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## Kansas official: Water dispute still unresolved

ERIC OLSON  
The Associated Press

OMAHA — Kansas' top water resources administrator says a letter he received from Nebraska on Monday did nothing to move the states closer to an agreement in their dispute over Republican River Basin water.

Nebraska Department of Resources Director Ann Bleed said in her letter to David Barfield that she disagrees with the methods Kansas used to measure the overuse of water.

Bleed added that Nebraska pledges to do all it can to achieve compliance with the compact at the root of the dispute.

Barfield, chief engineer with the Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Water Resources, demanded in a December letter to Bleed that Nebraska shut down irrigation wells within 2.5 miles of the Republican River and its tributaries, plus any wells in the entire basin drilled since 2000. Those wells irrigate some 515,000 acres.

Barfield also is seeking

unspecified monetary damages for compact allocation violations in 2005 and 2006.

Water use from the Republican River is governed by a 2003 decree from the U.S. Supreme Court, which approved a settlement among Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado of a lawsuit filed by Kansas in 1998.

Bleed pointed out in her letter that Nebraska sees flaws and limitations in the processes Kansas used for calculating and accounting for water consumption. Those calculations prompted Kansas' demand of the irrigation well shutdown in Nebraska. "The accounting analysis is based on a dry condition," Bleed wrote, "but the groundwater modeling scenarios used to develop the depletions to the stream due to groundwater pumping is based on a slightly above-average precipitation and streamflow conditions."

She said the result is an inaccurate comparison between the target consumption and the modeling results.

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AMY ROH/Tribune

Ronald Phelps shovels his driveway on West Fifth Street as snow continued to fall over Hastings this morning.

## New Democrat promises to fight 'career politicians'

RAIMONDO FILING PAPERWORK TO BEGIN RACE FOR SENATE

NELSON LAMPE  
The Associated Press

OMAHA — A Republican until December, Columbus business executive Tony Raimondo said Monday that he was filing federal paperwork to begin his Democratic campaign for the U.S. Senate.



Raimondo

"I pledge to be a public servant — not a professional politician," Raimondo said. "I will bring my real world business experience to Washington and

fight against the career politicians who unwittingly stifle innovation, economic opportunity and development."

When he joined the Democrats, Raimondo said Republican Mike Johanns' entry into the race convinced him he couldn't raise the money to win the GOP primary.

"But I have faced tough battles in my life," Raimondo said as he recounted how he had helped lead a bankrupt Behlen Manufacturing Co. back to prosperity. He's chairman of Behlen.

"I want to take that same 'can-do' spirit to Washington," he said. "I want to work to change the broken system in Washington, end the partisan bickering and get the work of the people done."

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## Snow blows in overnight

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S now figures to be a factor throughout the day in Hastings after a band of heavier snow traveling within a lighter snow pattern dumped

3-4 inches of snow between midnight and 6 this morning.

The Adams County Emergency Management Agency has declared a snow emergency in Hastings that will remain in effect through noon Thursday unless extended because of

additional adverse weather.

Motorists are encouraged to limit their travels until the inclement weather subsides and the streets are cleared. No vehicles may be parked on the city's snow emergency routes.

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## FACES OF TRIBLAND: Kim Jacobitz

### City girl falls in love with rural Nebraska

SHAY BURK  
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Spending her adult life in rural Nebraska was something Kim Jacobitz never imagined doing as a child.

While Jacobitz, 43, has lived in Adams County for more than 25 years, she grew up in a different world in Fort Worth, Texas.

"My family is originally from this area," Jacobitz said. "The way I ended up back up here was that we were forced to

come up here two weeks out of the year."

Her parents, Marcy and Lewis Fletcher, had grown up in Kenesaw and Heartwell, respectively, and wanted their children to spend time in Nebraska.

"It was an adjustment coming from Fort Worth back here for vacation," Jacobitz said.

Her views on south central Nebraska changed in the summer after her freshman year when she decided to attend a

baseball game in Kenesaw.

"I just happened to go to a baseball game that night because entertainment was a little less than I was used to, so we would hit all the ball games in Kenesaw," she said. "I saw a cute guy on the pitching mound."

Jacobitz said she was awestruck by the pitcher but didn't end up meeting him. The next summer, she took a chance and had a mutual friend introduce her to the

mystery pitcher, Larry Jacobitz.

Larry was two years older than Kim but he was just as interested in her as she was in him. The two spent time together that summer and after she returned home they talked on the phone almost daily.

Jacobitz said her father wasn't keen on the \$200 phone bill she racked up in each of the two months after she and Larry started dating.

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SHAY BURK/Tribune

Kim Jacobitz, a native of Fort Worth, Texas, has worked as a secretary in the city engineering office since 2005.

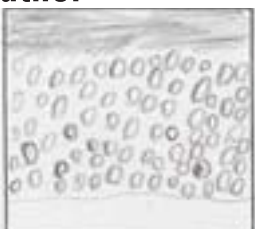


Editor's note: This is part of an ongoing series that profiles people within Tribland. To submit ideas, contact managing editor Darran Fowler at 402-461-1252 or tribune@hastingstribune.com.

### Weather

Lo: 6  
Hi: 25

Areas of blowing snow this evening, then slight chance of snow.



Art by Ben Loeffelholz, 9, Longfellow School

### 'LITTLE LAMB' FIRE

WORCESTER, Mass. — Two men are accused of burning down the birthplace of the woman made famous by the nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb." John Rousseau and Michael

### Nation

Dreslinski, who also face charges in a series of fires in central and western Massachusetts, have been held without bail since August.

They are scheduled to be arraigned today in connection with the Aug. 12 fire that destroyed a vacant house in Sterling where town officials say Mary

Elizabeth Sawyer was born in 1806. Sarah Josepha Hale reportedly published a poem in 1830 about Sawyer, as a child, bringing her lamb to school with her. Other accounts, however, claim the original writer was a young man who was inspired by the incident. The Associated Press

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## Obituaries

## PAULINE M. DUDEK

Hastings resident, Pauline M. Dudek, 80, of Good Samaritan Village Perkins Pavilion, died Sunday, February 3, 2008, at Perkins.



Dudek

Services are 10:30 a.m. Thursday, February 7, 2008, at Butler-Volland Funeral Home chapel in Hastings with the Rev. Randy Madison officiating. Burial will be in Parkview Cemetery in Hastings. Visitation is 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. with family present from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be given to the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia or Good Samaritan Village Perkins Pavilion.

Condolences may be sent to www.lbvfh.com

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Mrs. Dudek was born October 23, 1927, in Hastings, Neb., to Henry R. and Grace P. (Klein) Brungardt. She graduated from Hastings High School in 1945 and Magna Cum Laude from Hastings College in 1967. On May 15, 1948, she married Norman D. Dudek and he preceded her in death on September 1, 1999. She taught K-12 at Harvard, Neb., and was a substitute teacher for Hastings and the surrounding area. She was a life long area resi-

dent and a member of Evangelical Free Church; American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, where she researched and wrote articles; and was a life member of P.T.A. She was a past member of First Presbyterian Church and Ladies Group at St. Paul's Lutheran in Blue Hill.

Mrs. Dudek was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Norman; twin brothers, Ronald and Donald; and a brother, Robert Brungardt.

Survivors include sons and daughters-in-law, James and June Dudek of Gordon, Neb., Robert Dudek and Brenda Schafer of Lenexa, Kan.; daughters and sons-in-law, Beverly and Bill Fintel of Corpus Christi, Texas, Jane and the Rev. David Bergquist of Lone Rock, Iowa; grandchildren and spouse, Sarah Dudek of Lincoln, Neb., Peter Dudek of Lincoln, Neb., Katrina, Marissa, Anastasia Dudek of Lenexa, Kan., Tracy and Eric Ingalls of Corpus Christi, Texas, Travis Fintel of Las Vegas, Nev., Daniel Bergquist of Brooklyn Park, Minn., Michelle Bergquist of Cedarburg, Wis., Andrew Bergquist of Ft. Huachuca, Ariz.; great-grandson, August Jasper Ingalls of Corpus Christi, Texas; sisters and brothers-in-law, Amy and Ernest Mares of Erie, Pa., Marjorie and Dr. Willard Guard of Littleton, Colo.

## GRAYDON A. DILL

Hastings resident Graydon Austin Dill, 83, died Sunday, February 3, 2008, at his home at 810 Waynoka.



Dill

Memorial services are 11 a.m. Thursday, February 7, 2008, at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Alan Davis officiating. Private family burial will be held at Parkview Cemetery in Hastings. Visitation is 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Wednesday at Brand-Wilson Funeral Home and Cremation.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the First United Methodist Church, the Hastings Retired Teachers Scholarship Fund or the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to www.brandwilson.com.

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Graydon Austin Dill was born January 19, 1925, to Roy M. Dill and Laura C. (Cunningham) Dill near York, Nebraska. Attending primary school in Benedict, Nebraska, and Spring Ranch, Nebraska, he then attended junior high and senior high in Hastings until the middle of his senior year when he moved to Pittsburg, Kansas, and graduated from high school.

Following high school he worked at the Pittsburg airport prior to joining the Army Air Corps serving as a fighter pilot until the end of WWII. After his active duty in the Air Force, Graydon served in the Air Force Reserves as an officer for 40 years achieving the rank of

Lt. Colonel.

Graydon returned to Hastings after WWII ended, graduated from Hastings College, and later earned his Master's Degree from the University of Northern Colorado at Greeley. He taught math and physical education at Morton Elementary, and math at Hastings Junior and Senior High for 37 years. In addition he coached track and field at the junior and senior high for 13 years.

On August 2, 1953, Graydon married Donna Marie (Rose) Dill at the Juniata Methodist Church. Both Graydon and Donna participated in many community organizations. Graydon was an officer of the Audubon Society and a member of the Sierra Club. He belonged to the First United Methodist Church and the Elks Club. He also served as Troop 200 Cubmaster for the Hastings chapter of the cub scouts. Donna and Graydon also worked for the Hastings Recycling Center for 20 years.

Survivors include wife, Donna; son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Sue Dill of Lincoln; and daughter and son-in-law, Valerie and Evan Stout of McPherson, Kansas; six grandchildren and their spouses, Christian and Jessi Peterson of Beatrice, Nebraska, Linnea Peterson of Hastings, Karin and Mark Bales of Ft. Hood, Texas, Curtiss and Laura Dill of Lincoln, Kimberly Dill of Lincoln, and Kayla Stout of Wichita, Kansas.

Graydon Dill is preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Pauline Krull and Lucile Kaufman; and two brothers, Velton Dill and Harry Dill.

## LILLIAN CHRISTENSEN

Nelson resident Lillian Christensen, 88, died Sunday, February 3, 2008, in Nelson.

Services are 11 a.m. Saturday, February 9, 2008, at Salem Lutheran Church in rural Superior with the Rev. Barbara Bauer officiating. Burial will be in Salem Lutheran Cemetery at

Superior. Visitation is 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, and 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday with family present from 6-8 p.m. Megrue-Price Funeral Home in Superior is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be given in care of the family.

## WILMA LONG

Franklin resident W. (Detlefen) Long, 92, died Sunday, February 3, 2008, at Golden Age Living Center in Franklin.

Services are pending at Hutchins Funeral Home in Franklin.

## LEO G. HOWE

Hastings resident Leo G. Howe, 80, died Monday, February 4, 2008, at his home.

Services are pending at DeWitt Funeral Home and Cremation Service.

## RUBY E. HOFFMAN

Former Blue Hill resident Ruby E. Hoffman, 96, of Lee, Mass., died Friday, February 1, 2008, at Laurel Lake Center in Lee, Mass.



Hoffman

Graveside services are 11 a.m. Thursday at Blue Hill Cemetery at Blue Hill. Memorial services are 11 a.m. Monday, February 11, 2008, at Merten-Butler Mortuary in Blue Hill with the Rev. Michael Lee Burgess officiating.

A memorial has been established.

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Ruby was born on May 20, 1911, at Rosemont, Neb., to Andrew F. and D. Blanche (Shirley) Krause. She moved from Rosemont to Blue Hill with her parents and sister in 1917. She graduated from Blue Hill High School in 1929. She played center for the girls' basketball team and played the vi-

olin. She attended Hastings College. After college, she taught in rural, one-room schools for many years. She married Carl Philip Hoffman on May 20, 1932, at North Star, Neb. With her husband Carl, they owned and operated the Sterling Theatre in Blue Hill from 1939 to 1951. She worked as a postal clerk for many years starting in the early 1950s and was serving as Postmistress when she retired in 1974. She was a member of the Blue Hill United Methodist Church. She moved to Lee, Mass., in 1999.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Carl on December 23, 1997; and her sister, Gladys Fell.

She is survived by one daughter, Barbara Kuhlman of Massachusetts; one granddaughter, Sandra Kuhlman of New York; one grandson, Scott Kuhlman of Delaware; and one niece, Shirley Carpenter of South Dakota.

## RAYMOND E. KINNEY

Las Vegas, Nev., resident Raymond E. Kinney, 56, died November 25, 2007, in Las Vegas.



Kinney

Memorial services are 1 p.m. Friday, February 8, 2008, at Butler-Volland Funeral Home

in Hastings with Father Larry Gyhra officiating. Burial with military rites will be in Blue Valley Cemetery in rural Hastings.

Memorials may be given to the family.

Condolences may be sent to www.lbvfh.com.

Survivors include his son, Shawn of Hastings; and sister, Christy Davis of Roseland.

## WALLACE E. KOCH

Campbell resident Wallace E. Koch, 86, died Monday, February 4, 2008, at Grandview Manor Nursing Home in Campbell.

Services are 2 p.m. Friday, February 8, 2008, at Westminster United Presbyterian Church

in Campbell with Pastor C. L. Wimer officiating. Burial will be in Presbyterian Cemetery at Campbell. Visitation is 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m.-noon Friday at Campbell Funeral Home and one hour prior to services at the church.

## NewsMakers

## 'GH' ACTRESS SHELL KEPLER DIES AT 49

PORTLAND, Ore. — Actress Shell Kepler, who for years played the gossip nurse Amy Vining on the TV soap opera "General Hospital," has died. She was 49.

Kepler died Friday at Oregon Health & Science University hospital, which did not give the cause of death.

Kepler's busybody character on "General Hospital" was a fan favorite and enjoyed a long run, 1979-2002.

In addition to her run on "General Hospital," she was also in a 1982 Joan Collins film, "Homework," and a couple of episodes of the situation comedy "Three's Company."

On the side, she was a businesswoman, marketing clothing on the former Home Shopping Club. She said in a 1994 Associated Press interview that her "Lacy Afternoon" collection had sales topping \$20 million that year alone.

Kepler was born in Ohio and the family moved to California when she was 10. She recalled in 1994 that she didn't yet have a driver's license when she began trying out for film roles.

"I managed to get my girlfriends to drive me to auditions because I wasn't old enough to drive. I was a rather ambitious kid," she said.

She moved to Portland after her TV career and became involved in charity fundraising.

## BIRTHDAYS

Country singer Claude King is 85. The Rev. Andrew M. Greeley is 80. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Hank Aaron is 74. Actor Stuart Damon is 71. Financial writer Jane Bryant Quinn is 69. Television producer-writer Stephen J. Cannell is 67. Actor David Selby is 67. Singer-songwriter Barrett Strong is 67. Football Hall-of-Famer Roger Staubach is 66. Singer Cory Wells (Three Dog Night) is 66. Movie director Michael Mann is 65. Rock singer Al Kooper is 64. Actress Charlotte Rampling is 62. Actress Barbara Hershey is 60. Actor Christopher Guest is 60. Actor Tom Wilkinson is 59. Actor-comedian Tim Meadows is 47. Actress Jennifer Jason Leigh is 46. Actress Laura Linney is 44. Rock musician Duff McKagan (Velvet Revolver) is 44. Rock singer Chris Barron (Spin Doctors) is 40. Singer Bobby Brown is 39. Country singer Sara Evans is 37. Actor Jeremy Sumpter is 19.

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Politics in America is the binding secular religion."

— Theodore H. White, American political writer (1915-1986)

The Associated Press

## FACT OF THE DAY

In 1985, some 2,100 years after the start of the Third Punic War between Rome and Carthage, the mayors of Rome and Carthage signed a friendship treaty declaring the end of the war.

## NUMBER OF THE DAY

31 — number of years between the assassination of Medgar Evers and the conviction of his killer, Byron De La Beckwith, on this day in 1994.

Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

## Tribland

Adams County Judge Jack Ott Friday sentenced Jacob J. Bernard, 23, of Leawood, Kan., to one year of probation, a \$400 fine, 60-day drivers license impoundment and completion of a victim impact panel, driving attitudes course and alcohol education class for driving under the influence of alcohol May, 20, 2007. Bernard pleaded no contest Nov. 16, 2007, and prosecutors dismissed a charge of no operators license. DUI is a Class W misdemeanor punishable by up to 60 days in jail and a \$500 fine.

Knights of Columbus no hamburger night tonight. -Adv. Vehicles reportedly driven by Janie D. Montoya, of 402 E. Ninth St., and Dennis Roberts, of 106 E. Ninth St., collided Friday on Ninth Street near California Avenue.

February classes at Central Community College include Qi Gong (Tai Chi), Knitting, YouTube, Basic Quilt Triangles. Call Susan, 402-461-2431, or srinker@cccneb.edu. -Adv.

Vehicles reportedly driven by Bradley J. Gregory, of 117 E. Forest Blvd., and Marino Aquisap Jr., of 830 N. East Side Blvd., collided Saturday on East Side Boulevard near Ninth Street.

Send a special message this Valentine's Day with "Sweet Sentiments". Publishes in Tribune on February 14; deadline February 8. Details 461-1234. -Adv.

Adams County Judge Jack Ott Friday sentenced Edward L. Barrett, 37, of Edgar, to one year of probation, with a review for 90 days in jail, and 100 hours of community service for an attempted sexual offender registration act violation Oct. 19 through Nov. 5, 2007. Barrett pleaded guilty Nov. 16, 2007, and prosecutors reduced the charge from sexual offender registration act violation. Attempted sexual offender registration act violation is a Class 1 misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

New! Legacy All-Natural Milk in glass bottles available now at Allen's Superstore. -Adv.

Adams County Judge Jack Ott Friday sentenced Robert L. Metz, 24, of 505 E. Second St. No. 2, to a \$400 fine and 30-day drivers license revocation for willful reckless driving on April 13, 2007. Metz pleaded no contest Nov. 16, 2007, and prosecutors reduced the charge from driving under the influence of alcohol. Willful reckless driving is a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by up to three months in jail and a \$500 fine.

Habitat for Humanity seeking applicants. Call for application. Linda Eberle, 402-462-4187, extension 153. -Adv.

Vehicles reportedly driven by Richard C. Helleberg, of 2417 W. Ninth St., and Michele L. White, of 639 S. Colorado Ave., collided Friday at Ninth Street and Laird Avenue.

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Vehicles reportedly driven by Belton M. Baird, of McCool Junction, and Kalena M. Lee, of 401 N. Bellevue Ave., collided Friday at U.S. Highway 6 and Elm Avenue.

Live music, The Innocence (Fear of Flying) 9:00 p.m. Friday, Vincent Michael's. -Adv.

Vehicles reportedly driven by Stephanie C. Lau, of 132 E. Seventh St., and Brent A. Williamson, of 1506 N. Hewett Ave., collided Thursday on 14th Street near Bellevue Avenue.

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Greg G. Giespert, of 834 N. Kansas Ave. No. 1, reported Friday that his vehicle was damaged at his residence.

Katy's Old Town Saloon and Kenos, specials. Doniphon Steakhouse serving prime rib Fridays and Saturdays. -Adv.

Adams County Judge Michael Offner Thursday sentenced Herman Gregorio-Lucas, 30, of 820 S. Pine Ave. No. 154, to a \$250 for third-degree assault against Rodolfo L. Lopez on Oct. 31, 2007. Gregorio-Lucas pleaded no contest Nov. 15, 2007. Third-degree assault is a Class 1 misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Pay Flex cardholders: Allen's Pharmacy has upgraded and can service your Pay Flex account. -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.

Vehicles reportedly driven by Joann M. Davis, of Glenvil, and Jason N. Carroll, of Shelton, collided Friday on Osborne Drive West near 38th Street.

Knights of Columbus stag Thursday, February 7, serving fried pork chops and lamb fries 6:00 to 8:00; \$9.00. All welcome, no membership. -Adv.

A vehicle reportedly driven by Rebecca L. Morlang, of 1607 W. Seventh St., Friday struck a parked vehicle owned by Timothy R. Kendall, of 1111 W. H St., at 1111 W. H St.

It was reported Friday that a 38-year-old homeless woman was cited for shoplifting at Wal-Mart Supercenter, 3803 Osborne Drive West. The value of items taken was \$384.

Leap into Wavelengths Salon for \$10 haircut sale. 716 West First. 402-462-9283. -Adv.

Christopher D. Neumiller, of 1140 W. Second St., reported Friday that his game console was taken from his residence.

Notice of a public hearing to be held promptly at 7:45 p.m. on February 14, 2008, at the Village Office of Juniata, Nebraska, is hereby given. The purpose of said hearing is for the presentation of the One and Six Year Plans of Street Improvements as developed by the Village Board in accordance with Nebr. Rev. Stat. 39-2119. -Adv.



Kepler

## Area funerals

Wednesday, Feb. 6

◆ Alvin Sassman, 84, of Hastings, 10 a.m. at First St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hastings.

Thursday, Feb. 7

◆ Ruby Hoffman, 96, of Lee, Mass., 11 a.m. at Blue Hill Cemetery in Blue Hill.

◆ Graydon Dill, 83, of Hastings, 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church in Hastings.

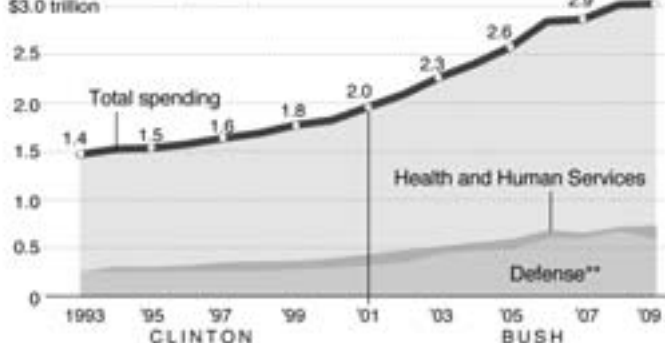
◆ Pauline M. Dudek, 80, of Hastings, 10:30 a.m. at Butler-Volland Funeral Home chapel in Hastings.

# Democrats look askance at Bush's budget priorities

## Budget spending could double

During President Bush's two terms, spending has increased for most federal agencies.

**Budget spending, fiscal years**  
\$3.0 trillion



\*Proposed budget has not been approved by Congress  
\*\*Defense spending only includes \$70 billion for Iraq and Afghanistan wars

**Budget proposal breakdown, fiscal years**

Fiscal Year	Health and Human Services	Defense	Social Security	Treasury	Other
2008	23.8%	22.3	21.9	17.3	14.7
2009*	24.2	19.4	23	18.2	15.2

SOURCE: Office of Management and Budget

**JIM ABRAMS**

*The Associated Press*

**WASHINGTON** — Democrats, already looking ahead to the next White House occupant, quickly relegated President Bush's final budget to the ash bin of history, saying his proposals to rein in spending on programs are untenable and won't happen.

Even the top Republican on the Senate Budget Committee, Sen. Judd Gregg of New Hampshire, invoked a note of reality. "Let's face it. This budget is done with the understanding that nobody's going to be taking a long, hard look at it."

Nonetheless, Bush dispatched his budget director and Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson to Capitol Hill on Tuesday to defend the first-ever \$3 trillion federal budget proposal he unveiled a day earlier.

White House Budget Director Jim Nussle urged congressional Democrats to adopt the same cooperative spirit that produced a quick House agreement on a \$160

billion economic stimulus package of tax rebates and business tax cuts now being debated in the Senate.

Democrats, who now control both the House and Senate, were emphatic that the Bush plan won't be the model as they put together their own budget proposals over the coming weeks.

"We will be going our way and they will be going their way and we won't likely converge," House Budget Committee Chairman John Spratt, D-S.C., said.

"The only real significance of the president's budget is to serve as a legacy of his disastrous fiscal management over the last seven years," said Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York, one of two Senate Democrats competing for their party's presidential nomination this year.

Bush's budget for fiscal year 2009 beginning Oct. 1 proposes spending just below \$3.1 trillion. Last year, he proposed \$2.9 trillion for the current budget year, but he now estimates that spending in fiscal 2008 will also exceed \$3 tril-

lion once all the costs of the continuing war in Iraq are included.

Excluding the war, Bush is proposing an 8 percent increase in the Pentagon's base budget, to \$515.4 billion, next year. Overall defense spending would decline from \$670.5 billion this year to \$588.3 billion in Bush's 2009 budget. The request includes just \$70 billion in initial war costs, a figure certain to be exceeded when Bush leaves office.

Bush also wants to boost homeland security spending by almost \$4 billion, with big increases devoted to cybersecurity, tightening borders, detecting nuclear materials arriving in port and improving airport passenger and cargo screening. The Homeland Security Department itself would get \$40 billion, a 2.5 percent decrease from this year.

Some of the spending increases would be offset by prescribing \$196 billion in savings to Medicare and Medicaid programs over the next five years and reducing or eliminating 151

programs, saving \$18 billion.

But slowing spending in those programs also reflects Bush's determination to preserve his 2001 and 2003 tax cuts after he's gone. Many of those tax cuts expire in 2010, and the cost of writing them into permanent law would be \$635 billion over five years.

"It's a good budget," Bush said after meeting with his Cabinet. "This budget is one that keeps spending under control; discretionary spending is held to less than 1 percent."

Democrats made it clear they're not even going to consider most of Bush's ideas for saving.

"We're not going to cut the COPS program 100 percent," Senate Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad, D-N.D., said of a community policing program. "We're not going to cut weatherization assistance 100 percent. Those aren't the priorities of the American people. So I think there will be significant differences."

# Judge rules Bush cannot exempt Navy from no-sonar zone off coast

**ANDREW DALTON**

*The Associated Press*

**LOS ANGELES** — Environmental groups seeking to protect whales from the potentially harmful effects of sonar cheered a legal victory against the Navy and the Bush administration.

U.S. District Judge Florence-Marie Cooper ruled Monday that the Navy is not exempt from complying with both the National Environmental Policy Act and a court injunction that created a 12 nautical-mile no-sonar zone off Southern California.

"It's an excellent decision," said Joel Reynolds, attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council, which is spearheading the legal fight. "It reinstates the proper balance between national security and environmental protection."

Scientists have said loud sonar can damage the brains and ears of marine mammals,

and may mask the echoes from natural sonar that some whales and dolphins use to locate food.

The president signed a waiver Jan. 15 exempting the Navy and its anti-submarine warfare exercises from the injunction, arguing they are vital to the nation's national security.

"We disagree with the judge's decision," White House spokesman Tony Fratto said Monday. "We believe the orders are legal and appropriate."

The judge also said she has "significant concerns about the constitutionality of the President's exemption," but that "a finding on this issue is not necessary" to reinstate the sonar injunction.

The Navy maintains it already minimizes risks to marine life, and has employed sonar for decades without seeing any whale injuries. It said the sonar is

essential for tracking submarines.

The carrier strike group of the USS Abraham Lincoln wrapped up a sonar training exercise last week. There are currently no such training exercises off the coast of California that use sonar.

A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco had been expected to rule on the future of the Navy exercises last month. But after Bush's decision, the appeals court sent the issue back to the U.S. District Court in Los Angeles to consider.

Navy spokeswoman Lt. Cmdr. Cindy Moore said the military was studying the decision, but did not say what its next legal move may be.

Government attorneys can appeal Cooper's decision to the 9th Circuit or could ask the appeals court to allow sonar exercises until the appeal is resolved.

## Tribland five-day forecast

Art by Ben Loeffelholz, 9, Longfellow School



**SNOWY TODAY**

High: 25 Low: 6  
Wind: North 20-25  
Snow and blowing snow advisory in effect until 9 p.m.



**SUNNY WEDNESDAY**

High: 25 Low: 18  
Wind: Northwest 10  
A 20 percent chance of snow Wednesday night.



**SUNNY THURSDAY**

High: 30 Low: 19  
Mostly clear Thursday night.



**SUNNY FRIDAY**

High: 38 Low: 19  
Mostly clear Friday night.



**SUNNY SATURDAY**

High: 42 Low: 22  
Mostly clear Saturday night.

## Today's weather records

High: 65 in 1963  
Low: -13 in 1989

## Local weather

◆ From 7 a.m. Feb. 4 to 7 a.m. Feb. 5

High Monday	.34	Precipitation year to date	.49
High in 2007	.25	Precipitation Jan.-Feb. 2007	.54
Overnight low	.24	Snowfall last 24 hours	3.00
Overnight low in 2007	.11	Feb. snowfall	3.20
Precipitation last 24 hours	.11	Feb. 2007 snowfall	.00
Feb. precipitation	.13	Seasonal snowfall	20.50
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## Being upfront best approach

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At the end of last week's Hastings City Council meeting, council members quickly went through the motions of approving the mayor's appointments to various city committees as is routinely done each year as terms expire.

The council unanimously approved all of the mayor's recommendations, including the removal of Phyllis Salyards from the Hastings Planning Commission.

A couple of days later, Salyards, miffed about the situation, contacted the newspaper, making accusations that Mayor Matt Rossen hoodwinked members of the City Council into kicking her off the board.

Salyards claims they were provided with a list of names of all those who were being appointed, reappointed or replaced with the exception of one name — Phyllis Salyards.

She said she didn't learn of the mayor and council's actions to replace her until after the meeting. Salyards, the only woman on the board, doesn't think the omission of her name was an oversight. She claims it was deliberate but doesn't think any council members were involved.

"I'm absolutely positive that nobody on the City Council realized it," she said.

Salyards, who regularly attended board meetings and has been one of its more engaged and informed members, said she was not contacted about serving another term. Josh Yost and Dwight Splitt, whose terms on the board also expire, were contacted — at least we assume since both were reassigned.

Meanwhile, Rossen said that it is part of his job to make such appointments — pending council approval, of course. Although Salyards, a local physician, had been serving on the board since 1996, Rossen implied to the newspaper that he found a candidate more qualified.

Other than that, "there's nothing to talk about," he said.

Rossen didn't abuse power when he declined to recommend the reappointment of Salyards. As mayor, he can do that.

What has been brought into question is his methods. If he indeed did pull a fast one on the City Council, then it will be interesting to see how council members feel about that.

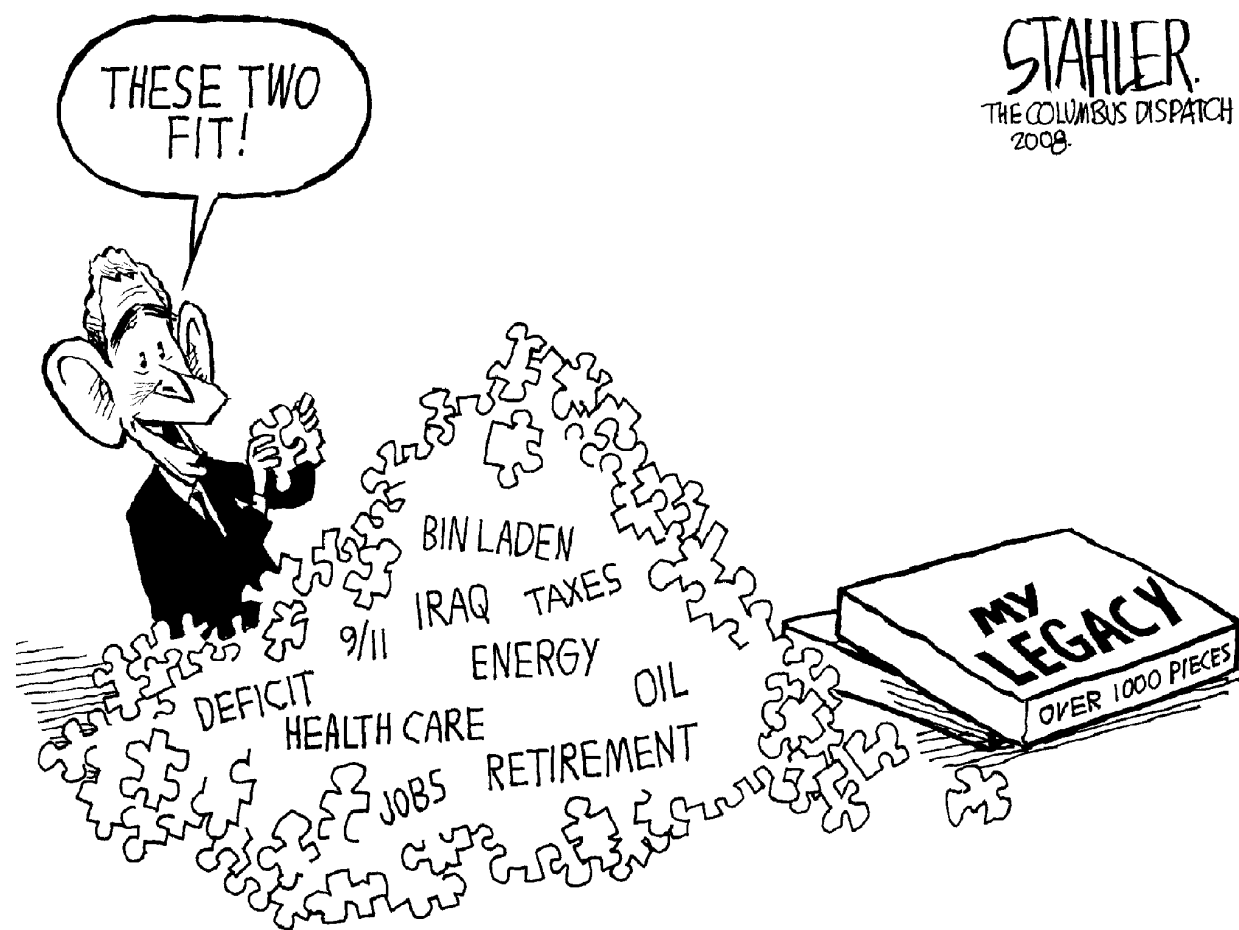
Meanwhile, this could have been avoided had the mayor been more upfront with Salyards — although that's not easy in these matters — and members of the City Council about his intentions prior to the meeting. And, regardless of the reason for no longer wanting Salyards to serve on the board, someone should have publicly thanked her for 12 years of service to the community.

She at least deserved that.

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## Bush insists he made U.S. stronger

Despite dismal national and international poll ratings, a hostile Congress and a sagging economy, President Bush enters his last year in office expressing total confidence that he's been doing the right things.

He told me in an Oval Office interview that "absolutely, we are stronger" as a nation than when he took office and that, even in areas where he failed to get what he wanted — as in Social Security and immigration reform — his ideas eventually will prevail.

He said his biggest disappointment as president was his inability to be a "uniter not a divider," and he agreed that politics is "polarized." On the other hand, he was adamant that he would never compromise on some of the principles — such as cutting taxes and aggressively promoting democracy — that have made him so polarizing.

"It's one thing to compromise on pieces of legislation to get something done," he said. "It's another to compromise on principle — which I have refused to do. People say, 'Oh, you must be a uniter by compromising your beliefs.'"

"There are certain things on which I will not compromise. I don't see how you can be president if you don't stand strong on your principles. There's too much incoming."

"There's too many complicated decisions, too much flattery, too much criticism, too many polls, too many focus groups. And the president has to say: 'Here is the ground on which I stand.'"

Although even top White House aides acknowledged that Bush's last State of the Union address contained no bold new initiatives, Bush said, "I did call on Congress to do some pretty substantial things, if you think about it," including a doubling of his global HIV/AIDS initiative, the economic stimulus package and a \$300 million "Pell Grant for Kids" to save inner-city parochial schools as an alternative to failing public schools.

He didn't say so, but it's worth noting that when Bush has come up with big initiatives — Social Security and immigration reform, an entitlement commission and a tax deduction to expand health-insurance coverage — they've been rejected by Congress. The school voucher proposal is being rejected, too.

White House aides say they think Bush will succeed this year in getting the stimulus package, an extension of the FISA terrorist wiretap program, veterans health reforms and pending free-trade agreements.

## Reagan era makes comeback in 2008 races

It's slowly dawning on the liberals that it's not going to be enough to ignore Ronald Reagan. Like it or not, they're going to have to take him on, head-first, and try to convince the American people, or at least the historians of his era, that he was a fundamentally bad guy.

I don't envy them the job. Reagan was an immensely popular president. Not long after his retirement I told him, in a private conversation, that I thought his historical popularity would follow the trajectory of most of his predecessors' — declining somewhat at first, then rising again till he assumed at last his proper place in the presidential pantheon.

I was wrong. Right from the start, after he left the White House, commentators on both the right and the left have recognized him as one of the major presidents of the 20th century, who shaped the country's policies and future in important ways. This is already, clearly, the judgment of history, and there is nothing the liberals can do about it.

They can, however, try to distort his achievements. For a long time they pretty much neglected this, preferring to hope that, if they just ignored him, his memory would gradually fade. But it has failed to do so. On the contrary, he is as alive as ever in the memory of the American people, and is almost (if not quite) universally beloved. It is positively comical to see how all



Morton Kondracke

Bush told me that when he delivered his State of the Union speech last Monday "I found the atmosphere in the hall to be very amenable. I didn't feel any tension, like we've had in the past."

He said he thought that was due to bipartisan steps being taken to bolster the economy and "Iraq has improved to the point, it felt like to me, there was a lot of tension out of the air." It may have also been due to Democratic relief that Bush will be gone in less than a year.

I asked him whether he agreed with GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney and Democratic Sen. Barack Obama that Washington is "broken" and so polarized that it can't solve big problems facing the country. I agree with them.

But Bush doesn't. "If I were running for president, I would be for change. As a matter of fact, every candidate has got to figure out a way to be for change. I campaigned for change every time I ran, except for twice: in 1998, my re-election for governor, and 2004, my re-election for president," he joked.

"Can Washington function better? Of course it can," he said. But he disputed that big problems couldn't be solved because of partisanship. "We have reformed education, we have reformed Medicare, we have cut taxes."

And, he said, eventually Social Security will be reformed along with the immigration system — by an "evolutionary" process, and his way.

As time goes on, he said, younger people accustomed to 401(k)-defined contribution programs will demand reform replacing current defined benefits, and minorities will want an opportunity to accumulate assets — all arguing for his private accounts proposal.

"One thing history will be able to say is that we finally had a president who stood up in front of the nation more than one time and said, 'here is a solution for Social Security,'" Bush said. Now he wants Congress to come up with one.

Similarly on immigration, he predicted that "logic will prevail over time, once the emotion gets out of the issue," especially as employers pressure legislators for workers and for tamper-proof residency documents.

When I asked him whether he thought America was a stronger country than when he arrived in office — in view of a weakened dollar, increased debt, rising oil prices and dependency and international polls showing a steep decline in America's reputation — he batted the question back.



William Rusher

of the Republican presidential wannabes, in election after election, proclaim themselves "Reagan Republicans," and vie for the honor of wearing his mantle. It is almost the exact equivalent of the fetish the Democrats have made of FDR.

As you might expect, some of the current crop of Democratic politicians are not above trying to get a little of the Reagan glory to rub off on them. One of the most recent is Barack Obama, who told a Nevada newspaper that Reagan had offered America a "sense of dynamism and entrepreneurship that had been missing." This is incontestably true, but Obama neglected to couple it with some balancing words of condemnation that certain of his Democratic colleagues apparently felt were necessary.

So Obama has been landed on by the gatekeepers of the Democratic shrine, for whom Ronald Reagan was — and must always be portrayed as — irremediably evil. Thus Paul Krugman, who embarrasses even the Op-Ed page of The New York Times with his frantic liberalism, bluntly declared, "the furor over Obama's praise for Ronald Reagan is not, as some think, overblown. The fact is that how we talk about the Reagan era still matters immensely for American politics."

"We're stronger because our military is stronger ... and becoming more modern. We're stronger because we recognize the threats of the 21st century and are dealing with them."

"We're stronger because we've added jobs. More Americans are working. ... Real wages are up. ... We're still a flexible economy with a strong entrepreneurial spirit. He have more debt, but we've also got more assets. We're stronger because America is in the lead, using its influence."

He utterly dismissed international opinion polls showing declining approval of the United States. "When it comes to, where do you want to live, many people (say), I'd like to live in the United States."

He said one of the principles he would never compromise on was his conviction that people all over the world deserve democracy. But, when I asked him whether he was compromising in Pakistan, permitting President Pervez Musharraf to rig elections, he denied it.

"I have no evidence that he's going to rig elections. Quite the contrary, he has told me that he wants free elections," Bush said. But he added that "democracies evolve over time, based upon their histories and traditions."

"We can't expect that every nation, all of a sudden, is going to be a flourishing democracy the way we want it to be," he said, and also expressed confidence that Musharraf is doing all he can to combat terrorism.

When I asked him about a New York Times report that Musharraf had rebuffed a direct request from top U.S. intelligence officials to allow CIA operatives to pursue Al Qaeda and Taliban targets in Pakistan's tribal area, Bush said, "I wouldn't necessarily believe everything you read there."

The bottom line on Bush is that he seems utterly convinced in the rightness of what he's been doing these seven years. "We must be confident in what we stand for and not feel like we have to subsume our interests, our beliefs, in order to reach a kind of unanimity in the world," he said.

"And that also applies at home. So, people say, 'You can unify.' But I will not unify if I have to compromise my beliefs."

It can't be much more stark and clear than that. The Great Polarizer will not compromise — and he won't unify, either, unless, like Harry Truman, Ronald Reagan and his hero, Abraham Lincoln, he's vindicated by history.

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Krugman follows this up with a column's worth of tendentious denunciations of Reagan's policies: "Reaganomics failed. ... The Reagan economy was a one-hit wonder. ... (T)he inevitable recession arrived (in the Bush years).... There wasn't any resurgence (in productivity)." Etc., etc.

In all of this, of course, Krugman misses the point. Perhaps more accurately, he avoids the point. Arguing over this or that aspect of Reagan's economic record misses the true significance of the man as totally as the Liberty-League nitpickers of the mid-1930s missed the significance of Franklin Roosevelt. It wasn't FDR's grotesque economics, or his disastrous court-packing plan, that made the New Deal memorable and popular. It was the man's panache, and his obvious confidence in the fundamental strength and vitality of American society, that endeared him to the voters.

Similarly, what characterized Ronald Reagan, and made him memorable, was his pride in this country and in its commitment to the principles of freedom, both here and abroad. Americans saw in him a reflection of their own nobility, and responded to it. That is the mark of a true leader, and that is what the Reagan "myth" was really about.

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Local

**TIRES SLASHED**

Police are searching for information about vehicle tires that were slashed between Sunday night and Monday morning around the city.

Reports of damaged vehicle tires were made Monday in the 1500 block of West Sixth Street, 1500 block of West Seventh Street, 200 block of East Fifth Street, 800 block of South Burlington Avenue and the 1800 block of Bateman Street.

Hastings Police Sgt. Bill Mann said there are no suspects at this time, but citizens should watch for suspicious activity and report it to police. He said sometimes people will talk about criminal acts when they should be reported to police.

Anyone with information about the incidents should contact the police department at 402-461-2380.

Region

**CLAY COUNTY CAUCUS**

**CLAY CENTER** — Due to a scheduling conflict, the time of Saturday's planned Democratic presidential caucus for Clay County has been changed to 2 p.m.

Previously, the caucus had been scheduled to begin at 4.

The caucus will be conducted at the Clay County Super Senior Center, 118 S. Alexander Ave., on the west side of the courthouse square in downtown Clay Center.

For more information, contact Scott Gregory, Clay County Democratic Party chairman, 402-773-4490.

State

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**VICTIM RELEASED**

**OMAHA** — A 65-year-old woman victim of the December Omaha mall shooting that left eight people and the gunman dead has gone home after weeks of hospitalized rehabilitation treatment.

Micky Oldham was discharged from a rehabilitation program Monday after a month of treatment.

Oldham was working at Von Maur department store on December 5 when 19-year-old Robert Hawkins opened fired on the third floor. He shot 12 people, killing eight and wounding four. He also shot and killed himself.

Oldham underwent surgery for wound to her abdomen and back. She spent one month at Creighton University Medical Center before she was transferred to another hospital for extensive therapy.

*The Associated Press*

Calendar

**HASTINGS**

- ◆ **DivorceCare Support Group**, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, First St. Paul's Lutheran Church.
- ◆ **Gammon**, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital Education Building, Room A.
- ◆ **Narcotics Anonymous**, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, 401 N. Lincoln Ave.
- ◆ **Gamblers Anonymous**, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital Education Building, Room D.
- ◆ **Alcoholics Anonymous**, noon, 5:15 and 8 p.m. Wednesday, 521 S. St. Joseph Ave.
- ◆ **Caregivers Support Group**, 3-4 p.m. Wednesday, Golden Friendship Center.
- ◆ **Al-Anon**, 8 p.m. Wednesday, First United Methodist Church.

Lotteries

**WINNING NUMBERS**

**Monday**  
Nebraska Pick 5 . . . . . **5-7-10-23-36**  
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Nebraska Pick 3 . . . . . **8-6-0**  
2by2 . . . . . **Red 11-20, White 16-18**  
Kansas Pick 3 . . . . . **5-9-0**  
Super Kansas Cash . . . . . **4-9-11-16-30**  
Super Cashball 12

# Senators question cost of governor's plan

STATE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO AFFORD PROPOSED TAX CUTS

**JOSH FUNK**  
*The Associated Press*

**LINCOLN** — Gov. Dave Heineman's property tax rebate plan received a cool reception from senators on the Appropriations Committee who worry about whether the state can afford it's \$75 million price tag.

The tax cut plan received a formal hearing Monday.

State Budget Administrator Gerry Oligmueller urged the

committee to make tax relief a priority as they draft spending plans. The tax-cut plan will compete with proposals from senators to spend state money on programs or to hang onto more cash in case there is a recession.

"It seems like tax relief should be just as much a priority as additional spending," Oligmueller said.

The governor's office relied on economic predictions made in October to draft its budget. The tax cut plan would give homeowners rebates of about \$68 for every \$100,000 of prop-

erty they own. Several senators on the committee said they worry the economy has slowed down since the governor drafted his plan. That would mean less revenue to pay for tax cuts.

"I'm very concerned about the sustainability of the \$75 million proposal," Sen. Danielle Nantkes of Lincoln said.

The next economic forecast for the state is due out on Feb. 22. Oligmueller said the governor's office would not consider any changes to its proposals until after those economic figures are released

Heineman's proposal would nearly double the property tax relief package the Legislature passed last year. Lawmakers approved a credit last spring that lowered property taxes \$83 for every \$100,000 of property value. The new proposal would increase the property tax savings to about \$151 per \$100,000 of property value.

Sen. Patrick Engel of South Sioux City said he thinks the tax cuts offer only a reprieve. He said they don't address the real problem, which is the level of government spending.

But it's more difficult to limit

spending, Sen. John Harms of Scottsbluff said, because the Legislature can't simply tell counties, cities and school districts to spend less.

Harms said the Legislature needs to develop a long-range plan and find ways to encourage local government entities to consolidate with each other.

The Nebraska State Education Association's President Jess Wolf testified against the tax-cut plan because the teachers' union thinks the state might need that money in reserves if there is a recession.

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## Once upon a time



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Jenny Riley portrays the Witch in Hastings College's production of "Into the Woods."

## Fractured fairy tale takes HC stage

MUSIC, THEATER DEPARTMENTS TEAM UP FOR BIENNIAL MUSICAL

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**H**astings College Theatre and Music Departments will team up for "Into the Woods," a fractured fairy tale musical, at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday in Scott Studio Theatre.

An ambivalent Cinderella, a blood-thirsty Red Ridinghood, two Prince Charmings with roving eyes, and a witch with a secret are all part of this humorously cockeyed modern classic.

Tickets for all performances were all sold as of Monday, said George, White, professor of theatre arts. White is directing the Stephen Sondheim play, which is based on the book by James Lapine.

"The play has been around in Hastings and Grand island, but we haven't done it here at the college," White said. "We thought we had the



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Frances Myers, as Little Red Riding Hood, Jessica Thompson, as the Baker's Wife, and Blake Holen, as the Baker, rehearse a scene for Hastings College's production of "Into the Woods" Monday at Scott Studio Theatre.

right people, so that's what we're doing."

The cast and ensemble have been working virtually around the clock for

about four weeks rehearsing the unique musical, which combines characters from well-known fairy

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## Commission tables subdivision application for second time

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A subdivision application to divide a farmstead from farm buildings was again tabled by the Adams County Planning and Zoning Commission.

The application is for the Bourg Second Subdivision, which included a lot measuring about 1.28 acres. Rural properties must be at least two acres in size to be sold in Adams County.

According to the application, property owner Ed Bourg want-

ed to subdivide the property to sell 1.28 acres of his 4.5 acre parcel to farmer Alan Bonifas.

The smaller portion includes grain bins that Bourg hasn't used in years. Instead, he has rented them to Bonifas and said it would be easier to simply sell the land and bins.

The application will be returned to the Board of Adjustment for a second consideration later this month.

The board first saw the application last December when it unanimously approved allow-

ing the smaller property size.

The application was then taken to the commission in January. At that time, the commission members questioned why they had not seen the application prior to it going to the board of adjustment.

Board member Glen Kroeker also questioned the legality of the smaller lot and if there would be any legal ramifications for the landowners or county.

He asked that Deputy Adams *Please see TABLED/page B1*

## Sex offender notification

**HASTINGS TRIBUNE**  
The Nebraska State Patrol issued public notification Monday of a Level 3 sex offender who has a news address in Hastings.

Nathaniel D. Buss, 26, of 1940 W. Third St., No. 3, is 5-foot, 11-inches tall and weighs 290 pounds with black hair and black eyes.

He was convicted in 2002 of third-degree sexual assault in Lancaster County, according to the sex offender registry Web site.

The Nebraska Sex Offender Registry is intended to protect members of the public from potential harm. Level 3 offenders are people released from incarceration whom the State Patrol considers a high risk to reoffend.

According to the State Patrol Web site, there are 19 Level 3 sex offenders registered under Adams County. Others are registered in the following area counties: Clay (4), Fillmore (3), Franklin (2), Kearney (5), Webster (4), Nuckolls (5), and Thayer (3).

A complete sex offender registry is available at [www.hastingstribune.com](http://www.hastingstribune.com) under Tribland links.



Buss

# Jacobitz: City girl comes to love rural Nebraska

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So unbeknownst to Kim, her father took her back to Nebraska in hopes that she would break off the relationship with Larry.

"The thing was I would always date a guy only once," she said. "I just loved guys as friends."

When her father said he was taking her back to Nebraska, Kim said she thought her dad was just letting her go to see her boyfriend.

"He figured I would go out with him and ditch him," she said. "I didn't know this fact until probably several years later. I just thought he was being a great dad."

The return trip to Nebraska only encouraged the relation-

ship that spanned hundreds of miles and lasted through two summers until the couple married in 1984, a year after Kim graduated from high school.

"We got married the year after I graduated, and we were married for 20 years," Kim said.

The couple had three children: Brett, 20, Christopher, 18 and Breanna, 11.

Though her marriage has since ended, Jacobitz still loves sports and Nebraska.

"I really wasn't sold on this area until I moved up here and then I fell in love with it," she said.

When she and Larry were first married, the young couple moved to a farm north of Kenesaw.

"It was amazing going from

the suburbs to moving out on a farm," she said. "I had never lived away from the town. I loved it. I lived on a farm the entire time we were married."

Life was certainly different for the city girl living on a farm, but Kim said she was still able to participate in her first love: Sports.

"Our family has always been sports-minded," she said.

As a young couple, Kim and Larry participated in co-ed baseball, co-ed volleyball and played golf when they could.

Their oldest son, Brett, 20, shared the love of sports and now plays baseball in college.

"It's just something that we instilled in the kids," Kim said of sports. "That passion has gone on down the line."

Kim also shares her love of sports with her two older brothers and one younger sister.

Whenever her brother, Kevin, a physician in New York City, returns to Texas, Kim tries to meet up with him for a round of golf.

"They always try to gang up on me," she said of her brothers. Kim said she also pilgrimages back to Texas each summer to watch a Texas Rangers baseball game and the accompanying fireworks show.

"Every July Fourth I try to get to the Texas Rangers game because they have the most amazing fireworks display," she said.

When she can't catch her favorite teams in person, Kim said she always has ESPN on the television.

While that sounds like some-

thing more guys than girls would do, Kim said it makes sense because she spends a lot of time with guys.

"Guys are so straightforward," she said. "They cut to the chase."

That's probably why the jobs she's had while living in Nebraska have been in traditionally male professions.

One of her first jobs after moving to Nebraska was working as an office manager for a dirt contracting company.

After divorcing her husband in 2003, Kim worked with a contractor for several years.

"That was one of those things as a single mom you have to have — money," she said.

In that job, Kim painted walls, hung drywall and worked

on roofs. "That is one job where people don't expect to see a woman," she said. "But I enjoyed that job, too, because you meet so many different people."

Since 2005, she has worked as the executive secretary for the city's engineering department.

She is only one of two women who work in the office full of men, but that doesn't bother her.

"You walk down this hallway and ask any of those guys to do anything for you and they're 'Johnny-on-the-spot' and they don't question what you need," Kim said.

Kim said her job with the city has been a great fit because she gets to work with people and hang out with the guys.

## Snow: Emergency declared in Hastings

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Almost all of the city's stop sign-protected streets are snow emergency routes. Routes are also identified by the red, white and blue snow emergency signs posted every few blocks on these streets.

Light snow — with areas of heavier snow — is likely to persist most of the day, said Kurt Buffalo, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Hastings.

"For the rest of the day, snow is going to be around," he said. "It's going to continue where we have this broad area of light snow, and, within that, some heavier bands with moderate

to heavy snow.

"Currently, we have a winter snow warning that goes out for areas just south and east of Hastings. For the Tri-City area, a snow and blowing snow advisory both go through 9 p.m. this evening."

Thus far, there have been no injury accidents reported locally, said Sgt. Mark Hinrichs, of Hastings Police Department. One car did rear end another on Burlington Avenue at 16th Street at about 6 a.m., causing minor damage. At least two vehicles slid off the road into ditches — one off U.S. Highway 6, another off 12th Street.

A pair of fast-moving storms will pass through Hastings Wednesday and Thursday night, with little or no accumulation expected, Buffalo said.

"Once we get beyond tonight, it doesn't look like anything significant precipitation-wise through next week," he said.

With 3 inches of snow reported overnight at the National Weather Service building in Hastings, seasonal snowfall since July 1, 2007, reached 20.5 inches through 6 a.m., more than doubling last year's count of 10 inches in the same time frame.

## Raimondo: Freshly minted Democrat promises to fight 'career politicians'

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His challenge is daunting: First he must win the Democratic nomination, then beat a popular Republican in a majority Republican state: In the November 2006 election, there were 573,016 Republicans registered in Nebraska, versus 370,724 Democrats.

But, Raimondo said, "I think the state has amazing track record of focusing on the person," and he noted that Nebraska as recently as 1997 had two Democratic senators: J.J. Exon and Bob Kerrey, who overlapped terms for 1989-1997.

Raimondo's formal, fly-around-the-state announcement will come later this month.

"We expect it in three or four weeks," spokesman Paul Johnson said, but that schedule depends on the late winter weather.

Asked Monday about his fundraising prospects as a Democrat, Raimondo said he wasn't sure he could match Johanns, but "I really feel good about my capability to reach out to both sides" — Democrats and Republicans.

He said he'd received encouragement from the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, "but I have no pledge."

In the Democratic primary, so far Raimondo faces only Larry Marvin of Fremont, who has said he intends to be "the David who defeats Goliath" in the campaign to replace Republican Chuck Hagel, who isn't seeking a third U.S. Senate term.

Another prominent Democrat who has said he

might run is Scott Kleeb, who lost the 2006 3rd District House race to Adrian Smith, who recently declared that he'll run for re-election.

Schuyler businessman Pat Flynn remains in the Republican race against Johanns, a former Nebraska governor. Johanns resigned as President Bush's agriculture secretary to return to Nebraska for the Senate race.

Johanns' return caused two Republicans — Attorney General Jon Bruning and former Congressman Hal Daub — to drop out of the race.

Steve Larrick is the Green Party candidate. Johanns said Monday that he welcomed Raimondo to the fray.

Johanns acknowledged that there are "very partisan senators in D.C. on both sides of the aisle," but that while secretary of agriculture he worked well with Democrats and Republicans.

"My view was it didn't matter what political party you were from, but that Nebraskans and all Americans deserved to have their leaders working together," he said.

Raimondo described himself as a moderate businessman and Johanns as a conservative aligned with the Bush administration.

"If voters are interested in more of the same, they will elect Mike Johanns," Raimondo said.

Raimondo said he wants to help America's middle class, which he said "is being squeezed" by health care and energy costs and higher taxes and food prices.

## Water: Letter doesn't satisfy Kansas official

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"We knew there were accounting disputes," Barfield said. "Even if you did it Nebraska's way, they would still be out of compliance."

Kansas alleges that Nebraska's water use exceeded what was allowed for 2005-06 by about 27 billion gallons — or enough to supply a city of 100,000 for 10 years.

Bleed wrote that Kansas' proposed remedy requires Nebraska to restrict its use of streamflow

to a significantly larger degree than required by the compact.

"Although Nebraska cannot accept Kansas' proposed remedy, the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources and the Republican River Natural Resources Districts have developed and formally adopted integrated water resources management plans that will enable Nebraska to maintain compliance with the (compact)," Bleed wrote.

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Local

**ASSAULT CHARGE**

A 19-year-old Arkansas man has been charged in Adams County Court with having sex with a 13-year-old girl.

Mickey A. Mullins faces a charge of first-degree sexual assault of a minor in connection with the Nov. 17, 2007, incident.

Adams County Clerk Magistrate Thomas Hawes raised Mullins' bond to \$50,000, 10 percent cash, after a request by Adams County Attorney Donna Fegler Daiss because Mullins has no ties to the community. According to court records, Mullins had been staying in Holstein. His next hearing was set for Feb. 15 at 9 a.m.

First-degree sexual assault of a child is a Class 2 felony punishable by up to 50 years imprisonment.

State

**STATE WARDS**

**LINCOLN** — Lawmakers will debate whether it makes sense to give the public more information about cases of child abuse and neglect involving foster children in state care.

State Senator Gwen Howard of Omaha, a social worker, says that releasing more information could make the state Department of Health and Human Services more accountable. The department has been criticized in the past for not doing enough to protect wards of the state.

Under her bill (LB782), it would be up to the chief executive officer of the department or the director of the Division of Children and Family Services to release more information about cases of child abuse or neglect.

**COUNTY BOARD**

**ELECTIONS**

**LINCOLN** — The way Lancaster County elects county board members may change to an entirely district-based system.

State lawmakers gave first-round approval to a bill (LB268) Monday that would change the way counties with populations between 150,000 and 300,000 elect county boards. Lancaster County is the only one that falls within that category.

Under the current system, the top two candidates in each Lancaster County district advance past the primary. Then the entire county gets to vote on which of those two candidates takes office.

Senator Amanda McGill of Lincoln wants to change that so only district residents would vote on their districts' finalists for the county board.

**ARREST IN MEXICO**

**OMAHA** — An Omaha man suspected in a 2006 murder was arrested in Mexico and awaits extradition to Nebraska.

The U.S. Marshals Service says authorities in El Paso, Texas, tracked Juan Antonio Vasquez to Mexico, where he was arrested Friday. He was deported to the United States over the weekend and is being held in the El Paso County Jail.

An arrest warrant was issued for Vasquez after the July 2006 death of Jose Chacon.

The Associated Press

**Prosecutor ordered to detail Westboro charge**

10-YEAR-OLD CHURCH MEMBER STOOD ON FLAG DURING PROTEST

ERIC OLSON  
The Associated Press

**OMAHA** — Sarpy County Attorney Lee Polikov has until March 31 to explain precisely why he's charging a member of the Westboro Baptist Church in Kansas with flag mutilation.

Shirley Phelps-Roper faces three other charges stemming from her church's protest of a soldier's funeral in Bellevue last June.

Sarpy County Judge Todd Hutton last week granted the defense motion for a "bill of particulars" on the flag issue, meaning Polikov must show in detail how Phelps-Roper broke the law.

Polikov said Monday he knows his case will be tough to win. He's pinpointing Phelps-Roper's decision to allow her 10-year-old son to stand on an American flag. He said the boy was acting as her agent and that his actions could have provoked violence between the protesters and mourners.

Phelps-Roper attorney Bassel El-Kasaby of Omaha maintains that the flag mutilation statute is unconstitutional because the U.S. Supreme Court has thrown out similar laws in other states.

Nebraska's flag law defines flag mutilation as when a "person intentionally casts contempt or ridicule upon a flag by mutilating, defacing, defiling, burning or trampling upon such flag."

Polikov acknowledged that the constitutionality issue is "problematic." He said his challenge will be to show why the circumstances at the soldier's funeral merit a restriction.

"I don't know how optimistic I am," Polikov said. "I'm convinced in my belief. Now I have to convince the court, and that's not always an easy task."

Polikov said the boy's standing on the flag is tantamount to "fighting words," which are not protected free speech.

"It's the content and environment," Polikov said. "They're taking what they say is freedom of speech and using it to invade somebody's space. It's not the same as demon-

strating against the war at the courthouse."

Phelps-Roper is a member of the Topeka, Kan.-based Westboro Baptist Church, whose members believe that U.S. troop deaths in Iraq are punishment for the nation's tolerance of homosexuality.

The protesters carry signs bearing such slogans as "Thank God for dead soldiers." Followers say they are entitled to protest at soldiers' funerals under the First Amendment, which guarantees freedom of speech and religion.

Polikov filed two complaints against Phelps-Roper in connection with the Westboro protest at the funeral of Nebraska Army National Guard Spc. William "Bill" Bailey.

The first complaint only contains the flag desecration charge. The other complaint charges her with disturbing the peace, contributing to the delinquency of a minor and negligent child abuse.

El-Kasaby said the fact the flag charge is separate from the rest of the charges indicates that the prosecution real-



JAN UNDERWOOD/AP

Police officers hold back Army Staff Sgt. Bobby Brite (left) of Dearborn, Mich., as he tried to reach protesters from Westboro Baptist Church, based in Topeka, Kan., outside of funeral services for Marine Lance Cpl. Maria Lauterbach near Dayton, Ohio, Saturday. Shirley Phelps-Roper, a member of the group, faces flag desecration charges in Nebraska for allowing her son to stand on a flag outside a funeral in Bellevue in June 2007.

izes its desecration case is shaky.

Polikov doesn't dispute that. "We understood how difficult the flag desecration charge was going to be," he said.

But El-Kasaby said the remaining charges will be dif-

icult to prove if the flag mutilation charge goes away.

Polikov said the disturbing the peace charge would be the anchor of the case if the flag issue doesn't stand up in court.

"Nobody said it was going to be easy," he said.

**Geneva taking comments on plan to protect water supply**

CITY HAS BEEN WORKING ON PLAN FOR MORE THAN A YEAR

TONY HERRMAN  
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**GENEVA** — The Geneva City Council opened a hearing for its Well Head Protection Plan during its regular meeting Monday.

Geneva residents now have until April 7 to testify for or against the five-part plan the city has been working on for more than a year.

"If anybody comes in and says they

want something changed, the council can change it or leave it as is. Then we send it to the state (Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality)," said City Clerk Barb Whitley, the city employee working most closely on the plan.

She said the plan includes about 200 pages.

Its five sections include an introduction that includes a map detailing the city's border and location of its wells; a contaminant-source inventory; emergency and contingency plans; a plan for new wells

when current wells go bad; and a section about public education.

"That's what the council wants to stress: this is more education than anything," Whitley said.

That education involves letting the public know what its actions are doing to the ground.

"Do you realize all the fertilizer you put on your lawn to make it green, do you realize what it's doing to our groundwater?" Whitley listed as an example.

The plan also encourages Geneva residents not to waste water, and to

check faucets and toilets to make sure they work as efficiently as possible.

Three area farmers attended the meeting Monday. Whitley said they wanted to know what the city has planned for the future — for instance, if a contaminant was found, what steps would be taken.

Whitley said the city hadn't addressed those questions yet.

"They just wanted to discuss what we had in our plan," she said of the farmers. "They were all for it. We all want to protect our groundwater."

**Tabled: County zoning commission mulling subdivision application**

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**Taxes: Senators questioning governor's plan for cuts**

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"Our major concern is we think that \$75 million ought to remain in the reserve fund," Wolf said.

Both the Nebraska Farm Bureau and the Nebraska Cattlemen supported the tax cut. The lobbyists for those groups said property taxes are a major

expense for the state's farmers and ranchers, so any additional relief would be welcome.

**Play: HC presents 'Into the Woods'**



AMY ROH/Tribune

Joelle Buskirk rehearses a scene as Cinderella in Hastings College's production of "Into the Woods" Monday.

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tales such as "Jack and the Beanstalk," "Cinderella," "Little Red Riding Hood," "Reunzel," and others.

"It's challenging music," White said. "We only had 3½ weeks of production time and that included all aspects of the production. That made it pretty intense."

White said the cast's commitment to the project should be immediately evident to audience members from the first act.

"It's a nice endeavor," he said. "We've got some very talented kids at the college, and they're worked very hard on it. I'm very pleased with their performances, and I think they're going to have an outstanding production."

Fritz Mountford, professor of music, is music director, piloting a score that contains some of Sondheim's most memorable music.

"Stephen is probably one of the best-known music writers-composers of this era," White said. "I think it's going to be exciting. It's taking a lot of commitment on the part of the cast and crew and kids in the orchestra pit."

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## State

## ALLEGED SEX ABUSE

**LINCOLN** — The defunct Lincoln Interfaith Council said in court documents that it's not liable for any damages that stem from sexual abuse allegations against its former director.

The filing last week in Lancaster County District Court relates to a lawsuit filed in December that says a former Boy Scout, now 19, had been molested by the Rev. Norman Leach.

Leach was once the director of the council. It had chartered Leach's Boy Scout troop.

The council said in the court documents that Leach was not acting in his official capacity when the alleged abuse occurred. It also said the Scout's parents had been negligent.

In 2004, Leach was sentenced to one year in jail after pleading no contest to third-degree sexual assault.

Another boy who was molested by Leach sued the Boy Scouts and the council, but that case was settled last year. The terms were not made public.

In the latest lawsuit, the alleged victim says the defendants did not report "the danger signs exhibited" by Leach and did not investigate Leach when they knew, or should have known, about his inappropriate behavior.

He is asking for unspecified damages from the Boy Scouts of America, the Scouts' Cornhusker Council and the interfaith council.

## BUS CRASH

**SEWARD** — A school bus carrying 15 students crashed east of Seward, but authorities say none of the children was badly hurt.

According to the Seward County Sheriff's Office, the Seward County school bus slid off an icy road just before 8 a.m. Monday and crashed into a guiderail on the bridge crossing Plum Creek.

An investigation showed the driver had slowed before the bridge, and that the slick conditions caused the crash.

The driver and students were treated at the scene for minor injuries and then taken to a local hospital. All have been released.

## ILL MAN SENTENCED

**COLUMBUS** — A 77-year-old Creston man with a fatal illness has been sentenced to 180 days in jail for drunken driving.

Lawrence Brandvik is terminally ill with cancer.

He had pleaded no contest to driving under the influence-third offense.

Platte County District Judge Robert Steinke told Brandvik that he knew about Brandvik's history of driving drunk but also said Brandvik's grave illness would be a factor in sentencing.

The judge said the law barred him from granting Brandvik probation.

Then the judge gave Brandvik 180 days in jail but credited him for five days already served. He also suspended Brandvik's driver's license for 15 years.

Brandvik faces sentencing Wednesday for another DUI conviction.

The Associated Press

## Papillion, Bellevue schools drop court appeal

ERIC OLSON

The Associated Press

**OMAHA** — The Papillion-La Vista and Bellevue school districts have agreed to a cease-fire in their boundary dispute.

The districts, scheduled for a hearing before the state Supreme Court on Thursday, have agreed to have the case dismissed.

"My clients felt they could save their powder for another day," Papillion-La Vista attorney John Green said Monday.

Papillion-La Vista planned to argue that the 2006 "learning community" law (LB1024) did not invalidate a 1983 agreement between the districts prohibiting one from unilaterally expanding into the other.

A district court judge had earlier ruled that LB1024 rendered the 1983 agreement moot. Papillion-La Vista disagreed and last year asked the high court to hear arguments.

But Green said the landscape is different now because provi-

sions for setting district boundaries in LB641, which replaced LB1024 last year, had changed.

Green said the applicability of the 1983 agreement on LB641 has not been tested in district court, so it would be a waste of time to argue before the high court.

"It would be sent right back to district court," Green said.

Bellevue has said it wants to move its boundary west to match the Bellevue city limits. Doing so would give Bellevue

portions of the Papillion-La Vista district that include two elementary schools.

Bellevue has argued that the 1983 agreement is not binding because it was superseded by LB1024 and, now, LB641.

LB641 keeps district boundaries in place unless two districts agree to a change. The districts would then present a proposal to the learning community board and, in turn, would require approval from the state Department of Education.

If one district seeks to take over part of another, the district seeking the change would have to approach the Legislature to change the law that establishes district boundaries.

If Bellevue approaches the Legislature, Green said, it's likely Papillion-La Vista would go to court to argue the 1983 enforcement bars Bellevue from a "hostile" takeover.

"If Bellevue violates the agreement, we can file suit," Green said.

## High court to hear dispute over tobacco settlement

TIMBERLY ROSS

The Associated Press

**OMAHA** — Attorneys for Nebraska and three tobacco companies are expected to argue before the state Supreme Court this week about whether a district judge or an arbiter should review a \$4.5 million reduction in the state's 2006 settlement payment.

At issue is whether Nebraska enforced prescribed financial penalties against smaller tobacco companies that did not take part in a 1998 settlement between 46 states and the nation's largest cigarette companies. A settlement provision calls for the smaller companies to fund escrow accounts with money comparable to what the big companies agreed to

pay to the states.

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Lorillard Tobacco Co. and Philip Morris USA say the states haven't enforced the provision, which was aimed at preventing the smaller companies from gaining a price advantage.

The big companies feared that if the smaller companies didn't fairly fund the escrow accounts, they could afford to cut prices that the big companies couldn't match because the big companies were paying out billions in the settlement.

The big tobacco companies used that provision to cut payments to states, including a \$4.5 million reduction in Nebraska's 2006 payment. The total reduction that year to all states was

about \$775 million.

Attorneys general in several states, including Nebraska, sued the big tobacco companies for violating the settlement by cutting payments.

In August 2006, Lancaster County District Court Judge Paul D. Merritt ordered the state and the big tobacco companies to meet with an arbiter to settle the dispute.

Nebraska appealed the order in March, saying the settlement notes which types of disputes are to be resolved through arbitration, and payment reductions isn't one of them. The state asked the Nebraska Supreme Court to rule that the state had held the smaller companies accountable in 2003, the year the big

tobacco companies cited when reducing their 2006 payments.

Attorneys for the big companies have said in court filings that Judge Merritt was correct to order arbitration because the payment dispute stemmed from an independent auditor's conclusion that the state was lax in going after the smaller companies. And, the big companies said, disputes arising from an outside auditor's findings are subject to arbitration under the terms of the settlement.

The Nebraska Supreme Court is scheduled to hear arguments on Thursday.

The 1998 tobacco settlement resolved states' legal claims over tobacco marketing and the cost of treating tobacco-related health problems.

## U.S.: al-Qaida establishing cells in other countries

PAMELA HESS

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — The director of national intelligence said Tuesday he is concerned that al-Qaida in Iraq is shifting its focus to attacks elsewhere in the region.

"They may deploy resources to mount attacks outside the country," Mike McConnell told a Senate hearing, although he also said that fewer than 100 terrorists have moved to establish cells in other countries.

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"We used it against these three detainees because of the circumstances at the time," Hayden said. "There was the belief that additional catastrophic attacks against the homeland were inevitable. And we had limited knowledge about al-Qaida and its workings. Those two realities have changed."

Hayden said that Khalid

Sheik Mohammed — the purported mastermind of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the United States — and Abu Zubayda and Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri were subject to the harsh interrogations in 2002 and 2003. Waterboarding is an interrogation technique that critics call torture.

Waterboarding induces a feeling of imminent drowning with the restrained subject's mouth covered and water poured over his face.

"Waterboarding taken to its extreme, could be death, you could drown someone," McConnell acknowledged. He said waterboarding remains a technique in the CIA's arsenal, but it would require the consent of the president and legal approval of the attorney general.

McConnell also told the Senate Intelligence Committee that the Taliban, once thought to be routed from Afghanistan, has expanded its operations into previously peaceful areas of the west and around the capital of Kabul, despite the death or capture of three top commanders in the last year.

The al-Qaida terrorist network in Iraq and in Pakistan and Afghanistan has suffered setbacks, McConnell said, but he added that Osama bin Laden's organization remains the No. 1 threat.

"Al-Qaida remains the pre-eminent threat against the United States, both here at home and abroad," McConnell said. He said that al-Qaida maintains a "safe haven" in Pakistan's tribal areas, where the group is able to stage attacks supporting the Taliban in Afghanistan.

The Pakistani tribal areas provide al-Qaida "many of the advantages it once derived from its base across the border in Afghanistan, albeit on a smaller and less secure scale," allowing militants to train for strikes in Pakistan, the Middle East, Africa and the United States, McConnell said.

Terrorists use the "sanctuary" of Pakistan's border area to "maintain a cadre of skilled lieutenants capable of directing the organization's operations around the world," he said.

U.S. officials have said they believe that bin Laden is taking refuge in the region, likely on the Pakistani side of the border.

The U.S. has expressed growing concern that al-Qaida figures who fled Afghanistan after the ouster of the Taliban regime in 2001 have been able to regroup inside tribal regions, posing a threat not just to U.S. forces across the border, but offering a potential base for global operations.

Still, McConnell praised Pakistan's cooperation in the

fight against extremists, saying that hundreds of Pakistanis have died while fighting terrorists. He said Islamabad has done more to "neutralize" terrorists than any other partner of the United States.

Despite the Pakistani cooperation, Lt. Gen. Michael Maples, director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, said at the same hearing that the Pakistani military has been unable to disrupt or damage al-Qaida terrorists operating in the tribal border region. And the U.S. military is prohibited by Pakistan from pursuing Taliban and al-Qaida fighters that cross the border to conduct attacks inside Afghanistan.

In other troubling parts of the world, the intelligence director said North Korea was proceeding with a nuclear program despite an agreement last year to suspend operations and Iran was "keeping open the option" of building nuclear weapons.

The United States remains "uncertain about Kim Jong Il's commitment to full denuclearization, as he promised in the six-party agreement," McConnell said, referring to the North's leader and to the nuclear talks involving the U.S., the Koreans, Japan, China and Russia.

Increases in military spending have enabled Russia to reverse deterioration of its military

forces that set in as the Soviet Union collapsed, McDonnell said, and China's military modernization "will put American forces at greater risk."

Also testifying, FBI Director Robert Mueller said al-Qaida continues to present a "critical threat to the homeland" and warned that "homegrown terrorists" not directly linked to al-Qaida posed a threat as well.

After terrorism and weapons of mass destruction, McConnell said the threat from cyberattacks to U.S. information systems is the most pressing issue. President Bush signed a classified directive in January outlining steps the federal government is taking to protect its networks.

"It is no longer sufficient for the U.S. government to discover cyber intrusions in its networks, clean up the damage and take legal or political steps to deter further intrusions," McConnell said.

On Cuba, he said the intelligence community is not expecting an immediate political convulsion if ailing President Fidel Castro dies.

"We assess the political situation in Cuba will at least remain stable in the first few months after Fidel's death," McConnell said.

But policy missteps on the part of Castro's successor could lead to mass migration of Cubans to the United States, he said.

## Measure to combat noise, cockfighting would limit roosters

The Associated Press

**RIVERSIDE, Calif.** — Rooster owners in this Southern California city may be about to get their feathers ruffled.

Measure A on Tuesday's ballot seeks to muffle incessant cock-a-doodle-doing and crack down on illegal cockfighting by limiting the number of roosters residents can own in rural areas within the city limits.

"It just goes from about 3

o'clock in the morning to 8 or 9

o'clock at night," said Lee Scheffers, who said his neighbors had up to 200 roosters at one time. "There's just a lot of crowing going on. Every one is more macho than the other one."

After he complained to the City Council, code enforcement offi-

cers took action — but not until

Scheffers had lost a lot of sleep.

The current law allows 50 birds, but the measure would only allow seven and require the birds be confined to an "acoustical structure" at least 100 feet from neighbors from sunrise to sunset.

If the measure passes, those with too many roosters would have to trim their flocks.

Riverside County has strict laws limiting rooster ownership, which had driven illegal cock-

fighting operations inside the city limits, particularly in rural areas of citrus groves, nurseries and ranches where local law mandates no more than one house per five-acre lot.

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Milo	4.72
Wheat	10.15

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 The following stocks of local interest were  
 traded today:

	Last	Chg.
BN Santa Fe	86.51	-76
Berkshire Hathaway A	136,300	+500
Berkshire Hathaway B	4,529	+28.00
ConAgra	21.41	-48
Eaton Corp.	83.02	-1.76
Ingersoll Rand	38.45	-74
Level 3	3,3828	-0272
McDonald's	54.23	+35
PepsiCo	67.77	-1.45
TierOne	21.44	-06
Tricon Global Restaurants	35.67	-14
Union Pacific	123.93	-1.77
Wells Fargo	30.79	-60
Williams Cos.	33.18	+29
Wal-Mart	50.45	+38

**Farm**

**BIOLOGICAL INSECT CONTROL WORKSHOP**

**CLAY CENTER** — Organic farmers can learn more about controlling insects without using pesticides and other chemicals during a workshop Feb. 14 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's South Central Agricultural Laboratory. Robert Wright, UNL entomologist, will present "Promoting Biological Control of Insects in Organic Systems" during the meeting, which runs 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Participants also will hear an update on UNL's organic farming project.

For more information or to make a registration for lunch, call Pat at 402-584-3837 by Feb. 12.

The Ag Lab headquarters are in the southwest building on the headquarters campus for the Roman L. Hruska U.S. Meat Animal Research Center, 4 1/2 miles west of Clay Center on State Spur 18D.

**FEATURED SCULPTURE**

"The American Farmer," a bronze sculpture that stands at Second Street and Hastings Avenue in downtown Hastings, will be featured in the February edition of "Amber Waves," a U.S. Department of Agriculture publication.

The sculpture, by Cambridge artist Sondra L. Jonson, originally was part of a large sculpture of a 1950s-era farm family commissioned by KRVN Radio to commemorate its 50th anniversary.

The sculpture was purchased by the Cottonwood Festival and installed in its downtown location in 2003.

"Amber Waves," which is published five times per year, reports on research and analysis by the USDA Economic Research Service. The magazine may be accessed online at [www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov).

Jonson has installed more than 44 large and monumental sculptures in 21 states over the past decade.

**AG BUILDERS**

Lawrence-area farmer Ken Herz has been elected as a new member of Agriculture Builders of Nebraska, ABN announced in a news release.

Herz and eight other individuals were elected to the 170-member organization during its annual meeting in Lincoln in January.

Bob Bettger, of rural Fairmont, was elected to the group's board of directors.

Officers elected during the organization's annual meeting in January include Michael Jacobson, of North Platte, president; Roger Wehrbein, of Plattsmouth, vice president; Irv Omtvedt, of Lincoln, secretary; and Ron Krejci, of Lincoln, treasurer.

Kathy Wittler, of Omaha, completed a two-year stint as president and continues to serve on the board. Others elected as directors include Sallie Atkins, of Halsey; George Beattie, of Lincoln; Bill Dicke, of Lincoln; and Mark Schroeder, of West Point.

Other new members elected with Herz include Don Batie, of Lexington; Daniel Duncan, of Lincoln; Carol Hudkins, of Malcolm; John Maddux, of Imperial; David Pankonin, of Louisville; Todd Schroeder, of Wisner; Jerry Stahr, of York; and Jeanene Wehrbein, of Plattsmouth.

# Profits aside, Big Oil vulnerable

**COMPANIES FACE NEED FOR MAJOR CHANGES IN YEARS TO COME**

**DAVID R. BAKER**  
*San Francisco Chronicle*

These should be the best of times for Big Oil.

Petroleum prices have tripled in five years, and gasoline prices reached record heights last summer. International oil companies are making the kind of money most capitalists can only dream of.

Chevron Corp. reported a record annual profit last week, topping \$18.6 billion. And that's less than half of what Exxon Mobil made last year. Exxon earned \$40.6 billion in 2007 -- the largest annual profit for any American company, ever.

And yet, for an industry awash in income, Big Oil faces serious long-term threats. Its profit and its very future are under pressure, both at home and abroad.

The large, global companies commonly known as Big Oil -- companies such as Exxon, Chevron, BP and Shell -- are having a hard time finding enough new oil fields to replace the petroleum they pump out of the ground. And the fields they're finding are in hard-to-

reach places like the bottom of the sea, where drilling and pumping costs far more than it does on land.

The oil fields they do control account for only about 6 percent of the world's known oil reserves. Government-run companies in oil-producing countries, such as Saudi Aramco in Saudi Arabia or the National Iranian Oil Co. in Iran, have the rest.

"I think they are taking this seriously as an economic threat," said David Hamilton, director of the Sierra Club's global warming and energy program. "When you get to 2040, it's unclear what they're going to do."

The firms are starting to invest in renewable energy and alternative fuels. Chevron Chief Executive Officer David O'Reilly has often said his company can adapt to the world's changing energy picture. Chevron will supply energy in multiple forms, although he insists oil isn't about to disappear.

"We're a pretty resilient bunch," O'Reilly once said. "We'll be around. We'll be selling energy. We'll be providing energy services. But I'm confident it will be quite different than it is today."

Right now, Big Oil's main business could hardly be better. Just five years ago, crude oil prices on the New York Mercantile Exchange hovered around \$30

per barrel, roughly the same level they'd held for years. They briefly touched \$100 last month and closed Friday at \$88.96.

One of the main reasons for that increase has been the perilously thin margin between the amount of oil the world produces and the amount it consumes. From 2003 to 2006, the last year for which complete data are available, the world's oil production grew 6.25 percent, to reach 84.6 million barrels per day, according to the federal Energy Information Administration. But demand for oil grew faster, pushed by the growing economies of China and India. Worldwide demand rose 6.43 percent to 84.73 million barrels per day.

Most of the world's oil reserves lie in the hands of government-controlled oil companies. And as prices rise, those governments have become much more assertive. They have more money to develop oil fields themselves and can hire service companies to supply any technical expertise they may lack. When they form joint ventures with Big Oil, they demand a bigger share of the profit than they once did.

"The bargaining position of the resource owners is enhanced incredibly," said Kenneth Medlock, an energy studies fellow at Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy. As a result,

peak oil isn't the problem -- access is. "I think the issue is above ground," Medlock said. "It's geopolitics instead of geology."

Then there's the issue of climate change -- perhaps the biggest wild card in Big Oil's future.

Many countries have already committed themselves to lowering their carbon dioxide emissions, which is hard to do without cutting back on oil and gasoline use. In the United States, congressional Democrats have made it one of their priorities, and about half of the states are exploring ways to do it if the federal government doesn't. Last year's federal energy legislation mandated a dramatic increase in the use of biofuels -- alternatives to petroleum.

After years of silence on global warming, or trying to prevent action on it, the oil companies are now staking out their positions. BP and ConocoPhillips have joined an organization of businesses calling for federal legislation that would require cuts in greenhouse gases.

"We're already hurtling toward a very different future," said Richard Duke, director of the Natural Resources Defense Council's center for market transformation. "The better oil majors are already out in front of this issue, at least on grappling with policy."

## Yahoo in bind over Microsoft offer

**MICHAEL LIEDTKE**  
*The Associated Press*

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Microsoft Corp.'s \$41 billion takeover bid appears to have backed Yahoo Inc. into a corner, leaving the struggling Internet pioneer with the unpleasant choice of selling to a detested rival or pursuing other agonizing alternatives likely to require the help of an even fiercer foe, Google Inc.

At least that appeared to be the consensus emerging among analysts Monday as Wall Street awaited Yahoo's response to last week's unsolicited offer from Microsoft.

Yahoo says its board is going to take its time reviewing Microsoft's bid along with other options that could keep the Sunnyvale-based company independent.

"At the end of the day, I don't think they are going to be able to turn down Microsoft," predicted technology investment banker Peter Falvey of Revolution Partners, echoing a widely held sentiment.

But if Yahoo spurns Microsoft, analysts believe it probably will have to swallow its pride and forge an advertising partnership with Google if the alliance could win antitrust clearance.

Under this scenario, Yahoo would rely on Google to run its search engine while joining thousands of other Web sites that depend on the Internet search leader for a steady stream of ad revenue generated from text-based links that produce commissions with every click.

But getting Google's advertising help probably wouldn't be enough to trump Microsoft's offer by itself. To placate shareholders, Yahoo probably would have to line up enough money to pay a special dividend or perhaps even take the company private in a leveraged buyout.

Going private might be even more painful for Yahoo's 14,300 employees than a sale to Microsoft.

To help repay the more than \$20 billion debt that would be incurred in a leveraged buyout, Yahoo would likely have to fire about 4,500 employees, or 31 percent of its work force, Stifel Nicolaus analyst George Askew estimated Monday. Yahoo also probably would have to sell about \$12.5 billion worth of investments in several promising Internet companies, including Alibaba.com and Yahoo Japan.

Like most analysts, Askew still believes Yahoo will wind up in Microsoft's clutches because the world's largest software maker appears to be a determined bidder with more financial firepower than just about every other conceivable suitor.

The list of so-called "white knights" willing to come to Yahoo's rescue appears to be dwindling. Several of the most logical candidates, including News Corp., AT&T Inc. and Comcast Corp., reportedly have no interest in trying to top Microsoft's bid.

Should Yahoo resist, Microsoft could still turn up the pressure by drawing upon its \$21 billion in cash and lofty market value of \$285 billion to raise the bid.

Despite its vast resources, Microsoft expects to finance part of the Yahoo takeover with debt, the company's chief financial officer, Chris Liddell, said at a Monday investment conference. It will mark the first time that Microsoft has had to borrow money to finance an acquisition.

Some analysts believe Microsoft could end up paying as much as \$35 per share -- a huge premium from Yahoo's stock price of \$19.18 before the saga began.

## Hormel to build Dubuque plant for added microwave business

**MATT MCKINNEY**  
*Minneapolis-St. Paul Star Tribune*

The nation's microwave ovens need to be fed. Leave it to Hormel.

The Austin, Minn., meatpacker said it's selling so many microwaveable meals that it plans to build a fourth plant to produce more.

"We literally can't make them fast enough," company spokeswoman Julie Craven said.

The new 327,000-square-foot plant, to be built in Dubuque, Iowa, will open in November 2009, the company said. The project will cost \$89 million, and the plant is expected to create 180 jobs.

The microwaveable meals to be produced at the plant need

no refrigeration while in storage, a characteristic known in the food business as "shelf-stable."

Hormel makes about 20 such meals -- lasagna to Swedish meatballs to tuna casserole -- under the Hormel Compleats brand. They were one of the bestselling items for the company, according to the most recent annual report issued in October, with sales up 40 percent during its most recent fiscal year. Sales of the products have more than tripled in the past three years.

Founded in 1891 in Austin, Hormel employs nearly 19,000 people worldwide and operates 13 plants.

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## HEART TARTS

Tasty tarts straight from the heart!  
Prep time: 10 minutes  
Baking time: 7 to 10 minutes  
Decorating time: 5 minutes  
Difficulty: Easy  
**For Crust:**  
1 9-oz. box thin chocolate wafers, finely ground  
8 T. butter, melted  
4 T. sugar  
**For Filling:**  
1 bag Dove rich dark chocolate hearts  
2 3.9-oz. boxes instant chocolate pudding  
1½ C. heavy cream, whipped or whipped topping  
1 pt. raspberries  
Combine ground chocolate wafers with butter and sugar. Press mixture into sides and bottom of 12 small (4½-inch each) greased tart pans. Place tart pans on cookie sheet(s) and bake in a preheated 350 degrees oven approximately 7 to 10 minutes. Remove and cool completely.  
Melt the chocolate hearts in microwave, stirring every 15 seconds until smooth. Prepare pudding according to instructions on package. Whisk melted chocolate into pudding and refrigerate until set.  
Before serving, fold ¾ cup whipped cream into chocolate pudding mixture and fill tart shells. Spoon remaining whipped cream into resealable bag with snipped corner and pipe heart design on top. Cover with raspberries.  
Makes 12 servings.

## CHANGE OF TART

Bake a tart for your sweetheart on the most romantic day of the year!  
Prep time: 15 minutes  
Baking time: 30 to 35 minutes  
Decorating time: 15 minutes  
Difficulty: Moderate  
1 bag Dove dark chocolate miniatures  
1 bag M&M'S® milk chocolate candies for Valentine's Day  
1 15-oz. refrigerated pie crust, at room temperature  
1 stick unsalted butter  
3 eggs  
½ C. heavy cream  
1 pinch salt  
1 C. whipped cream  
Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Press pie crust into 9-inch tart pan and prick bottom with fork. Place sheet of foil on top, and bake 15 minutes. Remove foil, and continue baking another 5 minutes, or until golden brown.  
While pie is baking, melt butter and 18 miniatures over a double boiler. Whisk together eggs, heavy cream and salt. Stir mixture into warm chocolate, and pour chocolate mixture into hot pie crust. Reduce heat to 350 degrees, and bake 15 to 20 minutes, or until filling is just set.  
Remove from oven, and let cool to room temperature. Fill resealable plastic bag with whipped cream, snip corner, attach star tip (optional) and pipe rosettes around outside of tart.  
Separate M&M's by color, and arrange them into concentric hearts in center of tart.  
Makes 1 tart.

Change of Tart



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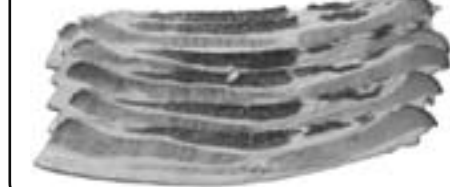
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Bob Knight, shown here in a 1999 file photo while coaching at Indiana, has resigned as Texas Tech's head coach.

## Bob Knight calls it quits

**BETSY BLANEY**  
The Associated Press

**LUBBOCK, Texas** — Bob Knight promised that when he finally decided to call it quits at Texas Tech it would be hard to find him.

The Hall of Fame coach stayed true to his word Monday.

After telling his sons, his bosses and his team of his resignation, Knight spoke only to one local newspaper about his shocking departure in the middle of his seventh season in West Texas.

"He's ready," successor and son Pat Knight said during his weekly radio program. "He's tired."

Knight left during his 42nd year as a head coach with more wins than any Division I men's coach. Pat Knight inherited a team that is struggling at 12-8 and has 10 games remaining.

"This is my team, that's what he told me. He's done," Pat Knight said on his radio show. "He's got a lot of life left to enjoy."

Almost a decade after he was fired by Indiana, the school he led to three national championships — one an undefeated season not since matched — Knight walked away from college basketball.

It was a stunning midseason move by Knight, who gave no hint a change was coming.

"There's a transition that's going to take place here from me to Pat and I've dwelt on this all year long ... how it would be best for him and for the team and for what we can do in the long run to make this the best thing for Texas Tech," Knight told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, which first reported the resignation.

Pat Knight, whose personality is more subdued than his father's fiery temperament, has been a head coach twice, a partial season with the USBL Columbus Cagerz and a full season leading the Wisconsin Blast, which went 19-15 under him.

He played for Knight at Indiana and has been with his father since his arrival at Tech in 2001. He was chosen as his father's successor in 2005.

Tech athletic director Gerald Myers said Knight told the team before practice Monday. Though Knight won't be part of the program, his input will be available.

"If Pat wants to talk to him and to run something by him, I'm sure he will accommodate him," Myers told The AP. "Pat's ready to be head coach."

The 67-year-old Knight told Myers of his decision in a noon meeting Monday, Tech chancellor Kent Hance told The Associated Press. Knight then called Hance and told him.

"I think Bob is through with coach-

ing. I think he got to the point where it wasn't fun for him," Hance said. "He thought about it Sunday all day and talked to his wife and decided 'This is something I want to do.'"

The Red Raiders beat Oklahoma State 67-60 on Saturday, giving Knight his 902nd victory. He earned No. 900 last month against Texas A&M.

Texas Tech next plays Wednesday night at Baylor.

"I guess you can never be surprised at some of the things Bob does," former UCLA coach John Wooden told the AP. "I don't think there's ever been a better teacher of the game of basketball than Bob. I don't always approve of his methods, but his players for the most part are very loyal to him. I would say that no player that ever played for him would not say he did not come out a stronger person."

Knight became the youngest coach at a Division I school in 1965 when he broke in at Army, but made his mark in 29 years at Indiana, including the perfect season in 1976.

He's a complex package. He hit a policeman in Puerto Rico, threw a chair across the court, was accused of wrapping his hands around a player's neck and allegedly kicked his own son (Knight claimed he actually kicked the chair his son sat on).

Please see KNIGHT/page C2

## Dubas happy to be back on the court for Hawkettes

During a break at St. Cecilia's practice Monday afternoon, senior guard Morgan Dubas followed a group of teammates toward the sideline as a new group of players took the court.

While several players rested on the first row of bleachers, Dubas chose to stand as she watched her teammates run through set plays.

It seems as if Dubas has endured all the sitting on the bench she can handle this year.

The second leading scorer on last year's squad that finished 17-7 and advanced to the state tournament, Dubas was forced to miss the first eight games this season while recovering from a stress fracture in her tibia suffered during cross country.

"I can't even describe how frustrating it was to sit there and watch," Dubas said. "Knowing that I was a senior, I wanted to be out there. It was extremely frustrating, I can't even explain how it felt."

A four-year letterwinner in cross country, Dubas began feeling pain in her leg midway through the cross country season in the fall.

Dubas attributed her discomfort to tendonitis and continued to run, helping lead the Hawkettes to a fifth-place finish to the state meet in October. St. Cecilia's highest finish at the state meet in more than 10 years.

Just three days into preseason basketball practice, the pain began to increase and was diagnosed as a stress fracture.

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Ryan Murken

## KU rebounds from K-State loss

TWO MORE MISSOURI PLAYERS COME BACK FROM SUSPENSIONS

**DOUG TUCKER**  
The Associated Press

**LAWRENCE, Kan.** — For the first time since a fight outside a nightclub last month threw the program into turmoil, Missouri had almost all its players.

That still wasn't nearly enough to stop Kansas.

Darrell Arthur scored nine points during a second-half surge for Kansas in a 90-71 victory Monday night, giving the Jayhawks their 20th straight home win and a season sweep of their archrivals.

Brandon Rush scored 19 points for Kansas (22-1, 7-1 Big 12), which is 2-0 since having its perfect record shattered in a loss last week at Kansas State.

"That loss showed us some things that we needed to work on," said Rush.

Jason Horton and Darryl Butterfield entered the game midway through the first half, giving Missouri (13-10, 3-5) a full complement of players — except for the injured Stephon Hannah — for the first time since a fight outside a Columbia, Mo., night club on Jan. 27.

Hannah, who had 23 points and six assists in Missouri's six-point loss to Kansas on Jan. 19, broke his jaw in the altercation and four players were suspended indefinitely. Leo Lyons and Marshall Brown were reinstated for Saturday's 77-74 victory over then-No. 22 Kansas State.

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ORLIN WAGNER/AP

Kansas guard Sherron Collins (4) shoots over Missouri forward Leo Lyons (5) during the first half of their game Monday in Lawrence, Kan.

## Deshler boys on a roll since lone setback to Heartland

In retrospect, losing to Heartland might have been the best thing to happen to the Deshler boys basketball team.

The Dragons won't know for sure until March just how well it turns out for them, but Deshler coach Ryan Hogue certainly likes the way his team has responded since losing to Heartland on Jan. 11 for the Dragons' only loss of the season.

Since that setback, Deshler is 6-0 and has outscored its opponents by an average score of 79-40 to improve to 16-1 on the season. The Class C-2 No. 3 Dragons are coming off an impressive 55-37 win over the Bruning-Davenport (17-4) in the Twin Valley Conference tournament title game Saturday, Deshler's second win over the Storm this season.

"Since that loss to Heartland, it's

almost like we re-focused," Hogue said. "That Heartland loss was tough to take for the coaches and players. We thought we had them. We were pretty well prepared. We had them at home. We just felt really good about that game."

"When we lost it, we just kind of stepped back for awhile in practice and we just started going back to the little things that have made us successful the last two years. That's defense, execution offensively in the half-court set and making sure that nobody slows us down offensively in transition."

Not many people have been able to



Vince Kuppig

slow down the Dragons this season. They're averaging 71 points per game while holding their opponents to 41 points. Only three times has Deshler allowed 50 points. Heartland, which beat Deshler 67-55, is the only team to put up more than 53 points against the Dragons.

A big reason for the team's success this season has been the play of senior guard Jens Scholl. The 6-foot-4 Scholl has proved to be a consistent inside-outside threat for Deshler.

He's averaging nearly 25 points per game, tops in the Triband, to go with more than 10 rebounds per contest.

"Jens is a floor leader, taking that senior leadership on where, 'I've got to lead my team in battle every single night,'" Hogue said. "And he does that. Jens, from last year to this year, has that shooter (and) scorer mental-

ty of being able to take a game over anytime."

Scholl isn't Deshler's only weapon. Dan Werner, a 6-foot-6 senior center, is averaging 14 points and more than 10 rebounds per game.

Against the Storm on Saturday, the Dragons showed they could be a quality team with Scholl not on the court for a large part of the game. Scholl, who also is a cross country and track star for Deshler, picked up his third foul in the first quarter and had just three points heading into the fourth quarter.

"That's huge for our team," said Hogue, who picked up his 100th win at Deshler on Saturday. "I'm not going to say it was huge to have Jens on the bench. But it was huge for us to step up and fill that void. When he went out, we were only up by six. When we

had our best player on the bench and we went up by 10, that just gave us that confidence and spark to say that we're OK and we're going to be OK if we just keep playing defense."

With three games left in the regular season, Deshler will be looking for a better ending than last year.

In 2007, Deshler was undefeated until the conference tournament. The Dragons lost in the semifinals there, then lost in the district title game before falling in the first round of the state tournament after qualifying on a wild-card berth.

To get to the state tournament this year, Deshler may have to win its district. Despite having only one loss, the Dragons are seventh in the Class C-2 wild-card points standings because of a relatively weak strength of schedule.

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Basketball

NBA Standings

Table with columns: Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division, Southeast Division, Central Division, Western Conference, Southwest Division, Northwest Division, Pacific Division. Rows list teams like Boston, Toronto, New Jersey, Philadelphia, New York, Orlando, Washington, Atlanta, Charlotte, Miami, Detroit, Cleveland, Chicago, Indiana, Milwaukee, Dallas, New Orleans, San Antonio, Houston, Memphis, Utah, Denver, Portland, Seattle, Minnesota, Phoenix, L.A. Lakers, Golden State, Sacramento, L.A. Clippers.

Monday's Games

Table listing Monday's games: Dallas 107, Orlando 98, Atlanta 96, Philadelphia 91, Toronto 114, Miami 82, L.A. Clippers 103, New York 94, Houston 92, Minnesota 86, Phoenix 118, Charlotte 104, Utah 110, New Orleans 88, Chicago 118, Seattle 108, Denver 105, Portland 103, OT.

Tuesday's Games

Table listing Tuesday's games: Boston at Cleveland, 6 p.m., San Antonio at Indiana, 6 p.m., Washington at Philadelphia, 6 p.m., L.A. Lakers at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m., Milwaukee at Memphis, 7 p.m., New Jersey at Orlando, 6 p.m., L.A. Lakers at Atlanta, 6 p.m., San Antonio at Washington, 6 p.m., Miami at Detroit, 6:30 p.m., Indiana at New York, 6:30 p.m., L.A. Clippers at Boston, 6:30 p.m., Milwaukee at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., Utah at Denver, 8 p.m., New Orleans at Phoenix, 8 p.m., Chicago at Portland, 9 p.m., Seattle at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Table listing Wednesday's games: New Jersey at Orlando, 6 p.m., L.A. Lakers at Atlanta, 6 p.m., San Antonio at Washington, 6 p.m., Miami at Detroit, 6:30 p.m., Indiana at New York, 6:30 p.m., L.A. Clippers at Boston, 6:30 p.m., Milwaukee at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., Utah at Denver, 8 p.m., New Orleans at Phoenix, 8 p.m., Chicago at Portland, 9 p.m., Seattle at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

Prep Boys Results

Table listing Prep Boys Results: Auburn 60, Humboldt/Tabler Rock-Steenauer 56, Boys Town 51, Tekamah-Herman 38, Johnson County Central 78, Palmyra 60, Johnson-Brock 61, Harburg, Iowa 53, Summer-Eddyville-Miller 71, Ansley 51, Sutherland 35, Gothenburg 32.

Lewis & Clark Conference Tournament

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Prep Girls Results

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Football

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Super Bowl

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Knight: Coach resigns from Texas Tech

Continued from page C1 But he never got in trouble for breaking NCAA rules. He always had a high graduation rate and gave his salary back a few years after he arrived in Lubbock because he didn't think he'd earned it. In September, Knight signed a three-year contract extension that ran through the 2011-12 season. "I didn't know, I've never really known when I was going to step down from this job. As I thought about it, my first thought was at the end of this season," Knight told the Lubbock paper. "My thinking was ... the best thing for the long run for this team would be for Pat and his staff to coach these remaining 10 games." NCAA president Myles Brand, the former Indiana University president who fired Knight, declined to comment on the resignation, spokesman Erik Christianson said. Knight arrived at Texas Tech in March 2001, six months after being

fired by Indiana for what school officials there called a "pattern of unacceptable behavior." The most recent off-the-court action by Knight to draw headlines came last November, when two people accused the coach or his hunting buddy of hitting them with birdshot. Neither person was injured or required medical treatment, and no criminal charges were filed against Knight. In Knight's six full years at Tech, he led the Red Raiders to five 20-win seasons, a first at the school. Knight passed former North Carolina coach Dean Smith as the winningest Division I coach Jan. 1, 2007, getting career win No. 880. To celebrate the milestone Knight chose the song "My Way" by Frank Sinatra, a mantra for how he navigated his personal and professional worlds. Back then, Knight explained why "My Way" was so fitting. "I've simply tried to do what I

think is best," Knight said. "Regrets? Sure. Just like the song. I have regrets. I wish I could have done things better at times. I wish I would have had a better answer, a better way, at times. But just like he said, I did it my way and when I look back on it, I don't think my way was all that bad." What he did and how he did it made Knight a legend. However, the influence and discipline he brought to coaching made him special. "Outside of my immediate family, no single person has had a greater impact on my life than Coach Knight," said Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski, who played for Knight at Army. "I have the ultimate respect for him as a coach and a mentor, but even more so as a dear friend. For more than 40 years, the life lessons I have learned from Coach are immeasurable. Simply put, I love him." Knight got his 100th victory at Army, then moved to Indiana,

where his Hoosiers went 662-239 from 1971-2000. He won national titles there in 1976, '81 and '87. "I am very fortunate and blessed to have played for him. He made me a better man and for that I am grateful," former Indiana star and current New Mexico coach Steve Alford said. Knight's first NCAA title came in 1976 when Indiana went undefeated, a feat no team has accomplished since. In 1984, he coached the U.S. Olympic team to a gold medal in Los Angeles. When he began his coaching career at Army, he was 24, the youngest-ever Division I coach. Knight won 20 or more games in 29 seasons. "Today was the most relaxed and relieved I've seen him in a long time," Pat Knight said during his show. "He thought about doing it a year ago but he didn't want people to think he was just staying for the record. So he kind of pushed himself to go one more year."

Huskers get recruit to switch to Nebraska

This past weekend was not nearly as busy in the Nebraska football recruiting offices as it has been, but the three visitors brought the 2008 recruiting class to just about the full level. It is interesting to note that two of the three were committed to other schools going into their visits. That is a switch from what has been happening. Before and after the coaching change, the Huskers saw so many of their committed prospects visit other places and end up de-committing, so this is a welcome reverse for the staff and fans. Going into the visit, cornerback Ter'Ran Benton (5-11, 175, 4.5) from Mansfield (Texas) Summit had been an Iowa State pledge, but he had his reasons for taking the Nebraska visit. The main reason had to do with new running back coach Tim Beck, who made a pitch to Benton and his mother encouraging him in taking the visit. "The reason why is because of coach Beck," Benton said, referring to why he decided on visiting NU. "He's my old, crusty high school coach from when I was a freshman. I thought that Nebraska would be a good place to go if I decided to change my mind. Coach Beck got into my mom's ear about Nebraska, so she told me to go and give them a look."

Benton did not have high expectations before the trip to Lincoln, but he came away thoroughly impressed by his experience. He was impressed by the coaches, facilities and academics; however, he decided to stay with the Cyclones. So you can forget Benton joining the class, but one other prospect, however, made it official for the Huskers on Sunday evening. Khiry Cooper, who a 6-foot-2, 175-pound wide receiver from Shreveport (La.) Calvary Academy, was another visitor over the weekend and he made up his mind right after his official visit. "I committed to Nebraska," Cooper said Sunday. "I just felt it was the place for me. ... When I committed, it was me, coach (Bo) Peltini and my mom in coach Peltini's office. "We went out to the lobby and told all of the rest of the coaches and they were all pretty excited about it. It was pretty funny." Kendall Tompkins (5-10, 165, 4.5) was the last visitor and another receiver prospect, but he has decided to wait until the signing date

(Feb. 6) to make up his mind. It will come down to Miami, a school close to home, or Nebraska. Since last week, Nebraska did receive two other commitments. One, Alfonzo Dennard (5-10, 185, 4.4) is another much needed cornerback who committed to the coaches alongside his high school coach at his school on Thursday. It is unusual for a recruit to make a commitment without making a visit, but that is exactly what he did. To top it off, Dennard is from Georgia. As a senior, he snared 39 passes for 780 yards and scored 14 touchdowns. He also made five interceptions and 53 tackles on defense. As a junior, he had approximately 840 receiving yards and 11 touchdowns. He added 247 rushing yards and seven scores. On defense, he had 60 tackles, 11 pass breakups and five interceptions. "Coach Marvin Sanders, who is recruiting him, seems to think a lot of him," his high school coach, Mark Ledford, said. "He liked what they had to say and he seemed to trust him. He knows that Nebraska has a rich tradition in football and he's excited about coach (Bo) Peltini coming, and they've got Tom Osborne back over there." Academics did not seem to be an issue, as he has not received the ACT or SAT

test score he needs yet. The other one was do-it-all prospect Lester Ward (6-3, 186, 4.45) from Brenham, Texas. He made up his mind one day after Dennard. "I see a lot of opportunity there," Ward said. "Academically they lead the Big 12 and in national areas as well. ... I know coach (Ron) Brown is involved with the ministry and with me having a desire to one day pursue a career in the ministry field motivates me as well." This year, due to a serious hamstring injury, he did not play as a senior. But the Nebraska coaching staff likes his size and the ability to play different positions. As a junior, Ward rushed for approximately 900 yards and scored eight touchdowns. "They talked to me mainly that where they're recruiting me is as an I-back, but in the kind of offense they run, it allows you to get the ball on receptions," he said. "With me being a pretty decent size height-wise, I think that gives me an advantage. Basically, I'll be used as a running back where I'm used to, but I can also become a receiver as well." Duane Rossiter of Redding, Calif., is a college football recruiting analyst for HuskerIllustrated.com.



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Local

HHS Wrestling

KEARNEY — The Hastings High wrestling team brought home two Greater Nebraska Athletic Conference individual titles over the weekend, with David Gonzalez claiming the title at 135 pounds and Kip Kiplinger winning at 171 pounds. As a team, the Tigers placed third with 111 points. Kearney won with 223 points and Columbus was second with 174. Gonzalez, ranked third in Class B, is now 34-3 on the season while Kiplinger improved to 28-6. Placing second for the Tigers at the conference meet were Adam Jorgensen (125) and Jon Uden (285). Phil Nelson (140), Justin Kopsich (160) and Kellen Fraser (145) each placed third.

Nation

SIoux City to host NAIA Volleyball

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) has announced Sioux City, Iowa, as the site for the 2008 and 2009 NAIA volleyball national Championships. The events will be held at Tyson Events Center/Gateway Arena from Dec. 2-6 in 2008 and Dec. 1-5 in 2009. "The success of NAIA national championship events is dependent on great partnerships. Sioux City is a tremendous advocate and fan of the NAIA and is committed to the student-athlete experience," NAIA President and CEO Jim Carr said in a press release. "I look forward to the 2008 and 2009 volleyball events and thank Sioux City for carrying on the rich tradition of the NAIA." Sioux City has a long history of hosting national championship events. Tyson Events Center/Gateway Arena has hosted the NAIA Division II women's basketball national championships since 2004 and Sioux City Auditorium was the site from 1998-2003. Tyson Events Center also hosted NAIA wrestling national championships since 2005. The national championship tournament will feature 36 teams with 12 first-round matches played at on-campus sites. The top 12 teams will receive a bye in the opening round. The final 24 teams will travel to Sioux City to play a pool-play format. Columbia College (Mo.) hosted the tournament in 2006 and 2007.

Kuppig: Dragons on a roll

Continued from page C1 Bruning-Davenport is one of just four opponents Deshler has played this season that currently has a winning record. To win its subdistrict, Deshler likely will get a rematch with Heartland (17-1) in the title game. Then, Deshler could see Southern (15-3) in the district championship. Getting another shot at Heartland is something the Dragons certainly wouldn't mind. "We look forward to it," Hogue said. "It's one of those things, where you drop that first one ... do you want to be the team that won that first one or do you want to be the team that lost that first one?" "I would much rather be in our shoes right now. We know what we did wrong. We know what we need to do better. We learned a lot more from that loss than we would if we maybe would have snuck by them and was undefeated right now. Having one loss right now is not hurting us at all." Vince Kuppig is the Tribune's sports editor and prep boys basketball writer. He can be reached at 402-461-1270 or vkuppig@hastingstribune.com.

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Above: Silver Lake's Jami Shaw tries to steal the ball from Red Cloud's Katie Danahey in the third quarter of their Twin Valley Conference tournament semifinal Thursday in Doniphan. Left: Blue Hill's Travis Lowery is fouled by Bruning-Davenport's Brent Houchin in the second quarter of their TVC semifinal Friday in Doniphan. Top right: Lawrence-Nelson's Julie Wehrman rebounds the ball against Blue Hill's Amber Himmelberg in the fourth quarter of their TVC semifinal Thursday in Doniphan.

## Dubas: Senior comes back from injury to help lead STC

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"I would look at her and you could tell it was killing her to sit on the bench," St. Cecilia coach Jahn Kile said. "It's a case where you really wanted to see her out there trying to make things happen."

Dubas' absence left St. Cecilia without its top returning scorer (13 ppg) and rebounder (5 rpg) for the first eight games of the season. But the Hawkettes responded by starting the season 5-1 before going 0-2 at the Doane College holiday tournament.

Freshman guards Charise Farmer and Abby Jackson were thrust into more prominent roles to open the season and meshed quickly with returnees such as seniors Kaleigh Chalupa and Holly Rundle and juniors Danielle Nikklia and Anne Boyd.

"It was kind of weird at the beginning of the year just because Morgan wasn't out there," Chalupa said. "You adjust quickly to your new team and figure out what you need to do differently without her there."

The two freshmen helped ease the loss of Dubas as Farmer leads St. Cecilia in scoring (11.3) and steals (3.6) while Jackson leads the team in assists with 3.7 per outing.

Dubas returned to the court on Jan. 3 and made an immediate impact in her first game back.

The 5-foot-7 senior scored 11 of her 13 points in the fourth quarter and overtime as St. Cecilia won 65-61 at Sandy Creek.

"There was definitely the tempta-

tion to try to do too much right when I got back," Dubas said. "It's such a rush to be able to get back out there. There was a time when they weren't really sure if I would be able to play at all so I'm just thankful to have a chance to play."

St. Cecilia has won five of its past eight with Dubas back in the lineup, with the three losses coming at the hands of ranked teams.

The Hawkettes lost to C-1 No. 8 Kearney Catholic 66-60 in overtime, dropped a 40-29 decision to Class D-1 No. 9 Archbishop Bergan and fell 41-37 to Class C-2 No. 4 Grand Island Central Catholic.

Dubas has been productive since her return to the lineup, averaging 7.5 points and 2.8 steals per game despite Kile's suggestion that she is not 100

percent healthy.

"I give her a lot of credit for battling through it," Kile said. "She said that she feels fine, but I think she is hurting. I give her a lot of credit for trying the best she can."

While Dubas' scoring may be down from last season, Chalupa said Dubas brings much more to the court than the ability to score or rebound.

"It helps a lot to have her back," Chalupa said. "She knows the plays, she knows how it is and just her composure and being able to calm everyone down helps a lot."

St. Cecilia has a pair of games remaining against ranked opponents as it will travel to Class B No. 10 Adams Central in game originally scheduled for tonight that has been postponed to a date yet to be

announced and host Class C-2 No. 5 Sutton on Thursday.

Last season, the Hawkettes entered the postseason on a three-game losing streak but reversed their fortunes and won three straight games in districts to reach the state tournament.

St. Cecilia is hoping to build some momentum this week for another postseason push.

"It's really important to finish strong because you always want to go out knowing that you did the best that you could," Chalupa said. "There is a lot of pressure to repeat what past teams have done and to keep up the legacy of what St. Cecilia is."

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## MU: Two players return from suspension as Tigers fall to KU

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But Butterfield and Horton did not return until about nine minutes remained in the first half of Kansas' ninth straight home win over the Tigers.

"We have been playing short-handed the last two games," said Missouri's Keon Lawrence, who played 36 minutes and scored 25 points. "A lot of guys are playing a lot of minutes who aren't used to that. I think tonight the minutes kind of caught up with us because we didn't go after the ball aggressively at all."

By the time Butterfield and

Horton got into the game, the Jayhawks already had a 27-19 lead and were in the middle of a 13-6 run that Rush capped with a 3-pointer that made it 36-23.

DeMarre Carroll, J.T. Tiller and Lyons all had 13 points for Missouri, which hasn't won at Kansas since former coach Norm Stewart's last season in 1999.

Missouri was 0-for-10 from the 3-point arc, the first time a Kansas opponent did not have at least one 3-pointer in almost 12 years.

"I've never had a team that didn't score a 3-point shot, so that tells you how strange it

was," Missouri coach Mike Anderson said. "But Kansas dominated the glass. They played well. Their size was to their advantage."

The taller Jayhawks outrebounded the Tigers 48-25.

"We played well considering we were playing in foul trouble," Kansas coach Bill Self said. "Offensively, we were good the whole night. Defensively, our guards didn't guard. They got the ball wherever they wanted off the bounce and we have to correct that."

Kaun had five points in the early run as the Jayhawks

rolled into halftime with a 45-33 lead en route to their 30th victory in their last 31 regular-season games.

Horton played 8 minutes and wound up with no points on 0-for-1 shooting. Butterfield was 0-for-3 from the floor and picked up two fouls in his 5 minutes.

The Tigers tried alternating 3-2 and 2-3 zones and were able to keep the Jayhawks from driving inside in the early going. But then Kaun, the 6-foot-11 senior, began cutting through the traffic. He got a contested putback, was fouled and sank the free throw for a

23-17 lead. After a Missouri turnover and a Kansas miss, Kaun blocked a shot and Sherron Collins made it 25-17 with a jumper.

"Cole (Andrich) and Sasha really bailed us out in the first half," said Self. "Collectively, those guys were terrific."

Arthur, held to just two points in the first half after getting his third foul, had 11 points in the second half and was all the offense Kansas had for about a 4-minute stretch. He hit a jumper in the lane to make it 60-47, then added another bucket a moment later, drilled two

free throws, hit two more from the foul line and made it 67-51 with another free throw.

Collins and Kaun each had 12 points.

As though to rub salt in their rival's wounds, the Jayhawks used the halftime of this game to bring their football team onto the floor and present the Orange Bowl trophy it won with a 24-21 victory over Virginia Tech.

Missouri, the only team to beat Kansas last season, is still seething over being denied a BCS invitation and going to the Cotton Bowl while Kansas got to play in the Orange.

## Super Bowl MVP Eli Manning wants title game against Colts' Peyton

TOM CANAVAN

The Associated Press

CHANDLER, Ariz. — Eli Manning wants another Super Bowl, one against big brother, Peyton. Next year wouldn't be too soon.

"It would be fun to be back to the Super Bowl, Eli said Monday. "That's the way I look at it. If it happens to be against the Colts, then that would be a fun game to be a part of. Again, it would be fun to be back and have a shot to do this again."

Manning made the most of his first shot Sunday, leading the New York Giants on a late game-winning, 83-yard touchdown drive in a stunning 17-14 win over the previously unbeaten New England Patriots in one of the biggest upsets in Super Bowl history.

The performance earned Eli an MVP award, just a year after Peyton got the same award for leading the Colts to a title over the Chicago Bears.

"It doesn't change my attitude, my

personality, or even my goals for next season," Manning said. "It's still the same. I'm happy today, I'm fired up and I'm going to enjoy this moment."

"You still want to do it again. You still want to have this feeling again," Eli added. "It's hard to say that now because you're still enjoying it now, but you have to have the same commitment to playing football. I've got to become a better quarterback."

That can wait until after the Giants

ticker-tape parade Tuesday in New York. "Everybody's looking forward to it," Manning said. "I'm sure New York will throw a pretty good parade for us."

Giants coach Tom Coughlin, who appeared with Manning at the MVP press conference on Monday in Phoenix, said the fourth-year quarterback has come a long way since that first year when teams like Baltimore made him look foolish with blitzes.

His Super-Bowl-winning 13-yard

touchdown pass to Plaxico Burress came on a Patriots' blitz.

"(They) had been playing zone, keeping two safeties back and just playing a little conservative through that whole drive," said Manning, who completed 19 of 34 for 255, two touchdowns and an interception. "Finally, I knew they'd come after us. They came out with a blitz and had one-on-one with Plaxico Burress. That's a matchup we're going to take every time."

Crossword

- ACROSS
1 "So long!"
4 Male swan
7 Eerie sound
11 Trouser half
12 Mensahib's nanny
14 Type of eagle
15 Ms. Hagen
16 Fictional sub commander
17 Loan figure
18 On horseback
20 Rang
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23 Pair
24 Law breaker
27 Threshold
30 Bing Crosby tune
31 Won't share
32 Owned
34 Umbrella spoke
35 Toga-party supply
36 Truck stop sight

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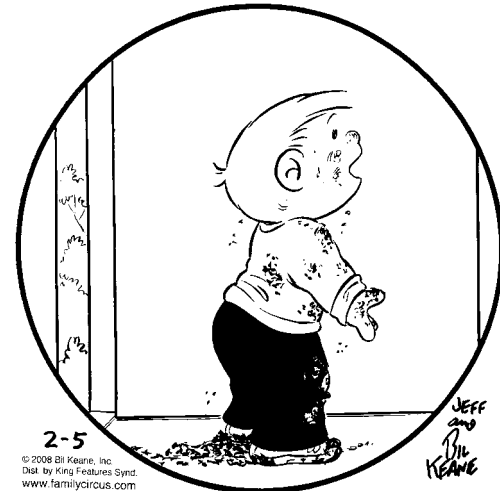
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47 Great Lakes port
48 Took a straw
51 Twice XXVI

Readers sound off on what's really wrong with our world

DEAR READERS: In late October, I printed a letter from "Tab in Swansea, Ill.," who asked what I perceive to be the main problem in society today. I responded that, as my column reflects, there is more than one. Then I asked what you, my readers, think is society's greatest problem — and the roof fell in! Your response was enormous, and I wish I could share all of it, but space does not permit. Today and tomorrow I'll print a sample:



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: The main problem in our society today is lack of personal responsibility — from the deadbeat dad to the CEOs of major companies manipulating financial statements for personal benefit. Our society will prosper only if we all take responsibility for our actions. — MARK IN WEST ALLIS, WIS.

DEAR ABBY: It's greed! The unwillingness to consider how our behavior affects others. We have become so obsessed with material things and a "what's in it for me" mentality that we have forgotten to live by the Golden Rule. — JUDY IN WICHITA, KAN.

DEAR ABBY: Society's greatest problem is intolerance. It breeds all the other problems. We're intolerant of other people's views, religions, looks, sexual orientation, languages, mode of dress, career choice, whether to parent — or not. We're in the business of NOT minding our own business. — MARILYN IN THE GARDEN STATE

DEAR ABBY: It's apathy ... but, who cares? — MALCOLM IN MIAMI

DEAR ABBY: It's the breakdown of the nuclear family and lack of good parenting. I didn't even know divorce existed when I was growing up. I now work in a high school and see dozens of kids in trouble each day because they don't have proper role models at home.

We see girls pregnant beginning at age 14, and the parents just shrug it off. Rude, violent kids were the exception when I was young. Kids today are not loved and watched over. If parents were like they used to be, this would be a safer, saner place. — MARY IN LAS VEGAS

DEAR ABBY: Technology has outstripped our growth as human beings. People's basic nature hasn't changed much in the last few thousand years — what we want, need, fear and hate are pretty much the same as they have always been. But in the last 100 years or so, we have gained global abilities. We've created the technology to destroy our planet but have not developed the corresponding maturity — either as individuals or societies — to handle the abilities we've developed. — NAOMI IN BERGENFIELD, N.J.

DEAR ABBY: It's the personal isolation of people today. Business people will not answer their telephones and speak directly with customers. Individuals won't answer their phones at home, but do respond to e-mail and text messages. A generation has been schooled to keep a cell phone glued to their ears at all times instead of communicating face-to-face.

If Darwin was right, future generations will no longer require a tongue because we will no longer converse. Instead, we'll grow extra fingers with which to type and text. — RON C., SOULSBYVILLE, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: The answer to your question is fairly simple. There's no respect, no discipline, no courtesy and no consideration for others. Is my opinion political-ly correct? No. Am I right on the money? Yes! Thank you, Dr. Spock. (PC is not my strong suit.) — GARY IN ROCKWALL, TEXAS

DEAR READERS: Hang on ... there's more tomorrow.

Pauline Phillips, a.k.a. Abigail Van Buren, and Jeanne Phillips are columnists for Universal Press Syndicate. Write Dear Abby at P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Timing is always of vital importance. Fortunately, this is your strong suit and will be quite helpful to you where your work or career is concerned.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Beginning immediately, start looking ahead a bit, because when you do, you will be able to blend your present efforts favorably with your future aspirations and make life a whole lot easier for yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It is always important as to how you conduct yourself in front of others, but it is especially vital in ways that will have a bearing on your job or career.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Without minimizing or ignoring your logical reasoning on issues, people or things, make certain that you take into consideration the feelings of others. Decisions you make must have a broad appeal.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Devote your time and efforts to the types of dealings, trading or negotiations you enjoy doing, and the odds are you will have a productive and rewarding day. It pays to be choosy if you can.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) The artistry you employ when dealing with people could be quite impressive. Your style and finesse will win you both cooperation and success in your important endeavors, not to mention favorable reviews.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your natural ability to handle and deal with underlings in ways that make them feel important will win you extra points, but more important, it encourages them to put forth the extra effort they normally wouldn't do.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) What a boost it will be to your ego when you find out about all the nice things associates and friends are saying about you. Your high ratings are even coming from those who aren't normally supporters.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you handle your financial involvements with careful consideration, this could be a red-letter day. Your chances for improving upon that which you've already acquired are better than usual.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Mother Nature's emphasis is on your leadership qualities at this time. Since the influence is mostly positive, make the most of your dealings with others and they will follow you without question.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your natural eye for elegance is well focused right now, so it is an especially good time to go shopping for large-ticket items. You will purchase things that will stand the test of time and be treasured for a long time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Success in all your endeavors is indicated. This is especially true when you know others are affected by your doings, because it will motivate you to do the greatest good for the greatest number.

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Frugal Living — 10 places that need your help

BY SARA NOEL

United Media
If you believe you don't have anything to give, think again. There are many charities that will put your unwanted belongings to good use. Here are a few that accept common items. UNWANTED SHOES: If you have shoes taking up space in your closet, I encourage you to donate them to Soles4Souls (www.soles4souls.org).

accept your gently used stuffed animals, then clean and repair them and distribute them to children in need.

HAIR: If you have long hair and are considering a shorter haircut, please donate your hair to Locks of Love (www.locksoflove.org). Your donation is used to make hairpieces for disadvantaged children experiencing medical hair loss. Simply place your hair in a ponytail or braid when having it cut, and mail it to Locks of Love, 2925 10th Ave. N, Suite 102, Lake Worth, FL 33461-3099. Colored and permed hair is accepted, but bleached hair is not. Hair should be at least 10 inches long and packaged in a plastic zipper-type bag, then in a padded envelope that includes a slip of paper with your name and address. Call (561) 963-1677 if you have questions.

COATS: While some charities accept only new coats, One Warm Coat (www.onewarmcoat.org) accepts gently used

coats. USED GLASSES: Help people in developing nations improve their vision by donating your used glasses to Lions Club (www.lionsclubs.org). You can locate collection boxes in your community or mail to Lions Clubs International, Attention: Receiving Department, 300 W. 22nd St., Oak Brook, IL 60523. CRAFT, SCHOOL AND OFFICE SUPPLIES: If you have craft items or office supplies, they can be donated to SCRAP (www.scrapaction.org), which creatively reuses these materials through various art workshops; the organization also resells the materials through its store for educational and creative use. FREE SAMPLES: If you have personal-grooming samples or trial-sized items stacking up, they can be sent to our soldiers. Visit Any Soldier (www.anysoldier.com) to find a soldier. Of course, they can use much more, but these individual-sized items can be useful.

Baby Blues



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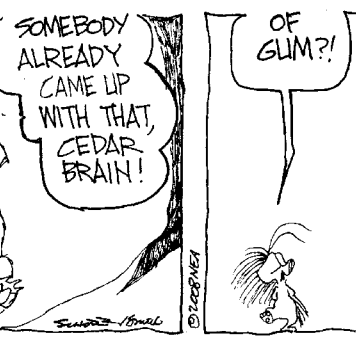
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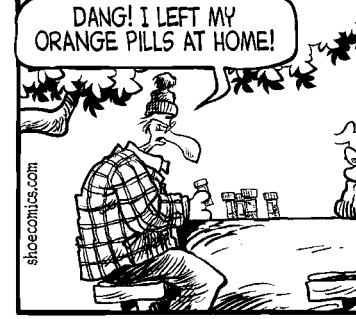
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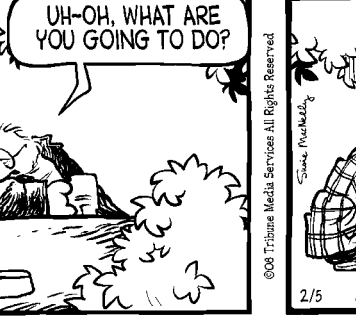
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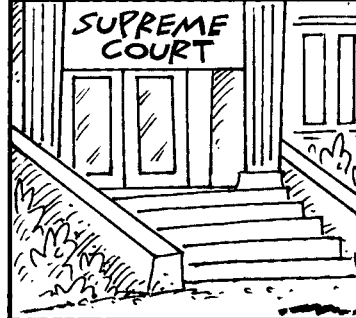
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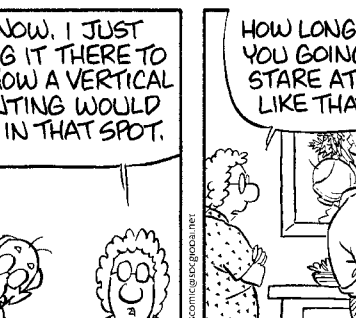
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Nicholas Jonas (left), Joseph Jonas (center) and Kevin Jonas of the Jonas Brothers music group pose for a portrait in Burbank, Calif., on Jan. 18.

## Brothers take Miley Cyrus roadmap to stardom

MELINDA NEWMAN  
For The Associated Press

**L**OS ANGELES — Most young men can be forgiven for not knowing what they'll be doing two days from now, much less two years. Not the three siblings who comprise the hit trio the Jonas Brothers. The superstars-in-the-making have every day mapped out for the next 24 months.

If you're not a tween/teenage girl or don't live in proximity to one, you may not yet be in on the phenomenon created by 20-year-old Kevin, 18-year-old Joe and 15-year-old Nick. They opened for Miley Cyrus on her fall "Hannah

Montana" tour to the delight of shrieking girls everywhere. Their song, "S.O.S.," catapulted to No. 1 on iTunes. Their second album has sold more than 900,000 copies. And that's just the beginning.

Earlier this month, the band became the youngest act to sign a deal with concert presenter Live Nation. The multimillion dollar, two-year pact includes promoting 140 shows in theaters and arenas worldwide by the New Jersey-based brothers starting Jan. 31 in Arizona.

"We know where we're going to be at the end of 2009," says Joe, incredulously.

While some may consider putting such big money behind a still-

developing act risky, Billboard's Ray Waddell calls it a smart move: "The Jonas Brothers are about as safe a bet as exists in the music business today," he says. "This is a Super Bowl year for them."

Indeed, the band's three February shows at the Gibson Amphitheater in Universal City, Calif., set a record for the fastest sellouts in the venue's 35-year history when the first two shows sold out in two minutes.

Even the brothers admit they can't wrap their heads around the Live Nation deal. "In a weird way, it's humbling," Nick says. "People think you'd get a big head about it, but it's like, 'Wow. Someone would do this?'"

All this success comes after the

band got off to a rocky start. Its debut album came out on Columbia in 2006 to little fanfare because their primary champion, Columbia president Steve Greenberg, had departed the label by the time it was released. The band soon parted ways with Columbia and signed with its current home, Hollywood Records. (The album, "It's About Time," is now a collector's item with an asking price of up to \$299 on Amazon.com.)

The comparisons with Hanson are inevitable: like Hanson, these three brothers write their own songs and play their own instruments, giving them more credibility than the average boy band. (The Jonas Brothers

even name check Hanson in their song "That's Just the Way We Roll.") While their songs are solid power pop, the tunes possess more of a rock edge than those by many of their contemporaries.

The tour is the first step toward global domination that Hollywood Records parent, The Walt Disney Co., has provided in the past for such acts as Hilary Duff, Cyrus and the cast of "High School Musical," all of whom have enjoyed platinum and/or multiplatinum success. Though mainstream radio has been largely resistant to these acts, there are signs that the Jonas Brothers will break through with new single "When You Look Me in the Eyes."



JIM COOPER/AP

Musician Chris Botti is photographed in New York Dec. 23, 2007.

## Botti finds right romantic mix on 'Italia'

CHARLES J. GANS  
The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Chris Botti can't quite figure out how he ended up competing for a Grammy with the Beastie Boys, but he did get a kick out of finding his melodically romantic CD "Italia" nominated with the funk-rock group's "The Mix-Up" for best pop instrumental album.

The trumpeter never knows what to expect come Grammy season because he's essentially created his own musical genre — mixing jazz, pop and, on "Italia," even classical influences — which means his music doesn't fit neatly into any category.

"It's sometimes hard to figure out what the committee is going to do, but I think it's fantastic that we're up against

the Beastie Boys ... That's something you don't think about when you're a kid growing up in Oregon," laughed Botti, during a conversation over lunch at his hotel before his band was to perform at the Blue Note jazz club.

Botti shares more in common with the other pop instrumental album nominees: Spyro Gyra ("Good to Go-Go"), Kirk Whalum ("Roundtrip") and Dave Koz ("At The Movies"), on whose album Botti guests on "The Shadow of Your Smile." But he no longer can be lumped together with R&B-influenced smooth-jazz musicians as he was early in his career.

"With my music ... there's this constant dance that I'm doing between my affection for pop music and being

around artsy pop musicians ... and my affection for Miles Davis ... and how do you marry those two together," said the 45-year-old Botti. "I think there's a huge appetite for jazz-influenced music which is melodic, accessible and reins it in but doesn't dumb it down at all."

Botti recalls that as a teenager in Corvallis, Ore., the jazz that really inspired him to make music his career was Davis' spacey, melancholy ballad playing on early 1960s quintet recordings like "My Funny Valentine."

Botti also realized shortly after arriving in New York in 1986 to study with jazz trumpeter Woody Shaw that it was pointless for him to try to outdo Wynton Marsalis at rapid-fire bebop improvisations.

## A variation on yesterday's theme

**I**n "Themes and Variations," Aldous Huxley wrote, "Most human beings have an almost infinite capacity for taking things for granted."

That can be true at the bridge table for players below expert level. They remember the maxims and take them for granted, when most are debatable at best.



Phillip Alder

This deal is a variation on yesterday's theme. You are West, defending against four hearts. You start with the club ace: three, seven, 10. You cash the club queen: four, five, jack. What next?

North's sequence, a transfer bid followed by a jump to three no-trump, showed game

<b>North</b>			
♠	K Q 5	♥	Q J 10 7 6
♦	K J	♣	8 4 3
<b>West</b>			
♠	9 6 4	♥	3
♦	8 6 4 3	♣	A K Q 6 2
<b>South</b>			
♠	A J 10	♥	A 5 4 2
♦	A Q 7	♣	J 10 9
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: Both			
<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>
1 NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♠ A			
values with exactly five hearts. South, with four-card heart support, converted to four hearts.			
East has played high-low in clubs, showing a doubleton. So			

you should cash your club king. East discards the spade two.

Now you must count the high-card points. Since there are 12 in the dummy and you have 10, that leaves a "massive" 1-3 points for partner. He cannot have an ace, and the defenders cannot take a trick in spades or diamonds.

You should continue with the club two.

If declarer discards from the dummy, East ruffs with his heart eight, forcing out South's ace and promoting his king as the setting trick. Or if declarer ruffs with dummy's 10, East calmly discards and is assured of a trump trick.

Whenever you have won all possible side-suit tricks, concede a ruff-and-sluff. It cannot cost and might gain.

Phillip Alder is a columnist for Newspaper Enterprise Association.

## Music

### SPICE GIRLS

**LONDON** — The Spice Girls have dropped Australia, China, South Africa and Argentina from their world tour, which reportedly has been drawing a disappointing turnout at some concerts.

The group, which reunited in a blaze of publicity last June, said on Friday that the tour will now end in Toronto on Feb. 26.

The tour kicked off in Vancouver, Canada, on Dec. 2.

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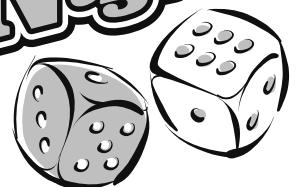
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# Carnival competition closes

BRAZIL SAMBA GROUPS  
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MICHAEL ASTOR  
The Associated Press

**R**IO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — Reigning champion Beija Flor closed out Rio's Samba parade today with gold-encrusted and winged dancers in a pre-dawn pageant honoring the Amazon state of Amapa and its pre-Columbian civilizations.

Beija Flor has won the championship four out of the past five years, but their reputation been marred by accusations that directors conspired to steal last year's championship by intimidating judges. An investigation into the accusations yielded an inconclusive report.

At the parade's opening, the group's carnival designer rebuffed the charges.

"They tried to disqualify our parade in 2007 but we have shown that we have won in the most dignified manner possible," Laila, who goes by one name, told the crowd, who responded by booing.

Jeers gave way to applause, however, as the group impressed the crowd with its opulent floats, ornate costumes and topless beauty queen. Its dancers were encrusted in gold, and wore masks and wings.

Beija Flor's floats honored the state of Amapa, which marks its 250th anniversary this year. The pre-Columbian civilizations being honored, however, apparently spring largely from the designer's imagination since the archaeological record in the Amazon rain forest is slim.

Hours earlier Mocidade de Independente group opened the parade Tuesday night with dancers dressed as slaves pushed a float decked out as the ship that brought the Portuguese royal family to Brazil two centuries ago.

Donning golden conquistador outfits, hundreds of drummers from the Mocidade de Independente samba group beat time Monday night to propel its 4,500 members down the Sambadrome stadium's half-mile long parade ground.

Fans cheered from packed



RICARDO MORAES/AP

Dancers from Sagueiro samba school perform during a carnival parade at the Sambadrome in Rio de Janeiro Monday.

stands, waving flags with the group's signature green and

white colors as fireworks exploded overhead and the parading

continued into today pre-dawn darkness.

# Israel on high alert

AMY TEIBEL  
The Associated Press

**JERUSALEM** — Israeli security forces were on high alert today, sending beefed-up patrols to public areas such as shopping malls, bus stations and train depots a day after the first Palestinian suicide attack in more than a year.

An Israeli airstrike targeted a Hamas police station in a Gaza town, killing six people and wounding six, Hamas security officials and a health official said. Earlier, two Hamas militants were killed in clashes with Israeli troops targeting rocket squads in Gaza.

On Monday, a Palestinian militant group said the attackers took advantage of the recent breach of the Egypt-Gaza border to go to Egypt and then sneak through the porous frontier with Israel. But Israeli authorities were questioning claims the bombers entered Israel from Egypt.

Israeli security officials were also investigating whether the bombers came from the West Bank city of Hebron, a militant hotbed. Intelligence reports suggested more than one militant cell had tried to infiltrate Israel, generating confusion over who actually carried out the attack.

The suicide attack on the southern town of Dimona killed a 73-year-old Israeli woman, critically wounded her husband, and injured 10 others.

Police were out in higher numbers at entrances to cities, shopping malls and bus and train stations. Overnight, border police arrested 240 Palestinians who had entered Israel illegally to work, police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said.

One of the militant groups that claimed to have carried out the attack said its gunmen were poised to strike again, but Rosenfeld said no specific new threats were identified.

Israeli Cabinet ministers are to discuss on Wednesday a long-standing proposal to build a barrier along the 150-mile border with Egypt. And the head of the Israeli parliament's powerful Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee urged Israel to start assassinating the political leaders of the Islamic Hamas group, which rules the Gaza Strip, and not just its military commanders.

On Monday, two attackers strapped with explosives belts entered Dimona, home to Israel's secretive nuclear reactor. One bomber managed to blow himself up, but the second was injured in the blast, and police shot him to death before he could detonate his device.

Security officials were looking into whether the bombers set out on their mission from Hebron. The security officials spoke on condition of anonymity because no final conclusions have been drawn. Palestinian officials said Israeli forces detained several members of a well-known Hamas family.

On their Web site, Hamas militants in Gaza denied any involvement in the bombing.

There had been conflicting reports from militant groups Monday on whether the attackers came from the West Bank or Gaza.

In Gaza, a militant group provided the names of the men it said were the bombers and a detailed account of how they sneaked into Israel.

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5	8	3				7	4	9
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	9		5	3		7		
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8	2	6	7	9	5	4	3	1
5	7	3	1	4	8	2	9	6
9	4	1	6	2	3	8	7	5
7	9	4	3	1	2	6	5	8
6	5	2	8	7	4	3	1	9
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1	8	9	4	6	7	5	2	3
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**ARMOUR ECKRICH**

**Armour-Eckrich Meats LLC Hastings, NE Maintenance Positions**

The Armour-Eckrich LLC in Hastings, NE has opportunities for experienced and technically skilled individuals to enhance our quality process in the maintenance department.

**Maintenance Scheduler Clerk (1st Shift)**

The Maintenance Scheduler clerk will work in the maintenance department and will be responsible for producing preventative maintenance documents and work orders and collecting data from routine and non-routine maintenance documents received from mechanics. Clerk will also be responsible for assembling data for various maintenance reports. This position will update and/or create preventative maintenance procedures from OEM manuals and other documents. Must be organized and capable of multi tasking and have solid computer skills. This position will report directly to the Plant Engineer, and will focus on maintenance scheduling and utilizing the SAP maintenance module. Understanding of maintenance procedures and material would be helpful and a degree is preferred. Wages will be commensurate with experience.

**1st Shift Metal Fabrication Mechanic & 2nd and 3rd Shift Maintenance Mechanics**

Job responsibilities include general maintenance, preventative maintenance, and must comply with safety programs. Excellent wages based on maintenance experience.

Armour-Eckrich Meats LLC offers a challenging career opportunity, competitive wages based on experience and a full benefit package including medical, dental, vision, 401K and vacation.

Armour-Eckrich Meats LLC is an equal opportunity employer. We place a high value on the diversity of our employees, customers, consumers and vendors. We are looking for the best people with the best talent. At Armour-Eckrich Meats, LLC, you can build your career and have a part in building the new Armour-Eckrich Meats LLC team.

Please send resumes to: Armour-Eckrich Meats LLC  
Attn: Human Resources Dept.  
2001 Summit Ave.  
Hastings, NE 68901  
Or email resumes to [amy.swanson@armour-eckrich.com](mailto:amy.swanson@armour-eckrich.com)

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MAKE FROM \$12.40 TO \$16.40 AN HOUR  
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(308)468-5771 Ext. 279  
218 East Hwy. 30  
Gibbon, NE 68840  
EOE/AA

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AGRICULTURE  
Grand Island Plant

The Case IH Grand Island Plant, which employs over 970 employees and manufactures the best combines and hay tools in the world, has the following hourly positions currently available:

- Assembly on 1st Shift
- Welders on 3rd Shift
- Painters on 2nd & 3rd Shift
- Paint System Support on 2nd & 3rd Shift

Interested, qualified applicants should apply through **Nebraska Workforce Development**

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- INJECTION MOLDERS
- CUSTODIAL
- WELDING & FABRICATION
- SERVICE TECHS
- TELLERS
- OFFICE HELP
- PT ACCOUNT MANAGER
- MAINTENANCE WORKERS

**PAY STARTS BETWEEN \$8.25 - \$12.50**

APPLY AT ASSOCIATED STAFFING TODAY!!  
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EOE

BACKGROUND CHECKS AND DRUG TESTING MAY BE REQUIRED.

**70 Pets**

**SHIH TZUS** - \$225. Brussels Griffons, Papillons-\$150/up. Some breeding stock. 402-469-0784.

**75 Household Items**

**SMALL CARRIER** brand house furnace. \$50. 402-462-5768.

**77 Appliances**

Your WHIRLPOOL and TOSHIBA Dealer  
**ROGER'S, INC.**  
1035 S. Burlington  
463-1345

**79 Computers**

**COMPUTER REPAIR:** House calls. Reasonable rates. 9 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. 984-8001.

**89 Lawn & Garden**

**5 HP, 2 Stage Atlas snowblower.** 402-756-6029 or 402-984-5176

**GRASSHOPPER SALES AND SERVICE**

Hi-Line Motors, Kenesaw  
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**91 Good Things To Eat**

**RUSSET POTATOES:** 50 lbs., \$10. Rollin Packer. 308-583-2252. Weekdays, 8-5; Saturdays until noon.

**93 Office Equipment**

**4-DRAWER** Kardex fire-proof file cabinet. Good shape. \$200. 462-5768 after 5 p.m.

**94 Miscellaneous**

**NEW AMERICAN Harvest** Corn Stove, \$1,400. Corn Furnace, \$2,100. 402-462-6330.

**SURE KLEAN II** corn cleaner: Cleans corn so it won't plug your corn stove auger. Excellent condition. \$175. 461-3154.

**96 Want To Buy**

**JUNK CARS,** pickups, trucks, and old farm equipment. 308-233-2826

**NEWER washers, dryers, stoves and refrigerators.** Working or not. 462-6330.

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462-4032

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**CALIFORNIA PINES**

Legals

**NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the filing of the Statement of Intent to Dissolve with the Secretary of State under the laws of the State of Nebraska of KINGSWOOD PLAZA, LLC, having the registered office at 2835 West Highway 6, P.O. Box 869, Hastings, Nebraska 68902.

The terms and conditions of such dissolution, effective December 31, 2007, are that after the payment of all debts, obligations and liabilities of the Limited Liability Company, remaining property and assets of the Limited Liability Company shall be distributed pro rata among the members. The management of the Limited Liability Company's affairs during the period of dissolution and distribution of the Limited Liability Company's assets is by Thomas R. Pauley and Jerrold C. Kerr, Managers of the Limited Liability Company.

As of the date of this notice, assets of the Limited Liability Company are none and liabilities are none.  
Dated: December 28, 2007

Les Seiler, #13759  
Seiler & Parker, P.C., L.L.O.  
726 East Side Boulevard  
Hastings, Nebraska 68902-1288  
(402) 463-3125  
Attorney at Law

January 22, 29, February 5, 2008

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Legals

**FORMAL NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR CONSTRUCTION FOR THE BYPASS SUBSTATION ADDITION PUBLIC POWER GENERATION AGENCY HASTINGS, NEBRASKA**  
Formal Contract No. PPGA 2008-02 FC-07  
Sealed Proposals will be received by the Public Power Generation Agency (PPGA), 1228 North Denver Avenue, P.O. Box 398, Hastings, Nebraska 68902 until 1:30 p.m., Friday, February 15, 2008, at which time they will be opened and read aloud for Construction for the Bypass Substation Addition.

Proposals received after the above time and date will be returned unopened to the party submitting the proposal.  
Each proposal shall be accompanied by a cashier's check, certified check on a solvent U.S. commercial bank, or a bid bond in an amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid. Such check or bid bond shall be contained in a separate envelope attached to bidder's proposal. All proposals and bid bonds shall have original signatures.

Proposals will be considered only from those bidders who are qualified by previous experience in performing work of this type, scope and complexity specified.

Bidders without previous work history with Hastings Utilities will be required to prequalify by submitting information concerning their organization, experience, and financial status as requested in the bidding instructions.

The PPGA reserves the right to accept the bid which best suits its needs whether the price is the lowest or not, to reject any or all bids, and to waive any informalities.

Prospective bidders may secure a copy of the Proposal Form, including Plans and Specifications, at the office of the WEC Unit II Construction Project Manager, 1228 North Denver Avenue, Hastings, Nebraska.

**FOR THE PUBLIC POWER GENERATION AGENCY**  
Allen W. Meyer  
WEC Unit II Construction Project Manager  
January 29, February 5, 2008

Classified Ads Sell!

Legals

**Supervisors Proceedings**  
COURTHOUSE HASTINGS NEBRASKA  
Tuesday, January 22, 2008  
The Board met in Regular Session and took the following actions:  
Took roll call and declared a quorum.  
Approved Minutes and heard committee reports.  
Accepted dedication of streets and easements in Plum 2nd Subdivision.  
Accepted annual weed report.  
Authorized Chairman to sign lease for skid loader.  
Approved cancellation of duplicate and outstanding checks.  
Accepted bid of Husker Steel for supplies and Norfolk Contracting for bridge on Winchester Ave.  
Approved Housemovers Subdivision, Flat Creek Plat and Hoppe Subdivision.  
Approved updates to Constitution of Hastings Mutual Aid Agreement.  
Met as Board of Equalization and in Executive Session for litigation.  
Approved claims and officers reports.  
This Board stands adjourned.

**COUNTY GENERAL**  
Adams County Register of Deeds, Miscellaneous \$ 108.50  
NACO, Dues, Subscription, Registration 450.00  
NACO, Dues, Subscription, Registration 225.00  
Business World Products, Supplies 96.67  
Dolores Schutte, Special Election Costs 74.75  
Hastings Tribune, Publishing 91.00  
Axis Capital, Inc., Copier 262.00  
Nebraska Association of County Treasurers, Dues, Subscription, Registration 75.00  
Business World Products, Envelopes 441.15  
Walmart, Supplies 85.54  
Hometown Leasing, Equipment Rental 224.25  
Nebraska Notary Association, Dues, Subscription, Registration 70.00  
Hastings Tribune, Publishing 117.60  
Eakes Office Plus, Supplies 23.86  
Adams County Highway Department, Repairs 253.26  
Justin Wahl, Mileage 15.15  
VISA, Dues, Subscription, Registration 150.00  
Computer Consultants, Inc., Data Processing 99.00  
Eakes Office Plus, Supplies 33.86  
Maximus, Inc., Consulting Fees 3,575.00  
Eakes Office Plus, Supplies 56.31  
General Reporting, Court Costs 754.30  
Walmart, Court Costs 24.51  
Day Timers, Inc., Dues, Subscription, Registration 13.21  
Eakes Office Plus, Supplies 225.12  
Matthew Bender & Company, Inc., Dues, Subscription, Registration 50.91  
Franklin County Treasurer, Court Costs 48.94  
Adams County Court, Court Costs 208.00  
Shoemaker, Witt & Burns, Attorney Fees 960.00  
Shoemaker, Witt & Burns, Attorney Fees 277.50  
Adams County Court, Court Costs 104.00  
Robert Sullivan, Attorney Fees 1,485.00  
General Reporting, Court Costs 35.85  
Isabel Smith, Court Costs 20.00  
Sandra Hale Kroeker, A.C.S., Court Costs 1,000.00  
Penny Birky, Court Costs 20.00  
Sherwin Williams, Repairs 134.33  
Monty Malouf, Jr., & Associates, Chemicals 485.10  
Kully Pipe & Steel Supply, Miscellaneous 13.97  
Hastings Utilities, Utilities 11,092.36  
Guarantee Electric Company, Repairs 401.52  
Ron Seymour, Mileage 279.82  
Eakes Office Plus, Supplies 21.44  
Eakes Office Plus, Supplies 285.89  
Susan Brown, Mileage 99.06  
Doug Nienhueser, Mileage 5.82  
Lavilla Vanboening, Mileage 268.45  
Janelle Trausch, Mileage 69.84  
Mark Swanson, Mileage 17.46  
Bev Stein, Mileage 6.80  
Greg Schneider, Mileage 7.76  
Julie Ochsner, Mileage 54.32  
Connie Niles, Mileage 5.82  
Diane McLeod, Mileage 53.35  
Hastings Tribune, Advertising 9.82  
Carol Harrenstein, Mileage 31.04  
Leroy Hahn, Mileage 9.70  
M & B Business Machine, Miscellaneous 850.00  
Meteorlogix, Equipment 306.00  
Gregg Magee County Sheriff, Mileage 228.98  
LCL Truck Equipment, Inc., Equipment 10.72  
Kerr Chevrolet Company, Equipment 101.48  
Kenesaw Motor Company, Inc., Equipment 32.20  
Great Plains Chrysler, Dodge, Equipment 30.05  
Cooperative Producers, Inc., Equipment 172.22  
Big G Commercial Hardware, Equipment 95.06  
Young Men's Christian Association, Miscellaneous 47.50  
RadioShack Corporation, Law Enforcement Costs 113.39  
Platte Valley of Hastings, Repairs 60.00  
Lynn Peavey Company, Law Enforcement Costs 89.85  
Hastings Tribune, Merit Commission 265.68  
Executive Copier Systems, Equipment Rental 260.00  
Eakes Office Plus, Supplies 115.22  
Computer Hardware, Inc., Printing 94.00  
Business World Products, Supplies 135.96  
Adams County Highway Department, Fuel 4,543.35  
Alltel, Contract Services 56.88  
Alltel, Contract Services 60.07  
Allen's of Hastings, Inc., Law Enforcement Costs 94.89  
Garfield County Court, Court Costs 3.50  
VISA, Court Costs 7.44  
Software Unlimited, Data Processing 200.00  
Kearney County Sheriff, Court Costs 24.00  
Howard County Sheriff's Office, Court Costs 43.23  
Hastings Tribune, Juvenile Costs 100.83  
Hastings Police Department, Blood Tests 200.00  
Hall County Sheriff, Court Costs 24.10  
Hall County Court, Court Costs 2.00  
Franklin County Sheriff, Court Costs 32.56  
Department of Motor Vehicles, Court Costs 19.00  
Clay County Sheriff, Court Costs 30.40  
Buffalo County Court, Court Costs 2.75  
Business World Products, Supplies 372.79  
Dr. Fred Diedrichsen, P.C., Medical-Hospital Prisoners 186.00  
Obstetricians & Gynecologists, P.C., Medical-Hospital Prisoners 140.00  
Hastings Family Practice, P.C., Medical-Hospital Prisoners 586.00  
Clay County Sheriff, Board of Prisoners 6,120.00  
Cash Wa Candy Company, Supplies 179.54  
Isabel Smith, Matron Fees 20.00  
State of Nebraska, Board of Prisoners 8,996.48  
Moscati Health Center, Medical-Hospital Prisoners 43.02  
Matthew Bender & Co, Inc., Printing 307.55  
Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital, Medical-Hospital Prisoners 25.61  
Keith's Pharmacies, Medical-Hospital Prisoners 455.03  
Jim's U Save Pharmacy, Medical-Hospital Prisoners 8.79  
Hamilton County Sheriff Department, Board of Prisoners 720.00

Legals

Cooperative Producers, Inc., Travel Expenses 143.88  
Chris's Car Wash, Travel Expenses 38.45  
Cabela's Retail, Uniform Allowance 184.86  
Adams County Jail, Board of Prisoners 1,581.45  
Alamar Uniforms, Uniform Allowance 143.28  
Aramark Uniform Services, Miscellaneous 93.70  
Big G Commercial Hardware, Law Enforcement Supplies 54.40  
Culligan of Hastings, Miscellaneous 7.80  
Computer Consultants, Inc., Repairs 150.00  
Axis Capital, Inc., Rent 380.00  
Windstream, Telephone 1.36  
Presto X Comp, Agreements 26.00  
Executive Copier Systems, Agreements 300.00  
Crescent Electric, Supplies 21.90  
NHMA, Training 100.00  
Adams County Highway Department, Fuel 120.37  
Aramark Uniform Services, Agreements 33.60  
Husker Sales, Repairs 127.89  
Executive Copier Systems, Equipment Rental 230.00  
Embassy Suites Hotel, Lodging 372.00  
Executive Copier Systems, Inc., Equipment Rental 181.33  
Eakes Office Plus, Supplies 18.06  
Drummond American Corporation, Miscellaneous 1,330.61  
Cooperative Producers, Inc., Miscellaneous 118.76  
Consumers Service Company, Inc., Miscellaneous 33.86  
Bosselman, Inc., Fuel 16,014.00  
Big G Commercial Hardware, Supplies 20.94  
BG Kenz & Leslie Distributing Company, Fuel 1,304.10  
Auto Value-Hastings, Parts 102.95  
Applied Controls, Supplies 67.00  
Alltel, Telephone 123.16  
Adams County Highway Department, Reimbursement 135.06  
Windstream, Telephone 186.82  
Wells Fargo Card Services, Tires 570.67  
ST&J Cleaning, Custodial 340.00  
Source Gas, Heat 3,887.58  
Sanitary Outdoor Services, Inc., Supplies 152.05  
Platte Valley of Hastings, Road Equipment Repair Parts 2.85  
Newman Traffic Signs, Signs 2,895.60  
Nebraska Salt & Grain Company, Miscellaneous 936.33  
NAPA Auto Parts, Parts 1,178.71  
Mid Nebraska Lubricants, Fuel 12,361.51  
LCL Truck Equipment, Inc., Parts 142.30  
Island Supply, Bulk Chains 112.86  
Hastings Utilities, Electricity 462.43  
Grace's Locksmith Services, Miscellaneous 3.50  
Matt Friend Truck Equipment, Parts 102.25  
Fairbanks International, Parts 1,436.91  
NACO, Travel Expenses 135.00  
Business World Products, Supplies 70.45  
Hastings Utilities, Utilities 1,446.43  
SCEDD, Dues 5,000.00  
Preferred Mail Services, Inc., Postal Services 3,000.00  
Montgomery County Sheriff, Court Costs 21.00  
Adams County Senior Services, Handi-Bus 2,799.00  
Alltel, Court Costs 103.56  
Phyllis A. Bartlett, Retirement Contributions 91.60  
Region III Program Administration Office, Mental Health Services 5,849.01  
Elizabeth Ochsner, Retirement 80.15  
Phyllis Newell, Retirement 46.16  
L. L. Morris, Retirement 103.86  
Mary Jane McDowell, Retirement 11.54  
Ed Lightner, Retirement 1,228.00  
Anita Hawes, Retirement 92.32  
Marvin Hartman, Retirement 23.08  
BryanLGH Medical Center East, Mental Health Services 9,188.50  
Big G Commercial Hardware, Law Enforcement Supplies 31.06  
Adams County Treasurer, Insurance Credit 93,635.62  
Nebraska Retirement Systems, Retirement Match 26,034.00  
Social Security Administration, FICA Match 27,557.66  
Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Health Insurance 11,637.70  
National Insurance Services, Disability Insurance 954.60  
Adams County Board, Salaries 8,114.19  
Adams County Clerk, Salaries 13,134.02  
Adams County Treasurer, Salaries 25,530.74  
Register of Deeds, Salaries 8,502.01  
Adams County Assessor, Salaries 22,131.70  
Planning and Zoning, Salaries 2,416.00  
Data Processing, Salaries 8,778.33  
Clerk of District Court, Salaries 15,707.82  
District Court Bailiff, Salaries 2,361.27  
Public Defender, Salaries 15,086.46  
Maintenance Department, Salaries 12,862.19  
Extension Office, Salaries 4,287.34  
Microfilm Department, Salaries 1,419.80  
Adams County Sheriff, Salaries 60,798.54  
Adams County Attorney, Salaries 30,726.56  
Correction & Communications, Salaries 52,303.28  
Emergency Management, Salaries 5,017.84  
Adams County Surveyor, Salaries 289.81  
Roads Department, Salaries 83,562.54  
Weed Department, Salaries 3,217.76  
Veterans Service, Salaries 6,408.42  
COUNTY VISITORS PROMOTIONS

VISA, Payment 331.30  
Hastings Utilities, Utilities 186.83  
John Gaspers Construction, Repair 285.00  
Kaleena Fong, Mileage 163.28  
City of Hastings, Telephone 10.08  
Adams County Telecommunications, Telephone 22.00  
Adams County Visitors Bureau, Salaries 3,203.50  
Nebraska Retirement Systems, Retirement Match 175.50  
Social Security Administration, FICA Match 242.81  
Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Health Insurance 106.91  
National Insurance Services, Disability Insurance 6.45  
Adams County Treasurer, Insurance Credit 407.97  
HEALTH FUND  
Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital, Flu Shots 1,850.00  
Blue Cross & Blue Shield, Health-Accident 127,728.86  
INSTITUTIONS  
Health & Human Services, Patient Care 1,116.00  
INHERITANCE TAX  
West Group, Library 2,753.40  
COURTHOUSE BUILDING  
Wells Fargo, Lease Payment 04 65,800.00  
ESCROW HOLDING FUND  
Computer Consultants, Inc., Miscellaneous 754.00  
CDW Government, Inc., Miscellaneous 89.78  
IBM Corporation, Miscellaneous 716.70  
911 EMERGENCY SERVICES  
Windstream, Emergency Phone 138.85  
Windstream, Emergency Phone 2,418.80  
Tamco Capital Corporation, Miscellaneous 3,894.00  
Newman Traffic Signs, Signs 1,920.00  
Platte Valley of Hastings, Repairs 442.50  
INTENSIVE SUPERVISION PROBATION BUDGET  
Alltel, Telephone 192.12  
Modern Methods, Inc., Equipment Rental 79.00  
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:  
You are hereby notified that pursuant to a power of sale contained in the deed of trust in the original principal amount of \$145,703.00 executed by Kevin J. Faimon, a single person, and Lawrence J. Faimon and Mary A. Faimon, husband and wife, which was filed for record on October 25, 2005, as Instrument No. 20055150 in the office of the Register of Deeds of Adams County, Nebraska, the property described below will be sold by the undersigned at public auction to the highest bidder for cash or certified or cashier's check, in the main lobby of the Adams County Courthouse, 500 West 4th Street, in the City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska, at 10:00 a.m. on February 20, 2008:  
Lots 13 and 14, in Fairfax Addition to the City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska.  
The highest bidder is required to deliver cash or certified funds to the undersigned by the close of business on the day of sale, except this requirement is waived when the highest bidder is the beneficiary. The purchaser is responsible for all fees or taxes, including the documentary stamp tax. This sale is made without any warranties as to title or condition of the property.  
Eric H. Lindquist  
Successor Trustee  
Eric H. Lindquist, P.C., L.L.O.  
Attorney at Law  
8712 West Dodge Road, Suite 260  
Omaha, Nebraska 68114  
January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 2008

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF GGP, LLC

Notice is hereby given of the organization of GGP, LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company.  
1. The name of the company is GGP, LLC.  
2. The address of the registered office of the company is 3220 25th Street, Columbus, Nebraska 68601.  
3. The general nature of the business to be transacted is to engage in the breeding, growing and marketing of swine and swine products, to produce and market agricultural commodities and products of any kind or nature, to conduct those businesses conducted by GGP, a general partnership, and to do all other acts or engage in all other business permitted by the laws of the State of Nebraska.  
4. The company commenced existence on January 4, 2008, and shall exist for a term of twenty years unless sooner terminated as provided in the Articles of Organization and Operating Agreement.  
5. The affairs of the company will be conducted by Managers.  
Dated January 4, 2008.  
James D. Pillen  
Manager  
January 22, 29, February 5, 2008