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HRC fights back



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Above: A view near the main entrance of the Hastings Regional Center in 2003 shows part of what the campus and buildings are like.

Staff, state leaders address accusations

CEO QUESTIONS ABILITY OF COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS TO HANDLE ENTIRE NEED

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For nearly 120 years, the Hastings Regional Center has served as a treatment center for people with a variety of mental health issues.



Gibson

In recent years, though, the Nebraska Legislature has discussed a number of bills that would essentially close HRC.

On Jan. 17, state Sen. John Synowiecki introduced LB542, which would shift funds from HRC's adolescent programs to community-based treatment programs and essentially close HRC.

The Omaha senator's bill would discontinue the more than $10 million in funding for juvenile state services at HRC; it then would use those funds to create the Enhanced Services and Capacity Expansion Fund for Juveniles and move the youth into community-based, private programs.

More than a dozen people testified on the bill during the Appropriations Committee hearing in Lincoln on Monday — including Synowiecki, who serves on the committee.

In his testimony, Synowiecki questioned the quality of programs at HRC, as well as the ability of the staff to care for the children.

That same day, Bill Gibson, chief executive officer of the state's three regional centers, announced in Hastings that HRC's adult services would officially end in April and about 100 people would lose their jobs. Just four adult patients remain at HRC.

"It does make you feel a little hopeless at times," said Tom Deal, a youth care specialist at HRC, of the situation.

But despite the continuing attacks on HRC, Deal said, he is trying to remain positive.

And, instead of fighting against the possible closure, Deal said, he is trying to separate fact from fiction for senators regarding HRC.

THE PROGRAMS

HRC has two youth treatment programs: The Hastings Juvenile Chemical Dependency Program and Trailblazers, the adolescent behavioral health residential program.

Young men from the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center in Kearney are eligible to receive treatment for drug dependency at the regional center.

To be admitted to HRC, Gibson said, the young men must have previously failed in a less restrictive program.

"These are kids that have been in community-based placements and have ended up at YRTC," Gibson said.

The boys have chemical dependency issues and have been approved for a hospital-based level of residential treatment center care, he said.

Barb Westman, a therapist at HRC, testified at Monday's hearing that the boys come to Hastings after having several run-ins with the law. They have severe drug and/or alcohol problems and have become wards of the state upon placement in foster or group homes, she said.

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DOUG CARROLL/*Tribune*

Todd Reckling, Health and Human Services director of the Office of Protection and Safety, testifies Monday during an Appropriations Committee hearing in Lincoln. Reckling testified in opposition of LB542, which calls for cutting funds for juvenile services at the Hastings Regional Center.

Employee: 'I wouldn't be here if I didn't care'

STAFF DEFENDS QUALITY OF THEIR SERVICES

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Hastings Regional Center employees have a message for some in Lincoln and Omaha.

"The staff here is not hand-me-down staff," said Barb Westman, a therapist at HRC.

Staff members are defending the quality of their service after it was called into question during a legislative hearing in Lincoln on Monday.

About 15 people testified before the Appropriations Committee on LB542, which would eliminate funding for juvenile programs at HRC — their only remaining programs.

The more than $10 million in

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House: Bring troops home

DEFYING BUSH, DIVIDED HOUSE APPROVES IRAQ WITHDRAWAL BILL

ANNE FLAHERTY
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House voted Friday for the first time to clamp a cutoff deadline on the Iraq war, agreeing by a thin margin to pull combat troops out by next year and pushing the new Democratic-led Congress ever closer to a showdown with President Bush.

The 218-212 vote, mostly along party lines, was a hard-fought victory for Democrats, who faced divisions within their own ranks on the rancorous issue. Passage marked their most brazen challenge yet to Bush on a war that has killed more than 3,200 troops and lost favor with the American public.

He dismissed their action as "political theater" and said he would veto the bill if it reached his desk. The Senate is about to take up its own version.

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Franklin County patient had active case of TB

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The fourth active case of tuberculosis confirmed in Nebraska in 2007 was in Franklin County, the Nebraska Health and Human Services System reported.

Franklin joins Rock, Platte and Lancaster as counties to have confirmed active cases so far this year.

"It isn't the health threat it used to be," said Marla Augestine, a spokeswoman for the Nebraska Health and Human Services System. "Because of medication to treat it and because we know more about it, it's less of a health concern than it once was."

Nebraska had 25 confirmed active TB cases during 2006.

"That's fewer cases than the year before (35)," said registered nurse Kerrey Miller, surveillance coordinator for the Two Rivers District Health Department. "The state has continually come up with a better way of dealing with it. We haven't had any outbreaks, they've been isolated incidents."

The Two Rivers District Health Department is headquartered in Holdrege. Franklin County is part of that district.

According to the Centers for Disease Control Web site, the bacteria usually attack the lungs. But, TB bacteria can attack any part of the body such as the kidney, spine and brain.

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Weather

Hi: 65
Lo: 50

An 80 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms today.



Art by Madison Anderson, 8, Christ Lutheran School

State

AMISH AIM TO BREAK WORLD BUFFET RECORD

MILLERSBURG, Ohio — According to record keepers, the world's biggest buffet happened in Las Vegas. The record may not stay there, though.

Restaurants, bakeries and family cooks in the Amish region of northeastern Ohio are uniting Saturday to challenge the mark of 510 buffet dishes served last year at the Las Vegas Hilton.

Organizers plan three two-hour sittings for 1,000 people each at $11 apiece at the Amish Flea Market. Proceeds will help feed the needy.

The nearly 600 promised dishes include Hungarian sauerkraut soup, corn casserole, garlic mashed potatoes and sweet potato souffle.

The Associated Press

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Obituaries

Mildred Turner Jensen

Hastings resident, Mildred Jensen, 92, of 1418 Pershing Road, died Thursday, March 22, 2007, at her home.


Jensen

Services are 2 p.m. Monday at Butler-Volland chapel with the Rev. Earl Higgins officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens. Visitation is 1-9 p.m. Sunday with family present from 2-5 p.m. and 9 a.m. until services Monday. Livingston-Butler Volland Funeral Home and Cremation Center is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be given to the Shrine Auxiliary or Morrison Cancer Center.

Condolences may be sent to www.lbv.com.

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Mrs. Jensen was born July 4, 1914, in Harvard to Frederick and Carrie (Wing) Turner. She graduated from Harvard High School in 1932 and attended Cotner College in Lincoln. She taught school in Clay County for four years. She moved from Harvard to Hastings in 1937 and graduated from Mary Lanning School of Nursing in 1940. She worked at Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital as a Surgical Nurse. On August 27, 1942, she married Ed Jensen in Lawton, Okla. and resided there and in Gainsville, Texas. She was employed at Augustana General Hospital in Lawton as a Surgical Nurse. She moved back to Hastings when Ed was deployed overseas and worked at Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital. She retired in 1979 as the Supervisor of the Surgical Department, and continued to work part time until 1985. She was a member of First Christian Church, Y.W.C.A., Tehama Shrine Auxiliary, Elks Country Club in Hastings and the Eastern Star Acacia Chapter #39 and Kensington. She was a member of Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital Alumni Association of Surgical Nurses.

Mrs. Jensen was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Maurice Turner.

Survivors are her husband, Ed Jensen of Hastings; son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Marilyn Jensen of Lincoln; daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Don Seaton of Hastings; grandchildren, Katherine Jensen, Christina Jensen, Andrew Seaton; one great-grandson; sisters, Della Keasling of Harvard, Mary Keasling of Harvard; sister-in-law, Mae Bengtson of Crofton, Md.

Donna Caldwell

Former Minden resident Donna Caldwell, 81, of Lincoln, died Thursday, March 22, 2007, at Bryan LGH Medical Center in Lincoln.


Caldwell

Services are 10 a.m. Monday at the United Methodist Church in Minden with the Rev. Bill Hunter officiating. Graveside services are 2 p.m. at Osborne Cemetery at Osborne, Kan. Visitation is 3-5 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. Sunday at Layton-Craig Funeral Home in Minden.

Memorials are suggested to United Methodist Women.

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Donna was born January 31, 1926, in Alton, Kan., to David Harrison and Beulah (DeWeese) Gregory. She attended Mount Ayr Country School to the eighth grade and later graduated from Osborne High School in 1944. Donna attended Kansas Wesleyan College in Salina, Kan., for two years and then began teaching in Downs, Kan. She continued her education attending college at Emporia State and Fort Hays. On December 22, 1947, she married Keith Caldwell and they made their home in Osborne. Donna taught school in Osborne from 1947-64. In 1969, they moved to Minden. She was a substitute teacher in Minden until she was 75 years old. Donna was an active member of the United Methodist Church in Minden. She had served as the church organist until 2005 and was active in the United Methodist Women. She and Keith moved to Lincoln in 2005 to be close to their children. The lived at Lexington Assisted Living in Lincoln. Keith passed away January 27, 2006.

Survivors include one daughter, Jalyn Todd of Lincoln; one son, Aaron Caldwell and his wife Lori of Lincoln; four grandchildren, Jared Todd, Melissa Boye and Nathan and Spencer Caldwell; and two great-grandchildren, Codi Songster and Sage Boye.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Keith; one brother, Max David Gregory; and one sister, Laura Emiline Gregory.

Reva R. McLaughlin

Former Norman resident Reva Rae McLaughlin, 90, of Los Angeles, passed away Saturday, February 24, 2007, at Sycamore Park Care Center in Los Angeles.


McLaughlin

Graveside services were March 1 at Forest Lawn Memorial Parks and Mortuaries in Glendale, Calif. with the Rev. Dr. Gary Dickey officiating.

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Reva was born in 1916 to Harry and Ruth Stayner in Norman, Nebraska. Reva and her beloved husband, Mervyn "Mac" spent their formative years in Edgar, married and traveled the depression era western states before settling in the Southern California area of Los Angeles.

She is survived by her daughter, Karin Lynn Jeffreys and son-in-law Sidney of Seguin, Texas; sister, Jean ward and Dr. harry Ward of Galveston, Texas; brother-in-law, George Anderson of Hillsboro, Ore.; and nieces and nephews in Texas, Oregon, California, Colorado and Florida.

Kerry A. Deheus-Judson

Hastings resident Kerry Ann Deheus-Judson, 38, died Sunday, March 18, 2007, at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday at First Congregational Church of Christ in Hastings. There is no visitation or viewing. The remains were cremated. DeWitt Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Hastings is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to www.dewittfuneral.com.

Sgt. Wayne Cornell

Former area resident Sgt. Wayne Cornell, died in Baghdad, Iraq.

Services are pending at Livingston-Butler-Volland Funeral Home and Cremation Center.

Tim Burton to be honored

The Associated Press

VENICE, Italy — Tim Burton, director of "Edward Scissorhands" and "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," will receive the Golden Lion for Lifetime Achievement at this year's Venice Film Festival.

The 64th edition of the festival will be held on the Lido in Venice from Aug. 29 through Sept. 8.

"Tim Burton is a cinematic genius, the most imaginative child of the new age of cinema," festival director Marco Muller said.

NewsMakers

Regis calls daytime talk show with update

NEW YORK — Regis Philbin called "Live With Regis and Kelly" on Friday to report that he's in pain, but doing well, after his recent heart bypass surgery.

"Well, you know, I think I'm through the worst of it," Philbin told co-host Kelly Ripa. "I guess I was a little unprepared for, you know, the first week and what they actually do to make this thing happen — and so, some of it came as quite a shock."

Philbin, 75, said he's in pain around his heart, back and leg where doctors took some arteries for the bypass.

He said it especially hurts when he sneezes.

"Other than that, I'm dancing, I'm having fun," said Philbin, who is expected to return to the syndicated daytime talk show in about a month.

Philbin says painkillers have kept him up at night, causing him to "wander around the house" and say some strange things.

Former ABBA stars win court battle

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Former ABBA stars Bjorn Ulvaeus and Benny Andersson won a court battle Friday over who wrote the script for one of their musicals.

The feud between Ulvaeus and Andersson and writer Carl-Johan Seth concerned "Kristina fran Duvemala," viewed by more than 1 million people in Sweden and expected to be cast on Broadway. Ulvaeus and Andersson wrote the songs and music for the play.

Seth argued that he should be considered the main writer, but Ulvaeus and Andersson said his work was unusable. They said they used a script by director Lars Rudolfsson and dramatist Jan Mark.

Seth's lawyer, Staffan Michelson, said his client would appeal the ruling by the Stockholm District Court.

According to Michelson, both parties signed a license agreement eight days before the musical's 1995 premiere in which they agreed to equal ownership of the script.

"I'm devastated that the district court doesn't even analyze this agreement," he told The Associated Press.

The musical is based on novels by Swedish writer Wilhelm Moberg, which depict the journey by Swedish emigrants to the United States in 1850.

ABBA, which also included singers Agnetha Faltskog and Anni-Frid Lyngstad, gained worldwide fame in the 1970s and early 1980s.

Halle Berry returns home for screening

VALLEY VIEW, Ohio — Even in the rain, Halle Berry draws a crowd when she returns home to the Cleveland area.

About 800 people waited in drizzle Thursday night in this Ohio suburb to catch a glimpse of the Oscar-winning actress before a screening of her new film, "Perfect Stranger."

Onlookers snapped photos with cameras and cell phones as Berry made her way from a sport utility vehicle to the movie theater. She signed autographs, talked to fans and conducted interviews with local media.

"I'm so happy to be home," she told the packed theater before the film started.

"I swear this is true. No matter how many countries I've been to, no matter how many warm receptions I've gotten, my heart was beating when I pulled up. Nothing feels better. The voices all sound familiar in some weird way. I'm of here. I'm from here. And I'm one of you."

Berry, 40, grew up in the Cleveland area and graduated from high school in suburban Bedford in 1984. She won the best-actress Oscar in 2002 for "Monster's Ball."

Guests at the screening included Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson — who called Berry "homegrown and beautiful" when he introduced her — and Browns wide receiver Braylon Edwards.

"I'm a big fan of Halle Berry's," Edwards said. "I think every man in America is."

"Perfect Stranger," which also stars Bruce Willis and Giovanni Ribisi, opens in theaters April 13.

Lindsay Lohan's mother says people are wrong

NEW YORK — Dina Lohan says her daughter Lindsay isn't an alcoholic and that people are wrong to assume that she's a club-hopping "party mom."

"Oh, the party mom, the party mom, the party mom!" Lohan says. "Whoever said that, my ex-husband or whatever, I'm not the party mom!"

"Listen to me: Lindsay would drag me, literally drag my loser butt (to a club) and say, 'I need you to know who these people are,"' Lohan, 44, says in an interview in the April issue of Harper's Bazaar, on newsstands Tuesday. "Yeah, she trusts my judgment. She's in such a whirlwind; she's in a tornado. I mean, we're talking serious earthquake, you know?"

The 20-year-old actress/tabloid target checked into the Wonderland Center in Los Angeles in January. Her publicist, Leslie Sloane, declined comment to The Associated Press on Thursday when asked for details. Sloane had confirmed in December that Lohan was attending Alcoholics Anonymous meetings.

The MVP and the 'Idol'


DANA EDELSON, NBC/*AP*

"Saturday Night Live" cast member Jason Sudeikis (right) joins Super Bowl MVP Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning and "American Idol" winner Carrie Underwood on the set of "Saturday Night Live" in New York Thursday. They taped a spot promoting today's telecast.

Birthdays

Fashion and costume designer Bob Mackie is 67. Actor R. Lee Ermey is 63. Movie director Curtis Hanson is 62. Rock musician Lee Oskar is 59. Rock musician Dougie Thomson (Supertramp) is 56. Comedian Louie Anderson is 54. Actress Donna Pescow is 53. Actor Robert Carradine is 53. Actress Kelly LeBrock is 47. Rhythm-and-blues DJ Rodney "Kool Kollie" Terry (Ghostown DJs) is 46. TV personality Star Jones Reynolds is 45. Rock singer-musician Sharon Corr (The Corrs) is 37. Actress Lara Flynn Boyle is 37. Rapper Maceo (AKA P.A. Pasemaster Mase) is 37. Actress Alyson Hannigan ("Buffy the Vampire Slayer") is 33. Football player Peyton Manning is 31.

Quote of the day

"Self-esteem equals Success over Pretensions."

— William James, American psychologist (1842-1910)

(Editor's note: James wrote this in the form of a mathematical equation, which would be denoted as: "Self-esteem = Success/Pretensions," with "Success" as the numerator and "Pretensions" as the denominator of a fraction.)

The Associated Press

Tribland

The following couples recently applied for marriage licenses at the Adams County Clerk's Office: Klint William Kloepping and Kelly Anne Mohlman, both of Gallatin, Mo.; and Alexander Leon-Diaz and Shelly Frances Hemmingson, Timothy Wayne Polston and Tammy Lee Fielder, Corey Dean Brooks and Tiffani Rashell Hillis, Randall Wayne McAmis and Pamela Ann Kelley, Seth Alan Tolen and Amanda Leigh Utter, Jeffrey Eugene McCoy and Jayne Beth Fern, Joshua James Kapustka and Kayla Danielle Phelps, and Jeffrey Paul Skarin and Brandy Jo Higer, all of Hastings.

Advanced Digital Camera class, Saturday, April 7. Contact Susan, 402-461-2431, or srinker@cccneb.edu. -Adv.

16-ounce Porterhouse, baked potato bar, $12.50, this Saturday 5:30 to 8:00. All welcome. DAV Club, 302 South Elm. -Adv.

Book your wedding and special events now. Country Meadows, 463-6640. -Adv.

It was reported Thursday that a 9-year-old Hastings boy was cited for shoplifting at Russ's Market, 611 N. Burlington Ave. The value of items taken was $1.79.

Don Arnoldy Fundraiser, March 24, 5:00 p.m., VFW Club; Night Hawk performing. -Adv.

Four season tickets for Kansas City NASCAR races 2007. Face value. 469-9731. -Adv.

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

Adams County Judge Robert Ide Friday sentenced Robert W. Leffler, 44, of 736 N. Hastings Ave., to 10 days in jail, $650 in fines, and a six-month drivers license revocation for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, following too close, possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia Dec. 24, 2005. Leffler pleaded no contest Jan. 23, and prosecutors dismissed a charge of refusing to submit to a chemical test. DUI is a Class W misdemeanor punishable by up to 60 days in jail and a $500 fine. Following too close, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia are infractions, each punishable by up to a $100 fine.

Four and Nine Patch Quilt class begins March 27, at Central Community College. Susan srinker@cccneb.edu or call 402-461-2431. -Adv.

Karaoke at Wanda's, Saturday, the 24th, 9:00 p.m.; music by Mike's Music. 623 West 1st. -Adv.

A vehicle reportedly driven by Lauren M. Jasch, of 1022 N. Colorado Ave., Wednesday struck a parked vehicle owned by Kenneth Konen, of 1411 Highland Road, at 1100 W. 14th St.

Last chance! 10-percent off wedding tuxedos. Book by March 31st. Gary Michael's. -Adv.

"Writing your Memoirs" class begins Tuesday, March 26, at Central Community College. Call Susan 402-461-2431, or srinker@cccneb.edu -Adv.

Adams County Judge Robert Ide Friday sentenced Codero L. Woods, 19, of Omaha, to one year of probation, 30 hours of community service and $2,003.07 in restitution for criminal mischief against William E. Murphy, of 822 N. Lincoln Ave., May 28, 2006. Woods pleaded no contest Jan. 23. Criminal mischief, value $500-1,500, is a Class 1 misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail and a $1,000 fine.

Pet therapy certification class begins March 27. Call Heartland Pet Connection, 462-PETS -Adv.

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

Organist John West in concert Sunday, March 25, 5:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church. Free admission. -Adv.

It was reported Friday that a car owned by Patti D. Mann, of 1944 W. Ninth St., was damaged at 1100 W. 14th St.

Shriner's Vidalia onions...10-pound bag $10. To place order, call 462-5813 or 800-836-0433. -Adv.

Learn tax secrets before filing time. March 29, Central Community College. Susan 402-461-2431, srinker@cccneb.edu -Adv.

Korky Lightner Auction, 213 South Woodland...new items, Monday, March 26, 5:30. -Adv.

Vehicles reportedly driven by Erron L. Sowl, of 818 E. Second St., and Georgia W. Taddicken, of 1347 N. Cedar Ave., collided Thursday at 1115 W. Second St.

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Area funerals

Today

◆ **David Bothwell**, 65, of Mankato, Kan., 2 p.m. at Megrue-Price Funeral Home chapel in Superior.

◆ **Eunice Goelz**, 85, of Holstein, 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Holstein.

◆ **Jerry Martin**, 63, of Harvard, 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Harvard.

◆ **Donald Widler**, 86, of Carleton, 10:30 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Carleton.

Monday, March 26

◆ **Donna Caldwell**, 81, of Lincoln, 10 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Minden.

◆ **Frank 'Bud' Duffy**, 59, of Guide Rock, 2 p.m. at United Methodist Church in Guide Rock.

◆ **Mildred Jensen**, 92, of Hastings, 2 p.m. at Butler-Volland Funeral Home chapel in Hastings.

◆ **Mary Loschen**, 84, of Norcross, Ga., 2 p.m. at Brand-Wilson Funeral Home chapel in Hastings.

◆ **John Miller**, 62, of Inavale, 10:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church in Red Cloud.

Tribland six-day forecast

Art by Madison Anderson, 8, Christ Lutheran School



Rainy Today
High: 65 **Low:** 50
Wind: Southeast 10-15
Chance of rain 80 percent.



Partly cloudy Sunday
High: 72 **Low:** 48
Wind: Southwest 10-20



Partly cloudy Monday
High: 75 **Low:** 42
Mostly clear Monday night.



Sunny Tuesday
High: 72 **Low:** 48
A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms Tuesday night.



Rainy Wednesday
High: 72 **Low:** 38
Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.



Partly cloudy Thursday
High: 60 **Low:** 35
Partly cloudy Thursday night.

Rodent poison found in now-recalled pet food

MARK JOHNSON
The Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — Rat poison was found in the pet food suspected of causing kidney failure that killed at least 16 cats and dogs, but scientists still don't know how it got there, state officials said Friday.

The toxin was identified as aminopterin, which is used to kill rats in some countries, state Agriculture Commissioner Patrick Hooker said.

Aminopterin is not registered for killing rodents in the United States, according to the Environmental Protection Agency, though it is used as a cancer drug. State officials wouldn't speculate on how the toxin got into Menu Foods' now-recalled pet food but said no criminal investigations had been launched.

Scientists at the New York State Animal Health Diagnostic Center at Cornell and at the New York State Food Laboratory tested three cat food samples provided by Menu Foods and found Aminopterin in two of them. Hooker said they would test individual components of the pet food, as well. The early test results were released to give veterinarians a better idea of how to treat sick animals.

"Any amount of this product is too much in food," Hooker said.

Aminopterin, also used as a cancer drug, is highly toxic in high doses. It inhibits the growth of malignant cells and suppresses the immune system.

In dogs and cats, it can cause kidney failure, according to Donald Smith, dean of Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

The Food and Drug Administration has said the investigation into the pet deaths was focusing on wheat gluten in the pet food. Wheat gluten itself would not cause kidney failure, but the common ingredient could have been contaminated, the FDA said.

Bob Rosenberg, senior vice president of government affairs for the National Pest Management Association, said he had never heard of the substance before Friday.

"It would make no sense to spray a crop itself with rodenticide," Rosenberg said, though he said grain shippers typically put bait stations around the perimeter of their storage facilities.

New Orleans residents arming themselves

MARY FOSTER
The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Sixty-four-year-old Vivian Westerman rode out Hurricane Katrina in her 19th-century house. So terrible was the experience that she wanted two things before the 2006 season arrived: a backup power source and a gun.

"I got a 6,000-watt generator and the cutest little Smith & Wesson, snub-nose .38 you ever saw," she boasted. "I've never been more confident."

People across New Orleans are arming themselves — not only against the possibility of another storm bringing anarchy, but against the violence that has engulfed the metropolitan area in the 19 months since Katrina, making New Orleans the nation's murder capital.

The number of permits issued to carry concealed weapons is running twice as high as it was before Katrina — this, in a city with only about half its pre-storm population of around 450,000. Attendance at firearms classes and hours logged at shooting ranges also are up, according to the gun industry.

Gun dealers who saw sales shoot up during the chaotic few months after Katrina say that sales are still brisk, and that the customers are a cross-section of the population — doctors, lawyers, bankers, artists, laborers, stay-at-home moms.

"People are in fear of their lives. They're looking for ways to feel safe again," said Mike Roniger, manager of Gretna Gunworks in Jefferson Parish.

Citizens, the tourism industry, police and politicians officials have been alarmed by the wave of killings in New Orleans, with 162 in 2006 and 37 so far this year. A Tulane University study put the city's 2006 homicide rate at 96 slayings per 100,000 people, the highest in the nation.

National Guardsmen and state police are patrolling the streets of New Orleans. In neighboring Jefferson Parish, which posted a record 66 homicides in 2006, the sheriff sent armored vehicles to protect high-crime neighborhoods.

In New Orleans, police have accused the district attorney of failing to prosecute many suspects. Prosecutors have accused the police of not bringing them solid cases.

Some people are losing faith in the system to protect them.

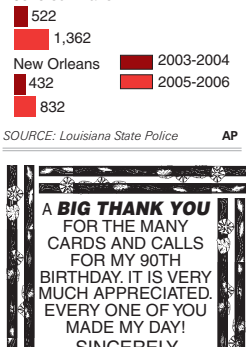
Earnest Johnson, a 37-year-old chef who lives in Kenner, bought his first gun recently and visits a shooting range regularly. "Things are way worse than they used to be," he said. "You have to do something to protect yourself."

Kevin Cato, a 41-year-old contractor, bought a .45-caliber handgun for protection when he is working in some of the city's still-deserted areas. "But it's not much safer at home," Cato said. "The police chased a guy through my yard one time with their guns out."

Gun permits rise

New Orleans' population is about half of what it was before hurricane Katrina and it has nearly double the number of gun permits.

Concealed weapon permits



SOURCE: Louisiana State Police AP

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Reform plan needs more oversight

This isn't meant to tell the Legislature we told you so. It's just a heads-up.

In 2004, LB1083 was enacted in an effort to reform the state's behavioral health system. The revamping of the system placed more emphasis on community-based services, putting the bulk of the treatment in the hands of private, not-for-profit providers. In order to make the plan work financially, it was concluded that the state could do without two of its three psychiatric hospitals.

Opponents of the measure feared that closing two regional centers could leave gaps in the system, especially if community programs went down the tube. Not-for-profit centers would be under no obligation to stay in business if the bottom line sank into the red. They could simply quit, putting people with severe mental illness on the street without proper care and supervision.

Conversely, opponents pointed out that the state is responsible for taking care of its own — in good times and bad. No one is dumped into the streets just because providing the care is no longer affordable. Plus, opponents said, the state's psychiatric hospitals can't just treat one kind of patient. It's a mixed bag, from the non-violent to the violent. State hospitals can't reject patients based on their ability to pay or how difficult they are to treat. The state must still provide a continuum of care for even the sickest and poorest of patients.

In other words, a community-based system could provide an alternative method of treatment but opponents questioned whether it could survive without the additional services and the acute care beds at the Hastings Regional Center. They also questioned what would happen to those patients who couldn't be transitioned into a community setting or who couldn't pay their medical bills.

As result of those concerns, LB1083 passed with an agreement that adult beds at HRC couldn't be discontinued until the community programs were in place and proven to work. That would at least provide some assurance that no one would be put at risk because of an overburdened behavioral health system.

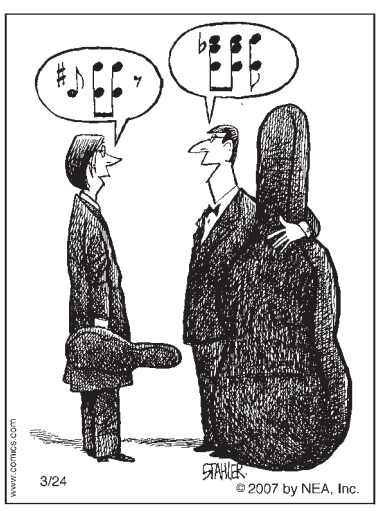
The Nebraska Health and Human Services System announced Monday that the reform plan had reached the point to where HRC's adult residential beds were no longer needed and could be discontinued next month. HHSS informed the governor and members of the Legislature of this development.

Also Monday, a large audience, including members of the Legislature's Appropriations Committee, heard several private providers say that the system was not only flooded but people in need of care were at risk because they have no place to go. They said community psychiatric hospitals are at capacity and the community mental health centers can't meet demand. They also testified that community programs have already been cut and others may as well because of insufficient funds.

For example, in north central Nebraska alone, it was stated that there are 30-40 people who are not being served and evaluations are four to six weeks behind.

Given that information at a public hearing inside the state Capitol, we can't understand how HHSS, the governor and the Legislature can be OK with the closing of beds at HRC when they know for a fact that hundreds of people are risk because they can't get treatment.

Again, this is just a heads-up , but someone had better get a grasp of the situation or else it could spiral out of control.



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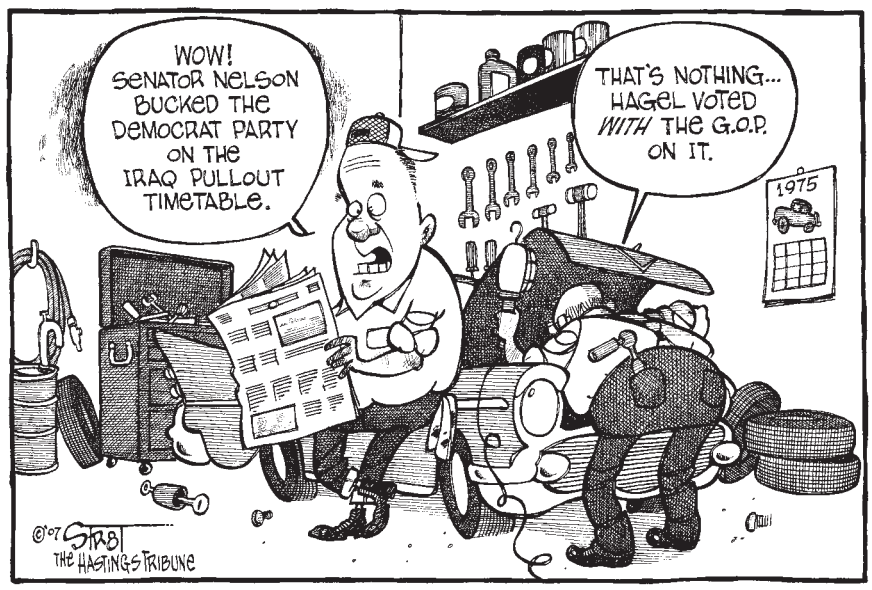
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Yesterday

2006 — Health assessments free or at a reduced cost were among attractions at the upcoming Vital Signs Health Fair at the Adams County Fairgrounds.

1997 — The Infant Welfare Club, which had provided milk to needy Hastings children since 1929, was disbanding on April 1, confident that the Hastings Foundation would continue its mission.

1987 — Flooding of Spring Creek at Deshler had much of Deshler city park, including the bridge leading to its entrance, under a foot of water.

1977 — Mr. and Mrs. Gary Woodring, of Davenport, had moved a 35-by-41-foot barn from the Louie Avers farm into town and were converting it into a residence.

Setting goals for Heaven, not Harvard



Betsy Hart

I like to say that my goal for my children is Heaven, not Harvard. Now, if my kids go to Harvard on the way to Heaven, that's fine: But if I so focus on Harvard and success in this world that they miss Heaven, I will have failed them — and for all of eternity.

It starts with training them in the wise habits of the heart. I was so fortunate to have wise friends in my church — families mentoring me and challenging me, teaching me things like (gasp!) it's the job of us parents to lead our kids. It's not up to the experts, it's not up to the village, it's up to us. So with apologies to Stephen Covey and gratefulness to my many wise friends, I distill it down to the seven essential habits of the successful home, in this case the seven "A's":

1. The culture teaches us that success in the world is what's important. Instead, we parents need to have as a mission for our kids something that will really matter for them, now and forever. And so my aim for my children is Heaven, not Harvard;

2. The culture tells us that our children are inherently wise and virtuous. But the wise parent sees a child's heart accurately, meaning he understands that the foolish tendencies of his child's heart are the biggest danger facing him;

3. The parenting experts want us to believe that we must "earn" our authority in the lives of our kids, as one such leading expert puts it. Instead, we parents must accept our role of authority in our children's lives for the good of our children. And, we must understand that we as parents are under God's authority too;

4. The culture seeks to protect children from every conceivable disappointment or frustration. This isn't the way to build resilient children. This is the way to build children who will be routinely buffeted by life's storms, even the storms God Himself asks them to weather. We parents give a gift to our children when we let them appropriately experience and learn from adversity;

5. The world teaches children to ask, "What have you done for me lately?"

But wise parents teach their children an attitude of gratefulness;

6. The culture wants our children to believe they are wonderful right now, as is. Instead, our duty as parents is to affirm our children not because they are wonderful today, as crazy as we are about them, but because they are created in God's image. And, they are the only creatures He made who can choose to do better tomorrow;

7. The world wants us parents to be our children's "friends." But the wise parent knows that to be a child's advocate, to be on our child's side, means we have to care less about whether our children like us when they are 13 than when they are 30. And that to really be our child's advocate, we need to pray for our kids and wisdom in parenting them.

This list is hardly exhaustive. But whatever we decide are going to be the essential habits of our home, we parents have to persevere in the moment, even when we don't see the fruits of our perseverance in the moment. Parenting is like waves washing over a rock. You think the water is having no impact at all on the rough stone, but then one day, it's almost suddenly clear that the rock is smooth right where the waves have been washing over it all those years. So, too, it can be when it comes to the work of a parent in shaping the heart of his child.

As a dear friend recently reminded me, when it comes to parenting our children the days are so long — but the years are so short! And so what a blessing it is to our children when we parents have as our aim for them Heaven, not Harvard.

Betsy Hart is a columnist for the Scripps Howard News Service.

Voice of the People

Article raises hackles

I am responding to the article "Tough Times For HRC: Committee Hears Testimony On LB542" (Hastings Tribune, March 20).

I am a state employee. I've worked at the Hastings Regional Center for 32 years. I have provided the best care possible to clients, whether they were adults or youth.

I get up each day that I am to work, as I have for the past 32 years, in hopes that what I do helps someone. That has been my purpose: I hope that I have made a difference to someone. It's not because I make "a lot of money" because, believe me, we deserve a whole lot more.

This is my job. It has provided me an income to help support my family. I am not ashamed of that, nor should I be. I am lucky to have health insurance, and I am grateful for that benefit. If I make it to retirement, I just might have some money to enjoy it, because that is a benefit, too. I enjoy the benefit of vacation and sick time, as well.

I guess what I am saying is that these are things that a state employee earns through years of service, time vested.

But some comments in that article raise the hackles on my neck. I can't remember a time that family was not involved in a client's care at Hastings Regional Center. There are many who have no family who care, visit, call or write.

The state provides transportation for families to come and visit. Often, these visits are canceled at the last minute. It is the "senior and the junior staff" who are there to comfort them, to wake them up in the morning and put them to bed at night, and who try to teach them a new way to live.

Sen. John Synowiecki, of Omaha, said that community-based programs provide "better care and more attention" and "generally have more interest in the outcomes and treatment outcomes for these kids than your run-of-the-mill state worker at the HRC."

He said that he means "nothing demeaning toward them whatsoever."

Sen. Synowiecki has never been to HRC or worked there to make this comparison — at least not in the past 32 years I've been there. I'm not sure why he is putting state workers down. I do not know him, nor does he know me or any of the state employees left at HRC.

My last bone of contention is the statement made by Kathy Bigsby Moore that HRC is a "hand-me-down facility and hand-me-down staff."

I have to say I resent this remark. We, the "hand-me-down" staff, were there the day they split staff to reform the adult program to start the youth program. We, the "hand-me-down" staff, have been working hard to float both programs, and as you can see by these remarks we have received very little praise.

HRC employees have worked hard to help mentally ill and substance abuse clients, whether they are adults or youth.

I do thank the mayor, city administrator, Chamber of Commerce and the Hastings Economic Development Corp. for standing up for HRC employees. Your work has not gone unnoticed by any state employee.

I encourage the Legislature's Appropriations Committee to come tour HRC. At least you will know who you are talking about.

I challenge Kearney, Grand Island and Hastings to band together. Nebraska does not end at Lincoln or Omaha.

Finally, I hope the Legislature says no to LB542.

Vivienne Johnson
Hastings

LB658 a slap in face

Hey, did you vote for repeal on Referendum 422? Well, your vote didn't count.

Not only did we not get our Class I school districts back, but when we turned to the Legislature for help, the Education Committee unanimously advanced Sen. Ron Raikes' bill, LB658.

In its present form, the bill is a slap in the face to the voters. It contains much of the same language as LB126, the law we just repealed.

Many of the school reorganization laws were revoked by LB126. When the voters repealed LB126, these laws were put back into effect. I feel many of our Class I districts could be re-established using these laws. But Sen. Raikes' bill would again remove these organization laws.

His bill leaves a complicated, narrow window where we might possibly establish a few Class I districts. It completely eliminates laws for Class VI, high school-only districts.

I've got to hand it to Sen. Raikes; in order to achieve his original goal, he has come up with a bill that practically reinstates LB126, and he still gives the impression he is doing something to help Class I districts.

I wonder how dumb he thinks the rest of us are? In its present form LB658 would prevent more districts from being created under current law then it would help to create.

The senators should greatly change this bill or kill it.

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Why do I do these things?

I stopped riding my brother's Cushman scooter the day I forgot where the brakes were and took this cute little red machine straight into the lake across from my parent's home some 50 years ago.



Joyce Ore

My roller skating days came to an end in my mid 20s when I fell so hard that the 200 plus bobby pins keeping my French Roll together fell out and the little boy behind me at the rink thought my head was coming unhinged.

A few years later, I tried my hand at one of these new-fangled, three-geared bicycles, and immediately landed on the gravel with a bloodied knee and scraped elbow. This was not the bicycle of my childhood and no longer was I that child. I stopped riding a bicycle that day.

Catching my heel in a crack in the concrete in front of a local business just a few years ago resulted in a broken arm and the thought "the world is a dangerous place, and I can't stop walking but I must be a little more careful in the waning years of my life."

So why in the world would I agree to go four-wheeling straight over three-foot boulders and up a mountain that called for crampons and an ice pix or a sure-footed mule and blinders. For me, not the mule?

Only two answers come to mind. Either senility or the desire to do anything that gives me fodder for a column.

Three couples and one single took off on four four-wheelers on a warm, cloudless day. Three drivers were experienced four-wheelers while the fourth had never sat in one.

"Easy ride," said one as we took off. "You will love it."

"We wouldn't want to scare you first time out," said the second.

The third sat silent.

"Didn't know this was going to be this rough," said one when we stopped after my fourth rib moved into second place.

"We wouldn't want to scare you first time out," said the second.

The third sat silent.

"Hit the suicide button," hollered the first one as we stalled and began rolling down a 60 degree incline.

"Didn't mean to scare you first time out," said the second.

The third sat silent for a moment than said, "If you have to jump, jump to the left so you don't go down into the ravine.

And that is the day I stopped riding four-wheelers.

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Calendar

Hastings

- **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.
- **Chorus of the Plains**, 7:30 p.m. Monday, ballroom of Kensington. Barbershop style music open to men of all ages.
- **Gamblers Anonymous**, 6:30 p.m. Monday, basement at Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital Education Building, Room D.
- **Narcotics Anonymous**, 8 p.m. Monday, 401 N. Lincoln Ave.
- **Overeaters Anonymous**, 5-6 p.m. Monday, basement of Mary Lanning Medical Center.
- **Panic and Anxiety program**, Noon to 1 p.m. Monday, call 732-940-9658 for details.
- **Sunday Sundaes**, 2-3 p.m. Sunday, College View Assisted Living, 1100 N. Sixth Ave. Open to public ages 55 and older.

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Roseland grad to be on ESPN

Staff and wire

Brenda VanLengen, a Roseland native, has come home again.

The former University of Nebraska at Kearney basketball player has been at courtside at UNK this week and will provide color analysis of tonight's NCAA Division II Women's Elite championship game for ESPN.

"The fact I get to broadcast a national championship game in Kearney is something special," the 41-year-old said. "I'm really excited about it. I'm looking forward to it."

VanLengen played for the Lopers from 1984-87 and still is in the top 20 in career points. A 1983 graduate of Roseland High School (now Silver Lake High School), she played the first two years of her four-year varsity career with her father, Delmer, serving as assistant coach.

"We had some really good teams when I was in junior high and high school," she said. "Roseland was state runner-up in my seven, eight and nine years. We lost to our rivals, Shickley, in the semifinals of Class D my sophomore year."

A three-sport athlete at Roseland, she excelled in volleyball and track, as well as basketball, earning all conference first team honors three years in volleyball and a trip to the state track meet in shot put and discus her senior year.



VanLengen

In basketball, she was all state honorable mention her junior year and all state first team her senior year. She remembers well going over game strategies with her father, analyzing the strengths and weakness of players and learning how to exploit opponents' weaknesses.

"That's what I've always loved about sports," she said. "I loved the Xs and the Os and to break it down and talk about it. That's what really prepared me to be a broadcaster."

As "coach's kids," she and her two younger siblings, Neil, now 37, and Angie, now 35, had plenty of opportunities to learn while watching their father coach volleyball, basketball and track.

Having practically grown up on the gym floor at Roseland, they have each maintained their passion for sports: Brenda, as an announcer, Neil, as a high school volleyball coach in Dodge, and Angie, as a youth basketball and volleyball coach in North Platte.

Delmer and his wife, Sandra, who reside in Hastings, attended the NCAA tournament Thursday but did not get to see much of their daughter, who spent most of the evening gathering information on teams for her broadcast. The three were planning to do some catching up Friday.

"We're having a lot of fun with it," Delmer said. "She's got reacquainted with people in Kearney who she hadn't seen in quite a while. She has played in alumni games at the college, but she hasn't done that recently."

Though she has been broadcasting games on television for 11 years, Delmer said seeing his daughter behind the microphone so near her hometown has made this visit a tad more meaningful for the family.

"She has been off and on for several years, but being this close to home makes it a little more special," he said.

Brenda agreed, calling this week's visit a melding of past and present.

"I've been back to UNK several times over the years, and it's really special that my two lives — where I started my college basketball career and now doing broadcasting nationwide — are now colliding," she said.

After graduating from UNK, then Kearney State College, she taught two years at Kearney High School and coached freshman basketball. She went on to get her master's degree at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and served as a graduate assistant for the Huskers for two years, then was a full-time assistant for three years.

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Tribune file photo

Three Arabian horses enjoy spacious quarters and a fresh bale of hay on a farm in northern Adams County as they recover from their previous neglect.

Horses finally go on sale

Herd has cost county more than $77,000

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Adams County will soon be rid of a group of horses that have cost the county more than $77,000 since they were taken into custody in 2004 during an animal neglect case.

The 13 horses remaining in the county's custody will be sold at auction April 16 at 2 p.m. at the Adams County Courthouse. The horses will be displayed between 10-11 a.m. on the sale date at 722 W. 94th St.

Adams County Sheriff Gregg Magee said the horses have cost the county $77,262.76 between the time they were taken into custody in January 2004 and February. They were owned by Rose Marie Arthur, 44, formerly of Hastings.

"It added up to be an enormous amount," Magee said.

Following a court order, the horses will be sold to repay a lien the county placed on the horses at the conclusion of the trial for boarding and medical costs while in the county's custody.

Arthur was convicted of 17 of 19 counts of abandonment or cruel neglect of an animal and 19 counts of no animal health certificate by a six-member jury in Adams County Court on Aug. 31, 2004.

Adams County Judge Michael Offner sentenced Arthur to 163 days in jail and ordered her to pay $26,295.88 in restitution for the care of the horses.

The county originally took 19 horses into custody and then one colt was born after the county took custody of the animals. After the county case was resolved, three of the 20 horses were released, leaving 17 in the care of the county. The county court declined to release the remaining horses to Arthur because the county had a lien against the animals and Arthur lacked the resources to properly care for the horses.

Arthur appealed the conviction, but Adams County District Judge Stephen Illingworth Court upheld the lower court's decision. He lowered the restitution to $4,350, based on Arthur's ability to pay, but ruled that the horses could not be sold until the appeal process was finished.

Arthur also appealed the case to the Nebraska Court of Appeals, which upheld the conviction May 3, 2006.

Four of the horses had to be euthanized during the appeals process, leaving 13 to be sold at auction, Magee said.

Adams County Attorney Donna Fegler Daiss said the county waited until all the appeal options were exhausted by Arthur before obtaining a court order for the sale of the horses last week.

After the higher court upheld the conviction, Illingworth ruled Oct. 10, 2006, that the county could foreclose on its lien on the horses.

Magee said the county is currently caring for nine horses at a cost of $4 per day for food and lodging. Four horses are in foster care, where area residents temporarily provide food and shelter for the animals.

He said the sale of the horses will help reduce expenses to the county.

"It's the relief many have been looking for," Magee said.

New officer joins Clay County law enforcement

Clay County sheriff says department is understaffed

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CLAY COUNTY — The Sutton Police Department recently added the newest face to the law enforcement community here.

Officer Tracey Landenberger, 34, began working for the department Feb. 23.

In all, Clay County towns are served by five police officers. Police Chief Rod Brown and Landenberger serve Sutton. Harvard has two full-time officers, Police Chief Greg Thompson and Assistant Chief Tom White. Dee Wilkerson is the Clay Center police chief.

During the last year-and-a-half years, Brown has had three different officers working for him.

"We're just below the state average per capita, but ask any law enforcement agency and they'll tell you they feel like they're understaffed," he said. "We've looked at hiring a third full-time officer the last few years, but we haven't made that leap yet."

Meanwhile, the county has five officers in the sheriff's department.

Sheriff Jeff Franklin said with cuts to school aid and added mandates, there just aren't enough funds to go around — and that squeezes local governments' ability to provide services to their constituents.

For years, finances have been getting tighter and tighter, Franklin said.

"We're not trying to put the blame on anybody," he said. "Tax dollars are few, and we're just trying to do the best we can with what we have."

Right now, though, Franklin can feel the pinch where it involves law enforcement services.

His staff includes Chief Deputy Stan Smith, Court Officer Roger Rodenbeck, and Deputies Sean Julich and Chuck Madison.

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Scott thrilled to come back home

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Shawn Scott is thrilled to be returning to an area he considers home.

The Adams Central Board of Education announced Friday that Scott, 32, would take over as superintendent of the Adams Central School District when current superintendent Mel Crowe steps down at the end of June. Crowe announced his retirement plans in February.

Scott, a native of Kenesaw and current principal and superintendent of Palmer Public Schools, said the move to AC would be good for him and his family.

"I'm going to enjoy working in that size of school district and concentrating on one job and doing it well," Scott said. "I really like to specialize in one area. That's what I'm looking forward to."



Scott

Scott said he's ready to jump in, knowing that his first task will be finalizing the budget. He also said he'll be educating himself as much as he can about the district, the community, the patrons and the families the district serves.

"I plan on learning a lot," he said. "I need to learn a lot about the area, the schools and the families."

Scott was one of four candidates that were initially interviewed beginning March 6. The other candidates were Dave Barrett, current AC principal; William Kuester, superintendent of Unified District No. 1; and John Brazell, superintendent at Freeman Public School.

The board narrowed the field to two with Scott and Barrett and conducted a second round of interviews on Wednesday.

Barrett could not be reached for comment Friday afternoon.

Scott said that longer interview process was a good thing for the district.

"I was glad to see the school board take so much time with it," Scott said. "It shows they care a lot about their school district."

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Semitrailers collide in fog near Strang

Three taken to hospital; load of soybeans spills onto U.S. 81

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STRANG — A southbound semitrailer truck smashed into a semitrailer turning in front of it on U.S. Highway 81 near here Friday morning.

Shortly thereafter, a southbound car came upon the scene and clipped the wreckage, bringing to three the total number of vehicles involved in the accident, Fillmore County Deputy Sheriff Steve Roemmich said.

Three people were taken by ambulance to the Fillmore County Hospital in Geneva for treatment of what did not appear to be serious injuries, Roemmich said.

Meanwhile, workers set about the task of cleaning up most of a trailerload of soybeans that had spilled from one of the trailers all over the road.

The southbound lanes of U.S. 81 were blocked off around the accident scene until about 2:45 p.m. Friday.

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Scott said he informed his staff of his decision on Friday and that doing so was hard.

"It's always hard to switch schools, but I'm also going into a great school district," Scott said.

Scott grew up in Kenesaw and graduated from high school there in 1993. He then attended Central Community College-Hastings before finishing his bachelor's degree at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

His first teaching job was at North Bend Central as an industrial arts teacher in 1998. In 2000, he took a job at Kenesaw Public Schools while he finished his master's in educational administration in 2001. In 2003, he took over as principal at Palmer before becoming both principal and superintendent. He also received his certificate of specialization during that time in 2004.

Scott said during his initial interview that he and his wife, Caryn, wanted to ultimately end up in the Hastings area in the Adams Central School District. Scott and his wife have three daughters: Caitlyn, who is three, Lauryn, who is two, and Megyn, 10 months old.

"I'm excited for the job and looking forward to working with the Adams Central School District," Scott said.

Recording industry: Piracy students settling

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The Associated Press

OMAHA — A recording industry group that has been offering settlements to college students suspected of sharing music online says more than a quarter of the alleged music pirates have accepted the offer.

The Recording Industry Association of America sent letters offering discounted settlements to 400 computer users at 13 universities in late February. Another batch was sent out this week.

Association spokesman Jonathan Lamy said Friday that, so far, 116 settlements were reached after the first round of letters went out.

Those letters targeted students at Arizona State University; Marshall University; North Carolina State University; North Dakota State University; Northern Illinois University; Ohio University; Syracuse University; University of Massachusetts, Amherst; University of Nebraska-Lincoln; University of South Florida; University of Southern California; University of Tennessee, Knoxville; and University of Texas, Austin.

Lamy would not specify which of the schools the 116 students attend.

As part of its ongoing copyright crackdown, the association has sued about 18,000 computer users nationwide since September 2003. The figure includes about 1,000 university students.

The lawsuits were initially filed against "John Doe" defendants, based on their Internet addresses. Many are accused of downloading music over university Internet services.

After filing a lawsuit, recording industry lawyers work through the courts to learn the name of the defendant.

In the association's latest effort to curb music piracy, colleges are given letters to forward to students suspected of music piracy, Lamy said. Students are urged to contact the association to broker a settlement before a lawsuit is filed.

"Part of the rationale for this new program is to offer students a chance to settle early and with no public mark on their record," he said.

The association has declined requests to provide specific details about the settlements.

A letter to one Ohio University student told her that she distributed 787 audio files, putting her total minimum potential liability at more than $590,000. The minimum damages under the law is $750 for each copyright recording that had been shared, the letter said.

Patrick McGee, an attorney Ohio University arranged to meet with its students, has said $3,000 is the standard settlement offer, though cases have settled for as much as $5,000.

The second wave of letters the association sent out Wednesday targeted 405 students at 23 colleges. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln was the only school whose students — 61 in all — were targeted in both rounds of letters.

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Accident: Two semis collide in fog near Strang

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The accident is being investigated by the Nebraska State Patrol, the deputy said. No information from NSP, which would include names of the parties involved, was available Friday afternoon.

Roemmich said the "T-bone" accident, which was called in to authorities at 8:05 Friday morning, took place amid dense fog that limited visibility to less than a quarter-mile.

"That's got to be a major contributing circumstance," he said.

The southbound truck was hauling a load of refrigerated beef. The truck hauling soybeans had been eastbound on Nebraska Highway 74 and stopped at the stop sign before pulling out into U.S. 81 to turn left.

"They hit in the intersection," Roemmich said.

The point of impact with the left-turning truck was in the side of the trailer, he said. The trailer split open, spilling most of its payload into the intersection.

The other trailer appeared to remain intact, Roemmich said.

Officers from the Sheriff's Office and NSP worked the scene. The Nebraska Department of Roads and a Thayer County sheriff's officer helped divert traffic around the mess.

Geneva and Shickley fire and rescue personnel also responded to the accident call.

Roemmich said the soybeans were cleaned from the road using a vacuum system and deposited into another trailer.

Fog continued to blanket the accident scene until it burned off between 10 and 11 a.m., Roemmich said.

CC: Department understaffed according to county sheriff

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Of those, three — Smith, Julich, and Madison — live in Sutton. Rodenbeck lives in Edgar, and Franklin lives in Clay Center.

"We're quite understaffed," Franklin said. "We're really feeling it with towns dropping police departments."

Even though Landenberger now is on board in Sutton, the police department there won't be fully staffed until August.

Landenberger will begin law enforcement training in May. The training will last through August.

Brown said he was glad to have Landenberger a part of the force, and hopes Landenberger will provide some consistency to the community.

"The inability to keep a full-time officer makes it difficult for those committed to the community," he said.

Between September 2004 and September 2006, Fairfield and Glenvil had contracts with the county to provide an officer for the two villages.

"We provided a deputy for them — it was the only place where he put in hours," Franklin said. "But money came up short, so they eliminated the position."

He said the absence of officers might not be noticed immediately, but it would be eventually.

"We had the numbers, but with towns' tax dollars coming up short, towns are dropping police departments," Franklin said. "We don't have time to put into cases like we used to."

Glenvil and Fairfield went together to provide a car for the officer.

Fairfield mayor Lynn Ridgway said so far there hadn't been too much trouble without an officer focused on his town.

"But we have ordinances we'd like to have addressed and unlicensed vehicles we'd like to take care of," he said.

Prior to the contract with the county, Ridgway said, Fairfield and Glenvil went together to obtain a patrol vehicle and hire a police officer.

"We really can't afford to do it," he said. "Our car was getting old."

Further thinning his office's resources, Franklin said, are unfunded mandates like sex offender registration, handgun permits and Vehicle Identification Number inspections that the sheriff now is responsible for offering.

"All are at a cost to county to get (officers) trained to go by rules and regulations, and we don't get a dime for the workload driving out to do these," he said.

The county does have a mutual aid agreement with the towns that have police officers.

"It's the only way if an officer is in trouble in town to get an officer to them when the deputy is across the county," Franklin said. "It's safer for the officer."

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- PAC 2, 1:30 p.m.
- 900 block of East Sixth Street, 1:35-2:05 p.m.
- College View, 2:10 p.m.
- Pooh Corner College, 2:30 p.m.
- 100 block of Paul Street, 2:55 p.m.

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- Holstein School, 9:15-10 a.m.
- Silver Lake Elementary (Bladen), 10:30 a.m.

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- District No. 60, 1:15-2:50 p.m.

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Piracy: Students settling with record industry group

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UNL spokeswoman Kelly Bartling said the university was having problems identifying some of the targeted students because the university only stores computer usage records for 31 days.

Thirteen of the 36 students sent letters in February have been identified, she said, and 19 of the 25 sent letters this week were.

Bartling said Friday that the students were being referred to the university's student legal services for advice, but she didn't know how many have accepted a settlement.

Lamy said UNL's records-keeping policy is an anomaly among universities the association is dealing with.

"Reasonable data retention policies are essential," he said. "Lawsuits for music theft are just one example, but there are a host of other crimes regularly perpetrated on computer networks.

"As services providers, one would think universities would understand the need to retain these records."

The university isn't planning to change the records policy, UNL network security analyst Zac Reimer said earlier this week. That's partly because the association probably will begin asking for names in the same months the file-sharing occurred, he said.

Home: Roseland grad calling championship on ESPN

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UNK coach Carol Russell was a senior member of the Husker squad when VanLengen arrived and joined the coaching staff as a graduate assistant after that.

In 1990, VanLengen moved to Kansas City, getting in on the ground floor of Coach's Edge, a company that produced sports-related animated software. The company was eventually bought by Sport Vision, the pioneers of the yellow first-down line on football broadcasts.

But by that time, VanLengen had embarked on another career.

She began doing color analysis for Nebraska Public Television in 1995, doing three games per year. She was hired by Fox Sports Net in 1998 and became the analyst on its Big 12 games in 1999.

By 2001, she started doing NCAA Tournament games for ESPN. Last year, she did 40 games and expects to do more this year.

As a former player who has traveled the world both playing and announcing basketball, she feels duly bound to carry the torch for women in the sports world, she said. Her position gives her the unique opportunity to do just that.

"I feel really honored and blessed to be an announcer," she said. "I feel like it's my responsibility to be able to tell the stories of these young women and coaches in the game who dedicate their lives to the sport of basketball. It's a great opportunity that I have to be able to not only tell the Xs and Os, but also tell people about these young women and all they do to be successful in their sport."

Tonight will be the third time in the last four years she has called the Division II finals, something she said she looks forward to.

"I love how hard they play, and I enjoy how everyone works together," she said. "It's obviously a lot like I played. ... Everybody at that level may not be blessed with the athleticism, but there are a lot of players who love the game, understand the game and play it fundamentally sound, and that's what I like the most."

While most games VanLengen broadcasts are Division I, she kept track of Division II because of her recent duties with the championship tournament.

"One of the exciting things about the DII tournament is there are teams from all over the country," she said. "It's exciting and interesting because you get to see different styles of basketball. ... I hope people, coaches around the area with their high school teams, or everybody who's ever played, comes out. It's fun basketball to watch.

"Even though you don't know the players or the teams, it's still a lot of fun to watch."

During the off-season, she is employed full-time as vice president of Pe4life, a non-profit organization based in Kansas City, Mo., that works within schools to promote more active lifestyles to students.

"We're about exposing children to a variety of sports and fitness activities so they can choose what they like to do and can get excited about being physically fit and healthy for the rest of their lives," she said.

At home in Kansas City, she keeps a hand in basketball by teaching it to her two adopted sons, Cody and Zakkary, both 12.

"It's fun to watch them," she aid. "Zakkary is a good ballhandler, and Cody is more of a natural athlete who doesn't like to practice. I help coach their team."

Though she's been offered announcing posts in other sports, including softball and volleyball, she simply cannot see herself tackling another sport behind the microphone besides basketball.

"I know just enough about volleyball and softball to be dangerous," she said, "but I'm an expert in basketball. I just want to continue on with my status nationally and continue broadcasting the game on a national level."



ERIC GREGORY/*AP*

Lancaster County Sheriff's Deputies carry bags after searching the apartment of late Arop Arou Mabang Daljang, whose body was found in a Lincoln-area lake on Wednesday in Lincoln Friday.

Body found in lake identified

The Associated Press

LINCOLN — A man whose body was found Wednesday by a fisherman in a Lincoln-area lake was identified Friday as a Sudanese refugee who lived in Lincoln.

Authorities still don't know how 41-year-old Arop Arou Mabang Daljang died, or how long his body had been in the water. Because the water has been cold, it's difficult even to guess from the condition of the body how long ago Daljang died, said Lancaster County Sheriff Terry Wagner.

A man searching for snagged fishing lures found the body in the water Wednesday evening near Area 13 of Branched Oak Lake.

Daljang came to the United States from Sudan in 2000 as a refugee, settling in Lincoln in 2003, according to the sheriff's office. He had a cousin in Lincoln, but hadn't been reported missing, Wagner said.

Daljang was identified using fingerprints on file from a 2003 arrest for a domestic violence incident involving his ex-wife, who lives in Denver, Wagner said.

M.A.D.D. looking for court monitors

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Mothers Against Drunk Driving (M.A.D.D.) is looking for volunteers to collect data about driving under the influence of alcohol cases in Adams County.

"They will get knowledge of the judicial system," said Letha Brooks, M.A.D.D. court monitoring coordinator. "They can make a difference in society and hopefully, in the future, save someone's life, just by being in the courtroom."

Brooks said the program will gather information to help educate people about the prosecution of DUI cases.

"The idea is to increase the DUI convictions," she said. "We would like to have someone in on every DUI case."

She said volunteers receive training to make sure they feel comfortable in the courtroom before they are sent out to monitor a case on their own. She said there is no interaction with people involved, as volunteers only watch the proceedings and report any trends, patterns or behaviors in the courtroom.

Brooks said one of the problems with DUI convictions in Adams County is that court proceedings are less organized and strict than in Hall County.

"In Adams County, it's very easy to pinpoint the problem," she said. "The court procedures are just not strict enough in Adams County."

She said some cases are dismissed because of time delays. She said the average DUI case in Adams County takes 185 days, far more than the 60-90 day average in Hall County.

For more information about the volunteer program, contact Brooks at (308) 398-4004.

"We're not against drinking. We're not against driving," she said. "We are against drinking and driving."

Council expected to approve annexation of four businesses

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The Hastings City Council is expected to give first-round approval for the annexation of four businesses near Hastings on Monday.

This will be the first of three readings to approve the incremental annexation of Eaton Corp., Nebraska Cold Storage, Van Diest Supply Co. and the Pepsi Cola Bottling Corp.

The four businesses are currently in Industrial Park West and Industrial Park North.

At this time, the City Council is scheduled to approve annexation of 20 percent of each business for this year. Through this process, the city will be able to access property taxes on 20 percent of the property. Adams County will still be able to assess taxes on the remaining 80 percent of each property.

An additional 20 percent of each business will be annexed for the next four years until the entire property has been annexed into the city.

With this annexation, each business will now have to start charging the city's sales tax, increasing the business' sales tax from 5.5 to 6.5 percent.

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

The council also will:

- Consider the recommendation of the Hastings Utilities Board of Public Works to award the contract for the cooling tower rebuild for Whelan Energy Center Unit One to Cooling Tower Depot, of Golden, Colo., for $683,435.
- Consider the recommendation of the Hastings Utilities Board of Public Works to award the contract for the coal handling system modifications to Casey Industrial, Inc., of Broomfield, Colo., for $2,469,500.
- Consider approval of the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for digital mapping with Adams County.
- Consider approval of the city's debt policy.

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Area of specialty: Family Medicine

Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital and the Moscati Health Center are pleased to welcome Dr. Brandon M. Jahnke to the hospital and the Hastings community.

Jahnke, a native of York, received his Medical Degree in 2003 from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine in Omaha. He served a residency through June 2006 with Via Christi Family Medicine-St. Frances Family Practice Clinic in Wichita, Kansas, and the Wichita Center for Graduate Medical Education.

He is board-certified in Family Medicine.

Jahnke and his wife, Amy, have two young children.

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Adams County Dental Society

HRC: Staff, state leaders address accusations

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"Their use and behaviors are endangering others and themselves," Westman said Thursday.

For Deal, the idea of putting these children into community-based programs seems obscure when they already have failed there before.

"That particular form of treatment isn't suited for their needs," he said. "They need a whole lot more intensive care, and it takes 16-20 weeks. You have to build trust with the young man."

Based on the criteria for entrance into HRC's chemical dependency program, Gibson said, he is confused how transferring the funds to only community-based programs would help these boys.

He said he is more understanding of shifting HRC's other juvenile program, which focuses on behavioral health, to a community-based system — but he hasn't been convinced there, either.

Gibson said the youth mental health program is a supplement to the current community-based programs. In fact, he said, the HRC program works with the community programs instead of in competition with them. And children are placed there only if no beds in community-based programs are available, or if they previously failed in those programs, he said.

They don't first seek care at HRC.

"When the community-based providers are full, there is a need and a demand for the state-operated beds," he said. "When the community-provider census goes down, then they are the ones that want the kids to stay in the community, so that is the first placement of choice."

When many community beds have been full, HRC's program has swelled to 15, Gibson said. Its capacity is 22. Currently, there are seven or eight youths in the program.

Deal said some of program's participants have tried community-based treatment and failed. For that reason, he said, community providers are less likely to take them.

"Basically, you can pick and choose the ones you think you might be able to deal with, but the ones that really need the help are the ones you're throwing away," Deal said. "So what would this program do for the youth that really need the help?"

Gibson said he's unsure how completely shifting to community programs will work when HRC is no longer there to serve as a safety net.

"What do you do when all the community-based beds are full?" he said.

The cost to maintain each bed in HRC's program can run higher when patient numbers are low, Gibson said. But he also said the safety net is there to protect the children when no community beds are available.



Tribune file photo

Troy Teets (right) oversees two young men working in the Hastings Regional Center's classroom "newspaper" office on Nov. 22, 2000, getting hands-on experience with graphics and publishing.

"To get rid of the safety net, you could end up in a predicament where you have kids and all community-based providers are full and there's no place for the kid," he said.

When asked where the kid would go at that point, Gibson responded: "I don't have the answer to that."

Family involvement

Synowiecki said he introduced LB542 based on information he received from Voices for Children in Nebraska, an Omaha-based nonprofit organization that focuses on children's issues, including child abuse, juvenile justice, physical and behavioral health and education.

In his testimony to the committee, Synowiecki said his main motivation for shifting the services was because of a lack of family involvement in HRC's programs. Plus, he said, having the facility in Hastings makes it difficult for some families to travel to see their children.

Under his bill, Synowiecki said, individual facilities would be constructed around the state to create community-based programs closer to patients' families.

However, it's unclear how many facilities would be constructed under the bill or how much they would cost.

Synowiecki argued that children aren't able to interact with their families at HRC, which can be detrimental for the children and their parents.

Deal called the accusation completely false.

"They couldn't have been farther off target with family involvement," he said. "That was such a misstatement, because a very large part of our program is having the youth learn about family roles and having an understanding of how the addiction process has affected the family."

Deal said the families attend meetings and therapy sessions with their children to discuss the root of their issues and educate them about long-term treatment.

"We take painstaking efforts to try to not just educate the youths, but also the families," he said.

In addition to the sessions, Westman said, the therapists must be in contact with the parents every week, whether it be in person or by telephone.

While many parents are involved, Westman and Deal both said, some parents don't want to be involved.

Some parents cannot be involved because they are detrimental to the child's progress in treatment, they said.

"There are circumstances where the families are toxic to the kids," Deal said. "Some kids are wards of the state and don't have families that are good for them to be around."

In those situations, Deal said, HRC works with relatives or others who will be responsible for the child upon release in order to ensure the child is moving into a safe environment.

While some parents have an opinion either way about their children being in HRC's system, Westman said, some are simply apathetic.

"It's not that all parents are against us," she said. "Some parents just don't want to be involved. But we try to involve the parents in everything we do."

Westman said HRC has offered educational programs for parents and even sponsored Parents Days, but oftentimes, parents just do not show up.



Tribune file photo

A wide variety of interests are covered in the classrooms at Hastings Regional Center. Here a student is teaching himself the fundamentals of guitar on Nov. 22, 2000.

Synowiecki also argued that most of HRC's youth come from Lincoln and Omaha, adding traveling to Hastings is too far for some of them to travel.

According to statistics from the Nebraska Health and Human Services System, 35 percent of youth currently in the chemical dependency program come from region 6, which includes Omaha; 17.5 percent come from region 5, which includes Lincoln; and 20.5 percent come from region 3, which includes the Tri-Cities. The remaining percentage come from the remaining three regions in the state.

As for the mental health program, 33 percent come from region 6; 17 percent from region 5; 17 percent from region 3; 17 percent from region 1, which includes the Panhandle; and none from the other two regions.

Regarding the families' ability to make the trip to Hastings, Deal said he knew of times when HRC has provided funds or transportation for them so they could visit.

"The parents need to be here," he said. "It would be a concern for the facility if the families weren't involved in the child's treatment."

With boys as young as 13 in the drug treatment program, Deal said, family still is the most basic form of identification for the boys.

Some boys enter HRC thinking a gang is their family and have begun adapting to that idea.

"In those cases, our main concern is to try to have them recognize the healthy value of real family and how to look at the gang activity as an unhealthy way of reaching family," he said.

When the youth leave HRC, Westman said, they leave with care plans and have arrangements made for therapists and social workers to see them in their home communities.

"Not all kids will say when they leave that they were glad they were here, but some will say, "Yeah, I really needed this,' " Westman said.

While the fate of LB542 remains in the hands of the Appropriations Committee, Deal and Westman are hopeful the programs will continue to bring changes to the lives of children in need.

"You can really see a change in them while they're there," Deal said. "There's no doubt about that."

Bacteria: Franklin County patient had case of TB

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If not treated properly, TB disease can be fatal. TB disease once was the leading cause of death in the United States.

In addition to active TB, there is also latent TB. Miller said patients with latent TB test positive for the disease even if there are no symptoms.

"If you were to become ill, or had immuno complications, then it could turn into an active case," she said. "Once we find a latent, they would go on medication."

Miller could not identify the gender of the person who contracted tuberculosis, where he or she lives or when treatment occurred because of confidentially issues.

She did say a doctor would prescribe a "regime of medication" to treat a case of tuberculosis.

The CDC Web site said that regime includes the drugs isoniazid, rifampin, ethambutol and pyrazinamide.

The Web site said that TB bacteria die very slowly.

It takes at least six months for the medicine to kill all the TB bacteria. And even though patients probably will start feeling well after only a few weeks of treatment, the TB bacteria are still alive in their bodies.

"That's just because of how the bacteria is made up," Miller said. "It takes that (long) to make sure its eradicate from the body."

The health department provides direct observation therapy, in which a nurse goes to the patients and watches them take medication, five days a week.

Patients should be isolated, but after two weeks of medication, TB no longer is contagious, Miller said. She said if the patient is in a hospital setting, he or she is kept in a setting that contains negative pressure.

"Air out your room often to the outside of the building," the Web site said. "TB spreads in small closed spaces where air doesn't move. Put a fan in your window to blow out air that may be filled with TB bacteria. If you open other windows in the room, the fan also will pull in fresh air. This will reduce the chances that TB bacteria will stay in the room and infect someone who breathes the air."

Rice: U.S. may offer own proposals for Mideast peace

ANNE GEARAN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Friday the U.S. may one day propose its own solutions to the most vexing problems dividing Israel and the Palestinians, such as the borders of an eventual independent Palestinian state.

In the meantime, Rice said, she wants to use meetings like those she will attend in coming days in Jerusalem and the West Bank to draft a common set of questions and concerns on both sides. She gave no timetable for either effort but made clear that the United States would be at the center of them.

"I don't rule out that at some point that might be a useful thing to do," Rice said when asked about presenting a set of U.S. proposals to settle enduring problems that have scuttled past negotiations for peace. Those include borders, the fate of Jerusalem and the rights of Palestinians and their descendants who left when Israel was formed in 1948.

The United States has not publicly placed its own proposed solutions before the Israelis and Palestinians since the closing months of the Clinton administration. Both sides say U.S. involvement is crucial to any political accommodations between the two sides.

Rice is trying to invigorate new peace talks despite long odds. She will see Israeli and Palestinian leaders separately on this trip, which comes a week after the Palestinians formed a coalition government that falls short of international demands.

"What I want to do is to establish ... a common approach in parallel between the two parties, to have a mechanism or certain elements that I am using to structure the discussion," Rice told reporters before leaving for her trip.

"I hope that I can get them to see that there is some advantage to having a common language, a common approach, a common mechanism for working through what issues have to be resolved," she said.

Rice also criticized Hamas, the radical group that controls most of the Palestinian government, for not releasing captured Israeli soldier Cpl. Gilad Shalit. He was taken last June when Hamas-affiliated gunmen tunneled under the border between Gaza and Israel and attacked an army base.

"It certainly would have gotten this national unity government off to a better start internationally than it's off to right now," Rice said.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said Thursday that a deal has been reached to free a captured Israeli soldier, but details still have to be worked out.



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funding would shift to create the Enhanced Services and Capacity Expansion Fund for Juveniles and create community-based, private treatment programs for the youth.

Sen. John Synowiecki, of Omaha, testified he introduced the bill based on information he received from Kathy Bigsby Moore, director of Voices for Children in Nebraska. The Omaha-based nonprofit organization focuses on children's issues, including child abuse, juvenile justice, physical and behavioral health and education.

At the hearing, Synowiecki, Bigsby Moore and others questioned the ability and genuine concern of HRC's staff.

Bigsby Moore argued that children at HRC received a hand-me-down facility from the adults who were moved to the Lincoln Regional Center and a hand-me-down staff that had been trained to work with adults.

"I hope that when we look at advancing this bill, we do so because the children of our state deserve to be first, not secondary to adults, not taking hand-me-downs from adults," Bigsby Moore testified at hearing.

Synowiecki called the staff "run-of-the-mill" and said youth could receive better care and more attention in community-based programs.

"I think they genuinely have more interest in the outcomes and treatment outcomes for these kids than your run-of-the-mill state worker at the Hastings Regional Center," he testified before the committee, of which he is a member. "Nothing demeaning towards them whatsoever, but that's my belief."

Westman defended HRC's staff.

"Some of us have been here for 43 years," she said. "I've been a state employee for 28 years, and I wouldn't be here if I didn't care, and I could just do something else."

Tim Deal, a youth care specialist at HRC, said he was experienced working with adults before he began working primarily with youth.

He said when the chemical dependency program for adults was taken out of HRC in the mid 1990s, Deal followed those patients to St. Francis Medical Center in Grand Island. There, he worked to help transition the patients and staff for four years, while also gaining some experience working with youth.

During that same time, the Hastings Juvenile Chemical Dependency Program came to HRC in October 1999. The staff had to undergo another interview process to ensure they could work with youth in order to retain their positions.

Even with Deal's experience, when he returned to HRC after working at St. Francis, he had to go through additional training in order to work with the youth at the facility.

Deal said the training is just one part of the hiring process. According to job requirements, he said, HRC prefers to have 75 percent of its staff to have bachelor's degrees or five years of experience working with drug dependent youth.

"So, it's not one of those jobs you just fall into," he said. "You don't walk in with an application and say, 'I want to work with the kids.' It doesn't work like that at all."

Westman said the employees also go through regular training to improve their skills in working with the youth.

"We're certainly not hand-me-down staff," she said. "We have ongoing training to work with kids."

Sen. John Harms, of Scottsbluff, a member of the Appropriations Committee, questioned Westman during Monday's hearing about the large number of employees versus the smaller number of youth.



DARRAN FOWLER/*Tribune*

HRC social worker Barb Westman stands next to the entrance sign, Dec. 10, 2003.

HRC employs about 250 people and averages about 43 youth each day for substance abuse and mental illness.

The same day as the hearing, though, HRC announced about 100 jobs would be eliminated.

According to information from the Nebraska Health and Human Services System, there are currently 264.5 full-time equivalent employees at HRC. Of those, 140 work with youth, while another 25 work specifically with the adult acute program. The rest hold other positions within the operation.

Because HRC is a 24-hour facility, staff work in a variety of positions during three shifts. Positions include care staff, maintenance, food service, health information, medical staff, housekeeping, laundry, secretarial, pharmacy, safety, library/video, social workers, therapists, communications, and activities, according to HHSS.

Support staff in education, budget/business office/supplies, and human resources are not included in the full-time equivalent positions.

"This encompasses everybody," Westman said Thursday of the number of employees. "It's not just that there are 47 psych techs to one kid."

Troops: House approves bill to withdrawal from Iraq

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The $124 billion House legislation would pay for wars in Iraq and Afghanistan this year but would require that combat troops come home from Iraq before September 2008 — or earlier if the Iraqi government did not meet certain requirements. Democrats said it was time to heed the mandate of their election sweep last November, which gave them control of Congress.

"The American people have lost faith in the president's conduct of this war," said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif. "The American people see the reality of the war, the president does not."

Just over an hour following the vote, Bush angrily accused Democrats of playing politics and renewed his promise to veto the spending legislation if it included their withdrawal timetable, despite administration claims that the money is needed next month by troops.

"These Democrats believe that the longer they can delay funding for our troops, the more likely they are to force me to accept restrictions on our commanders, an artificial timetable for withdrawal and their pet spending projects. This is not going to happen," he said.

Congress so far has provided more than $500 billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, including about $350 billion for Iraq alone, according to the Congressional Research Service.

Across the Capitol, the Senate planned to begin debate Monday on its own war spending bill, which also calls for a troop withdrawal — and also has drawn a Bush veto threat.

The Senate's $122 billion measure would require that Bush begin bringing home an unspecified number of troops within four months with a non-binding goal of getting all combat troops out by March 31, 2008.

These bills "offer a responsible strategy that reflects what the American people asked for in November — redeploying our troops out of Iraq and refocusing our resources to more effectively fight the war on terror," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.

While Friday's House vote represented the Democrats' latest intensifying of political pressure on Bush, they still face long odds of ultimately forcing him to sign such legislation.

In the Senate, Democratic leaders will need 60 votes to prevail — a tall order because that would mean persuading about a dozen Republicans to join them.

And should lawmakers send Bush a measure he rejects, both chambers would need two-thirds majorities to override his veto — margins that neither seems likely to muster.

Voting for the House bill were 216 Democrats and two Republicans — Wayne Gilchrest of Maryland and Walter Jones of North Carolina. Of the 212 members who opposed it, 198 were Republicans and 14 were Democrats.

Those opposing Democrats included seven of the party's more conservative members, including Georgia Rep. Jim Marshall, Tennessee Rep. Lincoln Davis and Mississippi Rep. Gene Taylor, who say they do not want to tie the hands of military commanders.

The other seven dissenters were members of a liberal anti-war caucus who routinely oppose war spending and would accept only legislation that would bring troops home immediately.

Fearing that other liberals would join them and tip the scales, Pelosi had spent days trying to convince members that the bill was Congress' best shot at forcing a new course in Iraq — an argument that was aided when the Democrats added more than $20 billion in domestic spending in an effort to lure votes.



DENNIS COOK/*AP*

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of Calif. (left) and Rep. Patrick Murphy take part in a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington after a sharply divided House of Representatives voted to order President Bush to bring combat troops home from Iraq next year.

Pelosi received a boost this week when several of the bill's most consistent critics said they would not pressure members to vote against it, even though they would oppose it themselves.

The vote was considered a personal victory for the new speaker, whose husband watched the debate Friday from the gallery overlooking the House floor.

Anti-war groups remained divided on whether passage of the bill was a good thing, and protesters tried to disrupt debate Friday and pressure members to oppose the bill.

"This is just the beginning of the beginning of the end of this war," said Rep. Barbara Lee, D-Calif., among those who opposed the bill.

The emotional debate surrounding the bill echoed clashes between lawmakers and the White House over the Vietnam War four decades ago.

"We're going to make a difference with this bill," bellowed Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., a Vietnam War veteran who helped write the legislation.

"We're going to bring those troops home. We're going to start changing the direction of this great nation," he said, bringing a standing ovation and hugs from his colleagues.

Pentagon investigates Tillman death

LOLITA C. BALDOR
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Pentagon investigation will recommend that nine officers, including up to four generals, be held accountable for missteps in the aftermath of the friendly fire death of Army Ranger Pat Tillman in Afghanistan, senior defense officials said Friday.

The Defense Department inspector general will cite a range of missteps and inappropriate conduct as the military probed the former football star's death on the battlefront in 2004, said one defense official.

The official, who requested anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue, said it appears that senior military leaders may not have had all the facts or worked hard enough to get the facts of what happened on that day in April 2004.

The Army persisted in telling Tillman's family he was killed in a conventional ambush at least 11 days after the death, at his nationally televised memorial service — when dozens of soldiers knew that was not the case.

Many soldiers — those immediately around Tillman at the scene of the shooting, his immediate superiors and high-ranking officers at a command post nearby — knew within minutes or hours that his death was caused by friendly fire. The inspector general's investigation has focused on how high up the chain of command that knowledge went.

Documens show Gonzales approved firings

LARA JAKES JORDAN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Alberto Gonzales approved plans to fire several U.S. attorneys in a November meeting, according to documents released Friday that contradict earlier claims that he was not closely involved in the dismissals.

The Nov. 27 meeting, in which the attorney general and at least five top Justice Department officials participated, focused on a five-step plan for carrying out the firings of the prosecutors, Justice Department officials said late Friday.

There, Gonzales signed off on the plan, which was crafted by his chief of staff, Kyle Sampson. Sampson resigned last week in the wake of the political firestorm surrounding the firings.

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Friday's closing local markets

Corn	3.69
Soybeans	6.91
Milo	3.69
Wheat	4.65

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Kinder Morgan	106.02	-0.12
Level 3	6.18	+0.01
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PepsiCo	64.09	-0.02
TierOne	26.91	0.00
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Senate passes budget plan

ANDREW TAYLOR
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate approved a Democratic budget plan Friday that promises a balanced budget in five years by mixing spending increases with partial renewal of expiring tax cuts.

The $2.9 trillion budget outline won approval on a 52-47 vote, but only after Democratic moderates rewrote it to favor extending several popular tax cuts that are to expire at the end of the decade.

The most immediate impact would be to sanction big spending increases when lawmakers later this year write budget bills for the Pentagon and domestic Cabinet agencies.

The vote was a victory for Senate leaders who viewed passing a budget as a key sign of Democrats' ability to govern. The vote was mostly along party lines, though two Republicans joined the Democrats in backing the plan, Sens. Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins of Maine.

Congress failed to pass a budget last year, and Democrats didn't even bring one to the floor when controlling the Senate in 2002.

The Democratic blueprint is nonbinding but sets guidelines for follow-up legislation.

It also would require that lawmakers seeking to cut taxes or boost benefit programs — such as Medicare, children's health care or farm subsidies — to "pay for" the changes with tax increases or offsetting spending cuts.

The budget suffers, however, from some of the same flaws Democrats see in Bush's February budget plan. Like Bush, the Democrats left out funding for the long-term costs of the war in Iraq and for fixing the alternative minimum tax that threatens unsuspecting middle-class families.

"I don't assert that this is a perfect budget," said Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad, D-N.D. "But at the end of the day, the test for us is, 'Can we write a budget for our country?"'

Republicans criticized the Democratic plan for allowing above-inflation increases for domestic agency budgets and for assuming that lower taxes on income, inheritances and investments passed during Bush's first term will expire in 2010.

Spinach E. coli traced to small cattle ranch

The Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. — The likely source of an E. coli outbreak in spinach that killed three people and sickened more than 200 was a small cattle ranch about 30 miles from California's central coastline, state and federal officials said Friday as they concluded their investigation.

Authorities for the first time said they had isolated the deadly E. coli strain on Paicines Ranch in San Benito County near a field the ranch leased to Mission Organics, a spinach grower.

They found E. coli "indistinguishable from the outbreak strain" in river water, cattle feces, and wild pig feces on the ranch within a mile a from the spinach fields, the California Department of Health Services and U.S. Food and Drug Administration said in a joint report.

Investigators said they could not make a "definitive determination" as to how the E. coli contaminated the spinach that reached market.

"We'll never be able to make a definitive link, but this shows the inherent risk in the area," said Patti Roberts, a spokeswoman for the health department.



ROYAL NAVY/*AP*

A March 9 picture released by Britain's Royal Navy on Friday of the Type 22 frigate HMS Cornwall on patrol in the North Arabian Gulf. The Iranian navy detained up to 15 British troops Friday in the Persian Gulf, according to defense officials. The Britons were in two inflatable boats from the frigate during a routine smuggling investigation, traveling along the boundary of territorial waters between Iran and Iraq.

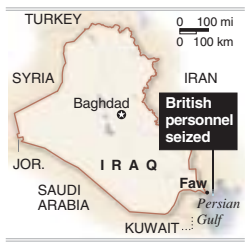
Iranian forces seize British party

BRITAIN DEMANDS RETURN OF 15 SAILORS, MARINES

JIM KRANE
The Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Naval forces of Iran's hardline Revolutionary Guards captured 15 British sailors and marines at gunpoint Friday in the Persian Gulf — an audacious move coming during heightened tensions between the West and Iran.

U.S. and British officials said a boarding party from the frigate HMS Cornwall was seized about 10:30 a.m. during a routine inspection of a merchant ship inside Iraqi territorial waters near the disputed Shatt al-Arab waterway.



SOURCE: ESRI **AP**

Iran's Foreign Ministry insisted the Britons were operating in Iranian waters and would be held "for further investigation," Iranian state television said.

A U.S. Navy official in Bahrain, Cmdr. Kevin Aandahl, said Iran's Revolutionary Guard naval forces were responsible and had broadcast a brief radio message saying the British party was not harmed.

In London, the British government summoned the Iranian ambassador to the Foreign Office, and Foreign Secretary Margaret Beckett said he "was left in no doubt that we want them back."

Iranian TV quoted an Iranian Foreign Ministry official as saying the top British diplomat in Tehran had been called in to receive Tehran's protest of the "illegal entry" into Iranian waters.

"This is not the first time that British military personnel during the occupation of Iraq have entered illegally into Iran's territorial waters," the unidentified official was quoted as saying.

Britain's Defense Ministry said the Royal Navy personnel were "engaged in routine boarding operations of merchant shipping in Iraqi territorial waters" and had completed a ship inspection when they were accosted by Iranian vessels.

The eight Royal Navy sailors and seven Royal Marines were part of a task force that protects Iraqi oil terminals and maintains security in Iraqi waters under authority of the U.N. Security Council.

The Cornwall's commander, Commodore Nick Lambert, said the frigate lost communication with the boarding party, but a helicopter crew saw Iranian naval vessels approach.

"I've got 15 sailors and marines who have been arrested by the Iranians and my immediate concern is their safety," he told British Broadcasting Corp. television.

Lambert said he hoped it was a "simple mistake" stemming from the long dispute between Iraq and Iran over demarcating their territorial waters just off the mouth of the Shatt al-Arab, a waterway that divides the two countries.

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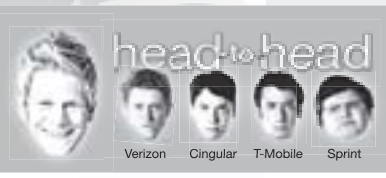
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Florida advances to Elite 8

MARK LONG
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Al Horford and Joakim Noah had small spots of blood speckled across their shirts and shorts — remnants of Butler's aggressive, physical play.

For Florida's big men, the red dots were a reminder of how tough it can be to try to repeat as national champions.

"We're going to do whatever it takes," Horford said.

They might have to, because if the top-seeded Gators are going to win consecutive NCAA titles, it seems they're going to do it the hard way.

Horford had 16 points, seven rebounds and a key block in the final minute to help the top-seeded Gators overcome another slow start and hold off undersized Butler 65-57 Friday night.

Florida (32-5), trying to become the first team since Duke in 1992 to win consecutive national titles, advanced to the Midwest Regional on Sunday against the Oregon-UNLV winner.

"Teams are going to play you a lot different when you're the defending national champions, and we're aware of that," Horford said.

Indeed.

The Gators trailed by as many as nine points and never found their comfort zone against the scrappy Bulldogs.

But they took control in the final two minutes — thanks mostly to Horford. The 6-foot-10 forward converted a three-point play with 2:34 remaining, then blocked a shot with 16.3 seconds to play.

Playing from behind was nothing new for Florida, at least not in this year's tournament.

The Gators, who won six tournament games last year by an average of 16 points, have had more rough spots than expected in the first three rounds.

They trailed No. 16 seed Jackson State by five points early and were up just six at halftime before pulling away.

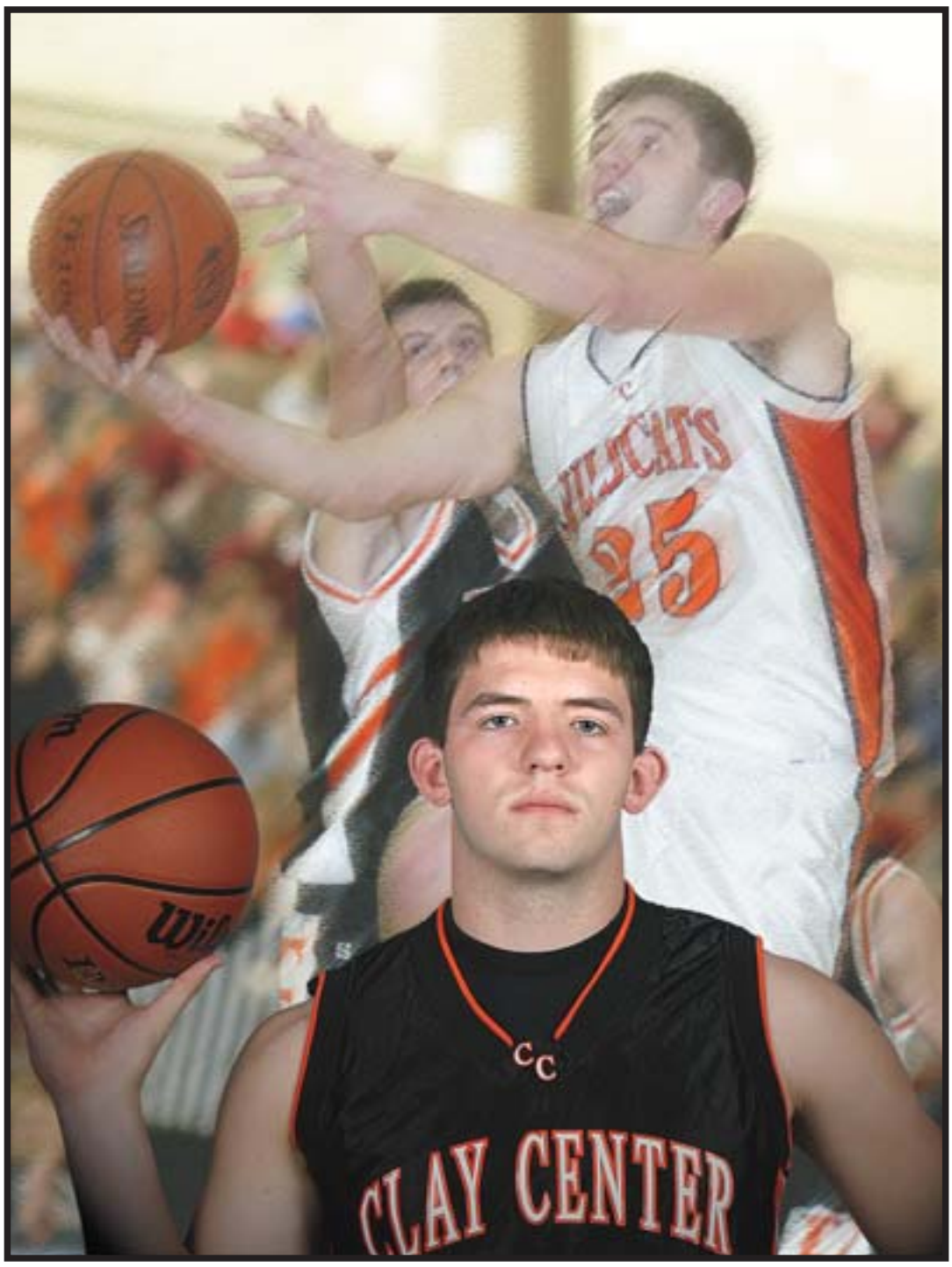
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JEFF ROBERSON/*AP*

Florida's Joakim Noah (13) goes up for a shot against Butler's Brian Ligon during the first half of an NCAA Midwest Regional basketball semifinal in St. Louis on Friday.

ALL-TRIBLAND



AMY ROH/*Tribune illustration*

Clay Center senior Bryson Studnicka has been named the All-Tribland boys basketball player of the year.

Work ethic key to Studnicka's success

CLAY CENTER SENIOR NAMED TRIBLAND PLAYER OF THE YEAR

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Back in fifth grade, Bryson Studnicka dreamed of playing Division I football.

It had to seem like a long-shot back then for the Clay Center native, growing up in small town that played eight-man football and went from 1991 to 2003 without qualifying for the state playoffs.

But Studnicka never gave up on that dream, working hard on and off the field to make it come true. That long-shot became a reality earlier this year when the Clay Center senior signed a national letter of intent to play football for the University of Wyoming.

"Bryson has natural athletic ability," said Rick Rath, Studnicka's coach on the basketball court. "But the thing that makes him different from other athletes is that he has worked so hard to make the most of his opportunities.

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"He's been very, very goal-oriented. He's always set goals and worked toward those goals. He's really been focused."

That work ethic also has paid off on the basketball part for Studnicka, who has been named the 2007 All-Tribland boys basketball player of the year.

The 6-foot-4 senior post player led the Wildcats to a 19-4 record and its second straight state tournament appearance this past season. Although Clay Center failed to win a game at state each of the past two years, Studnicka played a major role in turning around a program that went winless when he was in eighth grade and won just five games during his freshman year.

"It's been exciting going from a five-win season to two state tournament appearances in a row," Studnicka said. "As a whole, this past season was pretty good. We got our conference championship. And we won a lot of big games down the road (in the regular season) to get us the wild card."

Over the past four years, Studnicka started every game but one. He topped the 1,000-point mark for his career this season.

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Plenty of questions surround Broncos

HC FOOTBALL LOOKS TO FILL HOLES LEFT OPEN BY LOSS OF 30 SENIORS

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Another season is set to begin for the Hastings College football team — the spring season.

The Broncos will hold the first of their 15 spring practices at the Osborne Family Sports Complex Sunday at 6:30 p.m. The "season," as HC coach Paul Mierkiewicz calls it, will wrap up with the spring game tentatively scheduled for April 22 at 3 p.m. at Lloyd Wilson Field.

"We've got to replace 30 seniors — that's a ton," Mierkiewicz said of the team's objectives this spring. "You don't realize how many that is and how much they did. But fortunately, we had some young players get a lot of playing time this past year because of injuries.

"We want to try and establish what our playing roles will be — to some extent — because we're going to be adding 50-55 more players in the fall."

One of most intriguing question marks surrounding the team this off-season has been at the quarterback position. With last year's starter Robert Andrews graduated and soon-to-be trying his hand in the Canadian Football League, Mierkiewicz brought in Mendocino Community College-transfer signal caller Dayton Edwards.

Jerad Krejci, who took over the quarterback position when Andrews suffered a season-ending injury last fall, left the team in the off-season.

That leaves Edwards to battle it out with backups Jordan Reed and Chris Aid for the starting position. The team also signed quarterbacks Troy Huebert of Aurora and Mike Fisher of Omaha, who will join the team in the fall.

"I don't know if we're going to name a starter (by the end of the spring)," Mierkiewicz said. "Right now, I'm curious to see how things are going to shake out. Jordan knows the most about what we like to do, Dayton has more playing experience and Chris has really developed and does some nice things."

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Husker bullpen collapses in loss

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LINCOLN — All-American Tony Watson allowed one unearned run over 10 innings, but could not get the win, as Missouri scored four runs in the top of the 11th to earn a 5-1 victory over No. 26 Nebraska on Friday at Haymarket Park.

Watson turned in one of the finest performances of his career, scattering three hits over a career-long 10 innings and retiring 14 of the final 15 hitters he faced. But he left with the game tied 1-all. The left-hander struck out a season-high seven Tigers in a 130-pitch gem.

"I thought that Tony was outstanding today," Nebraska coach Mike Anderson. "He did everything that we needed him to do to win today. He was extremely competitive out there, and that's what we need from a Friday night guy.

"We had a lot of opportunities and didn't capitalize on them."

Missouri, which improved to 19-5 on the year with its 13th straight win, rallied off the Husker bullpen in the 11th. Trevor Coleman's two-out, two-run bases-loaded single broke the tie. Coleman played a part in four of the Tigers' five runs, going 2-for-5 with two RBIs and two runs scored.

Gary Arndt opened the inning with a single up the middle off Zach Herr before Evan Fray's bunt was misplayed by the Husker pitcher, as his throwing error put runners on second and third with no outs.

After a hit batter, Erik Bird came in and nearly got the Huskers out of the jam unscathed. He retired the next two hitters and had a 1-2 count on Coleman, who then lined a single just past the reach of first baseman Andrew Brown to put the Tigers up 3-1. Jacob Priday made it 4-1 with a single to center before Aaron Senne gave the Tigers a four-run lead with a run-scoring single.

The offensive outburst was more than enough for Missouri closer Kyle Gibson, who retired the Huskers in order in the bottom of the 11th to improve to 3-2 on the year. Gibson struck out three over three scoreless innings and snuffed out NU's rallies in the bottom of the ninth and 10th innings.

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Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Texas	12	7	.632
Detroit	15	9	.625
Los Angeles	14	10	.583
New York	12	9	.571
Cleveland	12	10	.545
Oakland	12	10	.545
Baltimore	11	10	.524
Boston	11	10	.524
Minnesota	11	12	.478
Toronto	9	11	.450
Kansas City	9	12	.429
Seattle	10	15	.400
Chicago	9	16	.360
Tampa Bay	7	16	.304

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Cincinnati	14	7	.667
Arizona	14	8	.636
Atlanta	13	8	.619
Houston	13	8	.619
Colorado	12	9	.571
Los Angeles	14	11	.560
St. Louis	11	9	.550
Chicago	12	11	.522
San Francisco	12	13	.480
San Diego	10	11	.476
Washington	10	11	.476
Milwaukee	9	13	.409
Florida	9	14	.391
Pittsburgh	9	14	.391
New York	9	15	.375
Philadelphia	8	14	.364

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

Friday's Games

Boston 3, Baltimore 2
Washington 10, Detroit 4
L.A. Dodgers 6, Florida 2
Toronto 6, Minnesota 5
Atlanta 7, Philadelphia 4
Pittsburgh 3, N.Y. Yankees 2
N.Y. Mets 2, St. Louis 1
Oakland 8, San Diego 7
Seattle 10, L.A. Angels 6
Chicago Cubs 6, San Francisco 2
Colorado 5, Chicago White Sox 3, 6 1/2 innings, rain
Houston 6, Cleveland 2
Tampa Bay 15, Cincinnati 1
Kansas City vs. Arizona at Tucson, Ariz., ccd., rain
Milwaukee vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., late

Saturday's Games

N.Y. Mets (ss) vs. Florida at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Boston vs. Tampa Bay at St. Petersburg, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. Washington at Viera, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Detroit (ss) vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Cincinnati at Sarasota, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Atlanta (ss) vs. Cleveland at Winter Haven, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Atlanta (ss) vs. Detroit (ss) at Lakeland, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers vs. Baltimore (ss) at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Baltimore (ss) vs. N.Y. Mets (ss) at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 12:10 p.m.
Toronto vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 12:15 p.m.
Oakland vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
Colorado vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Arizona vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Kansas City vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. Arizona at Tucson, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Florida vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Washington vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Baltimore vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Cleveland vs. L.A. Dodgers at Vero Beach, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Houston vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 12:10 p.m.
Seattle vs. Oakland at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
Arizona vs. Colorado at Tucson, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Texas vs. Chicago White Sox at Tucson, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

College Results

EAST

Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, ppd., weather
Connecticut 4, St. John's 3
Delaware 8, Hofstra 4
Duquesne at LaSalle, ppd., rain
Emerson 4, Mass. Maritime 3
Georgetown at Rutgers, ppd., rain
Louisville at Villanova, ppd., rain
Massachusetts 13, Temple 10
Montclair St. 7, Wilmington, Del. 0
Old Westbury 15-8, N.Y. Maritime 11-3
Saint Joseph's at St. Bonaventure, ppd., field conditions

SOUTH

Appalachian St. 9, Wofford 7
Belmont 7-2, Campbell 2-1, 2nd game, 10 innings
Berry 12, Emmanuel 2, 7 innings, 10-run rule
Coastal Carolina 6, Radford 2
Coll. of Charleston 7, W. Carolina 6
Elon 3, The Citadel 1
Florida St. 5, Boston College 1
Gardner-Webb 7, Lipscomb 3
George Mason 6, Georgia St. 3
George Washington 7, Fordham 6, 10 innings
Georgia Tech 3, Duke 2
Houston 10, UCF 2
Jacksonville 5, Kennesaw St. 1
Liberty 7, High Point 5
Longwood 4, Princeton 0
Louisiana-Monroe 7, South Alabama 2
Lynn 4, Barry 0
Navy 4, Yale 3
New Orleans 7, Ark.-Little Rock 5
North Carolina 15, Virginia Tech 4
N.C. State 6, Wake Forest 4, 10 innings
Northeastern at Towson, ppd., rain
Ohio St. 5, Harvard 3
Richmond 10, Rhode Island 3
Rollins 5, Florida Tech 2
Seton Hall at West Virginia, ppd., rain
Shaw 15-18, Morris 1-6
Stetson 3, Mercer 2
Tennessee 4, Georgia 3
Virginia 4, Miami 1
William & Mary 11, James Madison 8
Winthrop 4, VMI 2

MIDWEST

Akron at Ball St., ppd., rain
Cent. Michigan 3, Buffalo 0
Cleveland St. at Wright St., ppd., weather
E. Michigan at Bowling Green, ppd., weather
Illinois 7, Dartmouth 4
Ill.-Chicago 9, Wis.-Milwaukee 8
Iowa 6, N. Dakota St. 5, 11 innings
Michigan 9, Oakland, Mich. 2
Missouri 5, Nebraska 1, 10 innings
N. Illinois 6, Ohio 4
Notre Dame 1, South Florida 1
Oklahoma St. 14, Kansas 4
Purdue at W. Illinois, ppd., weather
S. Illinois 6, Illinois St. 3
Toledo at Miami (Ohio), ppd., weather
W. Michigan 4, Kent St. 3
Youngstown St. at Butler, ppd., rain
Xavier 4, Dayton 3

SOUTHWEST

Lamar 8, Stephen F. Austin 4
Millsaps 4, Southwestern, Texas 3

FAR WEST

California 8, Oral Roberts 3
Portland 4-0, Dallas Baptist 3-6
San Diego St. 21, Air Force 10
San Francisco 7, S. Utah 0
UC Davis 9, Loyola Marymount 3
Utah Valley St. 5, Gonzaga 3

Basketball

NBA Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	38	31	.551	—
New Jersey	31	38	.449	7
New York	30	39	.435	8
Philadelphia	27	42	.391	11
Boston	20	49	.290	18

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	37	29	.561	—
Miami	37	31	.544	1
Orlando	32	38	.457	7
Atlanta	27	43	.386	12
Charlotte	26	44	.371	13

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	43	25	.632	—
Cleveland	42	27	.609	1 1/2
Chicago	40	30	.571	4
Indiana	31	37	.456	12
Milwaukee	25	42	.373	17 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Dallas	57	11	.838	—
x-San Antonio	48	20	.706	9
Houston	44	25	.638	13 1/2
New Orleans	31	38	.449	26 1/2
Memphis	17	52	.246	40 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	44	23	.657	—
Denver	34	33	.507	10
Minnesota	29	38	.433	15
Portland	29	40	.420	16
Seattle	26	41	.388	18

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Phoenix	52	16	.765	—
L.A. Lakers	37	32	.536	15 1/2
L.A. Clippers	32	36	.471	20
Golden State	32	37	.464	20 1/2
Sacramento	29	40	.420	23 1/2

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Friday's Games

Indiana 95, Miami 70
Toronto 121, Denver 94
Philadelphia 106, Charlotte 97
Orlando 90, New Jersey 82
Dallas 109, Boston 95
Cleveland 90, New York 68
Portland 102, Atlanta 100, OT
San Antonio 90, Detroit 89
L.A. Lakers 111, New Orleans 105
Utah at L.A. Clippers, late
Minnesota at Seattle, late
Washington at Golden State, late

Saturday's Games

New Jersey at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Memphis at Utah, 8 p.m.
Washington at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Dallas at Atlanta, noon
Phoenix at Sacramento, 2:30 p.m.
Chicago at Indiana, 2:30 p.m.
Detroit at Milwaukee, 2:30 p.m.
Houston vs. New Orleans at Oklahoma City, 2:30 p.m.
Portland at Minnesota, 2:30 p.m.
Denver at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Seattle, 8 p.m.
Golden State at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.

Men's NCAA Tournament

EAST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 23
At Continental Airlines Arena
East Rutherford, N.J.
Georgetown 66, Vanderbilt 65
North Carolina 74, Southern California 64

Regional Championship
Sunday, March 25
At Continental Airlines Arena
East Rutherford, N.J.
North Carolina (31-6) vs. Georgetown (29-6)

SOUTH REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 22
At The Alamodome
San Antonio
Memphis 65, Texas A&M 64
Ohio State 85, Tennessee 84

Regional Championship
Saturday, March 24
At The Alamodome
San Antonio
Memphis (33-3) vs. Ohio State (33-3), 3:30 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 23
At Edward Jones Dome
St. Louis
Florida 65, Butler 57
Oregon 76, UNLV 72

Regional Championship
Sunday, March 25
At Edward Jones Dome
St. Louis
Flordia (32-5) vs Oregon (29-7)

WEST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 22
At HP Pavilion
San Jose, Calif.
Kansas 61, Southern Illinois 58
UCLA 64, Pittsburgh 55

Regional Championship
Saturday, March 24
At HP Pavilion
San Jose, Calif.
Kansas (33-4) vs. UCLA (29-5), 6:05 p.m.

Women's NCAA Tournament

GREENSBORO REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Saturday, March 24
At Greensboro Coliseum
Greensboro, N.C.
Arizona State (30-4) vs. Bowling Green (31-3), 11 a.m.
Rutgers (24-8) vs. Duke (32-1), 1:30 p.m.

DAYTON REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Sunday, March 25
At UD Arena
Dayton, Ohio
Tennessee (30-3) vs. Marist (29-5), 11 a.m.
Oklahoma (28-4) vs. Mississippi (23-10), 1:30 p.m.

DALLAS REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Sunday, March 25
At Reunion Arena
Dallas
Georgia (27-6) vs. Purdue (30-5), 6 p.m.
George Washington (28-3) vs. North Carolina (32-3), 8:30 p.m.

FRESNO REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Saturday, March 24
At Save Mart Center
Fresno, Calif.
Connecticut (31-3) vs. N.C. State (25-9), 8 p.m.
LSU (28-7) vs. Florida State (24-9), 9:30 p.m.

Hockey

NHL Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	43	23	8	94	193	184
Pittsburgh	41	23	10	92	252	228
N.Y. Rangers	37	28	9	83	215	196
N.Y. Islanders	35	27	11	81	220	213
Philadelphia	20	43	11	51	191	276

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Buffalo	48	19	7	103	281	220
Ottawa	44	23	8	96	260	205
Montreal	38	31	6	82	221	234
Toronto	35	29	10	80	228	241
Boston	34	34	5	73	205	258

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Atlanta	39	26	10	88	228	230
Tampa Bay	41	30	4	86	233	233
Carolina	37	29	8	82	219	220
Florida	31	30	13	75	219	235
Washington	26	36	13	65	223	266

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Nashville	47	21	7	101	251	197
Detroit	45	19	10	100	230	185
St. Louis	30	31	12	72	191	226
Columbus	30	37	7	67	184	227
Chicago	27	38	9	63	183	236

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	45	23	6	96	199	180
Minnesota	44	24	7	95	217	182
Calgary	39	25	10	88	236	203
Colorado	38	29	6	82	243	225
Edmonton	30	37	7	67	182	222

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	43	19	12	98	237	192
San Jose	46	25	4	96	231	179
Dallas	44	24	5	93	198	177
Los Angeles	26	35	14	66	214	257
Phoenix	29	41	4	62	198	255

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.
x-clinched playoff spot

Friday's Games

Buffalo 5, Toronto 4
Los Angeles 2, Chicago 1
Colorado at Edmonton, late
Dallas at Anaheim, late

Saturday's Games

Atlanta at Pittsburgh, noon
N.Y. Rangers at Boston, noon
N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia, noon
St. Louis at Detroit, 1 p.m.
San Jose at Carolina, 6p.m.
Buffalo at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Washington at Montreal, 6 p.m.
New Jersey at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Nashville at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Boston at Pittsburgh, 11:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at N.Y. Islanders, 11:30 p.m.
Calgary at Chicago, 2 p.m.
St. Louis at Columbus, 5 p.m.
Colorado at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

Horse Racing

Fonner Entries Sunday

Fonner Park Entries
Sunday, March 25

First race‹Purse four —furlongs.

1-Popgun Pistol (Collins), 122; 2-Gung Ho Cat (Butler), 122; 3-Supremo's Angel (Martinez), 111; 4-Sue's Lil Roo (Carkeek), 122; 5-High On Reality (Riggs), 122; 6-My Whiskey Girl (Essman), 111; 7-Nova Trail (Delorme), 116; 8-Quaker Three (Pabon), 117

Second race— six furlongs.

1-Cuzzen Lillie (Martinez), 120; 2-Silver Duke (Delorme), 120; 3-Mountain Quest (D.Williams), 115; 4-Five Lovers (Granda), 120; 5-Willie (Riggs), 120; 6-Beloit Kan (Collins), 120; 7-Carte (R.Williams), 120

Third race—four furlongs.

1-Regimental Flag (Wall), 122; 2-Trampus Too (Riggs), 122; 3-Ilya Balos (D.Williams), 117; 4-Whatsin (Collins), 122; 5-Happy Yodeler (Butler), 122; 6-Don's Baby (Carkeek), 122; 7-Northern Dandy (Martinez), 122; 8-Please Louie (Delorme), 122; 9-High Dividend (McGee), 122

Fourth race one mile and 70 yards.

1-Gerry Fantasy (Granda), 120; 2-Halorysummerdream (R.Williams), 120; 3-Devil to Pay (D.Williams), 117; 4-Jazzring (Carkeek), 120; 5-Salty Dancing (Delorme), 120; 6-Quick Mustard (Espindola), 115; 7-That Darn Gray Cat (Riggs), 122

Fifth race— one mile and 70 yards.

1-Unleaven (Pabon), 120; 2-Prince Hecktor (Essman), 120; 3-Omali's Player (Espindola), 115; 4-Hoop's Hope (R.Williams), 120; 5-Phiorwood (Collins), 120; 6-Cooper Country (Riggs), 120; 7-Silver Blessing (Delorme), 120; 8-Dr. Dazzle (Martinez), 120

Sixth race— four furlongs

1-Shaken N Shooten (Riggs), 122; 2-Cupids Our Girl (Delorme), 122; 3-Star Be Lucky (D.Williams), 115; 4-Storming Abbey (R.Williams), 122; 5-Meeting in Hawaii (Collins), 120; 6-Brett's Cat (Carkeek), 120; 7-Frosty Nails (Espindola), 115; 8-Sophia's Dancer (Butler), 120; 9-Not So Cheap (Martinez), 122; 10-Derby Affair (Essman), 120

Seventh race—six furlongs.

1-Spacer (R.Williams), 122; 2-Doubleontherocks (Collins), 122; 3-Will Never Miss (D.Williams), 117; 4-No Fortune (Riggs), 122; 5-Another Audible (Butler), 122; 6-Vickie Dee (Delorme), 122

Eighth race—six furlongs.

1-Quinta's Quiggy (Pabon), 117; 2-Soul Patrol (R.Williams), 117; 3-Sweetime First (Carkeek), 117; 4-Butter Crunch (Delorme), 117; 5-Nikki Nine (D.Williams), 112

Ninth race— six furlongs.

1-Blumin Attitude (Collins), 122; 2-Little I (Delorme), 122; 3-Dice (Butler), 116; 4-Dazzlin Lil Devil (Riggs), 122; 5-Nastfasty (Martinez), 116; 6-Ima Logger (Butler), 122; 7-You and I Are Wild (Carkeek), 116; 8-Lawson's Miracle (Pabon), 122; 9-Shawkilt Fantasy (D.Williams), 117; 10-Shawkilt and Roses (R.Williams), 122

Tenth race—six furlongs.

1-Ehorse (Riggs), 122; 2-Lotta Dust (Martinez), 122; 3-Evanglie (Delorme), 122; 4-Katskan (Granda), 122; 5-Keenan (Pabon), 122; 6-Where's the Bully (D.Williams), 117; 7-My Son Jordan (McGee), 122; 8-Tushar (Butler), 122; 9-Silent World (Collins), 122; 10-Valid Echo (Carkeek), 122

Transactions

Baseball

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Claimed RHP Sean Tracey off waivers from the Chicago White Sox. Placed RHP Kris Benson on the 60-day DL. Released OF Roger Cedeno.

BOSTON RED SOX—Optioned OF David Murphy to Pawtucket of the IL. Assigned 1B Jeff Bailey to minor league camp.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Assigned RHP Steven Jackson, RHP Jeff Kennard, RHP Kevin Whelan, INF Eric Duncan, INF Juan Miranda, INF Alberto Gonzalez, OF Jose Tabata and OF Brett Gardner to minor league camp.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Optioned RHP Scott Dunn, LHP Dan Meyer, RHP Santiago Casilla and RHP David Shafer to Sacramento of the PCL. Assigned RHP Kaz Tadano, LHP Dallas Braden, RHP Connor Robertson and OF Vince Faison to minor league camp.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Assigned OF Tony Torcato to minor league camp. Traded INF Robby Hudson to the Chicago White Sox for cash considerations. Released RHP Ari Kafka, RHP Haley Winter, INF Marcos Villezcas and OF Jason Grove.

TEXAS RANGERS—Optioned OF Victor Diaz and OF Freddy Guzman to Oklahoma of the PCL. Assigned INF Drew Meyer and INF Desi Relaford to minor league camp.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES—Acquired RHP Erik Cordier from Kansas City for INF Tony Pena Jr.

COLORADO ROCKIES—Optioned INF Clint Barmes, OF Cory Sullivan and RHP Ubaldo Jimenez to Colorado of the PCL. Assigned INF Erick Almonte, LHP Mike Gallo and RHP Matt Herges to minor league camp. Released RHP Danny Graves.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Announced the retirement of Perry Hill, first base coach.

NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with 3B Fernando Tatis on a minor league contract.

Basketball

National Basketball Association

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Assigned F Dwayne Jones to Albuquerque of the NBA Development League.

NEW YORK KNICKS—Signed C Randolph Morris.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS—Signed FB Terrelle Smith and DL Chris Cooper to two-year contracts.

DALLAS COWBOYS—Signed S Ken Hamlin.

HOUSTON TEXANS—Waived QB David Carr and RB Domanick Williams. Re-signed RB Ron Dayne.

NEW YORK JETS—Signed QB Marques Tuiasosopo.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Re-signed WR Bobby Engram to a multiyear contract.

Hockey

National Hockey League

BOSTON BRUINS—Recalled RW Petr Klaus and D Mark Stuart from Providence of the AHL. Assigned C Ben Walter to Providence.

EDMONTON OILERS—Assigned F Robert Nilsson to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton of the AHL.

ST. LOUIS BLUES—Recalled G Marek Schwarz from Peoria of the AHL.

College

ALBANY, N.Y.—Named Lynnette Moster women's assistant volleyball coach and Mairin Dudek assistant softball coach.

Tribland

Saturday

College baseball: Dordt College at Hastings College ..... 12 p.m.
Prep boys soccer: Hastings High at Holdrege ..... 2 p.m.
Prep girls soccer: Hastings High at Holdrege ..... 2 p.m.
College softball: Hastings College at Briar Cliff ..... 12 p.m.
Prep Track and Field Wilcox-Hildreth Invite
Blue Hill, Franklin, Giltner, Silver Lake at

Sunday

College baseball: Morningside at Hastings College ..... 2 p.m.

Saturday's TV broadcasts

Auto Racing	**Station**
10 a.m., NASCAR, Busch series qualifing for Sharpie 300	ESPN2
2 p.m., NASCAR, Busch series Sharpie Mini 300	ABC
7 p.m., IndyCar Series, XM Satellite Radio Indy 300	ESPN2
Baseball	**Station**
3 p.m., Chicago White Sox vs. Arizona	WGN
Boxing	**Station**
8:45 p.m., WBA/WBC super middleweights	HBO
College Men's Basketball	**Station**
Noon, NCAA Division II Championship game	CBS
2:30 p.m., NCAA tournament, regional finals	CBS
Golf	**Station**
1 p.m., PGA Tour, WGC third round	NBC
Horse Racing	**Station**
4 p.m., NTRA, Lane's End Stakes and Rushaway Stakes	ESPN
Lacrosse	**Station**
9 p.m., NLL, San Jose at Portland	VERS
Soccer	**Station**
4 p.m., MISL, Baltimore at Philadelphia	VERS

Saturday's radio broadcasts

College Men's Basketball	**Station**
11:45 p.m., Division II Men's Championship	KXPN (1460 AM)
11:45 p.m., Division II Men's Championship	KICS (1550 AM)
2:30 p.m., Memphis vs. Ohio St.	KXPN (1460 AM)
2:30 p.m., Memphil vs. Ohio St.	KICS (1550 AM)
5:45 p.m., UCLA vs. Kansas	KXPN (1460 AM)
5:45 p.m., UCLA vs. Kansas	KICS (1550 AM)
College Baseball	**Station**
11:45 a.m., Dordt College at Hastings College	KHAS (1230 AM)

Sunday's TV broadcasts

Auto Racing	**Station**
12:30 p.m., NASCAR, Nextel Cup, Food City 500	FOX
Baseball	**Station**
3 p.m., Chicago Cubs vs. L.A. Angels	WGN
Basketball	**Station**
2:30 p.m., Phoenix at Sacramento	ABC
7 p.m., Denver at Cleveland	ESPN
Bowling	**Station**
1 p.m., PBA, Denny's World Championship	ESPN
College Men's Basketball	**Station**
1:30 p.m., NCAA Tournament, regional coverage doubleheader	CBS
College Women's Basketball	**Station**
11 a.m., NCAA Tournament, regional semifinal	ESPN
1:30 p.m., NCAA Tournament, regional semifinal	ESPN2
6 p.m., NCAA Tournament, regional semifinal	ESPN2
8 p.m., NCAA Tournament, regional semifinal	ESPN2
Golf	**Station**
2 p.m., PGA Tour WGC, CA Championship, final round	NBC
Hockey	**Station**
11:30 a.m., Boston at Pittsburgh	NBC
Soccer	**Station**
11 a.m., Men's national teams, U.S. vs. Ecuador	ESPN2
Swimming	**Station**
Noon, FINA, World Championships	FSN

Sunday's radio broadcasts

College Men's Basketball	**Station**
Noon, Flordia vs. Oregon	KXPN (1460 AM)
Noon, Flordia vs. Oregon	KICS (1550 AM)
3:15, North Carolina vs. Georgetown	KXPN (1460 AM)
3:15, North Carolina vs. Georgetown	KICS (1550 AM)
College Baseball	**Station**
1:45 p.m., Morningside at Hastings College	KHAS (1230 AM)

Local

Kearney Catholic relays

The Doniphan-Trumbull boys sprint medley relay team led the Cardinals at the Kearney Catholic relays Friday afternoon winning the event in a time of 1:40.93.

Kenesaw senior Leslie Prelle took individual top honors in the girls discus with a throw of 108-6 1/2 as the Blue Devils finished sixth in the relay event.

The Doniphan-Trumbull boys had six relay teams finish in the top three led by their first place finish in the sprint medley.

The Cardinals finished second in the 400 meter relay with a time of 45.19 and finished third in the distance medley, the 3,200 meter relay, the 800 meter relay and the hurdle shuttle relay.

Doniphan-Trumbull finished second in the high jump with a total height of 17-4 and third in the long jump (54-5).

The Kenesaw girls middle distance relay team finished second in 5:00.12 and the Blue Devil sprint medley team finished in third place 2:04.

The Doniphan-Trumbull girls finished second in the 1,600 meter relay with a time of 4:33.81.

Storms falls to Lincoln

LINCOLN — The Tri-City Storm couldn't hang on to an early lead and lost again to Lincoln, falling to the Stars 3-2 in a shootout Friday night.

Tri-City, which is now 0-6-1 against the Stars this season, had a 2-0 lead after Sean Wiles scored in the first period and Alex Hudson added a short-handed goal in the second.

However, Lincoln tied the game later in the second quarter on back-to-back goals just 18 seconds apart.

With nine games left, the Storm is just three points behind Lincoln for second place in the USHL's West division and six points behind Omaha for the lead.

Nation

Nutt gets bonus for passing on NU

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — It took nearly three years to finalize a $1 million deferred bonus for Razorback football coach Houston Nutt that University of Arkansas officials say he earned by turning down an offer from Nebraska in January 2004, according to university documents.

The Arkansas Democrat-Gazette reported Thursday that Fayetteville campus chancellor John White outlined terms of the bonus in a letter last October to Chuck Dicus, president of the Razorback Foundation. A copy of the letter was obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request to the university.

The newspaper said the delay in finalizing the bonus stemmed from the need to make sure it was in line with NCAA rules and that all tax requirements were met.

The bonus is a reward for Nutt's rejection in January 2004 of an offer to become the Cornhuskers' coach after Frank Solich was fired.

The Associated Press

Mid-NEBR ready for new season of racing

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The racing season at Mid-NEBR Speedway may be a couple weeks away, but fans of all ages will get the chance to meet drivers and see the cars they will be driving today and Sunday in Grand Island.

Mid-NEBR Speedway owner Doug Stange is expecting 12 to 15 drivers to participate in the two-day event at the Conestoga Mall, including Hastings resident Brandy Lucas. She is one of the drivers who participates in the Happy Hornets division, which will make its second appearance this year.

"I am anxious to see what kind of work these drivers have been doing over the last couple of months," he said. "I expect at least a dozen cars will be participating this weekend. We will have a booth set up and our pace truck will be there."

After the event, the drivers will have two more weeks to get their cars ready for their first spin around the track April 7 for the test-and-tune practice session. This will give all the drivers of each class a chance to test their cars out on the track before the season kicks off on April 14.

In addition to the Happy Hornets, other classes to be run this season are the Wild and Wacky Cruisers, Grand National Late Models, IMCA Hobby Stock and IMCA Modifieds.

"We already have a lot of racers pre-registered in the IMCA Hobby Stocks," Stange said. "We also have six rookies coming into the Grand National Late Models."

Stange has many events planned for the 2007 season. One major event will be July 20-21 with the Pump and Pantry Late Model Nationals.

This two-day event attracts drivers from across the Midwest competing for thousands in cash.

"This is always a huge, huge event for us," Stange said. "I anticipate we are going to have at least 60 cars participating for a purse of $45,000. We will have The Rumbles performing Friday night, and we will also have a hospitality area for both nights."

There are other promotions taking place throughout the season, including a fireworks show July 3 during the ninth annual Party'n the Pits, driver autograph nights, Make-A-Wish Foundation night and Hug-A-Bear night.

Children ages 6-12 also have the opportunity to join the Junior Fans Club.

"We are a fan-friendly environment, and we always want our fans to be involved," Stange said. "So during the season, we will have various things for our fans to participate in."

Some of the area drivers expected to return to the Speedway this season are Herb Slough, of Doniphan, and Jim Buss, of Hastings.

Mid-NEBR Speedway Schedule

March
24-25, Race car show (Conestoga Mall, Grand Island)
April
7, Test/Tune practice session; 14, Grand National Late Models, IMCA Modifieds, IMCA Hobby Stock, Happy Hornets, Awards Plus Wild & Wacky Cruisers; 21, Regular race night; 28, Regular race night
May
5, Regular race night; 12, Regular race night; 19, Regular race night; 25, O'Reilly NCRA & CLMA Models featuring O'Reilly NCRA and CLMA Models, Hobby Stocks, Happy Hornets, Awards Plus Wild &Wacky Cruisers; 28, Memorial Day racing (regular race night)
June
2, Regular race night; 9, Regular race night; 16, Regular race night; 23, Regular race night; 30, Regular race night
July
3, Ninth Annual Party'n the Pits with fireworks, dance and regular race night; 7, Regular race night; 12, Regular race night, 20-21 Pump & Pantry Late Model Nationals sanctioned by O'Reilly NCRA and CLMA featuring O'Reilly NCRA and CLMA Late Models; 28, Bud Shootout and regular race night
August
4, Regular race night; 11, Regular race night; 18, Regular race night; 23, Power 99 presents O'Reilly NCRA Sprint Cars; 25, Regular race night
September
1, Regular race night; 3, Labor Day racing (regular race night); 8, Regular race night; 15, Regular race night; 22, Championship night with demolition derby

Gators: Florida gets by Butler to advance

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They got behind by seven against Purdue in the first half and were down 33-29 early in the second.

Horford was the difference-maker against Purdue, and he did most of the damage against fifth-seeded Butler (29-7), too.

It culminated with his post move against Brandon Crone. Horford banged into him several times, backing down the whole way, then hit a close-range shot and drew a foul. Horford made the free throw, putting the Gators ahead 57-54 with 2:34 to play.

He may have been even more impressive a few minutes later. Florida was up 61-55 with 19 seconds remaining when Horford blocked Julian Betko's layup attempt.

"Al came up huge for us again — on both ends of the court," teammate Taurean Green said.

Horford got plenty of help, too.

Corey Brewer hit a baseline jumper with 1:43 remaining that made it 59-54. Brewer later made two free throws and finished with 11 points.

Green made five 3-pointers and had 17 points. Noah finished with 13 points and nine rebounds, and was 9-of-11 from the free throw line.

Noah and Horford — 3 inches taller than any of their opponents — made the most of their size advantage. They drew fouls and went a combined 17-of-21 from the line. They also had five blocks.

"We couldn't do it without fouling, and that's what got us," Butler coach Todd Lickliter said. "If you tried to double, you weren't comfortable doubling off people. I think Horford is a terrific passer if you double him off the catch. He's unselfish and he finds his teammates."

Butler had two players foul out, and Mike Green had two teeth knocked loose by Noah. But the Bulldogs hung tough with tight defense and savvy.

Pete Campbell led Butler with 14 points. Green finished with 12, and A.J. Graves had 11 — all in the second half. Green and Graves, though, were a combined 1-of-9 from 3-point range and had five assists and four turnovers.

The Bulldogs might have made had a chance late if not for three missed free throws — uncharacteristic for Lickliter's squad, which made nine in a row to start the game.

Mike Green missed two with 2:13 to play, then Graves, a 95-percent shooter, missed one with 1:29 remaining. Butler got the rebound on Graves' miss, but

Boys Basketball Leaders

Individual Scoring

Player, School	Games	Pts.	Ave.
Blake Erickson, Franklin	19	375	18.2
Anthony Mach, Harvard	20	358	17.9
Braden Wilson, Smith Center	18	307	17.1
Bryson Studnicka, Clay Center	23	342	14.9
Brooks Wiebe, Sutton	22	320	14.5
Kelan Buhr, Doniphan-Trumbull	20	288	14.4
Pedro Gabriel, Harvard	20	287	14.4
Tanner Krajnik, Superior	20	277	13.9
Adam Schutte, Kenesaw	20	274	13.7
Andrew Lyle, Hastings	19	259	13.6
Tanner Krajnik, Superior	20	73	3.7
Trevor Stickels, Kenesaw	20	67	3.4
Aaron Esch, St. Cecilia	17	56	3.3
Andrew Pritchard, Superior	18	58	3.2
Blake Erickson, Franklin	19	58	3.1
Cuyler Henry, Deshler	24	71	2.9
Riley Nikkila, St. Cecilia	22	63	2.9
BJ Koohmaraie, Clay Center	23	64	2.7
Kelan Walford, Exeter-Milligan	22	58	2.6

Individual Rebounds

Player, School	Games	Rbs.	Ave.
Luke Siel, Franklin	19	191	10.1
Bryson Studnicka, Clay Center	23	211	9.2
Dallis Christensen, Minden	21	189	9.0
Wes Olson, Red Cloud	17	151	8.9
Anthony Mach, Harvard	20	176	8.8
Jake Bergen, Sutton	20	175	8.8
Kelan Buhr, Doniphan-Trumbull	20	170	8.5
Sean Hoarty, Fillmore Central	20	168	8.4
Tyson Jordening, Blue Hill	23	187	8.1
Matt Sterup, St. Cecilia	22	177	8.0

Individual Assists

Player, School	Games	Asts.	Ave.
Aaron Esch, St. Cecilia	22	119	5.4
Tanner Krajnik, Superior	20	104	5.2
Matt McElfresh, Sutton	22	114	5.2
Pedro Gabriel, Harvard	20	96	4.8
Micah Veleba, Sutton	22	98	4.5
Riley Nikkila, St. Cecilia	22	97	4.4
Lee Simon, Rock Hills	21	92	4.4
Brent Jansky, Exeter-Milligan	22	94	4.3
Greg Schroeder, B-D	25	109	4.2
Trevor Stickels, Kenesaw	20	82	4.1

Individual Steals

Player, School	Games	Steals	Ave.
Pedro Gabriel, Harvard	20	79	4.0

3-Point Field Goals
(Average two attempts per game)

Player, School	3FG-3Att	Pct.
Tanner Krajnik, Superior	44-95	46.3
Kyle Stine, Adams Central	21-46	45.6
Clark Schultz, Shickley	28-63	44.4
Trevor Stickels, Kenesaw	36-88	40.9
Brooks Wiebe, Sutton	53-130	40.8
CK Duang, Hastings High	21-52	40.4
Taylor Jacobitz, Kenesaw	39-97	40.2
Blake Erickson, Franklin	54-139	38.8
Joe Windscheffel, Smith Center	38-99	38.4
Clark Schultz, Shickley	30-77	38.1

Free-Throw Percentage
(Average two attempts per game)

Player, School	FTM-FTA	Pct.
Jared Hayes, Smith Center	28-34	82.4
Tanner Krajnik, Superior	39-49	79.5
Micah Veleba, Sutton	60-77	77.9
Spenser Otto, Bruning-Davenport	62-80	77.5
Riley Sholtz, Rock Hills	34-44	77.3
Jered Jones, Doniphan-Trumbull	36-47	76.6
Matt McElfresh, Sutton	63-84	75.0
Kyle Stine, Adams Central	62-83	74.6
Luke Siel, Franklin	39-54	72.2
Jens Scholl, Deshler	44-61	72.1

Teams reporting: Adams Central, Blue Hill, Bruning-Davenport, Clay Center, Deshler, Doniphan-Trumbull, Exeter-Milligan, Fillmore Central, Franklin, Hastings High, Kenesaw, Lawrence-Nelson, Minden, Red Cloud, Rock Hills, Sandy Creek, Shickley, Silver Lake, Smith Center, St. Cecilia, Superior, Sutton.

The All-Tribland Teams

First Team

	Ht.	Grade	PPG	Other
Bryson Studnicka, Clay Center	6-4	Sr.	15.5	9.0 rebounds
Blake Erickson, Franklin	6-2	Sr.	18.2	3.1 steals
Landon Freitag, Deshler	6-4	Sr.	12.3	7.0 rebounds
Jake Bergen, Sutton	6-2	Sr.	12.5	8.7 rebounds
Riley Nikkila, St. Cecilia	6-0	Jr.	11.0	4.4 assists

Second Team

	Ht.	Grade	PPG	Other
Tyson Jordening, Blue Hill	6-2	Sr.	12.9	8.1 rebounds
Andrew Lyle, Hastings High	6-3	Jr.	13.6	5.1 rebounds
Braden Wilson, Smith Center	6-4	Jr.	17.1	57 percent field goal
Tanner Krajnik, Superior	5-10	Jr.	13.9	5.2 assists
Nic Carlson, Minden	6-0	Sr.	12.5	3.0 steals

Third Team

	Ht.	Grade	PPG	Other
Pedro Gabriel, Harvard	5-9	Sr.	14.4	4.8 assists
Dustin Ninemire, Sandy Creek	6-0	Sr.	12.5	3.9 assists
Kelan Buhr, Doniphan-Trumbull	6-2	Jr.	14.4	8.3 rebounds
Adam Schutte, Kenesaw	6-3	Sr.	13.7	7.7 rebounds
Blake Wright, St. Cecilia	6-2	So.	9.8	6.5 rebounds

Fourth Team

	Ht.	Grade	PPG	Other
Kyle Stine, Adams Central	6-2	Sr.	10.8	46 percent 3-pointers
Luke Siel, Franklin	6-4	Sr.	12.7	10.1 rebounds
Greg Schroeder, Bruning-Davenport	6-2	Sr.	11.6	4.2 assists
Jens Scholl, Deshler	6-2	Jr.	11.2	42 three-pointers
Anthony Mach, Harvard	6-5	Jr.	17.9	8.8 rebonds

Honorable Mention

Blue Hill — Zach Herz, Jacob Bachman, Shawn Hastings; **Bruning-Davenport** — Cory Voss, Spenser Otto; **Clay Center** — BJ Koohmaraie; **Deshler** — Dan Werner, Cuyler Henry; **Doniphan-Trumbull** — Taylor Fjeldheim, Jared Jones; **Exeter-Milligan** — Kelan Walford, Brent Jansky, Kyler Sharp; **Fillmore Central** — Sean Hoarty; **Franklin** — Kurtis Fritson; **Giltner** — Justin Happold, Nathan Most; **Harvard** — Paul Callahan; **Hastings High** — Jordan Clancy, Chris Hollister; **Kenesaw** — Trevor Stickels, Taylor Jacobitz; **Lawrence-Nelson** — Troy Peterson, Ryan Schroer, Gage Biltoft; **Minden** — Dallis Christensen, Spencer Choquette; **Red Cloud** — Aaron Wescoat, Wes Olson; **Rock Hills** — Chad Modlin, Lee Simon, Adam Badger. **Sandy Creek** — Justin Meyer, Tyler Valentine; **Shickley** — Clark Schultz, Bret Carlson; **Silver Lake** — Josh Oles, Shaun Fisher; **Smith Center** — Joe Windscheffel; **St. Cecilia** — Aaron Esch; **Superior** — Andrew Pritchard; **Sutton** — Brooks Wiebe, Micah Veleba.

All-Tribland Bios

Blake Erickson, Franklin

Erickson led the Tribland in scoring this year, averaging more than 18 points per game. He also averaged more than three steals per contest. Over the past two seasons, Erickson has led Franklin to back-to-back Twin Valley Conference tournament titles. He also averaged an impressive 6.5 rebounds per game as a guard. Erickson's three-pointers made and steals both tied school records. He's been a two-year captain for Franklin.

Landon Freitag, Deshler

The Dragons put together a stellar season this year, going 21-3 and reaching the state tournament for the first time since moving down from Class D-1. Freitag was a key part of that success, averaging 12.3 points per game and 7.0 rebounds per game. The 6-foot-4 senior post player finished with 10 double-doubles and 33 blocks this season.

Jake Bergen, Sutton

A team captain, Bergen led Sutton to an impressive 16-6 record this year. The 6-foot-2 senior post player averaged 12.5 points and 8.7 rebounds per game. He also was a key component of last year's team that qualified for the state tournament.

Riley Nikkila, St. Cecilia

On a team with no seniors, Nikkila was one of the leaders for St. Cecilia. A great all-around athlete, the 6-foot-0 guard averaged 11.0 points, 5.0 rebounds, 4.4 assists and 2.5 steals per game in helping St. Cecilia to an 18-4 record and a trip to the state tournament. He also was one of the Bluehawks' best defenders.

Past Winners

2006 — Preston Englund, Adams Central
2005 — Spencer Holeman, Bruning-Davenport
2004 — Tunner Scholl, Deshler
2003 — Bob Kempf, Shickley
2002 — Corbin Biltoft, Lawrence-Nelson
2001 — Bronsen Schliep, Sandy Creek
2000 — Landon Meyer, Deshler
1999 — Joe Sochor, Doniphan
1998 — Paul Dudley, Hastings High
1997 — Bill Kerr, Hastings High
1996 — Ryan Bedlan, Shickley
1995 — Tyler Johnson, Hebron
1994 — Bo Buettenback, Hastings High
1993 — B.J. Smith, Sutton
1992 — Doug Brandt, Hastings High
1991 — Tom Szlanda, Hastings High

Final boys standings

City	W	L
St. Cecilia	18	4
Adams Central	13	10
Hastings High	9	12

Tribland	W	L
Deshler	21	3
Clay Center	19	4
Franklin	15	5
Sutton	16	6
Kenesaw	14	6
Bruning-Davenport	18	8
Rock Hills	15	7
Minden	14	7
Smith Center	14	7
Exeter-Milligan	13	9
Harvard	11	9
Blue Hill	12	11
Fillmore Central	9	11
Shickley	7	11
Giltner	7	13
Superior	6	14
Thayer Central	6	15
Sandy Creek	5	15
Silver Lake	4	15
Doniphan-Trumbull	4	16
Lawrence-Nelson	3	18
Wilcox-Hildreth	2	16
Red Cloud	1	17

Studnicka: Clay Center named Tribland player of the year

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As a senior, Studnicka led the Wildcats with 14.9 points and 9.2 rebounds per game.

That only tells part of what Studnicka did for his team, though.

"He never, ever put himself ahead of the team," Rath said. "He's unselfish."

Rath has been coaching for more than 30 years. Studnicka is the first player he's had that received a Division I scholarship.

"To me, that's pretty significant," Rath said. "Part of (getting the scholarship) was on his ability and his size. But after talking to the (Wyoming) coaches, a lot of it based on his work ethic.

"I think Bryson will find a way to get on the field. Whether it's special teams, he'll do whatever. He has the dedication and is goal-focused enough that he'll find a way to get on the field somehow."

By signing with a Division I school, Studnicka is a following his footsteps of his two older sisters. They played volleyball at Division I programs.

He gave a lot of credit to the two for the success he's had in athletics.

Athletics is only part of Studnicka.

He's made all-state in band and recently got second place at the state speech meet.

"He's been involved in virtually everything that has gone on at this school for four years," Rath said. "He just goes beyond."

HC: Broncos face questions

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A couple of particular necessities that the coach is hoping to see filled are at center and on the defensive line.

"If Michael Stout or Zach Lamphere can show they can handle it (at center), that'll mean we can leave everyone at their regular positions — we'll have two guards and two tackles returning, and we'd be good," Mierkiewicz said. "But if they can't handle it... we're going to have to do some things differently."

The team graduated nearly everyone from the defensive line from last year's squad. In order to help shore up the line, the team has moved linebacker Brian Trader to defensive end. The team will also turn to Greg Steffes, who started some at the end of last year and Mierkiewicz also said it is important for Derek Tesinsky, who will be a senior next year, to step in and fill one of the holes left open by the graduations of Tyson Benner, Jared Stutzman and Chris Ellis.

The team will also welcome offensive line coach Clint Head, who was hired in early February from Simpson College.

Mierkiewicz believes the addition of Head, as well as some of the changes the team is looking at making offensively, will only help the Broncos improve on last year's 4-6 record.

"We still need to use the option game. Dayton has surprised us with his mobility — he was a veer-option quarterback in high school. We've just got to find a way to get others more involved because we don't want to be caught in the same situation we were in last year, when Robert got hurt," Mierkiewicz said. "Offensively, Clint is coming in and he's got some different ideas as to how to do things up front. He brings a different mindset and we're going to work on getting back to being more physical on the line."

The team enters spring practices with nearly 70 players — three of which will be limited while they recover from injuries (Evan Klanecky, Jeff Klug and Ryan Hinrichs).

The team will also have just one place kicker or punter this spring — Bobby Butler (since brothers Alex and Austin Moore left the team in the off season). But Mierkiewicz has recruited punter/kickers John McCann (Ada, Okla.) and Gavin Rodriquez (Tempe, Ariz.) who will join the team in the fall.

HC recruits

Jon Anding, TE, Colorado Springs; Adam Badger, LB, Mankato (Kan.); Travis Bailey, RB/DB, Elkhorn; Nate Berry, OLB, McCook; Pete Botkin, DL, Millard; Dayton Edwards, QB, Cottage Grove, Ore.; Mike Fisher, QB, Omaha; Patrick Gildea, OL, Lincoln; Sam Griffin, OL, Lincoln; Nick Grummert, RB/WR, Beatrice; Lee Hadley, FB, Phillipsburg, Kan.; Tim Haug, OLB, Cloverdale, Calif.; Spencer Head, TE, Omaha; Sal Howes, FB, Denver; Troy Huebert, Aurora; Sam Icenogle, OL, Kearney; Jared Knoble, DE, Axtell; Tom Knott, OLB, Ogallala; Bryan Ladd, LB, Aurora; Jake Lickert, OL, Omaha; John McCann, K, Ada (Okla.); Jackson Medina, WR, Northglenn (Colo.); Jake Mueller, DL, Omaha; Preston Penny, OLB, Burlington (Colo.); Evan Richter, OL, Hays Center; Gavin Rodriguez, P/K, Tempe (Ariz.); Taylor Schwartzer, OL/DL, Omaha; Ben Sedlacek, Millard.

NU: Huskers fall to Missouri

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Herr dropped to 1-2 with the loss, allowing three runs without retiring a batter, as Missouri snapped a seven-game losing streak to the Huskers dating back to the 2005 season.

Nebraska, which fell to 12-8 on the year and 1-3 in the Big 12, had golden opportunities to win the game in both the ninth and 10th innings. Werhle opened the ninth with a walk and eventually got to third base with one out after a Brown sacrifice and a Tiger error, but Andy Gerch struck out and got Jeff Tezak grounded out to end the inning.

Corriston opened the 10th with a single before Mitch Abeita's grounder moved him into scoring position, but Bryce Nimmo and DJ Belfonte both grounded out.

The two teams will square off again today, as NU's Charlie Shirek (2-2, 4.50 ERA) will be opposed by Rick Zagone (3-0, 3.82 ERA). First pitch is set for 1:05 p.m. The series will conclude Sunday at 1:05 p.m.

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Daughtry looks like a winner

SCOTT MERVIS
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Along with validating the obvious — people love a talent show — "American Idol" has proven that your mom was right: Winning isn't everything. Last month, Jennifer Hudson, who didn't make the Top 5 on the show in 2004, walked to the podium to collect a supporting actress Oscar for "Dreamgirls."

Over in pop land, Chris Daughtry, the first one booted from the final four last year, hit the top of the charts with "Daughtry," which just became the fastest-selling debut in Soundscan history.

There was shock and controversy upon Daughtry's early exit from "American Idol," but none of that seems to matter now. The North Carolina rocker, a reject from "Rock Star: INXS" as well, was signed to RCA Records last July and now is on a sold-out tour with a smash album.

Rather than going the singer-songwriter route, he chose to form the band Daughtry — as in Van Halen, Van Zant, Bon Jovi and Winger — and cut a self-titled record that's been categorized as alternative rock but is really slickly produced mainstream rock in the same vein as Nickelback, 3 Doors Down, Fuel and all the bands he really likes.

The album's success starts with the lead-off single, "It's Not Over," a tortured love song with muscular guitars and a forceful vocal from Daughtry, a guy with strong pipes and plenty of range. But it's not going to end there. "Daughtry" — not one of those records that has an obligatory stringy ballad, a country song, an R&B tune, etc. — is well-stocked with singles that could keep it hot all year.

He talks about his evolution and current tour:

Q: What size venues are you playing?

A: Anywhere from 300 to 800 people. We've done a couple shows that have had 1,500 to 2,500, but most of them are anywhere between. We wanted to have a small club tour and keep it up close and personal, more intimate on our first tour and just kind of get to see everyone in the crowd and hear them when they're yelling the songs back to us — just a great vibe.

Q: Do you think you grew as a performer doing "Idol" in terms of knowing how to play to a crowd?

A: I think it definitely forced me to tighten up a little, because I was used to having four, five guys behind me on the stage, and we were just kind of feeding off each other. Then, when I was on the show I was up there by myself, so I had to force myself to try to be more entertaining.

Q: You were a guy playing in rock bands. What made you want to do "American Idol" in the first place?

A: Like I said before, I was playing small clubs here and there, just didn't have the audience. We had our set people that came to see us, and it just never expanded. And two of us had families, including myself, and we had jobs, so we just couldn't afford to get in the van and go out and tour and get our name out there, so I figured I'd take a chance, go on a big TV show and see what happens.

Q: When you were voted off, did you feel like dream was sort of over, at least for the time being?

A: Well, I was doing it for almost 10 years. And you get to a point where you feel like you're spinning wheels, and it's a little discouraging. You never know if it's actually going to happen for you and you just have to keep persevering if you feel that's what you're supposed to be doing in life — just try to do anything to make it happen.

Q: When you started writing this record, how much creative freedom did you have?

A: They gave me so much creative control over this. There were definitely a lot of conversations with A&R and (producer) Howard Benson about what kind of songs we wanted on the record, but it was a really cool process.

Q: Unlike some of the "Idol" releases, this record seems like it knows what it wants to be. How did you make it this cohesive?

A: That was definitely the idea. We had a lot of songs we wrote for it that didn't make it because they weren't cohesive with the rest of the songs, so hopefully they will go on the next one. We just tried to come up with the best group of songs that go together, and I think we accomplished that.

Q: You're put in a company of groups like Nickelback and 3 Doors Down. Is that where you want to be?

A: Absolutely. I think it's quite an accomplishment and a compliment having that affiliation with successful groups. I think it's awesome.

Q: What made you call this Daughtry, as opposed to using your full name?

A: Well, I've never wanted to be a solo artist. I've always been in bands and coming off the show and having name recognition, I didn't want to call it something people wouldn't recognize. And so, I decided to pull a Bon Jovi and call it my last name and see if it caught on, and so far it has.

Q: People talk of "Idol" as instant stardom. Do you see it that way?

A: I don't see it as instant .... You definitely have to put your work in. And it doesn't matter how much you're on TV. If people don't want to hear you or don't like what you do, it's going to be tough. So you definitely have to make it happen for yourself, but it doesn't hurt to have that platform to use to get you there.



CHRIS HATCHER, photorazzi.com/*SHNS*
Chris Daughtry didn't win on "American Idol," but he's a winner in pop land.

Only 27 points, but 13 tricks

There was a tie for the best entries to my Christmas Competition. Congratulations to the winners: John Euler of Benton Harbor, Mich., and Rupinder Sodhi from India.



Phillip Alder

My favorite example of a collective noun was "a closet full of suits" by Charles Auerbach of Belvedere, Calif.

Full details are available at www.phillipalderbridge.com.

We have been looking at raising partner's major suit with three-card support. To end the week, here is a tough declarer-play problem. South bid aggressively into seven spades. How should he plan the play after West leads the heart king?

To be honest, bidding seven spades is nigh impossible. You and your partner would do very well to reach six spades. In this sequence, after North's two-over-one response, South's jump to four spades showed a long, solid suit. North used Blackwood twice, the second dose announcing that all four aces were held and that a grand slam was possible. South, with no side-suit kings, probably should have told partner that, but he decided that eight winners would a grand slam make.

Declarer has a heart loser, but he can ruff it in the dummy — as long as he doesn't immediately draw all of the trumps when he learns that they are breaking 3-0. South pulls one round of spades, plays off dummy's top diamonds, returns to his hand with a club to the ace, and discards dummy's heart loser on his diamond queen. Next, he trumps his heart loser on the board. Finally, he removes the remaining trumps and claims.

North
♠ 7 5 4
♥ A 6
♦ A K
♣ 9 7 6 4 3 2

West	East
♠ 6 3 2	♠ —
♥ K Q 8 3	♥ J 10 9 7 4
♦ J 9 8 5	♦ 10 6 3 2
♣ 8 5	♣ K Q J 10

South
♠ A K Q J 10 9 8
♥ 5 2
♦ Q 7 4
♣ A

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♥	Pass	5 NT	Pass
7 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ K

Phillip Alder is a columnist for Newspaper Enterprise Association.

Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

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			5					

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 3/24

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Sudoku

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

FRIDAY'S ANSWERS

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 3/23

Turtle heroes enter new era

BETSY PICKLE
Scripps Howard News Service

The heroes on a half-shell in "TMNT" aren't like the usual comic-book and film superheroes.

"There's just something infinitely relatable about the characters," says Kevin Munroe, who directed the new computer-animated film starring the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. "Everybody loves these guys for some reason.

"Beyond the point that they're mutated turtles, they're just regular people, and they just train really hard, and they're brothers. You don't get that in a lot of superhero movies. ..." There's something relatable about that."

"TMNT" bridges the gap between the three "Turtles" movies of the early 1990s and today, visually and narratively. There are no guys in turtle suits this time; "TMNT" is all computer-generated imagery. Villain Shredder is gone but not forgotten.

"I've always loved the Turtles," says Munroe, who grew up in a small town in New Brunswick, Canada, and was about to start college when the first film came out.

"I never realized until I actually got into it and I started speaking to my kids' friends and my kids' teachers — the teachers are people who grew up with the Turtles — there's this bizarre reach that the property has. Everybody's touched by it someway."

"TMNT" was produced by Imagi Animation Studios, a Hong Kong-based company that specializes in computer-generated animation. Munroe, whose background is in videogames and who had never directed a film, was working on another Imagi project when he found out about "TMNT" and started begging to direct. Not only did he get the job, he also got to write the screenplay.

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You might help save a television show

ROB OWEN
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Why are TV shows canceled? Aside from when they've run their course after six or seven years, the reason is always the same — low ratings.

That sometimes also includes lousy demographics (re: not enough young viewers), but it still amounts to the same thing: Not enough of the people advertisers want to reach are watching.

But every show has some fans, and often they feel like their programs are repeatedly being stolen by the cruel Nielsen gods. Which brings us to Readers' Remote: Keep or Cancel? It's the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's annual online poll that allows viewers to make their preferences known.

The poll — at www.post-gazette.com/tv — asks you to play network programmer and choose the series you'd keep, then the ones you'd cancel. One vote per computer will be accepted. As in years past, series receiving an inordinate, unbelievable number of votes will be disqualified.

If you don't own a computer or more than one person in your household wants to vote, you can write to me — no phone calls or e-mails, please — with your choices, age, gender and ZIP code. ONE ballot will be cast per envelope received. (Address at bottom).

Votes will be tallied through April 22, and the results will be published in late April or early May.



BOB D'AMICO, ABC/*SHNS*

The cast of "What About Brian?": Rosanna Arquette, Jason George, Rick Gomez, Amanda Foreman, Amanda Detmer, Barry Watson, Matthew Davis and Sarah Lancaster.

We'll send the results to each broadcast network president. They probably won't pay much attention to them, but it's worth a shot. If you want your feelings about a specific series made known, we've included an address for you to write, by snail mail, to each network.

What might the future hold for some of the broadcast network series? Read on ...

ABC

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If you're a fan of "What About Brian?," prepare to ask: What happened to "Brian"? This one seems like a goner.

ABC also washed out with sitcoms this season: "In Case of Emergency" and "Help Me Help You" were pretty much dead on arrival.

"Men in Trees" has a decent chance of returning and "Brothers & Sisters" is a shoe-in for renewal.

CBS

7800 Beverly Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90036

Much as I enjoy "The Class," I fear its odds of returning in the fall are slim at best. We already know "The King of Queens" will wrap up in May, but CBS's remaining Monday-night comedies are likely to be back if ratings remain solid.

Unless ratings for "Jericho" perk up in its final stretch, it will be another failed CBS fantasy show. But lawyer drama "Shark" will swim back for a second season.

The CW

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"Everybody Hates Chris" has already been renewed, despite low ratings for the entire Monday-night CW lineup.

"Veronica Mars" seems unlikely to return, while "One Tree Hill" and "Supernatural" are stronger candidates for renewal.

Fox

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I'll be surprised if "The War at Home" is renewed and if "Prison Break" is not back.

"24" has the ratings power to warrant another Jack Bauer bad day, and "Bones" and "House" will return.

"The O.C." is already gone and, despite a massive push by the network, "'Til Death" hasn't caught on.

NBC

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Burbank, CA 91523

I expect NBC will renew its entire Thursday-night comedy block, despite low ratings for "Scrubs" and "30 Rock."

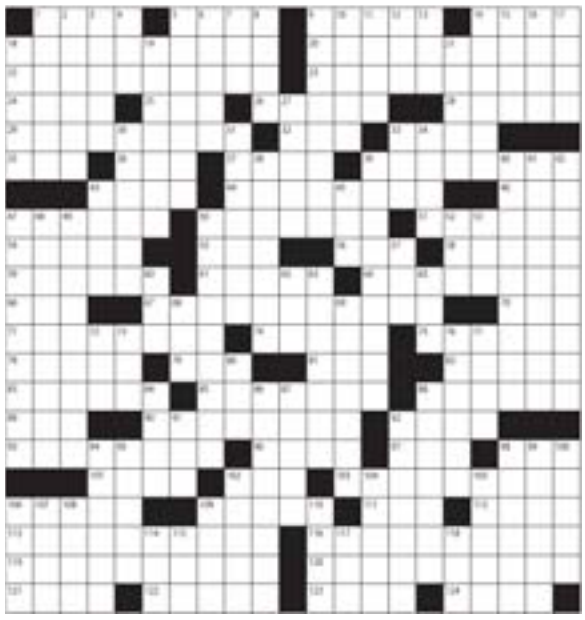
"Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip" is a goner and "Friday Night Lights" hangs precariously in the balance.

"Las Vegas" was already renewed, but the future of "Crossing Jordan" is cloudier. It's possible that either "Law & Order" or "Law & Order: Criminal Intent" might be canceled.

The New York Times Crossword Puzzle

Answers next Saturday

INITIAL SUBSTITUTIONS By Craig Kasper/ Edited by Will Shortz



Across

1 Home of the Natl. Hollerin' Contest
5 Spicy cuisine
9 Beat ___ horse
14 Complain
18 Tenant's desire
20 Really rough
22 As a refutation
23 Acquirers of lost property
24 Part of New Eng.
25 Bit of cheer
26 Major source of the narcotic qat
28 Plain ___
29 Words under Washington's picture
32 "American Justice" network
33 International retailer whose name is an acronym
35 Stolen
36 Former German president Johannes
37 Major finale?
39 Desert attribute
43 Co-star of "Blow," 2001
44 Noisy celebration
46 Knock over
47 Writes without pen or pencil
50 Keys
51 Don who pitched a perfect game in the 1956 World Series
54 Lollobrigida and others
55 Tip for a calligrapher
56 Dandy
58 President who won by one electoral vote
59 Space shuttle supply
61 Locale for a vision of the Apostle Paul
64 Sicken
66 Candy treat
67 Basic infirmities
70 Cousin of a credit union
71 Friendly
74 Dimensions and tolerances, say
75 Taste
78 Tot minder
79 Major player in the movie biz?
81 Certain parallel: Abbr.
82 Some Sony computers
83 Apple product
85 Proclaims
88 Extends
89 The whole song and dance?
90 1999 "Star Wars" release
92 Subject of Cyrus the Great
93 Registers
96 Nickelodeon explorer
97 Fuss
98 Fairy queen, in Shakespeare
101 Underwriter's assessment
102 It's typically off base
103 Bottom line
106 Bistro adjunct
109 Round top
111 Long of "Boyz N the Hood"
112 Cease pleading
113 Building support
116 No matter what
119 Bruised
120 Nursery rhyme dish
121 "___ I!"
122 Theodore of "The Defiant Ones"
123 Subject of una sinfonia
124 Prosperity

Down

1 "You're doing it all wrong!"
2 Cream-filled pastry
3 Doctor
4 Music category
5 Calculate, as the bill
6 Kind of yoga
7 Parseghian of Notre Dame
8 Without thinking
9 First two
10 Old "Romper Room" character with bouncing antennae
11 Actor McGregor
12 Newswoman Compton
13 Game with orcs and half-elves
14 Like the labyrinth of Knossos
15 Graded materials
16 Suit to
17 Financial inits.
18 Japanese electronics giant
19 Sack materials
21 Was overly nice
27 Choice at a restaurant
30 Unfinished threat
31 Breathe
33 Cause of a red face
34 German port
38 E Street Band's leader, informally
39 Ones with incendiary ideas
40 Simple
41 Equal alternative
42 Beyond understanding
43 Neither hor. nor vert.
45 Barker's attention-getter
47 Legend in one's own mind
48 Sign at a store clothing bin
49 Imminently
50 One way to take it
52 Contented responses
53 Arctic explorer John
57 Go for the gold?
60 Snare
62 Store chain since 1859
63 Part of a bee
65 ___ Enterprise
68 Year in the reign of Antoninus Pius
69 Like Longfellow's Evangeline
72 King's longtime home
73 Assent
76 Photographer Richard
77 Locks in a stable
80 Hi-___
84 Part of a conference sched.
86 Fishing gear
87 Have great affection for
88 Punches a new number in
91 Commercial ending with Water
92 English royal known as the Empress Maud
94 "Cooks who know trust" this, in an old slogan
95 Tourist info spot
98 TV title role for Brandy Norwood
99 Beverage named for a Dutch river
100 Actress Blair
102 Idée ___ (accepted idea, in French)
104 Gird for battle, say
105 Oscar nominee for "The Insider"
106 Banned chemicals
107 1968 live folk album
108 Odious one
109 Shy
110 "The ability to describe others as they see themselves": Lincoln
114 Offerer of cozy accommodations
115 Baseball stat
117 Election day: Abbr.
118 Musical genre

Answers to last Saturday's puzzle

I	N	F	R	A	■	B	A	L	I	■	R	W	E	■
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TERRY ANDREWARTHA, Discovery Channel-BBC/*AP*

A pair of polar bear cubs follow their mother on ice at Hudson Bay, Canada, in the opening episode of Discovery's "Planet Earth" series, airing Sunday at 7 p.m.

TV highlights for week ahead

FRAZIER MOORE
The Associated Press

It's billed as the ultimate portrait of our planet.

Discovery Channel's "Planet Earth" is an 11-part series with the ultimate global view. Five years in the making, it boasts 200 locations with more than 70 camera operators having spent 2,000-plus days in the field to document nature's wonders.

Among the series' countless never-before-filmed moments: a polar bear clambering from her snow-covered Arctic den, trailed into the dawn by her pair of cubs.

Narrated by Sigourney Weaver, "Planet Earth" begins 7 p.m. Sunday with three episodes:

◆ "Pole to Pole," which follows the sun as it touches the lives of creatures across the planet, shedding light on how the world is interconnected.

◆ "Mountains," which tours Earth's mightiest mountain ranges to meet the rare animals that inhabit them.

◆ "Deep Ocean," which investigates the waters that cover two-thirds of the Earth's surface yet remain largely unknown.

Shot in high definition, the eye-popping "Planet Earth" airs weekly through April 22.

Other shows this week to look out for:

◆ Lifetime network confronts the problem of binge drinking among youth in its film, "The Party Never Stops," the story of a college freshman who falls prey to newfound temptations. Former high school track star Jesse is thrilled to be away from home and her mom, and hits it off instantly with her new roommate. But their innocent partying soon gets out of control, and they find themselves sucked into a lifestyle of skipping classes, failing grades and lying to their parents to cover up their drinking. The film reflects statistics that indicate about 90 percent of the alcohol consumed by youth under the age of 21 in the U.S. is in the form of binge drinking (defined as more than four drinks for men or more than three for women within a two-hour period). The film, which stars Nancy Travis, Chelsea Hobbs and Sara Paxton (as Jesse), airs Monday at 8 p.m.

◆ In summer 2006, a bus full of Iranian pilgrims left Tehran on a five-day journey to the holy city of Karbala, deep inside a shattered Iraq. PBS' "Wide Angle" follows this harrowing journey into the heartland of Shia Islam, revealing how two ancient crimes — the murder of Muhammad's grandson and the disappearance of a 6-year-old imam — became the founding legends of Shiism and increasingly dominate events in the Middle East today. "Pilgrimage to Karbala" premieres 9 p.m. Monday (check local listings).

New book reveals Bergman resisted 'Casablanca'

BOB THOMAS
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A new biography of Ingrid Bergman casts fresh light on the making of the 1942 classic "Casablanca," in which none of its three stars wanted to appear. They never suspected that their roles would become the best-remembered of their careers.

In the newly published "Ingrid," Charlotte Chandler tells of a lunch Bergman and Humphrey Bogart had before filming. She comments that "Ingrid remembered that the only subject they found in common was how much they both wanted to get out of 'Casablanca.'"

Paul Henreid, newly arrived from Europe, also objected to his casting as Victor Laszlo, the underground leader and husband of Ilse, Bergman's character. He complained to his friend Bette Davis that his secondary role would harm his new career in Hollywood.

Chandler quotes Davis' reply: "You are wrong, wrong, wrong." She went on to convince Henreid that "Casablanca" would be a step forward in his American career.

All three stars were concerned that the "Casablanca" script was unfinished. Unanswered was the question of whether Ilse would stay in Morocco with her lover, the hard-bitten cafe operator Rick, or escape with her husband. It was agreed to film two endings.

After the first ending was shot — Ilse's escape with Victor — it was mutually decided that it was the logical ending to "Casablanca." A second version was never made.

Like three other Chandler biographies (Davis, Alfred Hitchcock, Billy Wilder), "Ingrid" is subtitled "A Personal Biography."

"It's because I knew the person and spoke with the person and (the book) is based on what they said to me," she explained in an interview from her home in New York. "It's almost autobiographical. I wanted to keep the voice of the person."

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People carry a poster showing anti-U.S. radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr as they protest the arrest of an al-Sadr aide in the holy city of Kufa, Iraq, Friday. The U.S. military on Thursday said Shiite cleric Qais al-Khazaali has been arrested in connection with a brazen attack on the provincial government of Karbala Jan. 20.

Sunni deputy prime minister wounded in suicide bombing

SAMEER N. YACOUB
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's deputy prime minister, a Sunni who crossed the country's sectarian divide to join the Shiite-led government, was gravely injured Friday in a suicide bombing at a mosque in the courtyard of his home, his chest pierced with shrapnel, authorities said. Nine people were reported killed in the attack.

A man wearing an explosives vest blew himself up as Salam al-Zubaie, one of two deputies to Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, and other worshippers were leaving the mosque near the heavily fortified Green Zone, according to police and a Sunni politician.

The attack came after an Internet statement purportedly posted by an al-Qaida umbrella group singled out the Sunni deputy prime minister as a stooge "to the crusader occupiers." The group, the Islamic State of Iraq, later claimed it was behind the bombing.

It was impossible to verifiy that the group issued the statements, but both were posted on an Internet site commonly used by Islamic militiants.

Police said a car parked nearby exploded at about the same time as the suicide attack set off his bomb.

Ziad al-Ani, a top official from the Sunni Iraqi Islamic Party, said al-Zubaie was in "serious condition" at the hospital's intensive care unit. He said shrapnel had penetrated his chest.

Al-Ani said the bomber blew himself up inside the mosque during the traditional weekly prayer service. The room was devastated, with debris and pools of blood covering the floor and light fixtures dangling from the ceiling. The walls were pockmarked from shrapnel.

A U.S. military spokesman, Lt. Col. Christopher Garver, said al-Zubaie was in a hospital run by the U.S. in the Green Zone but would not comment on his condition.

Nine people were killed in the attack, including an adviser to the deputy prime minister, and 14 were wounded, including five of al-Zubaie's bodyguards. The adviser, Mufeed Abdul-Zahra, was wounded and died later at the hospital.

Harith al-Obeidi, a lawmaker with the Sunni Accordance Front, the largest parliamentary bloc to which al-Zubaie also belongs, said the deputy prime minister's brother, cousin and the imam of the mosque also were among those killed.

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Former Deputy Interior Secretary Steven Griles leaves the U.S. Federal Court in Washington Friday after pleading guilty to obstruction of justice in a Senate committee's investigation, becoming the highest-ranking Bush administration official convicted in the Jack Abramoff corruption scandal.

Former Cabinet deputy pleads guilty in Abramoff scandal

JOHN HEILPRIN
The Associated Press

WASHNINGTON — Former Deputy Interior Secretary J. Steven Griles on Friday became the highest-ranking Bush administration official convicted in the Jack Abramoff influence-peddling scandal, pleading guilty to obstructing justice by lying to a Senate committee.

The former No. 2 official in the Interior Department admitted in federal court that he lied to investigators about his relationship with convicted lobbyist Abramoff, who repeatedly sought Griles' intervention at Interior on behalf of Indian tribal clients.

Griles, an oil and gas lobbyist who became an architect of President Bush's energy policies, is the ninth person convicted in a continuing Justice Department probe. The government is still actively investigating other public officials linked to Abramoff, said officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue.

Abramoff's ties to at least three other current or former Republican lawmakers have come under scrutiny in the criminal probe: Rep. John Doolittle of California, former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay of Texas and former Sen. Conrad Burns of Montana. None of them has been charged; all have denied wrongdoing. One former House member, Rep. Bob Ney, R-Ohio, already is serving a jail term on a guilty plea.

Griles pleaded guilty to a felony charge of obstruction, admitting in a plea agreement that he lied in testimony before the Senate Indian Affairs Committee on Nov. 2, 2005, and during an earlier deposition with the panel's investigators on October 20, 2005.

"I am sorry for my wrongdoing. I fully accept the responsibility for my conduct and the consequences it may have," he said in a statement. "When a Senate committee asks questions, they must be answered fully and completely and it is not my place to decide whether those questions are relevant or too personal."

Prosecutors recommended that Griles serve no more than a 10-month sentence — the minimum they could seek under sentencing guidelines — but only half of it in prison. The other five months would be in either a halfway house or under house arrest. The maximum sentence he could face is five years and a $250,000 fine. Sentencing is set for June 26.

Griles acknowledged in court papers that he lied when he said his relationship with Abramoff wasn't unique. What was unique about it, he said in the court papers, was that Griles' then-girlfriend, Italia Federici, had introduced him to Abramoff.

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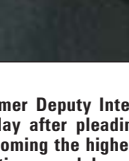
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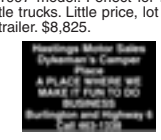
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Central Community College, Grand Island, Nebraska. BSN and valid Nebraska nursing license required. Must possess good OB/pediatrics knowledge base, excellent communication skills and ability to prioritize clinical situations appropriately. Will supervise 8-10 practical nursing students in the OB/pediatrics setting. Would be responsible for evaluation of individual student clinical and written performance. **For more information, contact Douglas Adler by the closing date of: April 13, 2007,** at 308-398-7327; email hr@cccneb.edu or check web site www.cccneb.edu. An Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action Employer.

Full-time Sociology Instructor
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53 Health Care

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Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital

Medical Assistant or LPN needed for Sutton Medical Clinic to work mornings from 8 a.m. to noon on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Must be licensed as a Practical Nurse or certified as a Medical Assistant to be considered. Must also be licensed as a limited scope rad tech or willing to become licensed. Experience is preferred. May apply in Human Resources or on line at www.mlmh.org. EEO

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54 Office/Clerical

ACCOUNTING CLERK: Full time. Computer skills and experience required. Apply in person at Hastings Equity Grain Bin Mfg., 1900 Summit, Hastings.

SEEKING INDIVIDUAL for position as business manager. Must have a working knowledge of accounting, computer and data entry. Must be a problem-solver and have good customer relations. Send information to Box C, c/o Hastings Tribune, P.O. Box 788, Hastings, NE 68902.

HAVE A Service to offer? Do you lay carpet, cater banquets, give music lessons? Call 461-1241 to advertise your specialty; ask for Joyce.

54 Office/Clerical

Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital

Patient Representative: Part-time position available, hours vary between 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., 24 hours per week. Qualified candidates will have medical office, terminology or medical background experience, customer service skills, computer proficiency in Word and Excel, excellent work history and references. Health and dental insurance, Flexible Spending Plan, 401k Retirement Plan and Paid Time Off are all available with this position. Apply in person in the Human Resource office or on line at www.mlmh.org. EOE

55 Sales

Advertising/Promotion Director
at Superior Outdoor Power in Superior. Duties would include setting up showroom displays, organizing for shows, website updating, Internet, newspaper, radio advertising, etc. Selling and marketing motorcycles, ATV's, utility vehicles, power equipment, etc. Computer experience essential. Top wages and benefits based on experience. Send resume to 1135 E. 3rd, Superior, NE 68978.

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Sales Career

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56 Restaurant

EXPERIENCED GRILL cook wanted at Fairfield Opera House Bar and Grill. Pay depending on experience and skill. Call Lynn at 402-726-2429 or email lnejez@alltel.net.

FULL-TIME COOK
Part-time Wait Staff
Apply 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday at Knights of Columbus Hall, 114 E. Third. Ask for Bobbi.

57 Technical & Trade

APPLICATIONS ARE being accepted for licensed journeyman with commercial and industrial construction experience for projects in the Grand Island area, $20 per hour plus for journeymen. Benefit package includes paid health insurance, 401k, educational assistance, profit sharing, production incentives and more. All replies held confidential. Apply in person at Kayton Electric, Inc., 715 South Clark, Grand Island, Nebraska or call 308-389-3951 for an appointment. Pre-employment drug screening. Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

ELECTRICIANS wanted immediately for a construction project in the Carleton area. Candidates should have a good work history and a valid driver's license. Previous electrical experience is a plus but not required. Excellent wages, health insurance, 401k, holiday pay and an apprenticeship program available for qualified applicants. Call 605-368-9693 for more information.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT operators and CDL truck drivers needed for various construction projects. For more information, please contact VanKirk Brothers Contracting, 402-773-5250

WANTED: Plumber, prefer experience; will train. Call 402-463-4664.

58 Ag Related

PIVOT SERVICE technician position available at Carlson Irrigation, L.L.C., Shickley, NE. Experience helpful but not necessary. Offering competitive wage, insurance benefits and IRA. Contact Gary or Chadd, 402-627-4035.

59 Trucking

AURORA CO-OP is accepting applications for a seasonal agronomy tender truck driver at Harvard location. CDL preferred. Direct interest to Todd Reichardt, 402-772-3151.

BELLY DUMPS, Class A CDL. EOE. Drug testing. Average $12/hour. 402-890-8888.

CDL DRIVER needed to haul loads of live hogs from Springdale, Arkansas to Hastings, Nebraska twice a week. Two years over-the-road experience necessary. Apply at Hastings Pork. 402-463-0551.

CDL TRUCK driver to haul grain in Hastings area. Retirees welcome. 308-379-0963, ask for Nate.

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59 Trucking

DRIVERS WANTED for statewide haul, includes some away from home. CDL required. 402-756-1261. Also looking for loader operator in Franklin/Naponee area.

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60 General

$10 PER HOUR supervising; $12 per hour driving bus this summer. Must be at least 21. Call 984-8674.

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Vintage claw foot bathtub – Cast iron and porcelain in excellent condition, original plumbing hardware, outside needs refinished, very good condition overall, measures 5'x30"x23".

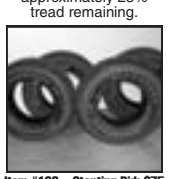
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Final Bid Date: 3/26/07

Signature Collection Gund "Bearacuda" – Signed Limited Edition American style collectible bear. 28" long, gray, perfect condition.

Item #101 Current Bid: $205
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Final Bid Date: 3/26/07

Hammond Organ with bench – Nice condition, works great. Buyer must move.

Item #102 Current Bid: $35
Current Bidder: #113
Final Bid Date: 3/26/07

Four Firestone Wilderness LE Tires – Size P26570R16, approximately 25% tread remaining.

Item #103 Starting Bid: $75
Current Bidder: #000
Final Bid Date: 3/26/07

Antique (40's) Baby Boomer Baby Buggy – Very good condition, dimensions are 40" high, 39" long, 18" wide with 11" wheels.

Item #104 Starting Bid: $150
Current Bidder: #000
Final Bid Date: 3/26/07

Late 1940's McCoy Vase – 8 1/4" tall, matte pink, no chips or cracks. Great collectible!

Item #105 Current Bid: $15
Current Bidder: #114
Final Bid Date: 3/26/07

Two Beige/Cream "Retro" Chairs – Small stain on seat of one

Item #106 Starting Bid: $60
Current Bidder: #000
Final Bid Date: 3/26/07

Craftsman Lawn Tractor – 15.5 HP, 42" mower, 4 years old.

Item #107 Current Bid: $330
Current Bidder: #115
Final Bid Date: 3/26/07

1996 Harley Davidson Motorcycle – Special construction, 2000 Delcron motor, 4-speed transmission, electric or kick start, rigid frame, dark blue, low mileage, good condition. Nice bike!

Item #108 Starting Bid: $8,500
Current Bidder: #000
Final Bid Date: 3/26/07

Wood Burned Portrait of Christ – On wooden crate top. Dimensions are 42" by 42". Unique.

Item #109 Starting Bid: $100
Current Bidder: #000
Final Bid Date: 3/26/07

Schwinn Airdyne Exercise Bike – Excellent condition, used very little.

Item #110 Current Bid: $160
Current Bidder: #114
Final Bid Date: 3/26/07

Grill Guard for Dodge Dakota, years 1999-2004.

Item #111 Starting Bid: $150
Current Bidder: #000
Final Bid Date: 3/29/07

60 General

AGP GRAIN Marketing now accepting applications for full-time assistant maintenance personnel to work on local grain elevators. Millwright experience preferred. Competitive wage, full benefits, 401k, paid vacation and holidays. Call Bill, 402-463-1235.

Come join our quality, excellence award-winning Holiday Inn. Part-time and full-time front desk positions available. Applicant must have excellent customer service skills; computer experience helpful. We offer competitive wages and benefits. Apply at I-80 Holiday Inn.

LANDSCAPERS and mechanic needed in Parker, CO. Salary depends on experience. If interested in relocating, call 303-841-7338.

LOOKING FOR 3-4 hard-working individuals to help install fencing. 461-4674.

61 Part Time

ADAMS COUNTY Attorney's Office is currently accepting applications for a part-time entry clerk. Flexible scheduling, 15 to 18 hours/week. Computer experience necessary. $7.50 per hour. Submit resume with cover letter and references by March 30, 2007, to Donna Fegler Daiss, P.O. Box 71, Hastings, NE 68902

AMERICAN HOME Patient, one of the nation's largest Home Medical Equipment providers, is seeking a part-time position for Service Technician. Must be self-motivated, good communication skills, and the ability to lift 170 lbs. repetitively. Qualifications to include a valid driver's license with good driving record. Responsibilities include general delivery, setup, training and education of equipment and supplies to customers. Please send resume to American Home Patient, 235 S. Burlington Ave., Suite H, Hastings, NE 68901; Attn: Branch Manager.

HOUSEKEEPER for assisted living facility, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. Call 902-9694 Monday-Friday, noon to 5 p.m. only.

SECOND STREET Slammer is taking applications for part-time wait staff, bartenders and DJ. Applications available evenings only, 2315 W. Second.

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YMCA IS now hiring a Welcome Center staff person to work 1-6 p.m., Monday-Friday. Applications available at hastingsymca.net or at both Hastings YMCA facilities.

70 Pets

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70 Pets

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76 Furnishings

SET OF TWIN Bunk Beds: T-style, storage drawers, shelves, desk. All wood, good shape. $500/offer. Children's bikes, 4-8 years. Make offer. 402-461-4449.

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94 Miscellaneous

CATERING EQUIPMENT for sale. Contact Pat Rankin at 308-824-3116 or 308-920-1205.

KOZY HEAT free standing direct vent fireplace. Like new. 402-817-4279.

96 Want To Buy

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102 Duplexes For Rent

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2-BEDROOM: $385. Partial utilities. Washer/dryer hookups. 402-469-4410.

JUNIATA: 2-bedroom with basement. No pets/smoking. $425. 402-463-4322.

LARGE 2-BEDROOM duplex: Newly remodeled. In Juniata. 751-2365.

SUPER NICE: 2+-bedroom, heated garage. No smoking/pets. References. 3121 Parklane Drive. 984-1125.

103 Town Houses For Rent

3-BEDROOM: Appliances, basement, garage, 1.5 bath, $625; 2.5-bath, family room, $700. 460-9626.

104 Houses For Rent

1302 McDONALD: 3-bedroom, appliances. Rent/deposit $550. References. 402-463-3589.

3-BEDROOM: No pets. References. $450. 402-463-3096.

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105 Mobile Homes For Rent

NEWLY REMODELED: 2-bedroom in Juniata. Partial utilities paid. 751-2365.

108 Office Space

SMALL OFFICE at 641 S. Burlington. $275. Call Alton Jackson at 463-0688.

109 Business Property

30'x70' HEATED building: Office, bath, paved parking. 402-462-0594.

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115 Acreages For Sale

160 ACRES pivot-irrigated quarter. Clay/Nuckolls County. 402-224-1117.

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116 Houses For Sale



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1106 UNIVERSITY: Fireplace. Zero down with good credit. $69,900. 402-461-1785



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Lot One (1), Block One (1), Imperial Village 6th Addition to the City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska, according to the recorded plat thereof commonly known as 3217 West 7th Street, Hastings, Nebraska.

The highest bidder will deposit with the Trustee, at the time of the sale, a personal or cashier's check in the amount of $5,000.00, with the full purchase price, in certified funds, to be received by the Trustee by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the sale, except this requirement is waived when the highest bidder is the beneficiary. (If the sale is held after 1:00 p.m., the deposit requirement remains the same, and the full purchase price, in certified funds, shall be received by the Trustee by 5:00 p.m. the following business day). The purchaser shall be responsible for all prior liens, all applicable fees, and all taxes, including the documentary stamp tax. This property is sold "as is" and this sale is made without any warranties as to title or condition of the property.

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BIDS RECEIVED: Sealed Bid Proposals will be received and publicly opened and read aloud as follows:

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PRE-BID: March 29, 2007, 10:00 a.m., General Services Building Conference Room, 2507 19th Avenue. All qualified Bidders are encouraged (but not required) to attend and other interested parties are invited to attend a pre-Bid meeting for distribution of information and tour of site.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Movable furnishing packages for New Residence Halls currently under construction phased to open August 2007 and August 2008 at the UNK campus to include furnishings to be delivered and installed (when required) by bidder. The University has developed separate bid packages by furniture type to encourage bidder participation. Separate bids will be accepted for the following packages: Package "A": Appliances; Package "B": Residence Hall Bedroom Furnishings; Package "C": Mattresses; Package "D": Residential Furnishings for Suite Common Areas; Package "E": Commercial Furnishings.

PROJECT LOCATION:
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For questions, contact the Office of the Campus Architect/Associate Director of Facilities, Ryan F. Swanson, Phone 308-865-1700.

March 24, 2007

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In the County Court of Adams County, Nebraska.

Estate of HENRY B. MEYER, Deceased. Estate No. PR07-32

Notice is hereby given that on March 19, 2007, in the County Court of Adams County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Marlene A. Griffin, whose address is 118 East 10th Street, Grand Island, Nebraska 68801, and Barbara A. Griess, whose address is 771 Lewiston Street, Aurora, Colorado 80011 were informally appointed by the Registrar as Co-Personal Representatives of this estate.

Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before May 25, 2007, or be forever barred.

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A nose for a story

A new local newspaper reporter was sitting at his desk writing a story on the latest technology in hog farming when an editor walked up, then backed away and skirted his desk.

"Whooo boy, where have you been?" the editor asked.

Drew looked up from his computer and shrugged. "Just out doing a story," he replied. "I'm working on it right now."



Denise Andersen

The editor just shook his head and ambled off.

There were no more distractions as Drew wrote his story. His assignment had been to check out technology in farming, and the local extension agent had pointed him in the direction of a farmer near town named Alvin.

He made the appointment with Alvin and showed up at the appointed time. He introduced himself to the farmer, who looked him up and down and then asked if he was a farm boy.

Drew checked his khaki slacks to make sure they were still creased and then his polo shirt to make sure he hadn't spilled anything on it, then told Alvin that no, he wasn't, but he was eager to see his first hog farm.

Alvin took Drew to the back porch and suggested he might want to trade his shiny loafers for a pair of rubber boots.

Drew, in turn, looked warily at the muddied and smelly rubber boots that had undoubtedly seen hundreds of different feet. Alvin was already putting his on. Drew looked at his new loafers and put the boots on.

They walked out to Alvin's farrowing house where Drew was instructed to step in a pan of murky, brownish liquid.

"Iodine," Alvin explained. "It cuts down on germs. I like to keep my houses as clean as I can."

Drew nodded and obligingly stepped in the iodine. He tried not to gag as he walked into the farrowing house and smelled the combination of feed, hogs and manure.

He had to admit it was clean. Freshly washed walkways still glistened with water and baby pigs ran around their mothers in the farrowing crates. Classical music played in the background, mingled with the sound of feeders clinking as the sows ate their lunch.

Drew, who had never seen a baby pig, was intrigued and even petted one that Alvin held up for him. He wasn't convinced he wanted to hold it, however.

"Is this all the latest technology?" Drew asked as they walked into a control room that held a computer that apparently handled the feeding system.

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Superjumbo jet makes maiden voyage

RICHARD PYLE
The Associated Press

NEW YORK— The latest jetliner to claim the title of world's biggest passenger aircraft completed its inaugural flight to the United States on Monday, flying on football field-length wings and a prayer that airlines will want to shell out $300 million to buy the behemoth double-decker jet.

The four-engine Airbus A380 descended from a sunny sky and touched down at John F. Kennedy International Airport at about 12:10 p.m. EDT, to the cheers of onlookers. As the plane made its way toward the terminal, a pilot waved an American flag. Minutes later, a separate A380 arrived in Los Angeles, with just a crew and no passengers.

The first U.S. flights are a chance for plane builder Airbus and German airline Lufthansa AG to show off the jewel of Airbus' offerings to potential American buyers and to the airports they hope to turn into flight bases for the jet.

The 239-foot-long jet can seat 555 passengers in a typical three-class configuration or 853 passengers in a one-class economy setup. It can hold 81,890 gallons of fuel, cruise at 560 mph and fly some 8,000 nautical miles.

Despite the plane's impressive statistics, Airbus has yet to sell any of the planes to U.S. carriers. The A380 comes with a price-tag of about $300 million, although that figure varies depending on the airline's order, said John Leahy, chief of operations for Airbus.

Leahy called the A380 the flagship jetliner for the 21st century, much like the Boeing 747 was in the last century. Airbus has about 160 global orders from 15 airlines for the new plane, which has already made tests flights in Europe and to Asia.

Waiting in the wings, however, is Boeing Co., which now has competitors to the A380 in early production.

The U.S. flight marked one of the highest-profile maiden trans-Atlantic voyages since 1969, when the Concorde, the world's first and only commercial supersonic transport, arrived at JFK from London.

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MARK AVERY/*AP*

Pilot Claude Lelaie checks his voicemail after flying an Airbus A380 from Toulouse, France, for its first landing at Los Angeles International Airport Monday. The world's largest passenger plane completed a bicoastal American debut Monday, touching down at Los Angeles International Airport minutes after a sister aircraft landed in New York.



JOHN HUTHMACHER/*Tribune*

Fred Hansen, Karon Hansen, and Scot DeWitt (right) plan to open their new Italian restaurant, Sghetti's, the week after Easter. Operating out of the former Mama Rosey's location on First Street, the restaurant will emphasize a family-friendly atmosphere with service as a top priority.

Sghetti's readies for grand opening

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Good food, good prices and good service. These are the tenants upon which Hastings couple Karon and Fred Hansen and Karon's son, Scot DeWitt, plan to operate their new restaurant, Sghetti's.

Located in the old Mama Rosey's building on First Street, the new Italian restaurant will have many similarities in appearance and menu to its popular predecessor, which closed for business in November 2005. But whereas the former restaurant tended toward a more upscale environment, the Hansens and DeWitt are looking to create a restaurant that is family-friendly and affordable.

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Criminal activity, but no criminals

On March 6, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission filed a civil complaint in the U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C., that alleges, in 2002, Charles M. Martin, then Monsanto Co.'s "Government Affairs Director for Asia, authorized and directed an Indonesian consulting firm to pay a bribe totaling $50,000 to a senior Indonesian Ministry of Environment official."



Alan Guebert

The payment, the filing continues, "was made to influence the Senior Environment Official to repeal language in a decree that was unfavorable to Monsanto's business in Indonesia."

Later the SEC explains that the "unfavorable" decree was a mid-2001 government ruling that required "bio-technology products ... such as Monsanto's Bollgard Cotton ... for the first time, to undergo an AMDAL process [an environmental impact assessment] before they could be cultivated in Indonesia."

That assessment, the SEC continues, "posed a considerable obstacle to the success of Monsanto's existing Bollgard Cotton project and Monsanto's ability to successfully market other GMOs in Indonesia and elsewhere in the Asia Pacific region."

Especially so, notes the SEC, because in "February, 2001, Monsanto obtained limited approval from Indonesia's Ministry of Agriculture allowing farmers in South Sulawesi, Indonesia to grow Bollgard Cotton..."

Shortly thereafter, however, a change in government brought a change in rules.

The $50,000 payment wasn't the only money Monsanto spent on Indonesian officials. As the Martin complaint explains in a paragraph labeled "Other Relevant Entities," the SEC already had moved against the St. Louis biotech company in early 2005 "for violating the anti-bribery provisions of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act [FCPA]..."

On Jan. 6, 2005, the SEC "filed two settled enforcement proceedings" against Monsanto whereby the company — "without admitting or denying the Commission's charges" — consented to pay "a $500,000 civil penalty" as "a final judgment in (a) federal lawsuit."

The suit, brought by the SEC, "charged that, from 1997 to 2002, Monsanto inaccurately recorded, or failed to record, in its books and records approximately $700,000 of illegal or questionable payments made to at least 140 current and former Indonesian government officials and their family members."

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Your turn

This week is the fourth anniversary of the war in Iraq. What are your thoughts on how it is going?

Steve Stenner, Hastings

"We're doing good there, but it's not efficient."



Ashley Arnold, Hastings

"I think it's ridiculous, and I think it's going to go on for quite some time if something doesn't get done."



Neal Schwartz, Hildreth

"It's not going as well as it could be, but the war on terrorism has to continue. They sometimes get confused with the Iraqi war and the war on terrorism. At this point and time, I think it needs to continue, but we also need to think about getting out as soon as possible."



Deb Bosle, Hastings

"I personally think it's kind of stagnated out and the best thing to do is get the men out of there as soon as we can."



John Walker, Grand Island

"So much of the reporting, so much of it leans one way, so much leans the other way. I don't think we have a real good feel for it."



Marlene Lind, Hastings

"I feel sorry for the Iraqi people, because it's Iraqi people killing Iraqi people. Nothing will be solved until they get the people there to solve their own differences."



Landing: Superjumbo jet makes maiden voyage to United States

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The European-made Concorde was retired from British and French service in 2005.

Airbus has been beset by management and financial problems, including a two-year delay to the A380 that wiped out more than $6.61 billion in forecast profits. The flight is a chance to prove that the plane will be ready when the first deliveries are made in October.

Airbus is seeking to recoup its losses by cutting 10,000 jobs and spinning off or closing six of its European manufacturing plants. Louis Gallois, co-chief executive of parent company European Aeronautic Defense and Space Co., said Airbus has endured "the worst year" in its history.

Lufthansa chief pilot Juergen Raps, who flew the A380 to New York, said that despite the superjumbo jet's size, it was nimble and responsive.

"If I were to compare it to driving, you would think this would be like driving a truck or a bus," he said inside the plane's cockpit. "It's like driving a Ferrari."

The air show began early Monday at Frankfurt International Airport when the plane took off as Lufthansa Flight 8940 for the eight-hour trip to Kennedy. Onboard were nearly 500 people, including pilots, Airbus crew members, 23 Lufthansa cabin crew and several hundred passengers, mostly Airbus and Lufthansa employees along with some reporters.

The flight operated as if it were a commercial one with full dining and entertainment services.

A separate inaugural Los Angeles flight originated in Toulouse, France. With only 23 people aboard, an Airbus crew flew the A380 to Los Angeles for airport "compatibility" tests.

About a thousand onlookers lined up along fences at that airport to see the plane make its West Coast debut. The facility nearly lost out on the highly anticipated landing after Airbus announced plans to land the jet in New York instead. The company revised its plan to allow for arrival at both locations.

France-based Airbus said the plane will perform tests at the California airport, including airfield maneuvers and docking at the terminal gate. The airport, the fifth-busiest worldwide, is expected to be the first U.S. destination for the A380 when it enters commercial service.

Paul Haney, deputy executive director for airport and security of Los Angeles World Airports, called the plane a "beautiful landing."

"Although it's the largest commercial airline in the sky, it's quiet and fuel efficient. That means less noise and lower emissions," Haney said, speaking by telephone from inside the aircraft.

Anthony Coscia, chairman of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, said Monday's flight marked the beginning of a new era in meeting the New York City area's transportation needs. He says the A380 will generate millions of dollars in economic activity each year.



THE LOS ANGELES TIMES/*AP*

A crowd gathers Monday morning to watch the Airbus A380 make its first landing at Los Angeles International Airport. The world's largest passenger plane completed a bicoastal American debut Monday, touching down at Los Angeles International Airport minutes after a sister aircraft landed in New York.

New: Italian restaurant to cater toward families

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"We're a more casual atmosphere," DeWitt said. "Our price point is going to be a little better for families."

For DeWitt, the restaurant represents his second go-around in the food service business. The DeWitt Funeral Home owner and director owns all four Blue Moon Coffee Company locations in Nebraska.

If all goes as expected, the family-owned Italian business expects to open its doors for business the week following Easter. An outdoor patio section and possibly some additional menu and bar offerings will be added in the coming months, Karon said.

"We purchased the lot next door, also, so we're going to have an outdoor seating patio atmosphere," she said. "With that, we'll probably have Hamburger Night or New York Hot Dog Night. We might even do a Bring Your Pet Night.

"We're bringing in a kid's menu with Build Your Own Pizza. We're trying to bring a big city outdoor-type setting to Hastings and keep it family-oriented."

A Build Your Own Pasta dish will take its place on the menu alongside such staple items as spaghetti, lasagna, and chicken parmigiana. There will also be a variety of mainstream Nebraska dishes offered, including top sirloin steak, baked chicken, salmon, chicken Caesar salad, and other favorites.

A former Los Angeles, Calif., chef will handle food preparation.

A hearty desert menu will include several cheesecake offerings, spumoni, creme brulee, tiramisu, and other creative concoctions.

As for the floor plan, renovations have been minimal. A handicapped-accessible bathroom has been added, with new paint and touch-ups added to give the restaurant a fresh new look.

As before, the upstairs banquet area will be able to accommodate parties of up to 50 guests, DeWitt said. As many as 8-10 people could run the restaurant on busy days, with four to five expected to handle less-busy occasions. Both the Hansens and DeWitt figure to spend long hours getting the restaurant off the ground. Once established, operations will then be turned over to a full-time manager, DeWitt said.

Already Karon can see the possibility for expansion to other cities, provided the initial endeavor is successful, of course.

"We could expand," she said. "If it would take off, there's not really anything in Grand Island or Kearney that is an Italian-type restaurant. The benefit that we have is that we didn't buy a franchise, so we can change the menu to include what people want."

Restaurant hours will be from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday through Saturday.

Farmland values jump 14 percent in last year

The Associated Press

LINCOLN — The value of Nebraska farmland jumped more last year than at any time in the past 19 years as the ethanol industry's expansion drove corn and soybean prices up, according to an annual University of Nebraska-Lincoln survey.

The average value of an acre of Nebraska farmland was $1,155 for the 12 months ending Feb. 1. That's up 14 percent from the previous year's $1,013 an acre, according to the survey conducted by UNL's Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

The demand from rapidly growing ethanol production has triggered higher commodity prices and, in turn, "worked into the agricultural land market dynamic particularly in the major corn-producing areas of the state," said agricultural economist Bruce Johnson.

Last year's increases follow three previous years of higher values. Johnson said Nebraska cropland values are more than 50 percent higher than the 2003's average of $757 an acre.

The rate of increase varied greatly across the state partly because of concerns in some places about reliable access to irrigation water.

The biggest increases in land values was reported in northern and northeastern Nebraska where, Johnson said, no irrigation moratoriums or water application restrictions have been adopted.

"In both of these regions, irrigation development continues at a rapid rate, and landowners realized the opportunity for developing this land for irrigation may soon be limited by future water moratoriums," he said.

Average land values in northeast Nebraska jumped 20.7 percent, to $2,142 an acre. The north region jumped 19.1 percent, to $506 an acre.

The south region saw the smallest increase in average land values last year, with a 7.2 percent increase to $1,302 an acre. The south region has serious water restrictions over much of the area, Johnson said.

Hooters to open in Israel

HARRY R. WEBER
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Hooters, the restaurant chain known for its tasty wings and scantily clad servers, is heading to Israel.

Atlanta-based Hooters of America Inc. said in a statement Monday that it has reached a franchise deal with Ilana and Ofer Ahiraz to open the first Hooters restaurant this year in Israel, with several more locations in Israel to follow.

The first location will be in Tel Aviv, Hooters spokesman Mike McNeil said Tuesday. The franchisees are from Israel. Eventually, other parts of the country may be considered for locations, but there have been no formal decisions about where, McNeil said.

Guebert: Criminal activity, but no criminals

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And, the settlement agreement adds, "The approximate $700,000 was derived from a bogus product registration scheme undertaken by two Indonesian entities owned or controlled by Monsanto."

But since the SEC "considered the cooperation that Monsanto provided the Commission staff during its investigation" important to connect the Indonesian dots, the U.S. Justice Department "entered into an agreement ... to defer prosecution on charges of violating the anti-bribery and books and records provision of the FCPA."

The deal meant that if Monsanto paid a "$1 million monetary penalty" and retained "for a period of three years an independent compliance expert" to ensure such violations would not occur again, the big biotech company would face no other charges.

Russell Mokhiber, editor of the Corporate Crime Reporter, an authoritative weekly newsletter on white-collar crime, describes deferred prosecution deals like the one Monsanto agreed to as "criminal activity without any criminals."

In a lengthy 2005 treatise on the rising use of deferred prosecutions (at www.corporatecrimereporter.com), Mokhiber explains it this way: "You can commit any crime you wish, from bribery to corruption to fraud. Just help us put the individuals in jail, and we will let you off the hook. No conviction. No record of criminal wrongdoing."

Under the 2005 deal Monsanto cut with Justice, its three-year compliance period will end just after it hopes to conclude its $1.5 billion buy-out of Delta & Pine Land Co., a purchase that will give it a virtual lock on the U.S. biotech cottonseed market.

The buyout is presently undergoing an antitrust review at the same U.S. Justice Department that granted Monsanto the deferred prosecution in the Indonesian cotton scheme.

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Andersen: Reporter displays a nose for a story

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"It is," Alvin said, "but it's not all I've got. Come along."

They walked to the end of the building and outside, down a concrete chute to a grouping of large pens.

"Just come through this gate," Alvin suggested as he held the gate open.

Drew did so and on the second step, sank 6 inches into the mud. He drew his foot up and left the boot in the mud.

"Here, lean on me while you put your boot back on," Alvin said. "You don't want to get those fancy socks muddy."

Drew did so and regained his boot and his balance.

"Forgot to warn you about that," Alvin said. "You kind of have to pull up with your toes to keep the mud from sucking off your boot. Had a gal a few years ago out here in tennis shoes who lost one in the mud."

He chuckled. "That shoe didn't surface for three months," he said. "Don't know why she just didn't fish it out while she was there instead of walking around with one bare foot in the mud."

Drew looked down at the mud and knew exactly why the shoe had been left behind. He wasn't putting his hand in the mud.

"Anyway, here we are," Alvin said.

Drew looked around. There was nothing but mother pigs and baby pigs lying around in the mud and in small huts in each of the pens.

"This is the latest thing in raising hogs?" Drew asked dubiously.

"Yep," Alvin replied. "I farrow the babies inside to ensure I don't lose any and that I can help the sow if she needs it, but as soon as they're ready, I bring them out here. That way they're in natural surroundings and in the fresh air and grow faster."

Drew thought the pigs looked happy enough, but he had been hoping for something a little bit more innovative. Still, he had enough information for a story and he was more than ready for his first trip to a hog farm to end, especially while he was still clean.

He was just putting the finishing touches on the story when a sports writer walked up to him, then pinched his nose shut.

"Man, you smell like you've been to a hog farm," Troy said.

Drew sniffed, then shrugged. He couldn't smell anything. He didn't know what the big deal was until he got home and took off his clothes. Right there, on the back of his khakis, was a big blob of mud.

At least he hoped it was mud.

He got closer and smelled and nearly fainted from the smell. It wasn't mud. He shook his head. Next time, he was taking the assignment for the rose garden tour.

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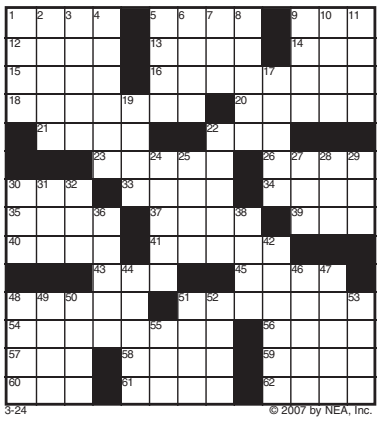
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Astrograph

Sunday, March 25

Far greater activity is indicated for the year ahead, bringing about a number of major changes in your life. You'll now be able to engage in many things you previously only thought about and never had the opportunity to do.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Improvements are likely in areas that affect your personal life, mostly because you'll place more importance on issues about which others are sensitive rather than on self-serving desires.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Put confusing matters that require immediate discussion at the forefront rather than putting them off any longer. Once you get a nod of approval, your enthusiasm will be rekindled.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) There is no combination more dynamic than coupling your ambition with your creative abilities. Once these two factors are operative, everything and anything is possible for you to accomplish.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) There is nothing wrong with exercising your initiative and assertiveness in order to further a personal interest, provided you don't do so at the expense of another.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Problem solving could be one of your better assets, especially if you can contemplate perplexing issues in a venue free from outside distraction. Mull things over in a quiet place.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) What makes you so successful at this point in time is that you simply believe that victory in what interests you is a foregone conclusion. Positive thinking fills in the blanks spots to make it so.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your successes are predicated upon the intensity of your motivation. Desire is the stimulus that spurs you into action and will hang on until you eventually achieve what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Sometimes we can learn greater lessons from personal experiences than we can from teachers or books. Today may be a day where you'll find pertinent information living in the real world.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Some kind of change or shift is likely to take place for you, but don't let that throw you. The odds are the new way will work out far better for you than things would have otherwise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you have something that needs settling with a friend or associate might be that day when a good heart-to-heart talk could clear the air if you are prepared to see the other person's side.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You're apt to be in a good mood for performing all your neglected chores and projects, so don't let this disposition slip past you. Things are much easier when you don't mind the work.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) With a little more thought, you can tighten up and more effectively organize an endeavor in which you're involved. This will put you on the right track for achieving your objective.

Monday, March 26

The year ahead could be one of your more exciting years with many pleasant adventures developing for you, especially in the social realm. Several new acquaintances could evolve into life-long friendships.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) What a lucky person you are, because people who are fond of you will be looking out for your interests without you having asked. If they weren't, things wouldn't run as well for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Some exciting opportunities could develop for you through activities you share with others, so don't be a loner. Get out and circulate with those who are movers and shakers.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The reasons your chances for material gain are so strong is because of your natural ingenuity. You'll put it to work for you at this time in pulling off something profitable.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Simply be yourself and you'll discover just how charismatic you are. Members of the opposite gender will find you appealing, and those of your own sex will appreciate you as a pal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You'll find that those with whom you have strong emotional bonds are likely to do a number of nice things for you purely on impulse. It's their way of showing how much they like you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It can be unwise at times to make on-the-spot decisions, but your mind is working so rapidly and accurately that you shouldn't have any problems with instant judgment calls.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) The possibilities for adding to your resources by using the resourcefulness you're so blessed with are better than usual. Don't waste this Midas touch on petty money-making projects.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't fret if you haven't been in much of an interesting romantic cycle lately, because Dan Cupid is likely to begin making up for lost time. You may start to see the first signs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Shifting conditions tend to work in your favor, even those which are not triggered by your personal efforts. So, don't hesitate to go along with the flow. Happily ride the tide of change.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The timing is excellent for bringing a matter that you've been discussing with others to a head. You'll find that all parties involved are likely to be in extremely agreeable moods.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) That break regarding a situation which could enhance your material security could be in the offing for you. However, be ready to move fast.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Follow the old advice of "if you want something done right, it is best to do it yourself." Enterprises that you personally control can be successful beyond anybody's expectation.

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Kids' first names are not always first to be used

DEAR ABBY: I work in a public library, where I deal with a lot of children and process many library card applications. I have a question for today's parents and was wondering if your readers would respond.

Why do so many parents give their children first names they don't like to be used? At least once a week, I run into a parent who, when I call her child "Mary," will get angry and snap, "We don't call her that!" and order me to call the child by his or her middle name or some completely different name. I mean, if you don't like the name or don't want your kid to be called that, why give them that name?



Dear Abby

I understand with older kids it can be a matter of choice, or with "Juniors" and others, it's a way to distinguish a father from a son. But this happens too often, and I dislike being snapped at because I called their son or daughter by his or her first name. So why is it such a common practice? — CONFUZZLED IN FLORIDA

DEAR CONFUZZLED: I'm sure my readers will gladly chime in, but I have a hunch that many of them will tell you that their children were named to honor deceased parents, grandparents or other relatives despite the fact that those names may no longer be in "vogue." And that's why their child is called by a middle name or nickname.

However, the parents you describe are rude and abusive. Rather than snapping at you, they should have their children's library cards issued in the name the child uses.

Disappointed in friend's reaction

DEAR ABBY: Twelve years ago, when I was in high school, I made friends with a girl who had just come from Europe. (I'll call her Cheri.) We became close friends and did the usual high school things together.

I was the first of our group to be married and asked Cheri and several other girlfriends to be my bridesmaids. All went nicely. I soon had a baby, and I asked Cheri to be the godmother to my daughter, which she accepted.

A year later, Cheri became engaged and asked me to stand up for her at her wedding. By that time I had two little ones, my husband was earning an hourly wage and money was tight. I leveled with her and told her I didn't have the money to buy a bridesmaid's dress. Cheri was hurt and asked her sister to do the honors. I wasn't even invited to the wedding.

Now I'm thinking about the friendship we once had, and I miss it. Was I wrong to be truthful about my money situation, or should I have gone into debt to buy the necessary bridesmaid's apparel? — WONDERING IN OHIO

DEAR WONDERING: You did the right thing in telling your friend the truth that buying the bridesmaid's dress was beyond your means. Considering the circumstances, it would have been foolish to go into debt. I can understand Cheri's disappointment, but she reacted like a spoiled child. ("If you don't do what I want, you can't come to my party!")

Because you miss her, give her a call and see if she has grown up by now.

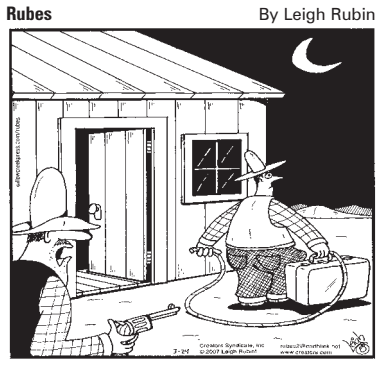
Worried about dad giving beer to sister

DEAR ABBY: I have a 4-year-old sister who drinks a lot of beer. My dad lets her drink it. What should I do? — BIG SISTER IN SANTA MARIA, CALIF.

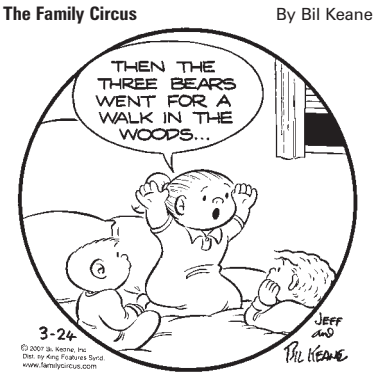
DEAR BIG SISTER: You appear to have more common sense than your father, who apparently does not realize that when children drink alcohol they can more easily become dependent upon it than adults. Because your father is not likely to stop if you tell him that giving liquor to a child is wrong, you should tell a trusted teacher at school what you have told me. The teacher can see to it that your father recognizes the error of his ways.

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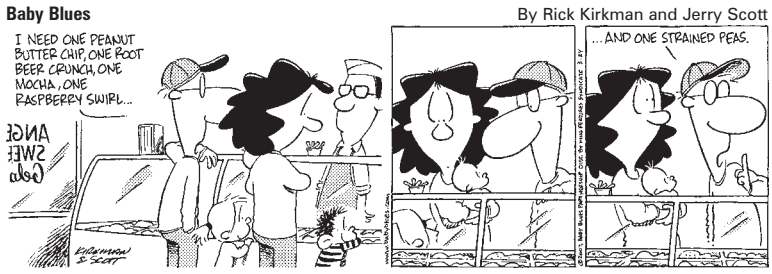
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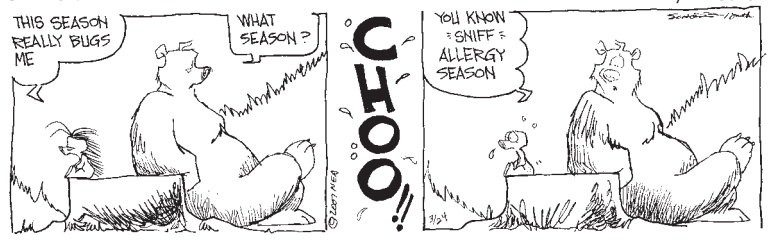
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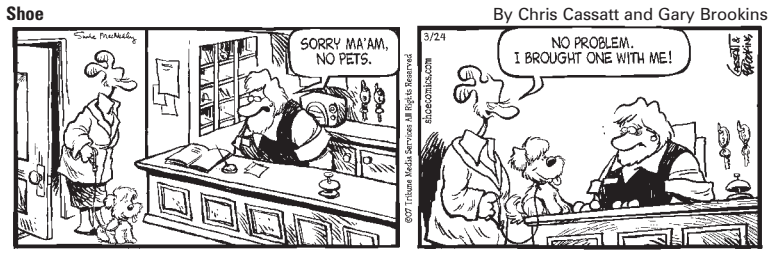
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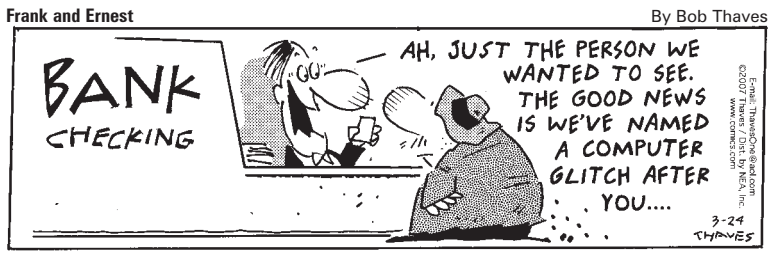
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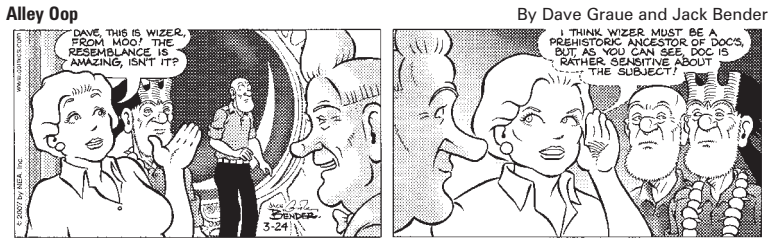
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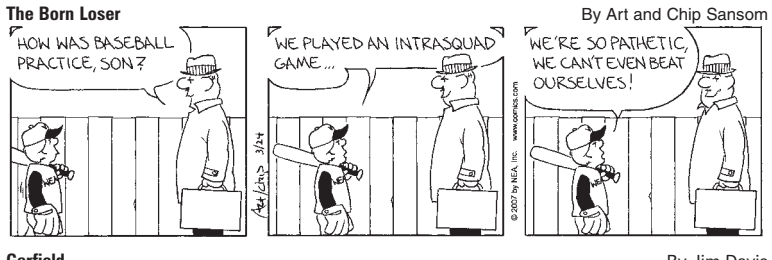
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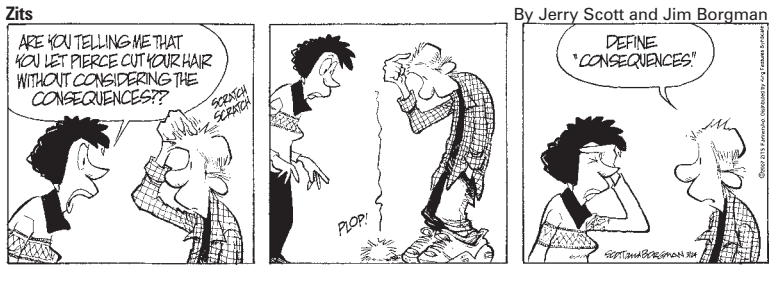
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A look at Opus Dei, Da Vinci Code mania

NEW YORK — At the height of Da Vinci Code mania there was sign at the door of the Murray Hill Conference Center asking visitors if they wanted to learn the truth about the "real Opus Dei."

Visitors received a cheery information pamphlet. Staffers also had answers ready for those asking edgier questions that usually sounded like this: "Is this the world headquarters of Opus Dei, the place where that albino monk Silas lived who murdered all those people in Dan Brown's book?"



Terry Mattingly

Actually, visitors were told, Opus Dei has no monks and its world headquarters is in Rome. The only local member named Silas is a Nigerian-born stockbroker who lives in Brooklyn — with his wife.

The siege did include moments of humor, said spokesman Brian Finnerty. One visitor pointed at the 17-story Manhattan tower and asked, "Is it true you have a torture chamber up there?" The doorman responded, "You don't know nothing. The torture chamber's in the basement."

Life goes on at the corner of Lexington Avenue and 34th Street. But for Opus Dei loyalists, life after "The Da Vinci Code" will never be the same and that is probably a good thing, said Monsignor Thomas Bohlin, the group's leader in America.

It's crucial, he said, that Opus Dei members were able to do dozens of media interviews during the uproar surrounding the book and the movie, he said. This gave Opus Dei a chance to open up and respond to its many critics.

"There are people who still say that we are like a fundamentalist sect," said Bohlin. "For some people we're the Masons, we're crypto-Fascists, we're who knows what. ... We know that it's going to take time for people to figure out who we are and what we are and what we can become here in America."

The story of Opus Dei ("Work of God") began in 1928, when a Spanish priest named Josemaria Escriva had a vision of a movement for laypeople that blended old-fashioned Catholic disciples with the reality of everyday work. Today, Opus Dei has about 87,000 members and fewer than 2,000 are priests. About 70 percent are married "supernumeraries" and the rest are celibate "numeraries," assistants or associates.

Critics argue that, because most members continue mainstream careers, it's almost impossible to know how wealthy "Octopus Dei" really is and how much power it wields in corporations and governments. Many critics also call Opus Dei a "sect" and this has filtered into some newsrooms. This is a fighting word, since the Religion Newswriters Association online stylebook warns that "sect" refers to "a group that has broken off from another. Avoid this label unless you are sure it fits."

It's strange to call Opus Dei a sect because, in 1982, Pope John Paul II declared it a "personal prelature" — a kind of global diocese — with direct ties to the Vatican. Then, in 2002, Opus Dei's founder was canonized as St. Josemaria.

The bottom line: Opus Dei is not controversial because it has broken off from Rome. Opus Dei is controversial because of its power base inside the heart of Rome.

Recently, Finnerty jumped when "sect" appeared again in some major newspapers during coverage of yet another movie. In this case, "Breach" was based on the story of Robert Hanssen, the FBI's top spy hunter and Opus Dei supernumerary who betrayed his country, family and faith.

Finnerty focused on a Los Angeles Times article that referred to the spy being part of the "rigid Catholic sect known as Opus Dei," in part because of that newspaper's history of excellence in religion- news coverage. After lengthy deliberations, the reader's representative replied earlier this week to say that editors have been advised that the word "sect" should not have been used to refer to Opus Dei.

This was another symbolic moment in an important conversation, said Finnerty, a celi-

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PAST MEETS PRESENT



HILL MUSEUM AND MANUSCRIPT LIBRARY AT ST. JOHN'S LIBRARY/*AP*

A page of the Saint John's Bible illustrates the creation story.

HANDWRITTEN, ILLUSTRATED BIBLE REVISITS ANCIENT TRADITION

MATT SEDENSKY
The Associated Press

NAPLES, Fla. — The pages are made of calfskin, the ink is 500 years old, the letters each perfectly inscribed with quills. And yet for all the antiquity the St. John's Bible embraces, there are decidedly modern signs too — images of terrorist targets, urban apartment buildings, even cheering football fans.

This is more than just another edition of the Bible.

The text has been painstakingly handwritten and illustrated at a master calligrapher's studio in a converted shed in Wales, a remarkable convergence of past and present that includes everything from prehistoric cave paintings to satellite images from space.

The work sends a message about the universality of faith across time. In a sense, it seeks to be all things to all people.

"This is the yearning," explained Donald Jackson, who is the lead scribe on the project, "the voices of people in different cultures and religions, voicing their yearning for closeness to God."

Portions of the massive seven-volume Bible — expected to cost its sponsors about $7.8 million when it's done — are on display through next month at the Naples Museum of Art. Visitors see not only the remarkable calligraphy that seems too perfect to have come from the human hand, but the artistic interpretations of passages. They are on pages nearly 2 feet high and 16 inches wide.

Suffering Christ model for Christians to follow

JOHN HUTHMACHER
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Recognizing suffering as an opportunity to draw closer to Christ was the focus of the sermon by the Rev. Michael Houlihan of St. Michael's Catholic Church at the fifth installment of the Sermons a La Carte series Wednesday at St. Mark's Episcopal Pro-Cathedral.

The six-week series, which runs through Lent, is presented each year by ministers from various Christian churches in Hastings. This year's series is based on the theme, "The Power of Christ."

Lunch following the sermon was served by St. Michael's Altar Society in the undercroft.

Houlihan introduced suffering as an aspect familiar to the Christian experience.

"From a Catholic perspective, the whole idea of the suffering of Christ is something that we understand," he said. "It was part of my spirituality growing up."

Thus the graphic scenes of Christ's crucifixion as depicted in the movie, "The Passion of the Christ" by Mel Gibson — while shocking to some — seemed "normal" to believers taught to meditate on these sufferings from an early age, he said.

"In our tradition, it was really nothing new," Houlihan said. "That doesn't mean we're anti-Semitic — and I don't think the movie itself was — just the movie was very much part of our spirituality."

Sermons a la Carte



- The Rev. Michael Houlihan

Throughout history, the crucifixion has been considered "one of the central issues of the Gospel," he said. Unlike accounts of Christ's birth — which are limited to two of the four gospels — his barbarous death is covered extensively in all four gospel accounts.

In the early church, it was the primary topic preached by believers. That tradition is resurrected each year on Palm Sunday with the recitation of a gospel account of Christ's passion during Mass and Good Friday, the day Christ died upon the cross.

Houlihan distinguished the difference between pain and suffering to emphasize the significance of Christ's sacrifice on Calvary.

"Pain is not necessarily a bad thing," he said. "The Creator made it part of our physical make-up to keep from being injured or disfigured. Suffering, though, is when we can be conscious about pain. Animals feel pain, but only humans suffer.

"Christ, of course, suffered. Why? Because the Father wanted him to? No. He was suffering because he was in obedience to the Father. In the gospel of John, part of the way he demonstrated His love was being one with us, and part of being one with us is to suffer."

The necessity of Christ's suffering did not make it any easier for his followers to accept or understand, Houlihan said. Even Peter, whom the Catholics honor as the first pope, did not immediately grasp the need for Christ to take to the cross the sins of the world.

"After Christ was saying he had to go to Jerusalem to suffer and on the third day be raised up, Peter didn't like that," Houlihan said. "He tried to deny that, and Christ has some pretty harsh words for him, 'Get behind me Satan.' He is telling Peter that it was part of what he had to do."

Christ didn't embrace the thought of suffering, but rather its value as the means of salvation for all, he said.

"Did he want to suffer?" Houlihan asked. "He would have gladly avoided it. He said, 'Father if this cup can be taken from me, yet not my will, but your will be done.' But he chose to be obedient to His Father."

By accepting His fate, Christ — the son of God — shows the depth of His love for mankind. Such an idea of a loving God was foreign to worshippers of other gods, he said.

"The interesting thing is when the Greeks talked about their gods, they used a word called, 'apathea,' which means 'no suffering,' " he said. "They weren't joined to the world of mortals, therefore they didn't have to suffer. We never say that about our God. He is not apathetic."

The call to "take up one's own cross" requires believers to become active participants in living out their faith journeys, Houlihan said.

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Local

Organ recital series

Bel Air Presbyterian artist in residence and organist John West, of Los Angeles, will perform the final installment of the Langenberg Organ Recitals at 5 p.m. Sunday at First Presbyterian Church, 621. N. Lincoln. Ave.

A light meal will follow in Fellowship Hall.

West, who soloed with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, began playing organ at age 13. He won numerous awards throughout high school and college as a keyboardist and vocalist.

His playing can be heard on recordings by world-renown artists such as jazz legends Nancy Wilson and Jennifer Holiday. As a vocalist, he has performed for movies, television, commercials and recordings, including sessions with Bette Midler, Ricky Martin and Celine Dion.

His movie music credits include: "Spider-Man," "Meet the Parents," "The Lion King," "Matrix II" and "Terminator III."

A clinician and workshop adviser, he received a master of music degree with honors from the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston.

West replaces Paul Oakley, who is unable to perform in the series due to a hand injury.

The Langenberg Organ Recital Series commemorates the 50-year anniversary of First Presbyterian's Church's Austin organ. Established in 2001 following the death of Luella Langenberg, the endowment provides for special needs of the church's music program, including the purchase of a Steinway piano, honoraria for collegiate chancel choir section leaders, and the purchase of Orff instruments.

The series is co-sponsored by Hastings College Department of Music, Hastings College Vocation and Values Program, and First Presbyterian Church.

Spring Spiritual Renewal

Good Samaritan Village will host its annual Spring Spiritual Renewal at 7 p.m. April 1-2 at the All Saints Chapel.

The program each night will be provided by the Wissman Family from Seward. The family includes 13 children, 12 of whom sing and play an instrument. The family travels across the country, proclaiming a message of hope and promise in Jesus Christ. In addition to singing familiar hymns and gospel songs, they perform original compositions by various family members.

The events are free and open to the public.

A potluck supper prior to the Sunday evening performance will begin at 5:30 p.m. in Hoeger Hall. People are asked to bring a dish to share and table service. Coffee and water will be provided.

A free-will offering will be collected to help defray the Wissman Family's travel expenses.

Region

Pancake and sausage supper

JUNIATA — The Juniata United Methodist Men will hold their annual pancake and sausage supper Wednesday from 5-7 p.m.

A free-will offering will be collected.

Teens For Christ

RED CLOUD — North Central Kansas Teens For Christ will feature the film "Unidentified" Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at the Red Cloud Congregational Church.

"Unidentified" tells the story of two investigative journalists on the tail of UFO sightings across the nation.

For more information, call the Teens For Christ office at (785) 243-1154.

The program is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be taken.

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bate Opus Dei member who previously worked in a secular newsroom.

"If some left-wing journal wants to call us a 'sect,' I'm not going to get too upset," he said. "But I have to react when we see that word used in some of the nation's top newspapers. ... Calling us a 'sect' is a low blow, an attempt to push us out of the life of the church. We are a well-established part of the Roman Catholic Church. That's who we are and people need to know that."

Terry Mattingly is a columnist for Scripps Howard News Service. Contact Mattingly on-line at www.tmatt.net



KEITH SRAKOCIC/*AP*

Yusef Ali, 63, emir of Masjid al-Mumin mosque, prepares to lead Friday prayers in Pittsburgh March 9.

Muslims see rise in black conversions after Sept. 11

RAMIT PLUSHNICK-MASTI
The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Allahu Akbar, the Muslim call for prayer, rings out on a recent Friday and a group of black men and women gather to celebrate the Islamic day of rest.

The wooden house in Pittsburgh's rundown Homewood neighborhood looks like any other on the block. But the sign at the door, Masjid Mumin, and the rows of shoes lined up inside on gray, plastic shelves hint of the brand of Sunni Islam its members practice.

The mosque is one of seven in Pittsburgh, home to a vibrant community of about 8,000 to 10,000 Sunni Muslims — some 30 percent of them black.

Following what appears to be a trend in cities nationwide, religious leaders in Pittsburgh say there has been a rise in black conversions to Sunni Islam since the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

No national surveys have been taken to confirm the increase, but Islamic religious leaders in Chicago, Cleveland and Detroit have also reported growth, said Lawrence Mamiya, a professor of religion and Africana studies at New York's Vassar College. Experts estimate that 30 percent of the 6 to 7 million Muslims in the U.S. are black, with only South Asians making up a larger number at 33 percent.

The Sept. 11 attacks have "cut both ways, positively and negatively," Mamiya said.

Richard Turner, coordinator of the African-American studies program and an expert on Islam among blacks at the University of Iowa, said since Sept. 11, Muslims have been attempting to "disseminate positive information about the religion, so the obvious outcome of that would be more conversions."

Sunni Islam is the world's most prominent branch of Islam. The Nation of Islam and the Moorish Science Temple, other Muslim groups that attract many blacks, believe in prophets after Muhammad, making them anathema to Sunni Islam.

Rashad Byrdsong, an elder in Pittsburgh's black Muslim community, hopes the rise in interest in Sunni Islam will help the Mumin Mosque collect money to expand their small house of worship into a larger community gathering place.

The new mosque, still in the planning stages, will look more like a community center than a traditional minaret-topped Muslim place of worship found in the Arab world.

The expanded Homewood mosque will have a daycare facility, a re-entry program for released inmates, a health clinic and a program for entrepreneurs, features that are in great need in the downtrodden neighborhood.

Suffering: Christ offers model for Christians to follow

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"Christ calls us to move beyond just feeling for other people," he said. "He wants us to do something. Paul said in Colossians 1:24: 'Now I rejoice in my suffering for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ.'

"He wasn't saying that Christ's suffering wasn't enough. His redemption was the source of all blessings. But if we are joined to him as part of His body, as we're told in the New Testament, then we have to share in His suffering and death if we're going to share in His resurrection."

By accepting their own suffering as a share in Christ's death, Christians then prepare themselves to share in His glorious resurrection, Houlihan said.

"Suffering is not something meaningless and pointless," he said. "Joined to Christ, it means everything. It is often that we ask our shut-in parishioners to offer up the sufferings they are going through, because we really benefit from it too."

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Weddings

KOSCH - O'DONNELL



Jill Elizabeth Kosch and Phillip Lloyd O'Donnell were married December 9th, 2006 at St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington D.C. The Reverend John Caulfield celebrated the Mass. A reception followed the evening wedding at the Army and Navy Club in Washington.

The bride is the daughter of Bill and Linda Kosch of Lincoln, Nebraska, formerly of Columbus, NE, granddaughter of LaVina Voboril of Columbus. She is a 1996 graduate of Scotus Central Catholic High School in Columbus Nebraska and a 2000 graduate of Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia. She is an Associate at The Cohen Group, an international foreign policy advisory firm in Washington D.C.

The groom is the son of Chuck and Pat O'Donnell of Doniphan, Nebraska and grandson of Paul and Eunice O'Donnell of Giltner, Nebraska. He is a 1995 graduate of Trumbull High School in Trumbull, Nebraska and a 1999 graduate of the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. As a Naval Officer, he completed seven years of service with assignments in Japan, the Middle East, and Washington D.C. He is now a consultant for Bearing Point, a management and technology firm in McLean, Virginia.

Members of the bridal party included Rebecca Fulkerson of San Diego, CA; Laura Kosch of Baltimore, MD; Alicia O'Donnell of Washington D.C.; and Kelly Nichols of Austin, TX. Groomsmen included Douglas Rader of Olathe, KS; Michael Widmann of Moterrey, CA; Jesse Kosch of Estes Park, CO; and Jeffrey Kosch of Omaha, NE.

The couple live in Alexandria, Virginia.

VONSPRECKELSEN - JOHNSON



Britney Kay Johnson, of Hastings, and Steven August VonSpreckelsen, of Clay Center, were married January 6 at Lakeside Community Church of the Nazarene in Hastings.

Rev. David Speicher and Pastor John Green officiated.

Parents of the bride are Dan and Debbie Johnson of Hastings. Parents of the groom are Lyle and Peggy VonSpreckelsen of Clay Center.

The couple was given in marriage by their parents.

Maid of honor was Amber Johnson. Bridesmaids were Michelle VonSpreckelsen, Julie Moors and Katie Finley.

Best man was David Elmore. Groomsmen were Adam Green, Eric VonSpreckelsen and Justin VonSpreckelsen.

Other members of the wedding party were Cori Rostvet and Anja VonSpreckelsen, flower girls; Sam VonSpreckelsen, ring bearer; and Brenden Lang and Nancy Schanbacher, musicians.

Lonnie and Melissa Rostvet were hosts for a reception at the Adams County Fairgrounds in Hastings.

The bride is a 2005 graduate of 32-Mile Creek Home School. She is employed by Appletree Orchard Child Care and Preschool in Papillion.

VonSpreckelsen is a 2004 graduate of Clay Center High School and is pursuing a degree in Youth Ministry at Nebraska Christian College.

The couple currently reside in Papillion.

Engagements

FLOWERS - BUSS



Jessica Denise Buss of Pueblo, CO (formerly of Hastings) and Brock Anthony Flowers of Pueblo, CO announce their plans for a May 5th wedding at Faith Lutheran Church in Hastings.

Parents of the couple are Roger and Gail Buss of Hastings, Marsha Flowers and Dr. Charles Hanson of Buelah, CO and William and Deborah Flowers of Pueblo West, CO.

Miss Buss is a 2000 graduate of Adams Central and a 2005 graduate of Midland Lutheran College with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She is employed at Parkview Medical Center in Pueblo, CO.

Flowers is a 2000 graduate of Rye High School in Rye, CO and a 2004 graduate of Midland Lutheran College with a Bachelor of Education. He is employed at All-Phase as an environmental consultant in Pueblo, CO.

BOUTIN-SIGLER



Miranda Sigler and Jeremy Boutin, both of Hastings, announce their plans for a July 14th wedding at Country Meadows near Hastings.

Parents of the couple are Sheila Minnick of Hastings and Randy Sigler of North Platte and Terry and Danita Boutin of Hastings.

GOEBEL-SKALKA



Angela Robin Goebel and Anthony John Skalka, both of Lincoln, announce their plans for a June 23 wedding at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Lincoln.

Parents of the couple are Sharon Goebel and the Late Steven Goebel and Roman and JoAnn Skalka.

Miss Goebel is a 1999 graduate of Lincoln Northeast High School and a 2003 graduate of Nebraska Wesleyan University with a Bachelor of Arts in History and secondary education. She is employed as a substitute teacher at the Lincoln Public Schools.

Skalka is a 1998 graduate of Sandy Creek High School and a 2003 graduate of Nebraska Wesleyan University with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication and a Bachelor of Science in Sports Management. He is employed by SCOT Project in Lincoln.

HINRICHS-DOWNEY



Stephanie Renee Hinrichs and Jordan Ray Downey, both of Omaha, announce their plans for a May 12 wedding in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Parents of the couple are David Hinrichs of Glenvil, Tim and Sheryl Shuck of Hastings, and Rayland and Stefanie Downey of Adrian, Missouri.

Miss Hinrichs is attending the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing. She is employed by the Nebraska Medical Center as a patient care technician.

Mr. Downey is attending the University of Nebraska Omaha and will be graduating with a degree in Business Management. He is employed by the University of Nebraska Omaha as a computer technician.

SHULTZ - SALLINGER



Danielle Marie Sallinger and Jeremy Joseph Shultz, both of Hastings, announce their plans for a May 19 wedding at the bride's parents home in Doniphan.

Parents of the couple are Bradley and Rita Sallinger of Doniphan and Gerald and Mary Shultz of Hastings.

Miss Sallinger is a 2001 graduate of Doniphan Trumbull High School. She is employed by Hastings State Bank as a customer service representative.

Shultz is a 1996 graduate of Hastings High School. He is employed by Union Pacific Railroad in Omaha, Nebraska.

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.

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◆ Thursday: Barbecue chicken breast, baked potato, beets, apple/celery/raisin salad, wheat dinner roll and butterscotch pudding.

◆ Friday: Salmon loaf with cheese sauce, scalloped potatoes, yellow wax beans, spinach salad, Italian bread and cherry crisp.

◆ April 2: Meat loaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, country vegetables, tossed salad with ranch dressing, raisin bread and cherry pie.

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.

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Tigger socks ban sparks suit

San Francisco Chronicle

SAN FRANCISCO — Some schools ban gang colors. Others prohibit miniskirts. But 14-year-old Toni Kay Scott and her parents say they weren't prepared for a school that outlawed Tigger on a pair of socks.

For coming to class at a Napa, Calif., middle school wearing hosiery that portrayed the Winnie the Pooh character — in violation of the school's solid-colors-only, no-pictures, no-logos dress code — the seventh-grader landed in the principal's office, and then in a detention program called Students With Attitude Problems.

Now Redwood Middle School and the Napa Valley Unified School District, which approved the code, have landed in court.

The school's "unconstitutionally vague, overbroad and restrictive uniform dress code policy" flouts state law, violates freedom of expression, and wastes teachers' and students' time and attention that would be better spent on education, the American Civil Liberties Union said in a suit filed Monday on behalf of six students and their parents.

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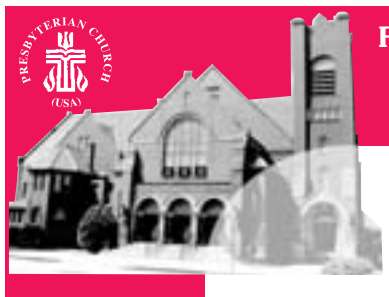
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'Nanny' laws prove popular

MICHAEL HILL
The Associated Press

You're not eating that! Put the phone down! Pull those earbuds out! And put down that bat; you'll hurt someone!

Lawmakers around the country are passing or proposing laws to regulate the grease your doughnuts are fried in, the calls you make from the road, what you listen to when you cross the street, even the bat your kid hits a baseball with.

The ideas are offered with the best intentions — usually to minimize a newly recognized danger or to encourage healthy behavior. Lawmakers worry, for example, that text-messaging while driving can be deadly, and that foods fried in trans fats promote heart disease.

Critics counter that regulating french fries and Blackberries infringes on personal liberties. "Nanny government" some critics call it, and they point to a playpen full of behavior-related bills before city councils and state legislatures.

"If we were really at war, if we were in a depression, people wouldn't be wasting their time with this stuff," said David Boaz, executive vice president of the libertarian Cato Institute, "but because we're not, you know, it's easy to look at every little thing that bothers you."

Attempts by the government to modify public behavior have a long history, from Prohibition in the '20s to safety belt laws in the '80s and smoking bans in the '90s. In recent years, lawmakers have increasingly focused on food.

The big action this year involves trans fats, or partially hydrogenated vegetable oils used for deep frying and baking.

In December, New York City imposed the nation's first ban on the use trans fats in restaurants. The idea has spread like greased lightning since then, with bans or warnings introduced in at least 18 states. Philadelphia recently approved a ban, and one was even discussed in Buffalo, N.Y., birthplace of the chicken wing.

BanTransFats.com founder Stephen Joseph, who grew up in England, said the heated reaction to the ban seems uniquely American.

"I was on a talk show a couple years ago and the host said, 'Well, you're trying to bring socialism to America!'" Joseph said, "I mean, what an incredible overreaction for trying to change a cooking oil."

New York's City Council recently called on residents to voluntarily stop using the n-word and approved a ban on metal baseball bats in high school games, because of fears that youngsters will get killed by balls rocketing off the bats. Mayor Michael Bloomberg has yet to take action on the bat ban.

New York in 2001 became the first state to make it illegal for drivers to talk on cell phones unless they have a hands-free set. And last month a state legislator proposed $100 fines for people who listen to iPods, talk on cell phones or text-message in New York City crosswalks.

Connecticut, New Jersey and the Washington, D.C., also have hand-held-while-driving bans. And 35 states have before them "distracted driver" bills aimed at activities like cell phone use, text-messaging, DVD watching, reading, writing, grooming, even playing a musical instrument, said Matt Sundeen of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

California's cell phone driving ban goes into effect next year. In the meantime, lawmakers there are being asked to consider a ban on smoking in cars if there are children in the vehicle. A bill that would make spanking a crime was withdrawn.

Two states, Arkansas and Louisiana, already ban smoking in cars if there is a passenger in a child seat, according to Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights. That is in addition to 21 states that ban smoking in bars or restaurants or workplaces or all three, according to the advocacy group.

Boaz of the Cato Institute said that banning drivers from text-messaging can arguably protect people from the dangerous behavior of others.

Clubs

Chapter GK, P.E.O.

Chapter GK, P.E.O. met March 12 at Paige Wycoff's home with Mary Kay Anderson as hostess. Trish Sullivan and Colleen Werner were co-hostesses.

New officers were elected and installed: Marlene Mullen, president; Honey Lou Bonar, vice president; Toni Mays, recording secretary; Dee Galitz, corresponding secretary; Sherry Welton, chaplain; and Ginny Richter, guard.

Dr. Jessica Meeske presented a program on the Sonrisa project.

The next meeting is 12:15 p.m. April 9 at Beverly Saathoff's home.

Fortnightly Study Group

Fortnightly Study Group met March 13 at Lochland Country Club with 14 members present. Jean Shea was hostess.

Barb Wilson presented "Gandhi's Passion" by Stanley Wolpert, the life and legacy of Mahatma Gandhi.

The next meeting is March 27 hosted by Florance Davis.

Outlook Study Club

Outlook Study Club met March 15 at Iris Nunley's home.

Alice Lynn Throckmorton gave a program on fairy tales and their history. The Brothers Grimm, Snow White and other classic tales date back centuries and come from many countries.

The next is 1:30 p.m. April 5 at Alice Marvel's home.

NARFE

National Active and Retired Federal Employees met March 10 at the OK Cafe for a luncheon meeting. Elaine Hatten was the greeter and Dean Harlow was sergeant of arms.

Norma Nollmann presided and welcomed everyone. The business meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance. Ruby Walker gave the invocation and the thought for the day "How True It Is." Ella Rathod spoke about life in India.

Margaret Herz announced the birthdays and anniversaries for March. Insurance chairman, Walter Walker, reported 19 members of the ways and means committee have signed on to HR1110 which allows the payment of health insurance premiums to be made on a pre-tax basis. The Rev. William Nollmann reported that raffle tickets were available for sale from the Columbus chapter who is hosting the state convention.

The raffle was won by Leroy Hahn, who donated the funds to Alzheimer's Research.

The next meeting is noon April 14 at the OK Cafe. All federal employees, working or retired are invited to attend.

DAR Niobrara Chapter

Daughters of American Revolution Niobrara Chapter met March 6 with Georgene Allen as hostess.

Regent Allen started the meeting with the pledge of allegiance, DAR ritual and the American creed. Chaplain gave the prayer. An interesting fact about a former president was roll call.

National defense was about "African-American service members" and a 22-foot graphite monument with the list of names of "Golden Thirteen First Black Navel Officers."

Minutes of the meeting was read and approved. Delegates to the state conference will be Allen and Barbara Jackson.

The program was given by Walt Miller about "The History of the Naval Ammunition Depot."

The next meeting is noon April 3 at the Garden Cafe. The program will be aromatherapy by Bath & Body Works.

Xi Beta Theta

Xi Beta Theta met March 12 at Sharon Rose's home.

The opening ritual was recited and the meeting was called to order. Minutes were read and approved.

A letter from Beta Sigma Phi was read thanking the group for the gift to the endowment fund.

The group welcomed Colleen Sedlachek as a new member. The group plans to start pledge training at the next meeting.

Arlene Rippen has invited the group to her home 6:30 p.m. March 31 for a chili soup social.

Revealing Day is June 9 with a picnic at Sherry Hartman's home.

Becky Jacobetz read from the book of Beta Sigma Phi on the duties of the vice president.

The meeting was closed with the reciting of the closing ritual and Mizpah.

The program was making Easter Center pieces for the dinner tables at Gold Beck Towers.

The next meeting is 7 p.m. March 26 at Sandy Peloski's home.

American Legion Auxiliary

American Legion Auxiliary met March 5 at the American Legion Club.

The business meeting was conducted by President Ada Zarek.

Members took cookies to Grand Island Veteran's Medical Center March 12.

Several members attended District 10 convention in Red Cloud March 17.

The next meeting is 1:30 p.m. April 2 at the Legion Club.

First St. Paul's Lutheran Senior Fellowship

First St. Paul's Lutheran Senior Fellowship met March 6 at the Youth and Family Ministry Center with Catherine Williams and Alice Krueger as hostesses.

President Bessie Haake led the devotions and business meeting.

A card was signed for Frieda Wendt who was hospitalized.

Reports were given about other seniors not able to be at the meeting.

Krueger thanked the group for prayers and support during the hospitalization and the Feb. 8 funeral of Melvin Krueger.

Tributes were made of the caring Christian man Melvin was to his family, friends, church and community.

Haake led games on the St. Patrick's Day theme.

The next meeting is 2 p.m. April 3 at the Youth and Family Ministry Center with Wendt and Flossie Saathoff as hostesses. All seniors are invited to attend.

Chapter FH, P.E.O.

Chapter FH, P.E.O. met March 6 at First St. Paul's Youth and Family Center with 27 members and two guests present. Karen Hawthorne was hostess and Eileen Way, Judy Soukup and AliceLyn Throckmorton were co-hostess.

Nominations, elections and installation of officers were held.

Dee Marrow presented a program on sandhill cranes. The VCR and music was recorded by Robert Horton, of Papillion, while he was a guest at Morrow's home near Doniphan.

The next meeting is April 3 at Hawthorne School with Pat Jensen as hostess.

Chapter GZ, P.E.O.

Chapter GZ, P.E.O. met March 12 at Judy Finnigsmier's home. Darlene Schliep and Connie Franzen were hostesses.

Installation of officers was held for the 2007-08 year.

The next meeting is 12:30 p.m. Vicki Berman's home. Lois Bassett and Deloris Michalek will be hostesses. The program is "Celebrating Nature" by Sharon Maul from Central Community College-Hastings.

Order of Eastern Star

Charity Chapter No. 39, Order of Eastern Star met March 12 at the Hastings Masonic Center with Virginia and Bob James as hosts.

Worthy Matron pro-tem Dian Larsen conducted the business meeting. All joined in the salute to the flag.

The Charter was draped in memory of Margaret Jones.

The District Grand Supervisor's School of Instruction will be 9:30 a.m. March 24 at the Temple. Lunch will be served, by reservation to Helen Dye. Five area chapters will participate in the school.

Members were invited to 100th anniversary of Irene Chapter in Guide Rock April 9.

Birthday honors were given to Marilyn Bierman, Roger Schmidt and Bill Morrow.

The next meeting is 7:30 p.m. April 9 at the Masonic Temple.

Kenesaw American Legion Auxiliary

The Kenesaw American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 268 met March 12 for a salad luncheon at the Kenesaw Senior Center with 10 members present.

President Virginia Short called the meeting to order and led the group in the pledge of allegiance and in repeating the preamble. The minutes and treasurer's report were read and approved.

Thank you's were read from the Dale Dornhoff family and the Grand Island Veteran's Home and Hospital for the Valentines, cards and magazines.

The kindergarten, first and second graders from Kenesaw Public School made Valentines for the Veterans.

Linda Hess was welcomed as a new member.

The American Legion and Auxiliary District 10 convention was March 17 in Red Cloud. Coffee hour will be May 7 at the Veteran's Hospital and Poppy Day will be May 1.

Betty Schneider received a certificate for meeting Target 3 and 4, during the membership drive.

The next meeting is April 9 at the Senior Center.

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DANIELA FLORES
The Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — Jason Pellegrino (an 8.2 on the attractiveness scale) says the problem with Internet dating services is not enough really hot-looking people.

So he and a business partner have created HotEnough.org, a sort of online version of Studio 54, the exclusive '70s disco where gaining admission was a pitiless Darwinian exercise. HotEnough.org is for "fit, good-looking" people.

Prospective members must submit pictures and must be rated an 8 or higher by people already in the club. Once they're in, they are permitted to e-mail other "hotties" for $9.95 a month.

"It's definitely hard to get through that rope, but once you're in, you're in and you're part of the party," Pellegrino said. "But you know there's going to be a lot of people outside waiting."

The 33-year-old Nutley resident said he and his partner, Sean Cohen of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., created the site after concluding that Internet dating sites attract a lot of brave and desperate people but not particularly attractive ones.

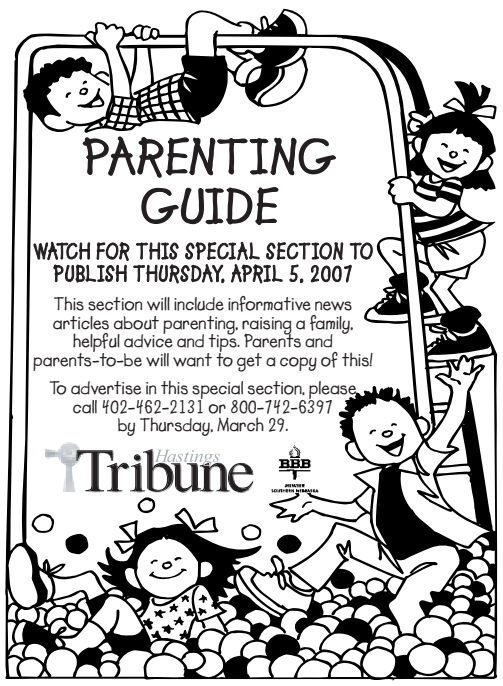
A few months after its launch, membership is just under 1,000, Pellegrino said. In the beginning, only 8 percent of those who applied made the grade, but now about 25 percent of applicants do, he said.

Candidates must send in three pictures, including one full-body shot. Active members rate the pictures online without knowing anything else about the people in them.

"People can say that the site is shallow, they can say it's superficial, but I think we're all a bit superficial when it comes to dating," Pellegrino said.

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With bill of sale, seller's protected

DEAR BRUCE: I am thinking of selling my automobile in the private sector. In the past, you have mentioned the proper way to draw up a "bill of sale" when selling a used automobile. Could you please provide that information again?

— L.R., via e-mail

DEAR L.R.: What I have suggested is, when an individual sells a used car, a simple bill of sale be prepared as follows: "Sold to: Mary Smith, one 2000 Pontiac," and indicate the vehicle identification number and the sales price. This document should have the names and addresses of the seller and the buyer. The reason for this: In most states, it is up to the buyer to re-register the automobile and let the state know the sale has taken place. If this person does nothing and there is an automobile accident or something else untoward, the state has no way of knowing you no longer own the vehicle. If something were to happen, armed with this bill of sale signed by the buyer, outside of the ordinary paperwork required, it would be evidence showing the sale did take place, even though the individual who purchased the automobile did not notify the state. This could keep you out of a lot of hot water. It certainly costs nothing for this ounce of prevention.



Bruce Williams

DEAR BRUCE: I'm 72 years old, and I live on a limited income with no savings. I have a house badly in need of repairs. I would like to pay off the mortgage and repair the house. I'm not a deadbeat. I have tried to find some grant money, but I'm not sure if anything exists like this.

— Reader, via e-mail

DEAR READER: Unhappily, I don't know of any program that will allow you to make repairs on your house at a national level. There may, however, be some type of assistance in your community. Your first stop is the social-services office in your city or county. Ask if there are any grants available for persons like you. In the absence of any of these, given the fact you do have a mortgage and a very small income, you may have to consider selling your home. It may be an unhappy choice, but it may be one you have to make. Talk to the social-services office and see if there might be subsidized senior housing available to you. This would, among other things, relieve you of the responsibility of homeownership and provide shelter at an affordable cost.

DEAR BRUCE: The other night, my car was struck while legally parked. The police woke me at 2 a.m. to report the accident and said they were tracking down the other driver. They caught him, and his insurance company said my car was totaled. I am still waiting to see what their offer is. I believe I should get the cash value plus tax, which is around $2,500. I expect they are going to try to get off as cheaply as possible. What are my rights? And what should I do to be sure I get a fair price?

— R.B., Binghamton, N.Y.

DEAR R.B.: Since the evidence is clear the other guy caused all the damage, it's likely his insurance will pay. There is a distinct possibility the car is drivable, but given today's costs, the damage, while cosmetic, will be more costly than to total the car. Perhaps you'd rather get the value in cash, but there may be a deal here where you could accept less money — for example, $2,000 — and you still get to keep the car. The insurance company doesn't want a junker, and perhaps you could repair it yourself for relatively few bucks. You would have your transportation and some cash in hand.

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Spending money gets even easier

COMPANIES INVEST IN GADGETS TO SAVE CUSTOMERS TIME

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Ruby Tuesday is spending $2 million to save its to-go customers an estimated three minutes.

After the success of its curbside take-out program, where customers drive to a parking space and have food delivered to their cars, Ruby Tuesday realized credit card customers have to wait a little longer than cash customers.

That's because customers who pay with plastic wait several extra minutes for employees to take the credit cards back into the restaurant, swipe them, and bring receipts back to the cars.

So the company is investing in portable credit card machines that will allow employees to swipe the card at the car and "let you be on your way," according to Rick Johnson, Ruby Tuesday senior vice president.

The devices will be rolled out company-wide next year.

"It probably saves two or three minutes," Johnson said. "It's not an extensive period of time, it's just one more step. We all only have 24 hours of the day and every minute of that seems to become more and more precious all the time."

As Americans continue to live more hurried lives, businesses are realizing they need to provide faster service if they want to remain competitive.

Companies are investing millions in new technologies and programs that shave a few minutes off of the total transaction time.

For example, some retailers are upgrading their computer terminals to make the checkout process quicker. Many stores now have registers that print bar codes on their receipts so when customers return items, workers don't have to manually key numbers in.

Earlier this year, the Dillard's at West Town Mall in Knoxville, Tenn. replaced all 80 of its registers with new touch screen registers that allow line-item voids. Now, if associates ring up an item by mistake, instead of voiding the entire transaction and starting over from the beginning, employees can simply delete the mistake and continue the transaction.

"The registers are a major upgrade for Dillard's," store manager Steve Payne said. "It eliminates a lot of duplicate steps. It allows us to be mindful of the customers and their time constraints."

Ellen Davis of the National Retail Federation said time saving is increasingly becoming more of a priority for retailers.

"New technologies, new marketing and new payment programs are all about saving customers time," Davis said.

She noted increases in retailers advertising programs like 20-minute oil changes and online ordering with in-store pick-up.

"As technology becomes less expensive for retailers and more embraced by consumers, retailers will continue to invest in new technologies that make the shopping experience quicker and more efficient," Davis said.

Chuck Baine, owner of the Knoxville-based convenience store chain Bread Box, was ahead of the curve in adding the Pay By Touch biometric finger scan payments at his stores, and he is waiting for more retailers and consumers to embrace it.

With Pay By Touch, a machine scans points on the finger and the money is automatically deducted from a person's checking account. Baine added the technology more than a year ago as a way to reduce his credit card fees, but also found it saves customers' time.

"It takes seconds to make your transaction," Baine said. "There is no time spent waiting for a credit card to clear. You just put your finger down, put in a code, and walk out the door. It cuts a third of your time."

Pay By Touch costs about $800 per store. In the convenience store business — which was created for speed — the money is well worth it, Baine said.

"If we can save you 10 seconds here, half a minute there, that's what we are going to do, because then we become a value to you," he said. "With both parents working, every minute you can save matters."



JOE HOWELL/*SHNS*

Hussain Shah, a marketing associate with Biopay, makes a purchase at the Breadbox. The Breadbox convenience stores are adding an electronic finger-scan system called Biopay The system allows customers to pay by simply placing their finger on an electronic pad.



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Julie DeGeorge (right), a delivery specialist at Ruby Tuesday, hands off an order to customer Kathryn Woodall during lunch.

