING LIGHTLY: See if Josh cares enough about you to go with you for relationship counseling. You and he appear to feed off each other's insecurity, and that's not healthy for either of you. Don't you realize that you cannot — nor can he — compel fidelity? The decision to forgo romantic involvements with others must come from within.

Rummaging through personal papers and cell phone histories accomplishes nothing and only heightens both your anxieties. You could live in a convent and Josh would still suspect you of cheating, because on some level he doesn't feel he's man enough to satisfy you. And it appears you have the same sickness.

On the one hand, you could dump him and end the frustration. On the other hand, because you and Josh have starred in this soap opera for so long, it's possible you are meant for each other.

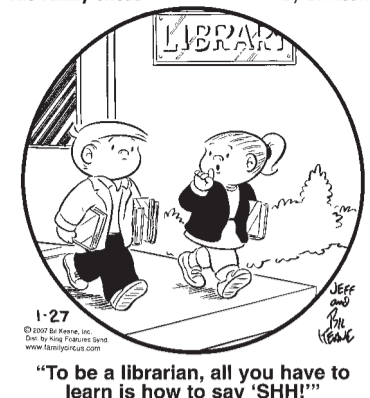
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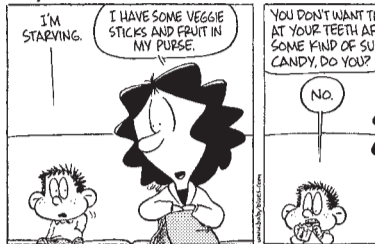
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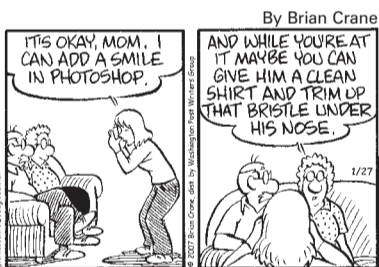
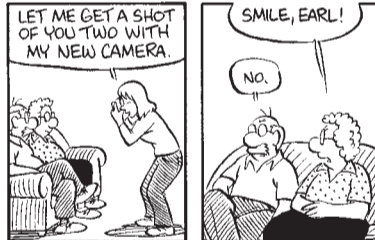
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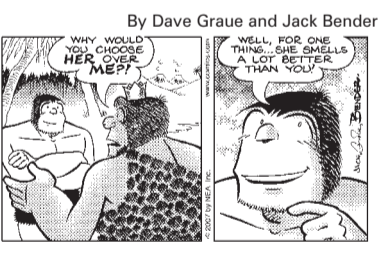
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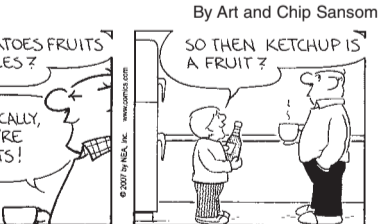
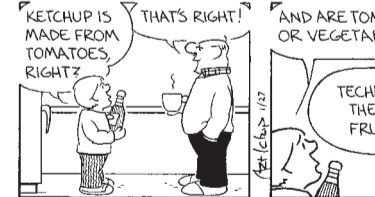
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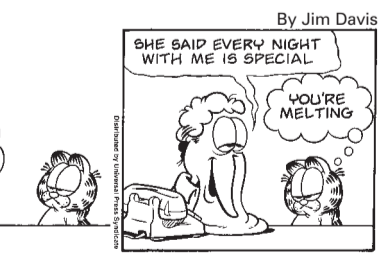
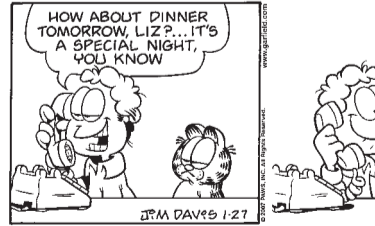
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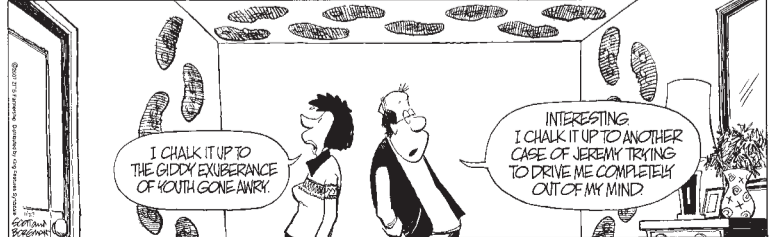
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SUNDAY, JAN. 28

Several unique opportunities may be offered that will interest you. Should someone suggest something you know only casually, however, check things out thoroughly first.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Normally, you enjoy most social gatherings, but for your own reasons you may not be in the mood. Unfortunately, if you feel uncomfortable, you're likely to make others feel the same.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Although you may be quite a good starter, it isn't likely you will have much staying power; so don't begin anything vital that would leave it in a state of disarray if you collapse.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** You may have a hard time doing any work of a mental nature, because your mind is likely to be wondering elsewhere. Forgo it for now since a loss of concentration breeds errors.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** This could be an unhappy day for you when you check your bills and realize there will be no more spending until all of your old obligations are taken care of first. It's a bitter pill.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Normally, you're an easygoing person, but there could be a clash of wills with someone who is too assertive and dictatorial. Just remember you may be a bit unyielding yourself.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Conditions could restrict you from doing things of your own choosing, which might frustrate you more than usual. It'll be even worse if you buck the tide instead of flowing with it.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Don't take for granted what a gabby individual has to say about another friend, especially if the person has been known to exaggerate things before. It may be just idle gossip.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Your emotions may be rather fragile and could cause some thoughtless behavior on your part. You won't be too proud if you're not careful. Take control of your actions.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Should you discover another is taking credit for ideas you've authored, instead of blowing your top, let this individual know you consider plagiarism one of the sincerest forms of flattery.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Negotiating could turn out to be a bit more complicated than usual, especially if you're dealing with a tough character. Keep your slingshot ready, if you believe you're being attacked.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Although companions may think nothing about making demands upon your time and talent, don't look to them to be too cooperative in return. Accounts won't be balanced.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** If you've been counting on another to accomplish something that is quite difficult for you to handle, you may be in for a big disappointment. Better be prepared to fend for yourself.

TUESDAY, JAN. 29

In the past, you have been fortunate in developing friends who are extremely loyal to you and have proven to be trusted allies. Circumstances could develop that will prove just how important this is to you.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Someone you would prefer not to be around and whom you've been trying to avoid might intrude upon your social arrangements. If you're on your toes, it's likely you can fend him or her off.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Harboring strong self-doubts will definitely have a deleterious effect on you. If you don't think you're capable of achieving something, you'll find ways to prove yourself right.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Don't make the mistake of going to someone for advice who will only offer you what you want to hear. Seek out someone who truly has your best interests at heart.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** If you're asked to help another sort out his or her financial affairs, don't do so by loaning him or her money. Work with this person's funds so he or she can learn how to be self-sufficient in the future.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** When it comes to a joint involvement of importance, try to give others the benefit of the doubt. If you are judgmental, it will prove disruptive and partners will work only for their own benefit.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Don't attempt to take on more than you can comfortably accomplish, regardless of all you want to do. This could be a reasonably productive day for you. Don't overburden yourself.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Be sure to treat all your companions in your social involvements equally, or the results could be more than hurt feelings. Playing favorites will lose the support you need.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Be optimistic regarding your hopes and objectives, but don't set your sights so high that you couldn't possibly your achieve goals. Even if you accomplish some, you'll feel like a loser.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Guard against a tendency to turn what starts off to be a friendly discussion into one of serious debate. Should someone make a statement with which you disagree, who cares?

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Be mindful of your financial circumstances and try to avoid taking on any new, long-term obligation with which you can do without. You'll only make things tougher on yourself.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Serious personal relationships must be handled thoughtfully and skillfully, or you could say or do something without thinking it could offend an ally who is important to you.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You'll be more prone to doing things for others if you feel it is your choice and you're doing so voluntarily. The moment someone places demands on you, you'll start a mutiny.



Dear Abby

# New group studies science behind spirituality

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The Associated Press

## PHILADELPHIA

Religion and science can combine to create some thorny questions: Does God exist outside the human mind, or is God a creation of our brains? Why do we have faith in things that we cannot prove, whether it's the afterlife or UFOs?

The new Center for Spirituality and the Mind at the University of Pennsylvania is using brain imaging technology to examine such questions, and to investigate how spiritual and secular beliefs affect our health and behavior.

"Very few are looking at spirituality from a neurological side,

from the brain-mind side," said Dr. Andrew Newberg, director of the center.

A doctor of nuclear medicine and an assistant professor at Penn, Newberg also has co-authored three books on the science-spirituality relationship.

The center is not a bricks-and-mortar structure but a multidisciplinary team of Penn researchers exploring the relationship between the brain and spirituality from biological, psychological, social and ideological viewpoints. Founded last April, it is bringing together some 20 experts from fields including medicine, pastoral care, religious studies, social work and bioethics.

"The brain is a believing machine because it has to be," Newberg said. "Beliefs affect every part of our lives. They make us who we are. They are the essence of our being."

Spirituality and belief don't have to equate to religious faith, Newberg said. The feelings of enlightenment and well-being some derive from religion can come to others through artistic expression, nonreligious meditation, watching a beautiful sunset or listening to stirring music.

"Atheists have belief systems, too," Newberg said. How does the center test the relationship between the mind and spirituality?

In one study, Newberg and col-

leagues used imaging technology to look at the brains of Pentecostal Christians speaking in tongues — known scientifically as glossolalia — then looked at their brains when they were singing gospel music. They found that those practicing glossolalia showed decreased activity in the brain's language center, compared with the singing group.

The imaging results are suggestive of people's description that they do not have control of their own speech when speaking in tongues. Newberg said scientists believe that speech is taken over by another part of the brain during glossolalia, but did not find it during the study.

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Dr. Andrew Newberg, director of Center for Spirituality and the Mind at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, poses with images of brain scans at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia Dec. 14, 2006.

## Wayside homilies in abundance at America's churches

Donald Seitz had suffered through a long day during a bad week at his office on Nashville's famous Music Row.

On his way home from a business call, he drove past the Greater Pleasant View Baptist Church in Brentwood, Tenn. As usual, the no-tech sign out front offered a folksy thought for the week. This one caught his eye.

"He who kneels before God can stand before anyone," it said, in black, movable letters inserted by hand into slots on a plain white background.

Seitz pulled over and got out of his car to study the sign.

"It's all about timing," he said. "I've driven past thousands of church signs in my life, but this was the right sign on the right day. It got me."

"That's the thing about these signs. They grab you when you least expect it. They move you, somehow."

Before long, the president of Redbird Music crossed the line between intrigued and somewhat obsessed.

Along with his wife and their young son, he packed their car full of camera equipment and "lots of sippy cups" and hit the road. His goal was to find as many of these old-fashioned signs as possible — the kind that say things like

"Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous," "Exercise daily, walk with the Lord," "God answers knee mail" and "Give God what is right, not what is left."

They spread their trips over three years and Seitz stopped keeping track of the miles after they passed the 20,000 mark. The result was "The Great American Book of Church Signs," which contains 100 photographs taken in nearly 40 states. The pilgrimage, he said, was like reading "one long American sermon."

Seitz did have questions. He wondered whether these signs remain common at rural churches, and whether they are used by city megachurches. Also, do some denominations embrace them, while others they are too simplistic? Would he find a red-church vs. blue-church pattern? Many of his preconceptions were based on his experiences living and driving in the Bible Belt, especially two-lane roads in the Southeast.

"This book could have been done in Tennessee, alone. In fact, I think I could have done a whole book in Nashville," said Seitz, laughing. "In this part of the world, you can throw a rock in just about any direction and hit four or five churches that have these signs."

"Church signs are more common in some places than others, but if you keep looking you'll find them at all kinds of churches all over the country."

Thus, the Harmony Hill Church of God in Fayetteville, Tenn., proclaimed, "Faith is a journey, not a destination." But Seitz also found a sign that said, "Love God with all of your heart, then do whatever you want" in front of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York.

The Tompkinsville (Ky.) Church of Christ's sign warned rural drivers that, "A dam holds water back. It's not my last name. God." On the other side of the doctrinal aisle, the sign at the South Church Unitarian Universalist sanctuary in Portsmouth, N.H., announced — with typically broad-minded sentiments — that, "True religion is the life we lead, not the creed we profess."

Seitz said he was surprised that he saw very few signs that included political themes, although it was easy to read between the lines of one that said, "The Ten Commandments are still posted here." It was also easy to interpret another marquee that stressed, "God is not a Republican or a Democrat."

This is not advanced theology. The message on a typical sign is only eight words long and is the product of a volun-

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Terry Mattingly



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The Lincoln-based quartet Remedy Drive will perform Saturday at the City Auditorium.

## Full speed ahead for Remedy Drive

QUARTET TO PERFORM ROCK CONCERT AT HASTINGS CITY AUDITORIUM SATURDAY

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It figures to be full speed ahead when Remedy Drive pulls into Hastings City Auditorium, 400 N. Hastings Ave., for an evening of live rock music at 7 p.m. Saturday.

The Lincoln-based quartet of David Zach, keyboards/vocals; Philip Zach, bass/vocals; Paul Zach, guitar/vocals, and Daniel Zach, drums, has built a steady following across the Midwest since making music its full-time vocation three years ago.

With the release of its third and most ambitious (and expensive) independent release, "Rip Open the Skies," in 2006, the band is now carefully plotting its steps in an effort to generate a nationwide response worthy of its CD title.

"There's going to be a lot of energy, a lot more than has ever come from a Remedy Drive concert in Hastings," David Zach said of Saturday's performance, which will include the Hastings-Grand Island band, Titus, in the opening act slot. "There will be a lot of movement, a lot of crowd participating, and hopefully an insightful message."

Like so many independent bands of

Christian persuasion looking to make the leap into mainstream consciousness, Remedy Drive is inching ahead slowly but surely, striving to evolve musically without compromising its well-established fan base. The group's upbeat message of hope, optimism and spiritual encouragement is now dressed in a poppier, more futuristic package it hopes will eventually saturate the airwaves from coast to coast.

"We want songs that can go with radio," Zach said. "We're leaning toward more electronic experimentation. It really fits what I want to do, and there is a lot of that out there right now."

On its latest release, which has already sold more than 5,000 units since its release in April, the band blends tight harmonies over gritty guitar licks and slick piano arrangements to create a sound that's both commercial and edgy. The CD is available online through the band's home page, [www.remedydrive.com](http://www.remedydrive.com).

Produced by former Petra keyboardist Jim Cooper, the CD was mixed by veteran rocker Tony Palacios of Guardian fame. The group's strongest studio effort to date, "Rip Open the Skies" explores new musical territory while coming closer to a commercial market sound than either of its two previous recordings, Zach said.

"The main thing we wanted was

something that's still artistic but something that was going to be commercial," he said. "We wanted to start writing songs that are going to stay with people. Even now, writing for the new album, we're bringing in the piano a lot more and trying to get really catchy choruses."

Apparently, their efforts to strike a more mainstream chord are beginning to pay off in increased ticket sales. The band played two sold-out shows last week in Minnesota, sharing a venue with veteran rockers Skillet. Already booked well into June, Remedy Drive's tour schedule for 2007 figures to at least match its show total of 195 concerts in 2006.

But while the band's success continues to grow, its desire to step into a more universal limelight remains unrealized. If recent conversations with record labels are any indication, however, that much needed partnership they're seeking may be just around the corner.

"We need something to kind of springboard what we're doing," Zach said. "We need to figure out how to get in front of a national audience, and I don't think the indie label is the way to go at this point. I think we need a big hitter, someone that's already established with a history of success."

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Local

DEPRESSION SPEAKER

Roger Kruger will speak on depression at the 9 a.m. worship service Sunday at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1338 N. Saunders Ave. A question-and-answer session will follow during the Sunday School hour at 10:15 a.m. Kruger is a pastor in the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church as well as a psychologist and the director of Partners in Caring, one of the serving arms of Lutheran Family Services in Nebraska.

Region

SOUP SUPPER

**HOLSTEIN** — Grace United Methodist Church will be holding its annual Sweetheart Soup Supper Sunday from 5-7 p.m. at the Holstein Fire Hall. Chicken noodle soup, chili and homemade desserts will be served. A free-will offering will be taken with proceeds helping defray church expenses.

PANCAKE SUPPER

**TRUMBULL** — The Trumbull United Methodist Church will hold its annual Pancake Supper from 5-7 p.m. Feb. 1. A free-will offering will be received. For more information call the church office at (402) 743-2232.

State

SUMMER CAMPS

Registration for United Methodist summer camps in Nebraska has begun. "On the Way" is the theme of this year's camping session. Campers will explore the journeys of biblical characters while experiencing their own journey in their time spent at camp.

There are three United Methodist camps in Nebraska. Each camp has different camping sessions geared toward youth in kindergarten through high school, as well as family camps and challenge camps for those with special needs.

Starting Feb. 1, individuals can register online at [www.umcneb.org/register](http://www.umcneb.org/register). Activities at each camp vary, but some include archery, volleyball, tennis, softball, basketball, hiking and crafts.

All three camps are accredited by the American Camping Association. For information about Camp Comeca sessions, visit [www.umcneb.org/pages/static/camping/2007\\_omeca.pdf](http://www.umcneb.org/pages/static/camping/2007_omeca.pdf).

For information about Camp Fontanelle sessions, visit [www.umcneb.org/pages/static/camping/2007\\_fontanelle.pdf](http://www.umcneb.org/pages/static/camping/2007_fontanelle.pdf).

For information about Camp Norwesca sessions, visit [www.umcneb.org/pages/static/camping/2007\\_norwesca.pdf](http://www.umcneb.org/pages/static/camping/2007_norwesca.pdf). For more information, contact Kiley Olds at (800) 435-6107.

Wayside: Homilies in abundance

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teer's clever imagination, research in old church bulletins or, in the digital age, a quick search on the World Wide Web. Most combine a chuckle with a moral message that strives to appeal to strangers as well as members.

After all of his travels, Seitz decided that the archetypal church-sign message was this one: "Life is fragile. Handle with prayer."

"It's succinct, it has that little pun in there and it's powerful, if you think about it for a minute," he said. "That's the essence of a good church sign message. That's what you're trying to do — get people to stop and think for a minute."

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TONY DEJAK/AP

The Rev. Donald Cozzens poses on the campus of John Carroll University Dec. 14, 2006, in Cleveland. The former seminary president who sparked churchwide debate about the number of gay Roman Catholic priests tackles mandatory celibacy in a new book, calling it a burdensome, unnecessary restriction.

Gadfly priest challenges mandatory celibacy

ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS  
The Associated Press

**UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, Ohio** — The former seminary president who sparked a national debate on the impact of gays entering the Roman Catholic priesthood is now tackling another sensitive issue, adding his voice to those advocating an end to mandatory celibacy.

"Celibacy used to go with priesthood as fish went with Fridays," said the Rev. Donald Cozzens. "Over the past 40 to 50 years, I would argue that more and more Catholics are questioning the need to link celibacy with priesthood."

In "Freeing Celibacy," Cozzens suggests there may be a way through the problem by allowing celibacy as an option but dropping it as a requirement.

Although he is taking on an institution that measures change over centuries, Cozzens — a celibate priest himself — thinks the time is right for a rethinking of celibacy.

He points to the brief stir Brazilian Cardinal Claudio Hummes created last year by saying the Vatican should reconsider its ban on allowing priests to marry, and the crusade to change the policy by excommunicated — and married — former Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo of Zambia.

"There are a number of factors that are

coming together that really beg for this question to be discussed or urge us to review mandatory celibacy," said Cozzens, interviewed in his office at John Carroll University in this Cleveland suburb.

There were about 42,000 active priests nationwide in 2005, a 29 percent decline from 1965, according to Georgetown University's Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate. About 3,200 parishes were without a resident priest in 2005, compared with 549 in 1965.

"Many, if not most, of the inactive priests would be serving in our parishes if it were not for the law of celibacy," Cozzens writes.

The church discounts celibacy's responsibility for the shortage, saying the increasingly materialistic culture plays a far bigger role. Pope John Paul II was adamant that the church would not change its celibacy requirement. As recently as November, a Vatican summit led by Pope Benedict XVI reaffirmed mandatory celibacy for priests as a nonnegotiable job requirement for showing devotion to God and the people they serve.

Cozzens has been down this road before, having written four other books on issues and problems of the priesthood. In his 2000 book, "The Changing Face of the Priesthood," later translated into six languages, he used interviews and studies to contend that the Roman Catholic Church had a disproportionately high percentage of gay priests, nearly half of all seminarians and priests.

His previous writings made a valuable contribution to the debate over homosexuality by raising the issue at a time when many priests and bishops were pretending it didn't exist, said the Rev. Richard John Neuhaus, editor of the conservative journal First Things, who upholds the Catholic teaching that same-sex attraction is disordered.

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Science: Penn group studies spirituality, brain

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Other recent studies looked at the brains of Tibetan Buddhists in meditation and Franciscan nuns in prayer, then compared the results to their baseline brain activity levels.

Among other changes, both groups showed decreased activity in the parts of the brain that have to do with sense of self and spatial orientation — which suggests the description of oneness with God, of transcen-

dence sometimes experienced in meditation or prayer. Prayer and meditation also increase levels of dopamine, often referred to as the brain's pleasure hormone. "The mind and the body are the

flip side of the same coin," said Dr. Daniel Monti, head of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital's integrated medicine center. "Now we know some of the mechanisms by which that occurs, and it's becoming better and better understood."

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| <b>ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH</b><br>465 S. Marian Rd.<br>Hastings, NE 68901-7401<br>Saturday Worship 6:00 p.m.<br>Sunday School 9:15 a.m.<br>Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.<br>(8:00 a.m. Service Broadcast over KHAS Radio)<br>Pastor Dan Heuer  | <b>FIRST CHRISTIAN (Disciples of Christ)</b><br>1201 Sheridan Drive, Hastings, NE<br>402-463-7121<br>Sunday School 9:15 a.m.<br>Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.<br>Reverend Judith Allen  |
| <b>ST. CECILIA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH</b><br>6th Street and Kansas Ave., Hastings, NE<br>402-463-1336<br>Mass Monday-Friday 7 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.<br>Saturday Mass 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.<br>Sunday Mass 7 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.<br>Father Lawrence Gyhra, Father Christopher Goodwin, Father Joseph Nguyen and Father Jim Meysenburg   | <b>EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH</b><br>2015 N. St. Joseph Ave., Hastings, NE<br>402-463-1441<br>Sunday School 9:45 a.m.<br>Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.<br>Randy Madison, Senior Pastor<br>Matt Sasse, Adult Ministries Pastor<br>Joel Stark, Student Ministries   |
| <b>ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH</b><br>715 Creighton Ave., Hastings • 463-1023<br>Mass Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. and 8:10 a.m.<br>Saturday Mass 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.<br>Sunday Mass 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.<br>Confession Saturday 3-4:30 p.m.<br>Reverend Michael Houlihan<br>Father Jerol Scholl   | <b>LITTLE BLUE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP</b><br>Highways 14 and 4 Junction<br>7 miles North of Nelson, NE<br>Sunday Worship 10 a.m.<br>Reverend David Sellers  |
| <b>CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b><br>700 W. 22nd Street, Hastings, NE<br>402-463-6776<br>Sunday School 9:30 a.m.<br>Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.<br>Children/Youth/Adult Activities and Service<br>Wednesday 7 p.m.<br>Reverend David L. Speicher  | <b>BEREAN BIBLE CHURCH</b><br>316 N. Lexington Ave., Hastings, NE<br>402-462-6365<br>Sunday School 9:30 a.m.,<br>Sunday Worship at 10:45 a.m.,<br>AWANA Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.;<br>Life Groups, Youth Groups.<br>Paul Knott, Senior Pastor<br>Jerry Bumgardner, Assoc. Pastor  |
| <b>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b><br>621 N. Lincoln Ave. • 402-462-5147<br><a href="http://www.fpchastings.org">www.fpchastings.org</a><br>8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship<br>9:45 a.m. Sunday School<br>Pastor: Reverend Dr. William Nottage-Tacey<br>Assoc. Pastor: Reverend John H.G. Curtiss<br>Proclaiming the Love of Christ in the Heart of Hastings since 1873   | <b>REDEEMER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH</b><br>(Wisconsin Synod)<br>709 N. Baltimore, Hastings, NE<br>402-462-9623<br>Sunday School 8:45 a.m., Bible Class<br>9:00 a.m., Worship Service 10:00 a.m.<br>Pastor Robert Smith  |
| <b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br>401 N. Lincoln, Hastings, NE<br>402-462-5624<br>Sunday School 9:30 a.m.<br>Combined Service<br>10:00 a.m.<br>Pastor Ron Reed  | <b>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</b><br>2810 W. 7th St., Hastings, NE 68901<br>402-462-1136<br><a href="http://www.fcuchastings.org">www.fcuchastings.org</a><br>Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m.<br>All Sunday School Classes at 9:15 a.m.<br>Reverend Barry Rempp<br>Licensed Lay Minister Karen Roback              |
| <b>GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b><br>1832 W. 9th St., Hastings, NE<br>402-463-5696<br>Sunday School 9:45 a.m.<br>Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.<br>Reverend Jim Miller and Lee Wigert  | <b>PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH</b><br>906 N. California, Hastings, NE<br>402-462-9023<br>Worship 9:00 a.m.<br>Education Hour 10:15 a.m.<br>Carl Rehwaldt, Vacancy Pastor  |
| <b>NEW YORK AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH</b><br>402 New York Avenue, Hastings, NE<br>402-462-9903 or 462-5379<br>Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.<br>Sunday Worship at 10:45 a.m.<br>Pastor Roy Peister  | <b>SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL PRO-CATHEDRAL</b><br>5th Street and Burlington 402-462-4126<br>Holy Eucharist<br>Sunday at 8 & 10 a.m.<br>Church School at 9 a.m.<br>Wednesday 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist<br>The Rev. Rev. Robert Neske, Dean<br>The Rev. Betsy Blake Bennett, Deacon   |
| <b>NORTH SHORE ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b><br>100 West 33rd St., Hastings, NE<br>402-462-5742<br>Sunday Mornings at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.<br>Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.<br>Sunday Evening at 6:00 p.m.<br>Wednesday Family Night at 7:00 p.m.<br>Wednesday Youth at 7:00 p.m. at 405 W. 2nd St.  | <b>LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, ELCA</b><br>1338 Saunders, Hastings, NE<br>402-463-2087<br>Sunday Worship at 9 a.m.<br>Sunday School - all ages at 10:15 a.m.<br>Broadcast at 8:30 p.m. Friday Channel 12<br>Pastor John Lee Ross  |
| <b>NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP</b><br>102 S. Lincoln Ave.<br>469-1855 or 469-0756<br>Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.<br>Fellowship time following service<br><a href="http://welcometonewlife.homestead.com">welcometonewlife.homestead.com</a><br>Pastor Steve Markle  | <b>SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b><br>400 S. St. Joseph Ave., Hastings, NE<br>402-463-3338<br>Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.<br>Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.<br>Dr. W.T. "Bud" Israel  |
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| <b>FIRST ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA</b><br>501 N. Burlington Ave., Hastings, NE<br>463-1329<br>Saturday Worship at 6 p.m.; Traditional Sunday<br>Worship at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.; Contemporary<br>Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Education<br>Hour at 9:30 a.m.; Service Broadcast over KHAS<br>Radio at 11:00 a.m.; Telecast on Channel 12 on<br>Monday at 4 p.m. and Thursday at 5 p.m.<br>Rev. Joel Remmers & Rev. Adam White | <b>WATERMARK COMMUNITY CHURCH</b><br>(Formerly Keystone Baptist Church)<br>1814 W. B St., Hastings, NE<br>402-463-0478<br>9:00 a.m. Bible Study for all ages<br>10:30 a.m. Worship Service<br>Pastor Scott Paris  |
| <b>GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br>219 N. Hastings<br>Sunday<br>10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.<br>Wednesday • 7:00 p.m.<br>"Patch the Pirate" Club • Ages K4-4th<br>Pastor Rob Thornton • 461-3054   | <b>VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br>1204 West 5th, Hastings, NE<br>402-984-1860<br>Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.<br>and 6:00 p.m.<br>Sunday School 10:00 a.m.<br>Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m.<br>Pastor Dr. Bill Gilliland  |
| <b>ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA</b><br>A friendly open-country church<br>2 miles west of Glenvil on Assumption Rd.<br>402-771-2257<br>9:15 Sunday School (Sept.-May);<br>10:30 Worship<br>Youth, Men's and Women's ministries<br>Pastor Larry L. Handeland  | <b>EASTERN ORTHODOX</b><br>St. George Antiochian Orthodox<br>1505 Avenue G, Kearney, NE<br>308-236-6115<br>Sunday<br>9:00 a.m. - Orthros and Confession<br>10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy<br>Father Christopher Morris   |
| <b>ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH</b><br>204 W. Johnson, Clay Center, NE<br>402-762-3723<br>June-August - Summer Sunday<br>Worship Service Time 9:30 a.m.<br>No Sunday School during the<br>summer. Monday Evening<br>Worship Time 7:30 p.m.   | <b>EAGLES NEST CHURCH</b><br>134 Barnes, Hastings, NE<br>463-3214<br>Sunday Prayer & Worship 9:30 a.m.<br>Wednesday Prayer & Bible<br>Study 6:30 p.m.<br>Pastor: Ron Young  |
| <b>LIFEHOUSE</b><br>1 1/2 miles South of Hwy. 6 on<br>Marian Road in the Barn Warehouse<br>Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.<br>Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m.<br><a href="http://www.lifehouse.org">www.lifehouse.org</a><br>469-5827  | <b>SOUTH STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST</b><br>200 E. South, Hastings, NE<br>462-5804<br>Sunday Services<br>Bible Classes at 9:30 a.m.<br>Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.<br>Sunday Evening at 7:00 p.m.<br>Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study at 7:30 p.m.<br><a href="http://gobay.com/churchofchrist/">http://gobay.com/churchofchrist/</a> |

If your church would like to be listed in this Church Directory, please call (402) 461-1231 or 1-800-742-6397.

## Birthdays

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY, RYAL REIS  
JANUARY 31, 2007

## WOW - STILL A HANDSOME GUY!

Our family requests a card shower to honor our Dad, Grandpa & Great Grandpa for his "80th" birthday. Wishes may be sent to: 4515 West Assumption Road, Hastings, NE 68901. WE ALL LOVE YOU VERY MUCH! Ed & Linda; Chad, Leah, Libby & Jack; Scott, Angie, Grant & Morgan; Cindy & Larry & Angie; Aaron, Gena, Garris, & Aadra; Brian, Barb, Brianna & Brandon.

## 80TH BIRTHDAY



Donna Wacker will celebrate her 80th birthday, February 2nd, 2007. Her children David and Polly Wacker, Linda and Micheal Nuss, Martha Wacker, grandchildren: Andrea and Adam Davenport, Stacy and Rustin Riley, Natalie Nuss, David Walker Jr. and great grandchild Samuel Davenport wish to honor her with a card shower. Cards may be sent to P.O. Box 305, Edgar, NE 68935.

## 4-H

FIVE FOURS  
AND MORE

The Five Fours and More 4-H club met Jan. 11 at St. Michael's Church basement.

President Genny McKown led the meeting along with Glenda Streff, the leader.

Jennifer Kalvelage spoke about the club project, which is computers and how they could do their project.

Streff served the refreshments.

The next meeting is 7 p.m. Feb. 8 at the church basement.

## JR. LEADER

The Jr. Leader 4-H club met Jan. 14 at Pastime Lanes.

The meeting was their Christmas party. Julie Ochsner was the leader for the night, Marilyn Shaw was unable to attend.

The club brought the refreshments.

The next meeting is Feb. 11.

## YMAT

The YMAT 4-H club met Jan. 14 at Sue Brown's home.

Brown started the meeting, but then turned it over to guest speaker, Mike Smithson from KHAS radio. He gave the group a demonstration on how to ask interview questions and helped with PSA for the county fair.

Brown served supper and drinks.

The next meeting is 11:15 a.m. April 6 at KHAS-TV.

## LUCKY LEAF

The Lucky Leaf 4-H club met Jan. 14 at the Church of Christ.

President Cassie McLeod brought the meeting to order. Vice president Justin Meyer led the Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge. There were nine members and six parents and guests present. The McLeod family hosted the meeting.

Members were reminded to watch the county newsletter for important information. Members were also informed that county as well as club information is now available on the country Web site at [www.adams.unl.edu](http://www.adams.unl.edu).

The county 4-H fundraiser pancake feed is Feb. 11. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Diane McLeod.

The club reorganized and made plans for the upcoming year. The club constitution was ratified and Kari McLeod will present it to the 4-H Council for approval. Meetings will continue to be held on the second Sunday of the month. The club project will be bowling. The club will participate in the following community service activities: road clean up, bingo at Good Samaritan Village and a canned food drive in conjunction with the Christmas tree at the Hastings Museum of Natural and Cultural History.

The following members were elected officers: Cassie McLeod, president; Kari McLeod, vice president; April Niederklein, secretary; Morgan Meyer, treasurer; Justin Meyer, news reporter; and Katie Bunde, historian.

Dues will remain at \$5 for the first family member and \$2 for additional family member. Dues should be paid to the treasurer.

Morgan Meyer will be in charge of designing a new ornament for the club tree at the Museum.

The next meeting is Feb. 11 with the Niederklein family as the host. The group will play bingo with the residents at Good Samaritan Village.

## 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: Turkey and dressing with gravy, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, cranberry salad, French bread and fruit cocktail.

◆ Wednesday: Polish sausage, mashed potatoes with butter, kraut, apricot Jell-O with apricots, bun and iced doughnut.

◆ Thursday: Liver and onions, baked potato, mixed vegetables, wheat bread and apple crisp.

◆ Friday: Cheeseburger, potato salad, baked beans, mandarin oranges and pineapple salad, bun and chocolate pie.

◆ Feb. 5: Roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, creamed style corn, coleslaw, wheat dinner roll and peaches.

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.

## FCE

## YOUNG AT HEART

The Young at Heart FCE Club met Jan. 8 at the Annex Building conference room with 10 members present. Sue Barnes was the hostess. Members sewed binding on baby quilts to be given to different agencies.

Carol Hurst presided over the business meeting. Members brought items for the food pantry.

The next meeting is Feb. 12 at Ellen Jank's home. Foreign exchange students will be the guest speakers.

## SOCIAL GUIDELINES

◆ The deadline to submit social announcements and club news is Monday for same-week publication.

◆ Club news items must be received no later than one month after the meeting.

◆ Five-generation photos will be published.

◆ The Tribune cannot print copyrighted photographs without written consent of the copyright owner.

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◆ All stories will be edited for clarity, brevity and news value. For information, call (402) 461-1251.

## Anniversary

## SCHAWANG 40TH



Dave and Jan Schawang of 2025 Boyce, Hastings NE, will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. Kim & Pete Kunz, Kevin & Amanda Schawang, and granddaughter, Libby Kunz, are requesting a card shower in their honor. David Schawang and Janet Young were married in Hastings, February 4, 1967.

## Woman offers pregnant belly as ad space

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The most imaginative Super Bowl ad might not appear on television, but on Jennifer Gordon's pregnant belly.

The self-professed "die hard" Chicago Bears fan is offering up her nearly nine-months pregnant belly space for advertisers to paint. She'll showcase it at the Feb. 4 Super Bowl, when the Bears play the Indianapolis Colts in Miami.

All the Chicago woman wants in exchange is two tickets to the game.

Gordon, a publicist, has posted ads online on eBay and Craigslist detailing the play.

"I will agree to have your message painted on my belly visible to Super Bowl attendees and the millions of fans around the world who watch," her Craigslist ad reads.

The going rate for Super Bowl tickets is currently \$3,000 to \$5,000.

Gordon and her husband Mitch have already booked flights to Florida and have a place to stay. She also has a doctor's note giving her permission to fly, she said.

"I thought it was brilliant," Mitch Gordon said. "It's certainly cheaper than a Super Bowl ad. Isn't this what fanatics do?"

So far, Gordon has received about 45 inquiries.

The 35-year-old mom-to-be has only one condition.

"I have my standards," she said. "It can't have anything to do with Indianapolis or the Colts."

## Engagement

## GREISS-WEISS

Maranda Weiss and Alex Griess, both of Hastings, announce their plans for a February 10 wedding at Faith Lutheran Church in Hastings.

Parents of the bride are Marcia Fintel of Hastings and Larry Weiss of Grand Island. Parents of the groom are Randy and Kathy Griess of Grand Island.

Miss Weiss is a 2003 graduate of Doniphan-Trumbull High School and a 2006 graduate from Josephs College of Beauty. She is employed by Strands Family Hair Styling in Hastings.

Griess is a 1997 graduate of



Grand Island Northwest High School and a 1999 graduate from CCC. He is employed by Garrett Tire and Tread.



D. ROSS CAMERON/AP

Hans Reiser (left) shakes hands with his attorneys Daniel Horowitz (front right) and William Du Bois at his arraignment on murder charges in the disappearance of his wife, Nina Reiser, Nov. 28, 2006, at Alameda County Superior Court in Oakland, Calif.

## Case of murdered Calif. mother raises questions, international intrigue

KIM CURTIS

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Shortly after Nina Reiser disappeared, police found her blood in her estranged husband's home and car. The passenger seat was missing. The floor was soaked with water. And in the back were two true-crime books about murder.

Hans Reiser was quickly questioned, jailed and charged with murdering his wife.

But prosecutors are going to have to prove it without a body, because they have yet to find her remains.

His lawyer already has tried to explain away Nina Reiser's disappearance by suggesting she simply returned to her native Russia or got mixed up with a sado-masochist or the Russian Mafia.

"You can prove the case, but it's a terrific challenge," said E. Michael McCann, the former Milwaukee district attorney who prosecuted Jeffrey Dahmer.

He said he remembers about a half-dozen "no-body" homicides during his 38-year career. "A prosecutor's hope is that something will turn up."

Hans Reiser, a 43-year-old Oakland software developer, is being held without bail while a judge decides whether there is enough evidence to try him. A decision is expected next month.

In addition to the blood in his Honda CRX were a roll of trash bags, masking tape, absorbent towels and two books: "Homicide: A Year on the Killing Streets," by David Simon, about the Baltimore police homicide squad, and "Masterpieces of Murder," by Jonathan Goodman, about notorious murder cases.

Reiser bought the books five days after his wife's disappearance last September, according to police. But prosecutors have noted the books included chapters on how to dispose of a body.

Defense attorney William Du Bois has countered by saying the books contain chapters on how police plant evidence and set up murder scenes.

The Reisers had been married about five years when she filed for divorce in 2004. A bitter custody battle ensued; she was granted a restraining order against him later that year. She also took him to court for not keeping up with child support.

The couple's son, 7-year-old Rory, testified at a preliminary hearing last month that he did not hear his mother and father arguing the day she disappeared, contradicting his earlier statements to police.

Judge Julie Conger said she wanted to ask the boy more questions and ordered him to return to court on Jan. 16.

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## RUNAWAY BRIDE

DULUTH, Ga. — The story of runaway bride Jennifer Wilbanks is becoming a rock opera.

The show is scheduled to open in October at Duluth's Red Clay Theatre and Arts Center.

Mark Pitt, the theater's owner, says the show will not spoof Wilbanks' infamous disappearance before her scheduled 2005 wedding. Instead, it will show how the community came together and bonded over the experience, which included a massive search for Wilbanks before she turned up a few days later.

Wilbanks and her then-fiance, John Mason, will only be minor characters, Pitt said.

"The story is more about the city and the tenacity and camaraderie of its citizens," he said.

Initial reactions to the upcoming show have been mixed, ranging from laughter to shock.

"When some people hear about the show, their chins drop to the floor," Pitt said. "Other people, they just laugh. Some people worry that it will be harmful to the family, but that is not at all our intention."

Wilbanks got her nickname "runaway bride" after fleeing before her wedding and making up a story about being kidnapped and sexually assaulted. Actually, she got cold feet and fled to New Mexico. She later recanted, saying she ran away because of personal issues, and pleaded no contest to telling police a phony story.

She was sentenced to two years' probation and performed community service that included mowing the lawns at public buildings.

Wilbanks and Mason later ended their engagement and filed lawsuits against each other, which were dropped last month.

## JACKPOT AN ERROR

BENSALEM, Pa. — Stephen Wilkinson was feeding 50 cents a pull into a slot machine at a new Pennsylvania casino when the machine lit up and started blaring music.

An on-screen message told Wilkinson — by name — that he had won \$102,000 in a power play jackpot. The woman next to him screamed with excitement.

But Wilkinson's six-figure payday was short-lived. Casino officials soon informed the retired carpenter that the message was sent in error.

"They offered me two comps for the buffet," said a deflated Wilkinson.

Wilkinson suffered his reversal of fortune on Monday, less than a month after 2,100 slot machines went into operation at Philadelphia Park, a racetrack just outside Philadelphia.

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**GRACE UNITED  
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The Dorcas Circle of Grace United Methodist Women met Jan. 10 at the church with 10 members attending. Arlene Weiderspan was hostess and Vi Bruce was co-hostess. Dorothy Smith presided at the meeting. Dee Runcie gave the program "Lord, Be Glorified."

Lydia Circle met Jan. 15 at the church with six members present. Connie Hyde was hostess. Carolyn Friesen presided and opened the meeting with a prayer for the New Year. The program was a video titled "New Beginnings-The Gifts of Aging."

Kaleidoscope met Jan. 16 at the church with 10 members present. Kathy Samuelson presided and opened the meeting with a short message on health from the book "Midlife Awakenings" titled "A New Way To Live: Health is a State of Mental Well Being." Members set a goal to "do something you have always wanted to do but have never taken the time to accomplish." Sandra Cummins had the project lesson on "Sock Babies." These will be made and donated to emergency teams as needed. The next meeting will be Feb. 20 with Karen Miller as presenter.

**O.E.S. KENSINGTON**

Order of Eastern Star Kensington met Jan. 4 for a dessert luncheon at the Masonic Center with 13 members and one guest, Deb Wilhelm present. Marie Rasmussen and Nita Brown were hostesses.

Co-vice president Rasmussen gave the welcome and led in repeating the Kensington prayer. She introduced Wilhelm, speech therapist for Rite Care Childhood Speech/Language Literacy Clinic located at the Masonic Center. This program is supported by Hastings Valley Scottish Rite Foundation and Scottish Rite Foundation of Nebraska. It is directed by the University of Nebraska Medical Center Munroe-Meyer Institute.

Co-president Shirley Baker presided over the business meeting. She read the quote for January and the words to the song selected for January "Little Things Mean A Lot." She also read a poem "A Happy New Yorker" by Edgar Guest.

Birthdays honored were Kathy Nehls, Thelma Pedersen and Rasmussen.

Rasmussen gave the Devotions titled "'Twas the Month After New Year's" and gave a New Year meditation. She closed with a prayer.

**ORDER OF  
EASTERN STAR**

Order of Eastern Star met Jan. 8 at the Masonic Center. Marie and Don Rasmussen were hosts.

Marcella Krieger and Dorothy Hile greeted the members and worthy matron Helen Mathew greeted those in attendance. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The regular order of business was conducted. Year end reports were given by Mathew; Helen Dye, secretary; Gerry Shuman, treasurer; and Marie Hoffman, chairperson of the auditing committee. Wihlma Price reported for the trustees, Marie Rasmussen of by-laws, and Barbara Yost thanked all who hosted the social hour after the meeting.

A ceremony of draping our Charter for departed members was held with Mathew, worthy patron Marlin Hoffman, Rick Yates and Dye presented the names of those departed members. Barbara Sergeant provided special music for the event.

Mathew and Hoffman gave their year-end reports and thanked all who had served in any way this year. The membership expressed their thanks to them.

Birthdays honors were extended to Krieger, Marie Hoffman, Rasmussen, Dian Larsen and Art Dye.

The next dinner meeting is 6:15 p.m. Jan. 22 at the Masonic Center to honor the 2006 officers.

**ROUND TABLE  
BOOK CLUB**

The Round Table Book Club met Jan. 16 at Margaret Hermes' home. Mary Olsen reviewed Enchantment "The Life of Audrey Hepburn" by Donald Spoto.

The next meeting is 1:15 p.m. Feb. 6 at Joyce Ohlsen's home. Cheryl Lockwood has arranged for a guest review by Colleen Adam.

**BETA SIGMA PHI**

The Zeta Master chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Jan. 16 at Jan Johnson's home.

President Gayle Lysthaug called the meeting to order. The opening ritual was repeated and roll call was taken. Minutes were read and approved. Lysthaug reported on the city council meeting. The Valentine dinner and Founder's Day banquet were discussed.

The closing ritual and Mizpah were repeated.

Lysthaug gave the program titled "Junk It."

**FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST WOMEN**

United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church met Jan. 17.

Group 2 met at Sherrill Nielson's home with 14 members and one guest present. Norma Fry gave the devotions titled "God's Coffee." The meeting was spent electing officers and making plans for the coming year. The new chairpersons are Fry and Joyce Winfrey.

Group 3 met at Betty McClure's home with eight members present. Dee Getz was co-hostess. New officers and coordinators were elected. The new chairperson is Getz.

Group 4 met in the fellowship hall with 13 members present. Margaret Neeman, Virginia James and Milrae Johnson were co-hostesses. Kathy O'Donnell gave the devotions titled "Give and It Will Be Given." Sherrill Perdew conducted the pledge service. New officers were elected for the coming year. The new chairpersons are Neeman and O'Donnell.

Group 5 met at Jan Johnson's home with 13 members present. Jane Heltnie was co-hostess. Shirley Baker gave the devotions titled "What Would Jesus Do?" The program was "Junk It." The members spent time in organizing their group for the coming year. The new chairperson is Bonnie Brodersen.

Group 6 met at Alene Ruckers' home with nine members present. Mary Jo Heishman gave the devotions titled "No Small Act of Kindness" from the "Kitchen Soup" book. New officers and coordinators were elected for the coming year. The new chairperson is Mint Miller.

**XI ALPHA PI**

Xi Alpha Pi met Dec. 5 for their annual Christmas party with nine sisters and one new member present. Joyce McCoy was hostess.

Holiday tidings included a carry-in potluck, secret sister gift exchange and Christmas carols.

A short discussion was held about the upcoming annual Christmas party for their community's Special People.

January hostess will be Nola Glover.

An early report on the annual Elks/Xi Alpha Pi Christmas party for Special People was deemed a huge success with 94 of the community's Special People in attendance in addition to their support staff.

Xi Alpha Pi provided the Christmas gifts selected by the individuals and also donated stuffed animals to The Bridge and Good Samaritan Village.

**AMERICAN  
BAPTIST WOMEN**

The American Baptist Women's Ministries met Jan. 17 at First Baptist Church for a soup and dessert luncheon. Joyce Dinnell and Phyllis Erickson were hostesses.

President Erickson gave the devotion titled "First Things First" Matthew 6:33. Pastor Ron Reed led the table blessing.

The Bible book for January was Hosea. All Church Valentine banquet was discussed.

The program consisted of game time, prizes and Christian fellowship.

The meeting closed with the Mizpah Benediction.

The next meeting is Feb. 11 following the Sunday morning worship service.

**CHAPTER GK,  
P.E.O**

Chapter GK, P.E.O. met Jan. 8 at Hastings College Barrett Alumni Center with the social committee hosting the annual birthday luncheon.

The Founder's Day program was given by Ginny Richter on "Our Seven Young Founders."

The next meeting is Feb. 12 at the Head Start Training Room. Gay DeMars will be the host. Dianne Christensen will present her president's letter.

**NARFE**

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees met Jan. 13 at the OK Cafe for a luncheon meeting with 34 members and six guests present. Dean Harlow was sergeant at arms.

Norma Nollmann presided and welcomed everyone. The business meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. The Rev. William Nollmann gave the invocation and the thought for the day "Kids Will Get the Best of You." Elaine Hatten introduced Bob Foote, who gave a presentation on "Postcards of the Past of Hastings."

Margaret Herz announced the birthdays and anniversaries for January. Service chairman, Robert Dinnell, reported the death of Leonette Meyer and Walter Walker reported the death of Don Mefford. Insurance chairman, Walker, reported that the dental and vision plans have been extended to Dec. 31.

The raffle was won by Willa Rundle, who donated the fund to Alzheimer's research.

The next regular meeting is noon Feb. 10 at OK Cafe banquet room. All federal employees, working or retired are welcome to attend.

**ORDER OF  
EASTERN STAR**

Order of Eastern Star met Jan. 13 at the Masonic Center. Barbara Yost, Mary Jane McDowell, Dorothy Anderson and Dorothy Heil were hostesses and Nita Brown and Velma Leech were co-hostesses.

The 2007 officers were installed: Vickie Summers, worthy matron; Bob Summers, worthy patron; Dian Larsen, associate matron; Rick Yates, associate patron; Helen Dye, secretary; Gerry Shuman, treasurer; Shirley Baker, conductress; Heather Hartman, associate conductress; Art Dye, chaplain; Roger Schmidt, marshal; Barbara Zaroban, organist; Suzanne Baker, Adah; Jeanette Knight, Ruth; Laura Deiningor, Ester; Cheryl Yates, Martha; Marilyn Bierman, electa; Mary Thienel, warder; Shirley Schmidt, sentinel; Barbara Sergeant, pro tem organist.

Greeting the guests were Bill and Dee Marrow and Virginia and Bob James. Special music was provided by Frances Brenneman, Bob Summers and Heather and Vickie Hartman.

Worth matron Summers announced their theme for the year "Friendship and Fellowship" and the motto "Friends Treasured Forever." The symbols are "Building Blocks and Bridges." The honored stations will be those of her parents Schmidt and Schmidt.

Helen Mathew presented the worthy matrons jewel to Summers. Brown presented the past matrons card and a gift from the Chapter to Mathew. Don Rasmussen presented the past patrons card and gift from the Chapter to Marlin Hoffman.

A reception was held to honor the newly installed officers.

The next meeting is 6:15 p.m. Jan. 22 at the Masonic Center for a dinner honoring the 2006 officers and committee persons.

**B.P.O. DOES**

Hastings Drove No. 112, B.P.O. Does met Jan. 16 at the Elks Lodge. The meeting opened in regular form, committee reports were read and correspondence was noted. Secretary Janet Schawang read the minutes and treasurer Harriett Reinsch presented the treasurer's report, both of which were approved.

Schawang announced the deaths of members June Powell, Edna Sorensen and Kathleen Wilson. A committee of three Does, Sally Whitcomb, Schawang and Mary Lou Brouillette read resolutions to be presented to the families. The Charter was Draped in their honor with conductor

Whitcomb, chaplain Sue Crabtree and honor guard Doris Roth performing the ritual. Installation of 2007 officers were held by deputy supreme president Brouillette; deputy supreme conductor Whitcomb; installing musician Lois Hahne and installing chaplain Crabtree in charge.

The new officers are Andrea Towler, president; Whitcomb, first counselor; Brouillette, senior counselor; Pat DuBois, junior counselor; Hahne, musician; Schawang, secretary; Reinsch, treasurer; Peg Mohlman, conductor; Connie Banks, inner guard; Colleen Obert, outer guard; Carter, chaplain; Roth, color guard; and Denise Snow, attendant to president.

The past president's pin was presented to Towler by Brouillette. Towler thanked the Drove for the Christmas present that was delivered to her home in December.

Reinsch gave a report on the annual soup supper and the final report on the district meeting which was hosted by Hastings Drove, stating a donation was given to the Does Heritage House being built in Omaha to be used for National Headquarters.

Towler, Mohlman and Crabtree were invited to install the 2007 officers of Kearney Drove No. 4 on Jan. 18.

Membership prize was won by DeBois and the door prize was won by Crabtree.

The Does Roundup is March 24 and will be hosted by Cozad Drove No. 77 at the Cozad Elks Lodge.

The Coin March was held with the conductor and assistant conductor in charge.

The Elks Club manager spoke to the group announcing plans for the Annual Valentine Day Dinner and Silent Auction to be held at the Elks Club Feb. 17, with the proceeds going for the upkeep of the golf course.

Towler closed the meeting honoring the newly installed officers.

Members participated in a quiz on the history of towns and cities in the State of Nebraska.

Refreshments were served by the following committee members: Donna Dill, Margaret Cordle, Diana Dickerson, Pat Dickerson, Bev Jones, Joann Krebs, Marge Lippstreu, Sue McPherson and Lean Rutherford.

**GEORGE ELIOT CLUB**

The George Eliot Club met Jan. 18 at Colleen Adam's home. Peg Welch reviewed "Into the Wild" by Jon Krakauer.

The next meeting is 1 p.m. Feb. 1 at Charlotte Welch's home. Helen Tjaden will provide the review.

**New Orleans schools struggling to find teachers**

**BECKY BOHRER**  
The Associated Press

**NEW ORLEANS** — Wanted: Idealistic teachers looking for a Peace Corps-style adventure in a city in distress.

Some of New Orleans' most desperate, run-down schools are beset with a severe shortage of teachers, and they are struggling mightily to attract candidates by appealing to their sense of adventure and desire to make a difference. Education officials are even offering to help new teachers find housing.

"There's been an incredible outpouring of sympathy toward New Orleans. We feel we're trying to say, 'Here's a clear path to go down if you want to act on that emotion,'" said Matthew Candler, chief executive of the nonprofit New Schools for New Orleans, which is trying to recruit teachers.

The school system in New Orleans was in desperate condition even before Hurricane Katrina struck 17 months ago, with crumbling buildings, low test scores and high dropout rates.

After the storm, some of the worst of the worst public schools were put under state control, and those are the ones finding it particularly hard to attract teachers. The 19 schools in the state-run Recovery School District have 8,580 students and about 540 teachers, or about 50 fewer than they need. About 300 students who want to enroll have been put on a waiting list until another school opens.

"Recruiting is a challenge," said Kevin George, principal of



CHERYL GERBER/AP

**L.E. Rabouin High School principal Kevin George talks about the difficulty of acquiring and retaining teachers at the Louisiana Recovery School District school in New Orleans Friday.**

Rabouin High School in downtown New Orleans. "The housing market is terrible. The area has a poor image due to the violence. ... And then there's just coming into a place that historically had just a terrible track record of education."

In hopes of finding at least 150 new teachers for the state-run district in the 2007-08 school year, when more schools are expected to open, education officials are trying to recruit candidates at job fairs, on the Web or through newspaper ads that show the raised hands of students and read plaintively: "We need you ... so do they."

The Recovery School District is also working with a real estate agent to help candidates find affordable housing. In addition, it plans to collaborate with Teach for America, which pairs college graduates with a school-in-need for two years.

Norman Smith III, recruited to Rabouin High, said he wanted to make a difference in the lives of kids wary of authority and uncertain of their potential. It has been tough at times, he said.

"I wasn't used to proving myself to kids. But before you teach kids, they have to trust you," said Smith, an English teacher who writes lessons in

dusty chalk in his stuffy, second-floor classroom while wearing a pinstriped suit and cufflinks.

"I think the kids are starting to realize, 'I can learn,'" he said. "They're looking at the reality, which is, they have something to believe in: themselves."

The state-run district is faced not only with a shortage of teachers, but with a shortage of well-qualified teachers. The district requires prospective teachers to pass a basic skills exam. But over the past two months, half the test-takers have failed. About one-third of the district's teachers are not certified.

Salaries for elementary and

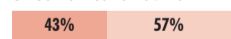
**Teachers wanted**

Before Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans had 128 public schools open. Currently, only 55 are in operation and education leaders are in need of teachers.

**Public school enrollment for Orleans parish, in thousands**



**New Orleans schools operating since Hurricane Katrina**



SOURCES: Louisiana Department of Education; New Schools for New Orleans

high school teachers in the Recovery School District begin at \$36,900 a year.

In a reorganization that followed Katrina, the New Orleans school board got to keep a few of the city's best-performing public schools, while those that did relatively poorly academically went to the state or to private groups that turned them into charter schools.

In all, 55 public schools are now open in the city, with about 27,400 students, or less than half the pre-Katrina enrollment. But a group that monitors the charter schools said it was unaware of any widespread teaching vacancies among the charters. And the superintendent of the Orleans Parish schools recently reported only one teaching vacancy.

Many of the schools inherited by the state were run down even before Katrina, plagued by leaky roofs, lead paint or poor heating systems. Many of the students are indifferent to learning or are far behind, with some freshmen unable to read and some teenagers disappearing for days. Some have been arrested for fighting with each other or beating up security guards. Some schools lack classroom supplies.

"This is inexcusable," said Brenda Mitchell, president of the United Teachers of New Orleans. "The persons being hurt the most are the children of the city of New Orleans. I am appalled."

At Rabouin High, which has about 600 students, the halls echo with the shouts of teenagers who should be in class. Doors lack knobs or, in the case of a girls' bathroom, don't close completely. Students have to pass through a metal detector to get inside, and guards patrol the halls.

About half of Rabouin's 34 teachers are first-year educators or new to Louisiana. Some, like David Sneed, 46, commute an hour or more to work each day. The principal said he praises his teachers constantly for fear some will leave.

Sneed, a first-year teacher and former restaurant manager, said he is committed to Rabouin for at least four years.

"The future of our state lies in the education of our students," he said. "I don't want to leave. You'd have to pry me out."

# Universal health care gaining clout, but who pays?

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ROBERT TANNER  
The Associated Press

**H**ealth care for all — an elusive goal that has tantalized presidents and governors for decades — is roaring back this year with ambitious proposals in a handful of prominent states.

The promise: Cover millions of uninsured adults and children. Improve the quality of care at hospitals and doctor's offices. Rein in rising costs that are eating up workers' wages, company profits and state budgets.

The problem: Someone's got to pay. And getting those with a stake in health care — doctors, insurers, hospitals, workers, employers, government — to agree on who and how much won't be easy.

The most influential effort is undoubtedly in California, the nation's most populous state, where GOP Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger this month introduced a bold plan that would provide health care coverage for 6.5 million residents without insurance.

With less fanfare, Pennsylvania has proposed a similar step and a half-dozen more states are actively debating the idea. All are building on a Massachusetts program that began this year — it likens health insurance to car insurance, making it a requirement for everyone.

If successful, the states could carve out a long-sought path for universal health care, a goal that's been politically dead since the Clinton administration. But that's a big "if" — passage won't be easy and the programs aren't cheap.

The Associated Press looked at proposals in front of state legislatures to break down the contentious issue.

## HEALTH CARE IS HOT NOW

It's been talked about and debated for years, but wide agreement is emerging over the problem of health care's rising costs, which swallow wage increases and have threatened to overtake state spending on primary education. Businesses say they're at a disadvantage with global competitors.

The system can't survive another few years on the same track without collapsing, said Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell, a Democrat.

"If California, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts prove it's doable — and Maine has already to some extent — it will create an unstoppable momentum," he said.

Maine brought the issue back in 2003, with a law seeking to

provide universal coverage. Massachusetts' law last year — guaranteeing universal coverage — jump-started the action in state capitols.

In the last month, governors, legislative leaders and blue-ribbon commissions have declared universal coverage an attainable goal in Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, New Mexico, Oregon, Washington state and Wisconsin. Massachusetts and Vermont are to put their programs into effect this year, while Maine is tweaking its existing system. Many more are considering significant expansions.

## HOW IT WORKS

The overall goal is to get everyone, or nearly everyone, health insurance. The plans also aim to cut costs by improving efficiency, and to improve the quality of care. The plans being discussed would accomplish that in the following ways.

- ◆ All would build on the existing public and private insurance system to provide insurance and health care access to most or all the uninsured in their states — now some 46 million people nationwide.

- ◆ All aim to expand existing Medicaid programs to cover more of the poor and working poor who don't have insurance. They would require employers who don't provide insurance to do so. They seek some financial contributions or savings from doctors and insurers.

- ◆ They would establish a state mechanism that creates an insurance product, or sets up a marketplace, so that small businesses and individuals can get reasonably priced insurance.

- ◆ Some plans mandate that every individual must have insurance — not unlike mandatory auto insurance for every driver — with financial help for those too poor to buy it outright.

## THE BIGGEST BARRIER

The biggest stumbling block is money. Who pays?

In California, doctors and hospitals are already unhappy with Schwarzenegger's plan to levy a 2 percent fee on doctors and a 4 percent fee on hospitals. He would cap profits for insurers by requiring that 85 percent of revenue be devoted to treating patients: That idea alone sent the stock of health insurer Wellpoint Inc., with 34 million members, down 3.5 percent.

"He made enemies of every doctor and hospital in California when he did that," said Helen Darling, president of the National Business Group on Health, a consortium of companies trying to lower health costs.

In California, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Maine, state leaders said they were spreading the pain to every player, so every critic should stay on board.

"That's always been the biggest



Metro Creative Connection

The issue of universal health care is roaring back this year as lawmakers in several states introduce new plans to make health care affordable and available to all, but experts are asking who will foot the bill.

challenge in health care reform. There is no pain-free solution," said Drew Altman, president of the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, a Washington-based health group.

## CHANCE OF SUCCESS

The next few months will determine whether enthusiasts like Rendell or Schwarzenegger win the argument.

In Minnesota, GOP Gov. Tim Pawlenty warns that simply focusing on getting everyone insurance ignores deeper problems, even as some leaders of the Legislature's new Democratic majority say this is the year for universal health care.

"Many policymakers around the country are so fixated on more access, they're losing sight of the need to simultaneously focus on cost and quality," Pawlenty said. "Expanding access to a broken system is no solution. ... In the long run, that will be a failure."

He wants universal coverage, he insisted, but warns that government can't end up with the bill. His plan would broaden coverage to more uninsured children and have the state create a marketplace where insurers can provide a more affordable product. It wouldn't mandate that everyone get coverage.

There are even deeper philosophical differences in other parts of the country, particularly more conservative states which have emphasized cutting Medicaid costs rather than expanding coverage.

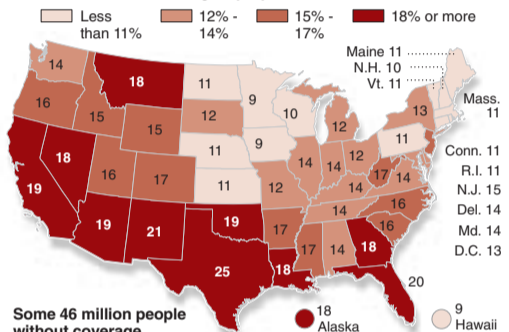
But the new ideas are even getting an airing there.

In Florida, where the biggest health care change under former

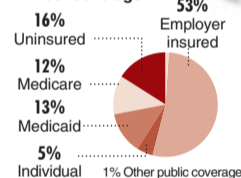
## Number of uninsured Americans grows

With an increasing number of uninsured Americans each year several states are considering universal health coverage.

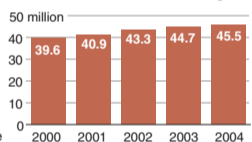
Border states have the largest proportion of uninsured, 2004-2005



Some 46 million people without coverage ...



... and the numbers are rising



SOURCE: Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured

AP

Gov. Jeb Bush emphasized cutting costs of Medicaid, the new surgeon general talked enthusiastically of Massachusetts' universal health coverage law — and new GOP Gov. Charlie Crist said he wouldn't rule out considering something along those lines.

## FLASH IN THE PAN

How the Massachusetts program and high-profile proposals do also will decide the staying power of health care as a political issue. After President Clinton's health care reform attempt failed in the 1990s, the issue went dor-

mant for years.

"Once you pass these programs and start the implementing, it only gets harder," said Maine Gov. John Baldacci, a Democrat. "Because then you're talking about real dollars and real decisions."

Maine hasn't met its ambitious goals, with fewer businesses signing on to the state program. But Baldacci and state leaders are trying to fix the flaws.

"Hopefully," he said, "the chambers of commerce, the unions, the businesses will recognize we need a solution."

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