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Virginia Tech students make somber return to class

BELL TOLLS THIS MORNING FOR THE VICTIMS

JUSTIN POPE
The Associated Press
BLACKSBURG, Va. — Thousands of Virginia Tech stu-

dents and faculty filled the center of campus today to pay solemn tribute to the victims of last week's massacre — listening quietly as a bell tolled for the dead on the day classes resumed at the grief-stricken school. An antique 850-pound brass bell was installed on a limestone

rostrum for the occasion, and 33 white balloons were released into the air in memory of the 32 victims and the gunman, Seung-Hui Cho. About 1,000 balloons in Virginia Tech colors — maroon and orange — were also released. "I've been back with my

friends, but I don't know how it's going to feel, seeing the empty seats in the classroom, noticing the people who aren't here anymore," said David Patton, a 19-year-old freshman who was friends with two victims. "I'm wondering where they are now, if they are in

heaven, and when I'll see them again." The chimes of the bell echoed through the campus, covered with a week's worth of memorials and tributes to the students, including flowers, writings and candles. The bell rang at 9:45 a.m.,

around the time when Cho killed 30 students and faculty members in a classroom building before committing suicide. The tribute lasted 11 minutes, as the bell rang for each of the victims and Cho.

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Burling: Nebraska needs HRC

SENATOR QUESTIONS PORTIONS OF LB542 DURING PUBLIC TALK

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With just 23 days left in the 2007 legislative session, state Sen. Carroll Burling updated a group of 14 citizens on a number of priority bills during his last coffee of the year at OK Cafe Saturday morning.

Topping his discussion list was LB542, which calls for the discontinuation of adolescent services at the Hastings Regional Center.



Burling

Burling said he received the latest version of the bill just before noon Thursday — the day it was advanced by the Legislature's Appropriations Committee.

Burling, of Kenesaw, said he has a number of problems with the bill, which he plans to address in a meeting today with Hastings Regional Center officials and Gov. Dave Heineman or a representative from his office.

For starters, the \$10 million that was to be used to fund the community-based, nonprofit groups that would replace services at HRC has been eliminated completely from the bill.

"There's no transfer of money taking place now," Burling said. "There may be in the future if the bill is successful in passing, but for now it takes out the money."

The revised bill now calls for a task force to study juvenile adolescent behavioral health services in Nebraska and where those services should be made available. Burling questioned the necessity of such a committee.

"We have several code agencies in the state — agencies that are under the authority of the governor," he said. "That's the process. I think it's dangerous to start creating legislative task forces to tell the code agencies what they shall and shall not do."

He also wondered why the Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee did not have an opportunity to weigh in on the bill.

"There are very good members on the Appropriations Committee, but they deal in dollars and cents," he said. "A bill like 542 should have come out of the Health and Human Services Committee. That's their bailiwick. That's what they do."

Barring a random filibuster by Sen. Ernie Chambers, of Omaha, Burling said he expects the bill to face a vote before the 2007 session is through.

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THROUGH A SOLDIER'S EYES



AMY ROH/Tribune

Boy Scout Aaron Hemberger of Hastings Troop 125, has his face painted with camouflage during the Boy Scout Spring Camporee Saturday at the National Guard Training Site.

Boy Scouts catch glimpse into life of National Guard

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More than 100 Boy Scouts and 53 troop leaders from the Pawnee and Pony Express districts spent the weekend learning how members of the National Guard train and operate.

During the annual Spring Camporee Friday through Sunday at the National Guard Training site near Hastings, Boys Scouts got hands-on experience in guard activities, such as running obstacle courses, climbing and rappelling, navigation, physical challenges, vehicle inspections, and other tasks.

Participating troops came from many communities across Nebraska, including Hastings, Clay Center, Harvard, Blue Hill, Hildreth, Wilcox, O'Neill, Burwell, St. Paul, Central City and Grand Island.

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AMY ROH/Tribune

Boy Scouts listen to a talk about first-aid training in combat situations Saturday at the National Guard Training Site.

Denmark exchange students meet in Nebraska

PAIR ATTENDS MINDEN PROM TOGETHER

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Morten Lydixsen figured he had to be the only exchange student in Nebraska from Denmark this year. So did Mia Jensen.

The two arrived through different foreign exchange programs at different schools: Lydixsen, at Minden High School, and Jensen, at Silver Lake High School.

So when Jensen found Lydixsen online through Facebook, a social networking Web site, he could scarcely believe his Danish good fortune. And so it was with little hesitation — after two months of online and telephone communication — that he asked her to attend his prom at Minden. And she accepted.

Morten, whose coastal home town of Aabenraa is just 30 minutes from the German border, had no prior knowledge of

Jensen. Her hometown of Sealand is about 30 minutes from Copenhagen, a good four-to-five-hour drive from her new-found friend.

Both say they had the time of their lives Saturday after meeting for the first time face to face for the occasion. After weeks of anticipation, the actual event turned out to be even more memorable than either expected.

"I was really happy," Lydixsen said Sunday. "It was a blast. That was the first time I could speak

Danish face to face with someone here. It was nice to just be Danish again."

To him, the highlight of the evening — besides chatting in his native tongue — was swirling his dance partner around on the dance floor a goodly portion of the evening.

"The dance was really cool," he said. "We danced most of the night. It was better than I expected, actually."

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Courtesy

Morten Lydixsen and Mia Jensen, both exchange students from Denmark, met in Nebraska and attended the Minden prom together on Saturday.

Weather

Lo: 52
Hi: 68

Showers and thunderstorms likely tonight.



Art by Shadrack McCoy, 10, Morton Elementary School

State

TOP TEXTER

NEW YORK — OMG! Thirteen-year-old Morgan Pozgar, of Claysburg, Pa., was crowned LG National Texting champion on Saturday after she typed "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious"

from "Mary Poppins" in just 15 seconds. "I'm going to go shopping and buy lots of clothes," the teen said after winning her \$25,000 prize from the electronics company LG. Morgan defeated nearly 200 other competitors at the Roseland

Ballroom in Manhattan to become East Coast champion and then beat West Coast champion Eli Tirosh, 21, of Los Angeles. She estimated that she sends more than 8,000 text messages a month to her friends and family.

The Associated Press

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Obituaries

ESTHER E. GOEDERT

Hastings resident Esther E. Goedert, 84, of Good Samaritan Village Perkins Pavilion, died Sunday, April 22, 2007, at Perkins.

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

Births

MARY LANNING

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

◆ **Rion Railee Barry**, a 6-pound, 10-ounce girl, was born to Wendy Charbonneau and Scott Barry, of Kearney, April 11.

◆ **Kaden Alex Clark**, a 7-pound, 6-ounce boy, was born to Ashley Clark, of 104 E. Park St., and Brandon Stenka, of 903 N. Saunders Ave., April 11.

◆ **Conner James Stenka**, a 7-pound, 8-ounce boy, was born to Abigail Skarin and Clint Stenka, of Blue Hill, April 11.

◆ **Brooklyn Sue Schanou**, a 7-pound, 10-ounce girl, was born to Kristi (Johnson) and Nate Schanou, of Shelton, April 12.

◆ **Emma Grace Strampher**, a 6-pound, 5-ounce girl, and **Katelyn Marie Strampher**, a 7-pound, 1-

ounce girl, were born to Sharon (Blom) and Matthew Strampher, of Roseland, April 12.

◆ **Taylor Jeanne Tharp**, a 7-pound, 13-ounce girl, was born to Kara O'Flanagan and Todd Tharp, of Roseland, April 12.

◆ **Trey Charles VanSkiver**, an 8-pound, 3-ounce boy, was born to Anne (Neumann) and Todd VanSkiver, of 1314 Country Club Drive, April 12.

◆ **Rilla Maeve Sullivan**, a 9-pound girl, was born to Carmen (Novak) and Bob Sullivan, of Hastings, April 13.

◆ **Mallory Ronilee Mackin**, a 6-pound, 5-ounce girl, was born to Nicole (Gardner) and Daniel Mackin, of Blue Hill, April 14.

◆ **Nathan Douglas Althouse**, a 7-pound, 13-ounce boy, was born to Angela (Walker) and Doug Althouse, of Minden, April 16.

Brandy replaced as judge for second season of NBC's 'America's Got Talent'

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Brandy is being replaced by Sharon Osbourne as a judge on NBC's "America's Got Talent."

Osbourne, the 54-year-old wife/manager of rocker Ozzy Osbourne, will make her debut May 29, when the reality competition returns for its second season, NBC announced Thursday.

"On this show, it just had to be Sharon Osbourne," said executive producer Simon Cowell in a statement.

Osbourne will join returning judges David Hasselhoff and British media figure Piers Morgan. Jerry Springer is the new host of the \$1 million-prize contest.

She starred with her family in MTV's reality series "The Osbournes."

Brandy, 28, was involved in a Los Angeles freeway crash last December that killed a 38-year-old woman. Two wrongful death lawsuits have been filed against the actress-singer on behalf of the woman's family.

"Brandy has enjoyed her association with the program. However, she felt she couldn't give the new season the attention and commitment it deserved," said a statement by Brandy's spokesman, Courtney Barnes, which was released by NBC.

NBC is owned by the General Electric Co.

Memorabilia auction raises funds for instruments lost in hurricanes Katrina, Rita

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A fundraising auction of music memorabilia from Jimi Hendrix, The Edge, Bono, Paul McCartney and others smashed expectations and brought in \$2.4 million, some of which will go to a charity that replaces musical equipment lost to hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

"It was the best sale we've ever done," said Darren Julien, president and CEO of Julien's Auctions, which ran the event benefiting Music Rising.

A guitar owned by Jimi Hendrix was sold for \$480,000.

Music Rising was co-founded by The Edge, the U2 guitarist who donated his favorite instrument, a 1975 Gibson Les Paul that he has played for

years. The guitar had been expected to bring \$60,000 to \$80,000, but it went for \$288,000, including the commission.

Other highlights included a pair of sunglasses donated by Bono that went for \$24,000, a guitar from Bob Dylan that sold for \$192,000, and a guitar from Paul McCartney that brought in \$81,600.

The event Saturday night at the Hard Rock Cafe was so popular that bidding went on for three hours after the scheduled conclusion, Julien said.

The final amount going to the charity had not been tallied yet, he said. For some items, the total selling price goes to Music Rising, while other items designated a portion of the proceeds.

FIRED 'APPRENTICE' CONTESTANT WINS SPOT ON COVER AND INSIDE PLAYBOY

LOS ANGELES — Kristine Lefebvre, who failed to win a job with Donald Trump on "The Apprentice," is shedding her business suit for Playboy.

Lefebvre will appear on the cover of the June issue of the magazine and is featured in nude photographs inside, her publicist, Howard Bragman, said Friday.

An attorney, Lefebvre had previously negotiated Playboy appearance deals for clients including Pamela Anderson and Deborah Gibson, Bragman said.

Lefebvre, 37, is a cancer survivor who wanted to use the magazine opportunity to send a message of support to others with the disease, he said. She's married to prominent Los Angeles chef Ludovic Lefebvre.

ACTOR ERIC BANA CRASHES 1974 FORD XB COUPE

HOBART, Australia — Australian actor Eric Bana crashed his painstakingly restored 1974 Ford XB Coupe into some trees during an around-the-state rally Saturday but emerged uninjured along with his co-driver.

Bana and co-driver Tony Ramunno walked away from the crash during the Targa Tasmania rally, where they had been in 53rd place in field of 115 cars in the Outright Classic competition.

Initially, Bana hoped that the car, which he has owned since he was 15, could be repaired to continue the final day of racing on Sunday. But a closer inspection by his support crew showed that the front right-hand steering and suspension were too badly damaged.

"We had been having a great day until then," Bana said. "But I misjudged a tight left-hander and we went in a little too fast — the car understeered off the road and got onto the gravel and we went into a couple of trees at a fairly low speed."

"The car is a little battered on the driver's side which is a real shame, as many hours had been spent reshaping its original panels to get it just right. It's a real shame, but that's motor racing."

The 38-year-old Bana has starred in movies such as "The Hulk" and "Munich." His most recent film is "Lucky You," which also stars Robert Duvall and Drew Barrymore.

LIL' ROMEO PLANS TO PLAY BASEKTBALL AT USC

LOS ANGELES — Lil' Romeo says he's bound for the University of Southern California, where, if all goes according to plan, the teenage hip-hop star would become Romeo Miller, basketball player.

The high-school junior has committed to playing basketball for the Trojans in 2008, Dave Lindsay, a spokesman for Lil' Romeo's online label, UrbanDigital Records, said Friday.

USC spokesman Dave Tuttle declined to confirm or deny the report, but said the university hasn't received a signed letter of intent from the young rapper.

"We can't comment on any recruits or potential recruits until we have a signed letter. That's an NCAA rule," Tuttle said.

Lil' Romeo, whose full name is Percy Romeo Miller, is currently a guard on his Beverly Hills High School team.

"Basketball has run in the family," Lindsay said, noting that the rapper's father, hip-hop mogul Master P, had try-outs with two NBA teams in the 1990s.

"In the future, I want to be an NBA player. That's my goal," Lil' Romeo told The Associated Press in a 2003 interview.

At the time he was 14 and just 5-feet-6 inches tall. He acknowledged then that his goal might go unrealized if he didn't add another 12 inches of height.

He's 17 now and 6-feet-1, a little more than halfway toward that goal.

NewsMakers

Young Hollywood



CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP

Actress Katherine Heigl arrives for the ninth annual Young Hollywood Awards in Los Angeles on Sunday.

BRITISH AIRWAYS MAKES CUTS IN BOND FILM

LONDON — British Airways cut a cameo by Richard Branson from its in-flight version of the latest James Bond film and blurred out the tail fin of a Virgin Atlantic plane seen in the movie.

BA's entertainment team cut a cameo appearance by Branson, chairman of the rival airline Virgin Atlantic, that appears in the original version of "Casino Royale," a spokesman confirmed Saturday. In the original film, Branson can be seen turning around after walking through a metal detector at Miami Airport.

"We screen all films before they're used on our aircraft so that we can control the content of what is displayed," the spokesman said on condition of anonymity, in line with company policy. "We have full control over what is shown."

The tail fin of a Virgin plane appearing in the film is also obscured in BA's in-flight version.

BA's entertainment team vets films on grounds of taste and suitability. Branson appeared in the film after his airline provided the producers with a plane to use in the movie.

Paul Charles, a spokesman for Virgin Atlantic, said was a shame BA felt the cut was necessary. He said Virgin made no changes to "Die Another Day" a Bond film featuring British Airways, adding his carrier's policy was not to edit the movies it shows.

"We think passengers should see the whole film and nothing but the whole film," Charles said.

Relations between the rival British carriers were further strained last year after Virgin Atlantic Airways provided U.S. and British authorities with information that triggered an investigation of alleged airline price-fixing in passenger fares and fuel surcharges involving British Airways PLC.

SANDLER PLAYS GAY POSEUR IN UPCOMING MOVIE

NEW YORK — Adam Sandler says there's a moral to his upcoming movie, in which he plays a heterosexual fireman who pretends to be gay.

"This movie says there's nothing wrong with being gay. There's just something wrong with being gay for Kevin James," Sandler told Newsweek.

James, star of the CBS comedy "The King of Queens," and Sandler portray firemen pretending to be a gay couple to receive domestic partnership benefits. The film, "I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry," is scheduled to be released July 20.

"I know Kevin, and it's kind of a strange thing to have to play. So to ease the ten-

sion, before the first day of shooting, we had sex with each other," Sandler said. "We just got it out of the way so it wouldn't be an issue. It's an old tip I picked up from working with (Jack) Nicholson."

SCHWARZENEGGER HEADING FOR MTV'S 'PIMP MY RIDE'

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is headed to MTV to promote Earth Day with an 800-horsepower car that runs on renewable biodiesel fuel. The governor's appearance on a special Earth Day episode of the popular show "Pimp My Ride" set for Sunday is the latest environmentally themed event for Schwarzenegger, who drew international attention for signing a global warming law last year.

For the show, videotaped earlier, mechanics installed the powerful engine in a converted 1965 Chevy Impala, producing a vehicle that accelerates from zero to 60 mph in three seconds.

The governor said the converted car's emissions of greenhouse gases will be 50 percent lower than a comparable gas-powered car. And biodiesel fuel can be made from recycled products such as vegetable oil.

"We take this cool show and they did something, and added something that was environmentally hip," Schwarzenegger recently told a student crowd at Georgetown University.

When Schwarzenegger ran for governor in 2003, he was criticized for popularizing gas-guzzling Hummers. He has since reduced his personal Hummer fleet to four, two of which he says have since been converted to run on alternative fuels.

BIRTHDAYS

Actress-turned-diplomat Shirley Temple Black is 79. Actor Alan Oppenheimer is 77. Actor David Birney is 68. Actor Lee Majors is 68. Irish nationalist Bernadette Devlin McAlisney is 60. Actress Joyce DeWitt is 58. Actor James Russo is 54. Filmmaker-author Michael Moore is 53. Actress Judy Davis is 52. Actress Valerie Bertinelli is 47. Actor Craig Sheffer is 47. Actor George Lopez ("George Lopez") is 46. Actress Melina Kanakaredes is 40. Actor Scott Bairstow is 37. Actor Barry Watson is 33. Actress Jaime King is 28. Actress Rachel Starsten is 22. Actor Matthew Underwood is 17.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Be not afraid of greatness: some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them."

— From "Twelfth-Night," by William Shakespeare (1564-1616)

The Associated Press

After leak of voicemail, Alec Baldwin explains himself on his Web site

SANDY COHEN

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — As Alec Baldwin's angry words to his daughter were being broadcast around the world, the 49-year-old actor explained himself Friday on his Web site.

"Although I have been told by numerous people not to worry too much, as all parents lose their patience with their kids, I am most saddened that this was released to the media because of what it does to a child," he wrote. "I'm sorry, as everyone who knows me is aware, for losing my temper with my child. I have been driven to the edge by parental alienation for many years now. You have to go through this to understand. (Although I hope you never do.) I am sorry for what happened. But I am equally sorry that a court order was violated, which had deliberately been put under

seal in this case."

A voicemail Baldwin left for his 11-year-old daughter, in which he can be heard calling her "a rude, thoughtless little pig," was published Thursday by celebrity news site TMZ.com.

Baldwin and his ex-wife, Kim Basinger, have been engaged in bitter custody disputes over their daughter, Ireland, since the couple divorced in 2002.

"In such public cases, your opponents attempt to take a picture of you on your worst day and insist that this is who you are as a person," Baldwin wrote. "Outside the doors of divorce court, I have friends, I have respect from people I work with and I have a normal relationship with my daughter. All of that is threatened whenever one enters a court room."

Meanwhile, Baldwin's attorney, Vicki Greene, said she filed a Superior Court order Friday

"to determine how the tape got leaked and to determine whether actions should be taken against Kim Basinger, or her attorneys, or Harvey Levin (who runs TMZ.com) and anybody else associated with the leaking of the tape and the violation of the court orders to keep the proceedings closed."

In a letter Greene sent to Levin Thursday included in the court order, the attorney said she called Levin at 12:30 p.m. that day after learning he intended to go public with the tape.

"I cautioned you against taking any action, especially when what you disclosed to me could only have been obtained from an improper source, was sealed by the Court and should not be in your possession, let alone disclosed to the public," she said in the letter.

Levin told The Associated Press on Friday that he obtained

the tape legally.

"I'm not going to talk about sources. I'm not going to say who we obtained it from," he said. "We obtained this legally. We discussed it, and felt it was an important story, and published it. If she disagrees, that's her opinion."

Greene told TV's "The Insider" that "anyone involved in this case should want to protect Ireland, so whatever happened was either intentional, reckless or negligent."

The matter is set for a hearing June 5, Greene said.

Basinger's attorney, Neal Hersh, weighed in on the family saga Friday on TMZ.com.

"I am concerned that Mr. Baldwin's recent statement, wherein he attempts to shift responsibility to Kim and her lawyers for his issues with Ireland, shows just how out of touch he is with the reality and gravity of the situation," Hersh said.

Tribland

Adams County District Judge Stephen Illingworth recently granted a decree of dissolution to the marriages of Lisa Lynn Lansford and William Wayne Lansford, Lynn L. Holt and Mary J. Holt, and Kim T. Nguyen and Ha V. Nguyen.

Starlight Fonseca and Alec Nycy, both of Hastings, were honored as members of the 2007 Phi Theta Kappa Nebraska All-State Academic Team, an international honor society for two-year colleges. They are both students at Central Community College-Hastings.

Christine Sallinger, of Doniphan, recently was inducted into the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma, an international honor society in business.

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.

A vehicle reportedly driven by Tara D. Miller, of 728 N. Minnesota Ave., Wednesday struck pedestrian Nicholas T. Rowbal, of Kenesaw, in Kenesaw. Rowbal, 31, was admitted at Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital and later dismissed.

Alex Rainforth, of Prosser, is a new member of Alpha Pi Epsilon fraternity at Doane College in Crete.

Kyle Boyes, of Geneva, is a new member of Alpha Omega fraternity at Doane College in Crete.

VFW Wednesday hamburgers, hotdogs and more! -Adv. Trevor White, of Giltner, is a new member of Tau Sigma Zeta fraternity at Doane College in Crete.

Adam Klein, of Roseland, and Melissa Uden, of Hastings, made the dean's list for the winter quarter at Southeast Community College-Milford.

Eagles bingo Tuesday; \$200 pig, bonanza 58 numbers. - Adv.

Navy identifies pilot killed in crash

INVESTIGATORS SIFT THROUGH BLUE ANGEL'S WRECKAGE IN S.C.

MELISSA NELSON
The Associated Press

PENSACOLA, Fla. — Investigators looked through wreckage Sunday to determine what caused a Navy Blue Angel jet to crash during a maneuver, while the military identified the fallen pilot as a 32-year-old who was performing in one of his first air shows with the team.

Lt. Cmdr. Kevin J. Davis of Pittsfield, Mass. was in his second year with the Blue Angels, the team known for its high-speed, aerobatic demonstrations, Lt. Cmdr. Garrett Kasper said.

At Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort in South Carolina, the site of Saturday's crash, a somber crowd watched Sunday as six jets flew overhead in formation. Smoke streamed behind one of the jets as it peeled away from the others to complete the "missing man formation," the traditional salute for a lost military aviator.

"The spirit of the pilot is in the arms of a loving God," said Rob Reider, a minister who was the announcer for the air show.

The crash happened as the team was performing its final maneuver Saturday afternoon during the air show. The team's six pilots were joining from behind the crowd of thousands to form a triangle shape known as a delta, but Davis' jet did not join the formation.

Moments later, his jet crashed just outside Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, hitting homes in a neighborhood about 35 miles northwest of Hilton Head Island, S.C. Debris — some of it on fire — rained on homes. Eight people on the ground were injured, and some homes were damaged.

Davis, a decorated pilot who

joined the Blue Angels in 2005, had previously served as a narrator for the air shows, Reider said. He also handled celebrity flights, and flew with stars such as Kelly Clarkson, actor James Franco and University of Oklahoma football coach Bob Stoops.

His parents were in the crowd when the plane crashed, said Tom McGill, a former neighbor in Davis' hometown.

The squadron's six, F/A-18 Hornets routinely streak low over crowds of thousands at supersonic speeds, coming within feet, sometimes inches, of each other. The pilots, among the Navy's most elite, are so thoroughly trained and their routines so practiced that deadly crashes are rare; the last one happened in 1999.

The Navy said it could be at three weeks before it announces what may have caused the crash. The squadron returned to its home base of Pensacola Naval Air Station late Sunday.

Ernie Christensen, a retired rear admiral and former Vietnam fighter pilot who flew with the Blue Angels and later commanded the Navy's Top Gun fighter school in California, said he did not want to speculate about what could have caused the crash. But he said the intense flying leaves no room for human or mechanical error.

"When you are working at high speeds, close to the ground and in close proximity to other aircraft, the environment is extremely unforgiving. That is the reason they practice so many thousands of times," said Christensen.

The last fatal Blue Angel crash was in 1999, when a pilot and crewmate died while practicing for air shows with the five other Blue Angels jets at a base in Georgia. Saturday's crash was the 26th fatality in the team's 60-year history.

The Blue Angels are unique from other jet aviators because they



D.J. PETERS/AP

Singer Kelly Clarkson (left) greets Blue Angels pilot Lt. Cmdr. Kevin J. Davis before Davis takes her up for a flight in this May 10, 2006, file photo at the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base in Fort Worth, Texas. Davis, 32, of Pittsfield, Mass., was killed Saturday when his plane crashed during an air show at Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort in Beaufort, S.C.

don't wear the traditional G-suits that most jet pilots use to avoid blacking out during maneuvers that exert strong gravitational forces. The suits inflate around the lower body to keep blood in the brain, but that could cause a pilot to bump the control stick — a potentially deadly move when flying inches from other planes.

After the deadly 1999 crash, the Navy's air training chief ordered the Blue Angels to consider wearing G-suits. An investigation determined that the most likely cause of that crash was that the pilot was momentarily impaired because of a prior rib injury. Pain from the rib injury might have kept the pilot from tensing his abdominal muscles during a turning causing him to suffer tunnel vision.

Pensacola Mayor John Fogg flew with Blue Angels in 1973 and 1974. During Fogg's tenure, the squadron had six F-4 crashes and lost three

members. Congress held hearings and considered getting rid of the Blue Angels but decided the flying group was beneficial as a recruiting tool and for troop morale, he said.

Friends and neighbors of Davis in his Massachusetts hometown said Sunday he was fascinated with planes from the time he was a child.

During his Navy career, he earned "Top Stick" status in his class at Fighter Squadron 101 at Naval Air Station Oceana, Va., while training in F-14 Tomcat jets. He flew missions supporting the U.S.-led war in Afghanistan and graduated from Navy Flight Weapons School in 2004.

"He was fascinated with airplanes from the time he was little," former neighbor Betty Sweeney said. "He knew what he wanted to do, and he did it. That's the only relief, that he went doing what he wanted to do."

Tribland five-day forecast

Art by Shadrick McCoy, 10, Morton Elementary School



PARTLY CLOUDY

TODAY

High: 68 Low: 52
Showers and thunderstorms likely tonight.



STORMY TUESDAY

High: 58 Low: 45
Thunderstorms with an 80-percent chance of rain.



RAINY WEDNESDAY

High: 58 Low: 42
Cloudy with a 40-percent chance of showers.



SUNNY THURSDAY

High: 65 Low: 45
Partly cloudy at night.



PARTLY CLOUDY

FRIDAY

High: 65 Low: 45

Today's weather records

High: 93 in 1989
Low: 27 in 1909

Local weather

From 7 a.m. April 20 to 7 a.m. April 23

High Friday	77
High in 2006	66
Overnight low	51
Overnight low in 2006	36
High Saturday	79
High in 2006	73
Overnight low	59
Overnight low in 2006	36
High Sunday	70
High in 2006	77
Overnight low	51
Overnight low in 2006	41
Precipitation last 72 hours	.07
April precipitation	.37
April 2006 precipitation	.80
Year-to-date precipitation	4.14
Jan.-April 2006 precipitation	3.86
Snowfall last 24 hours	.00
April snowfall	.50
April 2006 snowfall	.00
Season-to-date snowfall	15.60
Season-to-date 2006 snowfall	34.30

California congresswoman dies of cancer

PETER PRENGAMAN
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald, a seven-term congresswoman from Southern California described as a trailblazer and a leader in election reform, died late Saturday of cancer. She was 68.

Millender-McDonald died at her home in Carson, said her chief of staff, Bandlede McQueen.

The congresswoman had asked for a four- to six-week

leave of absence from the House last week to deal with her illness. McQueen couldn't immediately provide details on what form of cancer Millender-McDonald had, but said she had been receiving hospice care.

"Juanita Millender-McDonald was a trailblazer, always advocating for the full participation of all Americans in the success and prosperity of our country," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said in a statement. "The dignity with which she faced her illness

was an indication of the determination with which she always served the people of her district."

Millender-McDonald represented a heavily Democratic Southern California district that includes Compton, Long Beach and parts of Los Angeles. This year she became the first black woman to chair the Committee on House Administration, which oversees operations of the House and federal election procedures.

"She was a dedicated public

servant who tirelessly and honorably served her country for many years," President Bush said in a statement. "We hold Rep. Millender-McDonald's family, friends, staff, and constituents in our thoughts and prayers."

Millender-McDonald is the second member of Congress to die this year of cancer. Republican Rep. Charles Norwood Jr. of Georgia died in February after battling cancer and lung disease.

Study: Pay gap between sexes begins 1 year after college

ELLEN SIMON
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Women make only 80 percent of the salaries their male peers do one year after college; after 10 years in the work force, the gap between their pay widens further, according to a study released Monday.

The study, by the American Association of University Women Educational Foundation, found that 10 years

after college, women earn only 69 percent of what men earn.

Even after controlling for hours, occupation, parenthood, and other factors known to affect earnings, the study found that one-quarter of the pay gap remains unexplained. The group said that portion of the gap is "likely due to sex discrimination."

"Over time, the unexplained portion of the pay gap grows," the group said in a news release.

Catherine Hill, the organization's director of research, said: "Part of the wage difference is a result of people's choices, another part is employer's assumptions of what people's choices will be. ... Employers assume that young women are going to leave the work force when they have children, and, therefore, don't promote them."

The organization found that women's scholastic performance

was not reflected in their compensation. Women have slightly higher grade point averages than men in every major, including science and math. But women who attend highly selective colleges earn the same as men who attend minimally selective colleges, according to the study.

"The pay gap is not going to disappear just through educational achievements," Hill said.

Bush expresses fresh confidence in Gonzales

TERENCE HUNT
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush gave embattled Attorney General Alberto Gonzales a strong vote of confidence today despite scant support for him among key Republicans.

"This is an honest, honorable man, in whom I have confidence," Bush said.

The president said that Gonzales' testimony before skeptical Judiciary Committee senators last week "increased my confidence" in his ability to lead the Justice Department. Separately, a

White House spokeswoman said, "He's staying."

Gonzales has been under fire for what the White House acknowledges was his poor handling of the firing of eight federal prosecutors. The attorney general appeared before the Senate Judiciary Committee last Thursday and said dozens of times that he could not recall certain events about the dismissals.

Bush said that while some senators did not like the way Gonzales answered the questions, he continues to back his attorney general.

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Win, lose, maybe a draw

Scripts Howard News Service

If you think of the Iraq war in terms of winning or losing, Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid may well be right, if premature, in his judgment that the war is lost.

Some of this may be laying down a marker in the run-up to sending President Bush a war-funding bill, but he did indeed say, "I believe myself ... that this is lost and that the surge is not accomplishing anything as indicated by the extreme violence in Iraq." Reid said he also believed that the secretaries of state and defense shared that view.

There is still hope — maybe the last hope — for a turnaround at a planned conference May 3-4 in Egypt of Iraq's neighbors, including two nations, Iran and Syria, critical to any settlement but that the Bush administration has heretofore refused to talk to. Surely it cannot be in their interest to have Iraq collapse into chaos. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice will have the chance to talk to both privately.

Iraq is a peculiar war. Militarily, the United States could "win" it in relatively short order by picking one side and crushing the other, but the cost and moral implications are unacceptable.

The Bush administration entered the war with several clear objectives. The United States, the United Nations and the Western European nations believed that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction and few compunctions about using them. We certainly satisfied ourselves that there were no WMDs. We did succeed in driving Saddam from office and holding a free election.

And what of the president's other goal: A democratic Iraqi government that can "govern, sustain and defend itself and be an ally in the war on terror"? Hardly.

All is not lost, but you don't have to be Clausewitz to know it doesn't look good.

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Large screen or small, we like our TV

Will I be the last person in the world to buy a \$4,000 flat-screen plasma TV? I see the ads in the paper every day and all I can think is "Where is everyone getting \$4,000?"

The last time I had an "extra" \$4,000 I wasted it on food, taxes and health insurance. What was I thinking? I could have had a TV. Not that I could have afforded to watch it.

Once you get the \$4,000 TV, you've got to subscribe to cable or satellite or there's no point. And you don't want the basic package, you want the HDTV package with all the sports and the movie channels, so let's add a \$150 each month to the cost of your television. Face it, once you've seen "Deal or No Deal" on a giant, flat-screen plasma TV, there's no going back to the 27-incher.

When I was a kid, there were only three channels on television. Unless you lived in a big city where they might have one or two extras. And there was the "educational channel" on the UHF dial. We could never figure out what that UHF dial was for, it never seemed to work.

But there were problems. Some people didn't like the stranglehold the three networks had on the news. Some people thought shows like "Petticoat Junction" and "The Beverly Hillbillies" proved we were a culture in decline. I thought Lawrence Welk was old and



Jim Mullen

other.

People complained about how bad all three channels were, how nothing was on. Now we have hundreds of channels and thousands of shows. And guess what? People complain about how bad television is. They don't like the cable news channels, they don't like the shows, they don't like the violence, they don't like what the kids are seeing, they don't like the music videos. How buying a \$4,000 TV will solve those problems is beyond me.

For me, the biggest change in TV since I was a kid hasn't been what's on it, but how we watch it — with the clicker in our hands. The invention of the remote control, the clicker, changed TV and it changed us. When they first came out, comedians used to make fun of the people who had remote control channel changers. How lazy can you get? Pretty lazy, as it turns out.

In "The Powers That Be," David Halberstam

hokey. But I watched him because whatever was on the other two stations was even older and hokier, which is hard to imagine. Half of Ed Sullivan's audience watched to see the Beatles and the Rolling Stones. The other half watched to see plate spinners and Senor Wenceslas. To this day, his two audiences have a hard time speaking to each

tells a story about Walter Cronkite watching TV at the home of his boss, the founder and president of CBS, Bill Paley in the mid-'60s. At one point they want to change the channel and Cronkite says, "Bill, where's the clicker?"

Paley, one of the richest and most sophisticated men in the country, touches a button, the butler comes in, changes the channel then leaves the room.

Now, we would feel lost without the clicker. Don't like the channel? Click. If only it stopped there. Don't like your job? Click. Don't like your nose? Click. Don't like your spouse? Click. I don't blame TV, we do it to ourselves.

Now TV's changing again. I was at the movies last week and waiting for it to start, I noticed a bunch of teenagers in the seats in front of me with their cell phones out. They weren't talking on them; in groups of twos and threes, they would gather around someone's cell phone and watch TV shows they'd missed on the tiny screen.

They seemed to be enjoying TV on the tiny 2-inch screen as much as they would on a brand new \$4,000 80-incher.

Go figure.

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Voice of the People

CITIZENS NEED GUNS

Think about this: Columbine, a gun free zone, New York City pizza shop, a gun free zone. Pearl High School in Mississippi, a gun free zone. Luby's cafeteria in Texas, a gun free zone. The Amish school in Pennsylvania, a gun free zone. Virginia Tech University, a gun free zone.

See a pattern here? Anyone see what the Sarah Brady gun-banning cult has created? I have zero tolerance for evil and denial.

America needs to wake up and fast. We need to realize that the braindead celebration of defenselessness will get you killed every single time.

In Chicago, New York City and Washington, D.C., hand guns are illegal.

Would you feel safe walking around downtown Chicago at night? No you wouldn't.

A week ago, I attended the NRA National Convention in St. Louis. We were all joking that the criminals in St. Louis all went to Chicago for the weekend since everyone visiting St. Louis had a gun.

You know what? There were no muggings or robberies in one of that city's most vicious areas those two days.

At Trolley Square, the shopping mall in Salt Lake City, it was an American citizen with a gun on his belt who stopped a violent murderer from killing more innocent victims. He was an off-duty cop, trained and legally carrying a defense weapon.

Off-duty cops in New York City are not allowed to carry weapons for defense or protection of others when off duty. Thanks, Mayors Bloomberg and Giuliani! Your city is one of the giant cess pools of illegal gun possession in the world.

The high school student in Springfield, Ore. who ran to his pickup and retrieved his .22 squirrel rifle halted a runaway murderer from turning his school into a Columbine tragedy.

Recently, just a few miles up the road from Virginia Tech, two college students also ran to their truck to fetch their legally owned firearm to stop a madman from slaughtering anybody and everybody he pleased because these brave, average, armed citizens neutralized him immediately.

There are countless people all across America who use firearms to defend themselves every single day.

No one demanded kitchen utensils be banned when Jeffrey Dahmer killed and ate his victims. Not one person called for regulation of Ryder truck rentals when Timothy McVeigh blew up the federal building in Oklahoma City.

Properly trained, licensed law-abiding citizens should never be denied the ability to carry

weapons anywhere, in fact, they should be required to carry them everywhere.

Wake up, America. Gun free zones are never "Gun Free," they are only "Good Guy Gun" free. The bad guys flock there. They know there's no guns! There have been evil people since there have been people, and there will be evil people as long as there are people. The only way to stop evil people is to kill them before they kill you.

Rick Schnase
Hastings

WILL TRAGEDY OPEN EYES?

I can only hope the recent tragic event that happened at Virginia Tech would open the eyes of those who think community-based programs are the answer to the problems of the mentally ill.

Many of the youth being treated at Hastings Regional Center are mentally ill. They are in need of in patient facilities where they can be treated for their illness, schooled and self-esteem can be built so, hopefully, they can become productive members of society.

I, for one, would certainly not want my grandchildren to have to be in a classroom with someone who is seriously mentally ill.

At the same time, I would want that person to be treated and schooled in a place that they could be successful. I believe that is in a place like HRC.

I have been astonished at people calling the HRC facilities and staff hand-me-downs. Nothing could be further from the truth. The facilities have been updated and, as for the staff, none is better.

That staff through the years have dealt with all types of people and illnesses and have been able to adapt to the needs of the individuals who are in their care.

They are highly adaptable, well-trained people. They care about the people they serve and have excellent programs.

If community-based programs were so successful, would Blue Hill be having the problems that it faces? Would there have been the suicides and untimely deaths of several people who needed closer supervision? I think not.

I think we need to put our arms around people who need help and, at times, this means treatment in an "institution." A few weeks or months there is far better than death or a lifetime dealing with a tragedy that could have been avoided.

Can the 33 lives lost at Virginia Tech have any impact on our thinking? We must take a stand now.

Barbara Hinrichs
Juniata

ENOUGH TRASH TALK

What an evolution in my lifetime. We were walking downstairs in Miss Gabus' fourth-grade class when one of my classmates excitedly exclaimed, "By golly that sure is swell!"

In an instant, he felt the teacher's arm around his shoulder as she admonished him, "Jimmy, we don't use language like that."

Properly chastised, he hung his head.

What a change has taken place since then. Contrast that to the Don Imus incident that took us to a new low in modern communication.

In grade school, they told us that to use slang and/or swear words was an indication of a limited vocabulary. Somehow, we got along in school without resorting to such words.

We were properly shocked when Rhett Butler in "Gone With the Wind" said, "Frankly, Scarlett, I don't give a ...!"

Of course, movies were carefully monitored by the Hayes Office in those days for proper decorum and speech. (To ease the concern and anxiety of some of you, I did learn most of that lexicon in the U.S. Navy so my education is not deprived.)

Much of what we hear on TV today makes us old sailors blush. Youngsters are immersed in this trash, and it becomes part of their natural vocabulary. How sad!

Perhaps we witnessed the straw that broke the camel's back with Imus? It is too much to wish for that the reaction to him started a new trend.

We can only hope so.

Walt Long
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Letter Policy

The Hastings Tribune welcomes letters about issues of public interest. Here are some rules:

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- ◆ Letters submitted within 30 days by the same author on the same issue may be rejected.
- ◆ Letters of a political nature will not be accepted within seven days of an election.

Local

METH CASE

A 39-year-old Hastings woman accused of distributing methamphetamine pleaded no contest Thursday in Adams County District Court.

Tammy L. Fielder, of 714 S. Boston Ave., pleaded no contest to aiding the distribution of meth. In exchange for her plea, prosecutors dismissed a charge of distributing meth.

Adams County District Judge Stephen Illingworth ordered a pre-sentence investigation and set Fielder's sentencing for June 25.

According to court records, informants made police-monitored illegal drug purchases from Fielder on one occasion and she assisted a drug buy in a second.

Distribution of a controlled substance (meth) and aiding and abetting the distribution of meth are Class 2 felonies punishable by up to 50 years in prison.

HOMELESS MAN

A 37-year-old homeless man accused of distributing methamphetamine pleaded no contest Thursday in Adams County District Court.

Ondraye Williams pleaded no contest to distribution of meth. In exchange for his plea, prosecutors dismissed a charge of aiding and abetting the distribution of meth.

Adams County District Judge Stephen Illingworth ordered a pre-sentence investigation and set Williams' sentencing for June 25.

According to court records, illegal drug sales were made by Williams on Dec. 6 and 22, 2005, using a confidential informant monitored by law enforcement.

Distribution of a controlled substance (meth) is a Class 2 felony punishable by up to 50 years in prison.

State

STABBING DEATH

GRAND ISLAND — A man died this weekend from injuries he received in a stabbing two weeks earlier, police said.

Salah Kulmiye, 24, died Saturday after being stabbed, allegedly by his roommate, police said.

Police were called to Kulmiye's apartment on April 7, to intercede in an argument between Kulmiye and his roommate, Abdihakim Yusuf.

Police said Kulmiye had three cuts to the back of his head and had been stabbed in the upper left leg.

Yusuf is in custody in Hall County Jail on charges related to the stabbing, police Capt. Kerry Mehlin said Monday.

BURNING CAR

OMAHA — Police were investigating a report that a woman was sexually assaulted and left in a burning car in a north Omaha park.

The woman told police two men approached her early Sunday when she was stopped near the park with a flat tire. The men forced her into her car and drove her to the park. There, the woman said, she was raped and her car torched with her inside.

She was able to escape and run to a campsite about a half-mile away, police said.

The woman's age and condition were not released.

The Associated Press

Calendar

HASTINGS

◆ **Compassionate Friends**, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, First St. Paul's Lutheran Church Youth Center.

◆ **SMART Recovery**, 7 p.m. Tuesday, 1420 W. Second St.

◆ **Alcoholics Anonymous**, noon, 5:15 and 8 p.m. Tuesday, 521 S. St. Joseph Ave.

◆ **TOPS**, 4:45-6 p.m. Tuesday, basement of St. Marks' Episcopal Pro-Cathedral Church in Hastings.

Lotteries

WINNING NUMBERS

Sunday
Kansas Pick 3 9-0-9

Saturday
Powerball ... 22-26-28-33-45-PB-17

Nebraska Pick 3 0-2-0

Kansas Pick 3 6-9-7

Super Kansas Cash ... 5-7-10-16-32

Super Cashball 20

Hot Lotto 3-10-22-25-38

Hot Ball 3

Officials open to ideas for city projects

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With the sunset of the city's half-cent sales tax in March, Hastings city officials now want the public's opinion on the future use of the funds.

Over the next several months, city officials will be conducting listening sessions with any interested groups to get their ideas for uses of the sales tax.

"These are called listening sessions for good reason. We are there to listen," said City



Patterson Rossen
Administrator Joe Patterson.

The point of the listening sessions is for people to give their ideas, not just say what they think city officials want to hear, Patterson said.

"That's exactly what we want to stay away from," he said.

Mayor Matt Rossen said the point of these meetings would be to first determine if the people want to reinstate the half-cent sales tax and, if so, what that money would be used to do.

"We're really going out to hear what the community has to say," Rossen said.

Both Rossen and Patterson said Hastings is the only Nebraska community with more than 10,000 people that does not have the full 1.5-cent sales tax.

According to Nebraska law, a city is able to assess a tax of 1.5 cents on sales; the state sales tax rate is 5.5 percent.

In Hastings, 1 cent on every dollar of sales is used for property tax relief. The other half-cent has been used in recent years for the Aquacourt project, and before that for redevelopment of an old school building as the city's new police station, 317 S. Burlington Ave.

The city's half-cent sales tax, which was used to pay for the

Aquacourt Water Park, 2200 W. Third St., expired on March 31, one year earlier than planned. The sales tax took effect April 1, 2003, and was scheduled to last for five years.

The collection of and use of the half-cent sales tax can be proposed by the City Council but must be approved by a vote of the people.

In the past, Patterson said, city officials determined the need and then went to the public for support.

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AMY ROH/Tribune

Preston Chaon plays a life-sized version of the Chutes and Ladders board game Saturday put on by the Youth Leadership Academy Saturday at the Imperial Mall in Hastings.

Chutes and Ladders

ABOUT 600 STUDENTS PLAY LIFE-SIZED GAME AT MALL

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Spin a two, take two steps, but wait ... there's a red chute connected to the square. Follow the chute back five spaces.

Seven months of planning and more than 200 hours of labor by a handful of students culminated in bright yellow, white and red squares laid out in a trail across a suite inside Imperial Mall.

The 4-foot-by-4-foot masonry squares, along with red sheets as chutes and large wooden ladders, made up a life-size Chutes and Ladders game, which was a popular stop in the mall Saturday and Sunday.

The game was constructed and run by members of the Youth Leadership Academy. The group's economic development committee organized the activity and built the game as a community service project. Its inspiration came from the lifesize Candyland game, built by Hastings College students two years ago.

Rachel Lemke, a freshman at St. Cecilia High School, said the economic development group thought the life-size game was a good idea and chose Chutes and Ladders because it is a game that all age groups can play.

"We thought this was a game that more age groups could enjoy," Lemke said.

The target audience was young children, but all ages enjoyed playing the



AMY ROH/Tribune

Bailey Johnson, 6, jumps the next square Saturday while playing a life-sized version of Chutes and Ladders at the Imperial Mall in Hastings.

game over the weekend.

Lemke said the process of building the game was a learning experience, but that once everything was in place, it all ran smoothly.

"Once we had everything set up and we had people going through, everything ran very smoothly," Uden said. "We've had a lot of fun."

Jack Zoucha, a freshman at Hastings High School, said the hardest part of building the game was getting the group together to paint.

Lemke agreed, saying that with three different school schedules, it was difficult to find times that worked for everyone.

Zoucha estimated that about 600 people came through during the weekend, making it a success.

However, Zoucha said they're already talking about setting the game up other places.

"We've discussed Cottonwood," Zoucha said, adding it doesn't take much time to set up, now that everything is built and painted.

Zoucha said the two weeks leading up to this past weekend were the most stressful.

"I learned how to handle the crunch time," Zoucha said.

Lemke agree, saying it was satisfying to see the project completed.

"We went from seven months to two weeks really fast," Lemke said. "Last week, I didn't have as much faith as Jack."

The economic development group is made up of five freshmen and one sophomore, and Zoucha and Lemke said they already have something in mind for next year.

The other members of the economic development committee were Paige Beezley, a freshman at Adams Central; Jim O'Keefe, a sophomore at St. Cecilia; Caree McGehee, a freshman at HHS; and Zo Kreager, a freshman at HHS.

UBBNRD sees water table drop

NO RATIONING REQUIRED FOR NOW

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The average spring static groundwater level in the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District dropped again this year — but again, not enough to require water rationing.

The UBBNRD, which is headquartered in York, announced Thursday a year-to-year drop of .86 feet across Groundwater Management Area No. 1, which encompasses nearly the entire district.

The new average remains 1.62 feet above the district's allocation trigger, which is designated as its average groundwater level for 1978.

If or when the average spring static water level reaches or drops below that trigger mark, the district's groundwater management rules and regulations will require rationing to begin. The initial three-year allocation is set at 48 inches per certified irrigated acre.

In year-to-year drop in the average groundwater level dropped .87 feet in spring 2006. That year's drop triggered the district's reporting requirement, which forced landowners to certify by this March which of their acres are irrigated.

Also under the reporting requirement, flowmeter data or best estimates will be required each year to indicate how much water farmers have pumped.

Since March 1, 2004, all new or replacement wells being installed have been required to have a flowmeter.

The Upper Big Blue district covers Hamilton County and portions of Adams, Clay and Fillmore counties in Tribland. Its GMA No. 1 has seen seven consecutive years of average spring groundwater declines, for a cumulative total of 12.25 feet. That's the largest uninterrupted decline seen in 46 years of recordkeeping, and it coincides with a multi-year drought much of Nebraska has experienced.

The water table had risen significantly during the 1990s before going into its current slide.

The spring static groundwater average is produced by measuring the depth to water in more than 500 wells.

The only lands within the UBBNRD not included in the groundwater management area are a small acreage in the Geneva-Milligan area and a larger area near Seward.

As of Thursday, a total of 1,078,428 acres in the district, representing 11,825 parcels of land, had been certified as irrigated.

According to county assessors' records, about 6 percent of the district's total irrigated acres still had not been certified as of that date.

Group sends computer components to Africa

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SUPERIOR — A shipping container carrying more than 8,000 units of computer components and books is en route from Omaha to the New York City harbor on its way to equip an effort to bring computer technology to Southeast Africa.

This is the first step in a program initiated by the Superior Pawnee Computer Society of Superior to connect the people of the Africa with educational

opportunities. Getting the computers to Africa has required cooperation by many organizations and individuals.

Most of the computers that were shipped were donated to the SPCS by groups or individuals who were replacing them. Donors included Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital in Hastings and the Hastings Public Schools.

Other computers were collected in a countywide donation day sponsored by the YWCA Adams County, and a similar program

of the Foster Grandparent program of Grand Island.

Other computers were obtained through the National Cristina Foundation, a civic outreach project of the Computing Technology Industry Association. NCF has approved SPCS as a national designated recipient of used computer technology resources to be recycled into a second productive life.

In Superior, volunteers renovated the computers, wiping the hard drives clean and

installing special programs designed for use in Africa. The Road Warrior, an image machine used in the work, was designed by Don Singleton of Helping Tulsa, a similar computer renovation group in Oklahoma.

Target Logistics of Omaha donated warehouse space for storing renovated computers, made arrangements for the shipment, and assisted in packing the container.

Norwegian People's Aid, the

Norwegian labor movement's humanitarian aid organization, arranged for transporting the shipment to Africa.

Komach Dey, an Omaha resident who is SPCS vice president in charge of the African operation on United States soil, said the program was intended to introduce a technology system to Southeast Africa that would enable its youth to create a culture of trust and fairness in which the nations can prosper.

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Region

HONOR ROLL

The following students made the honor roll for the third quarter at Shickley Public School:

All A's honor roll

- ◆ Seventh grade: Amy Hendrickson, Marissa Hochstetler, Anna Licht, Cynthia Mick, Sydney Olson, Whitney Walters
- ◆ Eighth grade: Tyler Lauenstein
- ◆ Freshmen: Philip Hochstetler, Luke Schweitzer, Wade Walters
- ◆ Sophomores: Jenny Noel, Krista Swartzendruber
- ◆ Juniors: Jacob Erb
- ◆ Seniors: Arielle Brinkman, Jessica Dowdy, Bryce Erb, Michael Merryman, Samuel Polk, Clark Schultz, Conley Straight

A average honor roll

- ◆ Seventh grade: Emily Alfis, Chas Timmerman
- ◆ Eighth grade: Makenna Rae Coy, Michael Sheets, Derek Swartzendruber
- ◆ Freshmen: Stacey O'Neal, Landon Spurling
- ◆ Sophomores: Megan Alfis, Nicole Reinsch, Brett Sheffield
- ◆ Juniors: Anna Brinkman, Emilee Doll, Jaron Nelson, Kylee Schweitzer, Anne Troyer
- ◆ Seniors: Abby Alfis, Katie Robinson, Zac Schlegel, Andrea Schweitzer

A/B honor roll

- ◆ Eighth grade: William Mick
- ◆ Freshmen: Nikki Kluna, Michael Reinsch
- ◆ Sophomores: Bret Carlson, Brooklyn Rosenquist
- ◆ Seniors: Cassie Kluna

WILCOX-HILDRETH

The following students made the honor roll for the third quarter at Wilcox-Hildreth Middle School at Hildreth:

Principal's honor roll (All A's)

- ◆ Seventh grade: Stuart Fritz, Kylie Sturgis
- ◆ Eighth grade: Olivia Adam, Nathan Arehart, Jessica Goltner, Michaela Hinrichs, Hannah Jelden, Chris Lyons, Jana Wilson

'A' honor roll (93 grade point average, no grade below 86)

- ◆ Seventh grade: Shelby Aspegren, Ashley Buoy, Sadie Dallmann, Clint Gardels, Ben Harms, Matthew Harms, Lexi Jenkins, Levi Loschen, Karen Paitz, Brady Schneider, Jalyn Woolen
- ◆ Eighth grade: Morgan Farley

Tree a memorial to tragedy



CASEY MILLS/HC Media

Hastings College President Phil Dudley (center behind tree) assists faculty and students in planting a tree on the campus Saturday in memory of the victims of Virginia Tech. Following the planting, the Rev. Dr. David McCarthy led the group in a prayer.

Projects: City officials open to ideas

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"This is totally different than in the past where we basically said, 'The city identifies the following needs. Will you support it?' Here we're saying, 'What do you perceive as the needs,'" he said.

In these listening sessions, Patterson said, city officials will give a short presentation about the history of the half-cent tax in Hastings before taking ideas from the public.

Each city official was given a list of dos and don'ts including information about the city's half-cent sales tax history. This was done in an effort to ensure the officials all say about the same things during the meetings.

"Our focus here is to give a brief history of the half-cent sales tax and what it's been spent on and give some facts as to what others cities are currently doing," Patterson said. "Then we'll open it up to suggestions, comments and ideas from the people that are there to give us their opinions as to what they would support and what they see as community needs."

The person conducting the meeting will have a form and write down every idea that is given.

"We don't debate them. We just want to hear what people have to say," he said.

Patterson said the city officials would be there to answer any questions about issues such as city debt, the current budget or other issues pertaining to the city. Otherwise, he said, the officials are only there to listen and record the suggested ideas.

The list of ideas will be totally filled with ideas brought forth by the public and not those given by the City Council or other city officials.

"We want a unpolluted, undirected, unguided opinion," Patterson said.

In addition to meetings with individual organizations, he said, the City Council members also are planning to have meetings in each ward. A town hall meeting for all residents also is being discussed.

Once all the meetings have been conducted and the ideas have been written down, the City Council will create a ballot to encompass all of those ideas.

The council then will prioritize the ideas and possibly set a timeline for completing some of the suggested projects.

With the expiration of the city's half-cent sales tax, the City Council discussed plans for reinstating the tax and how the money would be used. In the last two cycles, the tax was used to pay for the water park and police station renovation.

"We really don't have one big awesome project right now like what we have had with the police station and the aquatic center," Rossen said. "But there are many many, many needs throughout the community that we have been putting off. And I know residents throughout the community see this because I get comments from people all the time."

And the reason Rossen said the projects aren't being completed is because the city doesn't have the funds to do it.

"That's why we want to pin-

point what the community would like to support," he said. "So we're reaching out to the citizens and asking for their feedback."

This idea to collect the public's ideas of the sales tax came from the city of Kearney, where several thousand suggestions were collected on the use of the sales tax.

Patterson said over 75 percent of voters came out in support of the measure and were happy to see their ideas were taken seriously.

The city of Kearney receives about \$3 million in sales tax revenue annually, compared to Hastings, which receives only receives about \$1.5 million annually from the half-cent tax.

The only flaw Patterson has seen with this method is that citizens might not realize some city needs like new equipment for the Hastings Fire Department or the Parks and Recreation Department.

For that reason, he said, the City Council might need to set aside a small amount of the

sales tax in the ballot to cover things like equipment or other issues, based on the compiled list.

Even so, Patterson said, the largest part of the funds would go to publicly used areas and needs based on the constituents concerns.

In Kearney, Patterson said, the funds are to be divided with 50 percent going to streets, curbs and sidewalks, 25 percent to buildings, five percent to equipment over \$50,000. An additional 5 percent would go into reserve, with the last 15 percent being saved for miscellaneous projects.

While no official timeline has been set, Patterson said, city officials will be conducting the meetings over the next several months.

Groups of all sizes with regular or irregular meeting times are encouraged to be part of the process.

Anyone interested in having a city official attend their meeting is encouraged to contact Ginny Skutnik at 461-2318.

Fed tests reveal arsenic, mercury in groundwater

The Associated Press

GRAND ISLAND — Federal officials found mercury and arsenic in groundwater at the Central Nebraska Regional Airport in Grand Island.

The arsenic levels were above safe drinking water standards, but the substance hasn't been traced to the airfield, a state official said.

The mercury level was within the safe drinking water standard.

"There is a little contamination there, but nothing that warrants immediate action from EPA," said Brian Mitchell, the Nebraska site assessment manager for the EPA's Kansas City office.

The testing included the airport and neighboring property.

Test results were mailed to property owners, including two who were using wells contaminated with arsenic for drinking water, Mitchell said. Federal officials had already spoken to those well owners.

Preliminary evidence suggests the arsenic "is from naturally occurring sources," said Brian McManus of the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality.

Arsenic was found at a level of 58.3 micrograms per liter, Mitchell said. The safe level is 10 micrograms per liter.

Mercury levels of two micrograms per liter is considered safe; officials measured the groundwater at 1.54 micrograms per liter.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has been testing former defense sites in Nebraska. The airport site was active as a military airfield from 1942 to 1948 and again between 1962 and 1969, according to government records.

Airport officials had not received test results, said Mike Olson, the airport's executive director.

The contaminants could come from welding, bullet rounds, maintaining military vehicles and planes and related activities.

The agency was also testing a former bombing range south-east of the city and a former target range about 10 miles north-east of the city.

The bombing range resulted with no concerns while the agency is following up on the target range because lead was found there, Mitchell said.

Africa: Group sends computer components

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Since 2004, the SPCS has been renovating donated computers and distributing them to schools, churches, nursing homes, senior citizen centers, after-school tutoring programs, nonprofit agencies and needy individuals in this country. In 2005, the group received a request to provide computers to educational centers in Southeast Africa, and has been working on that ever since.

The shipment from Omaha included 269 monitors, 451 central processing units, 1,450 keyboards, 30 printers, 120 hard drives, assorted computer accessories and an estimated 4,800 books.

The packed container is scheduled to leave the New York harbor on May 2 and arrive in Mombasa, Kenya, on June 29. From there, the computers will go to Kampala, Uganda, to be distributed to nearby centers.

Dey helped with the loading of the computers in Omaha and plans to fly to Kenya to be available when they arrive.

A refugee from civil war in Sudan, Dey arrived in the United States in 1995. He is a U.S. citizen.

After about three years in Las Vegas, Dey moved to Omaha, where he earned a degree in computer programming and technology. He lived in Superior for several months in 2006 helping to prepare computers for shipment to Africa.

He then returned to Omaha to oversee the SPCS African pro-

gram on this continent. Moses Kong, who also worked on computers in Superior, is in charge of making arrangements for putting the computers to use when they arrive in Africa.

Kong and Chuol Gut Laik, who both hold advanced degrees in computer science, will begin the education of the Africans in all phases of the use of computers.

They will be working with people who have never seen computers before. The first goal will be to train them to operate keyboards and perform basic computer functions.

These same people then will be taught to take the computers apart and reconstruct them, so that donated computers can be sent to Africa to be reconditioned there.

The next phase will be to teach people to instruct the general populace in using computers.

Finally, SPCS intends to stock educational centers with computers to aid the people of Africa in rebuilding their countries, now ravaged by war and disease.

Dey said the computers would be used to assist with general basic education, and to train specialists in fields like health, business and government, as well as technicians to work on the computers themselves.

Contacts already have been made with commissioners who represent health care providers, business schools and a variety of businesses, Dey said.

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Tornado season sweeps into Nebraska

GOTHENBURG AREA SUFFERS DAMAGE

OSKAR GARCIA
The Associated Press

OMAHA — National Weather Service and emergency management officials were looking to confirm preliminary reports of a possible tornado said to have touched down briefly in northeastern Nebraska Sunday afternoon.

There were no reports of damage from the twister that officials believed touched down about three miles west of Osmond, the Pierce County Sheriff's office said.

The National Weather Service in Valley was working with state emergency management officials to confirm the tornado and determine if anything was damaged in its path, said meteorologist Cathy Zapotocny.

Forecasters spent the day looking for possible tornadoes across the eastern half of the state, but thunder, hail and winds were milder than expected as the storm moved into Iowa.

"It's been on the benign side," said Merl Heinlein, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Hastings.

A tornado watch was in effect for much of eastern Nebraska and northern Kansas until 7 p.m.

Large differences in temperature within the atmosphere were developing, creating the possibility of more severe storms and tornadoes.

Winds were intense and quickly changing direction which allowed the storms to rotate, Zapotocny said.

"We don't want to let our guard down so we're continuing to monitor it," Zapotocny said. "The storms have not been real impressive so far."

A tornado earlier in the weekend ripped up farmsteads in western Nebraska and injured several people as thunderstorms rippled across the Plains.

The twister struck late Friday, spreading debris along a path that was up to a half-mile wide in places, the Frontier County sheriff's office said.

In neighboring Dawson County, it followed a course about 18 miles long and came within a mile of Gothenburg, a city of about 4,000, said weather service meteorologist Scott Bryant in Hastings.

The twister was close to a mile in width, with estimated wind speeds of up to 120 mph, said weather service meteorologist Jeremy Wesely.

The violent weather destroyed a farm house about 20 miles east of Wellfleet, and damaged others in Frontier County and east of Moorefield, authorities said.

Several vehicles were blown off Interstate 80 just west of Gothenburg, likely by straight-line wind, said Bryant.

About a dozen cattle died or had to be put down, Wesely said.

John Johnson, chief executive officer at Gothenburg Memorial Hospital, said nine people injured in collisions or when their vehicles were blown over were brought to his emergency room. One was taken to a trauma center in Kearney and the others were treated and released.



BETH GILBERT/AP

Above: Friends and family help out Saturday at the home of Pat and Deb Hecox of rural Gothenburg. The house and surrounding buildings received major damage from a possible tornado Friday evening. Right: A semi truck and trailer sits overturned Saturday after a possible tornado passed through near Gothenburg. The driver, who was wearing a seatbelt, needed assistance from rescue workers and the Jaws of Life to get out, but he sustained only minor injuries.

Woman on mission for racehorses

JULIE BLUM
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS — Her love of animals drove Darci Anderson to buy her first racehorse.

That same passion propelled her on a months-long mission to ensure the safety of horses that she believes were abused.

The Columbus woman worked with the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation to see to it that her own horse and two other former racehorses would never see the racetrack again.

Anderson first got involved in racing when she bought Carol's Prize last August. As an owner, she said, the only thing that was on her mind was winning and the glory that came along with it. But as she spent more time in the business and got more attached to her horse, she wondered what was to come the day that Carol's Prize wouldn't be able to race anymore.

"These animals live a long life. I should have thought more long-term. My option at the end of the year was to sell him to the killers because he had broke down," Anderson said.

Selling her horse to slaughter wasn't an option Anderson wanted to consider. She didn't want that fate for other horses she said she cared for during the racing season either.

Anderson said that her own horse and others were abused by an employee. The animals were lame from being raced too hard and that they weren't fed properly or given enough water. Often, Anderson said, she would go to the stalls herself and care for her horse and others there. Some were so weak that they were lying on the floor unable to stand.

"They were in too much pain to lift their head to a bucket," Anderson said.

Instead of selling her horse, Anderson found a home for it in Columbus. She took care of Carol's Prize for three months until she became ill and was no longer able to pay for its needs.

The Oklahoma chapter of the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, a racehorse sanctuary, took in Carol's Prize. The organization was also involved in trying to acquire another racehorse that was going up for sale at the Columbus Sales Pavilion. That horse, My Request, was in the ownership of the Genoa National Bank. The bank had possession of that horse and several others by default on a loan.

Honor roll

The following students made the honor roll for the third quarter at Sandy Creek Junior/Senior High School near Fairfield:

- Distinction honor roll (4.0 grade point average)**
- ◆ Seventh grade: Ashlee Harms, Jordan Harms, Montana Hinrichs, Chase Murman
 - ◆ Eighth grade: Amanda Fike, Jacklyn Hansen, Katlin Lang, Jacklyn Ridgway, Sierra Schnakenberg, Kerian Shaw, Megan Yost
 - ◆ Freshmen: Morgan Hinrichs, Emily Moore, Gavin Schneider, Adam Skrdlant
 - ◆ Sophomores: Cassandra Bono, Danielle Harms, Emily Pernicek
 - ◆ Juniors: Jacey Fisher, Molly Hinrichs, Jeff Shaw
 - ◆ Seniors: Derek Hoffman, Mollie Springer, Amanda Taylor, Andrea Taylor, Tyler Valentine

Honor roll (3.5 GPA, no grade of 'C' or below)

- ◆ Seventh grade: Aaron Bono, Amanda Davis, Jennifer Rains, Connor Shuck, Jared Taylor, Paige Wenske, Tanner Yost
- ◆ Eighth grade: Katherine Benton, Kelsey Brennfoerder, Andrew Davis, Bailey Hansen, Taylor Horst, Amanda Katen, Chelsea Smidt, Micheal Tockey
- ◆ Freshmen: Preston Hild, Eric Kohmetscher, Kayla Lahndorf, Ethan Lang, Ian Rothell, Heather Schidler, Sarah Schumm
- ◆ Sophomores: Holly Bischoff, Shelby Hinrichs, Matraca Meyer, Morgan Meyer, Karlene Russ, Morgan Shuck, Melinda Sorsen
- ◆ Juniors: Jacob Engberg, Adam Engel, Cody Felber, Tyler Fike, Kari Kohmetscher, Jessica Shipley, Breanna Shuck, Brooke Soucie
- ◆ Seniors: John Bondegard, Kelsi Bradley, Clinton Felber, Patrick Ferebee, Colby Jensen, Kayla Katen, Kole Kluver, Julia Mach, Dustin Ninemire, Jessie Scott, Trenton Shuck, Jason Skrdlant

Honorable mention honor roll (3.0 GPA, no grade of 'D' or below)

- ◆ Seventh grade: Danielle Dittmer, Robert Hoy, Thomas Kahman, Cassidy Mikkelsen, Jordan Overturf, Quentin Skarin, Aaron Skrdlant, Alessha Syring, Tyrell Whitefoot
- ◆ Eighth grade: Jordan Brennfoerder, Stevie Crookshanks, Chelsea MacCann, Levi Schlick, Jamey Sealey
- ◆ Freshmen: Hillary Broadwell, Jordan Hakanson, Erika Kuta, Mick Shaw, Matthew Skalka, Christopher Waymire
- ◆ Sophomores: Sean Bradley, Quintin Brennfoerder, Christopher Eickmann, Beth Kohmetscher, Dennis Nevin, William Wessels
- ◆ Juniors: Andrea Fells, Carol Hagemeyer, Evan Hansen, Kimberly Hatfield, Kaylee Johnson, Nicole MacCann, Ryan Musgrave, Christopher Rains, Marcus Rothell, Mistri Wessels
- ◆ Seniors: Anastasia Doane, Gale Hagemeyer, Casey Helton, Justin Meyer, Karl Russ, McKenzie Scarrow, Abraham Skarin, Anna Watts

Man pleads no contest to thefts, fleeing

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An 19-year-old Hastings man accused of stealing cars and a string of burglaries pleaded no contest to theft, operating a vehicle to avoid arrest and three counts of burglary Thursday in Adams County District Court.

Jacob R. Martikainen, of 903 N. Colorado Ave. No. 5, originally faced nine counts of burglary, six counts of theft, avoiding arrest, obstructing a police officer, criminal mischief and unauthorized use of a vehicle and ATM card in two cases. Prosecutors dismissed the remaining charges as part of a plea bargain.

Adams County District Judge Stephen Illingworth ordered a pre-sentence investigation and set Martikainen's sentencing for June 27.

According to court records, Martikainen stole a vehicle owned by Kay Robbins, of 115 E. Pleasant Ave., at her residence after 3 p.m. Sept. 11, 2006. Martikainen allegedly abandoned the vehicle after it ran out of gas.

About 2:30 a.m. Sept. 12, 2006, Martikainen allegedly stole a vehicle and a laptop computer, both owned by Kathleen S. Harwick, of Grand Island, in the 200 east block of Ninth Street.

A Nebraska State Patrol trooper reportedly located the stolen vehicle at Wal-Mart Supercenter, 3803 Osborne Drive West, and attempted to stop the vehicle, but the driver fled.

After a chase that reached speeds of 70-75 miles per hour, Martikainen allegedly slowed the vehicle, opened the door, jumped from the moving vehicle and escaped on foot.

The vehicle reportedly struck a house at 739 N. Hastings Ave., but didn't cause damage to the residence, according to the Hastings police report.

Martikainen was identified through surveillance video at an ATM machine and recovered Harwick's laptop computer at his residence.

He was also charged with thefts against Joseph Cole, of 231 E. Ninth St., Darla

Langholz, of 102 E. Ninth St., and Amy Palser, of 224 E. Ninth St., on Sept. 11-12, 2006.

In another case, Martikainen was charged with burglary or theft against Katey Al-Refaey, of 5640 N. First Ave., Charles Garner, of 819 N. Highland Drive, Mark Hultine, of 1540 N. Highland Drive, Janice and Charles Niemeyer, of 6454 N. First Ave., Mike and John Skoch, of 5760 N. First Ave., Diane Steffen, of 903 N. Colorado Ave., Taylor's Steakhouse, 1606 N. Kansas Ave., Ernest Thayer, of 1025 N. Highland Drive, Catherine Tickle, of 1200 N. Highland Drive, and Robert Vath, of 924 N. Colorado Ave., on Nov. 7-10, 2006.

Burglary and theft by unlawful taking, value more than \$1,500, are each a Class 3 felony punishable by up to 20 years imprisonment and a \$25,000 fine. Operating a motor vehicle to avoid arrest is a Class 4 felony punishable by up to five years imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine.

Man uses torch to turn scrap into art

BETSY HANSEN
The Associated Press

CEDAR BLUFFS — The bumpy gravel road winds into the canyons north of Cedar Bluffs.

At the edge of the river lives an artist.

His shop is a stones throw from the south fork of the Platte River in an old trailer house where he creates his art.

Charlie Wells calls it "foolin around with a torch and stuff," but what he produces is art.

Wells says he gives most of his pieces away. There are two of which he is particularly proud. One is a sculpture of Christ on the Cross that dominates the entrance to St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Cedar Bluffs. The sculpture is modern, of rebar, rake and brass overlays.

"I walked through the church one day, and that spot was empty," Wells reminisces. "I thought I might be able to make something apropos for that space. Then I remembered this unusual picture of the Crucifixion that my mom had given me and I began to think about doing something similar modern that would be my interpretation. When I was working on the cross, I'd take (church member) Cori Hoffman by the hand and say, Come down here and take a look at this. She'd suggest different things."

Hoffman remembers. "Not such a big help, I would think," she says. "I believe I was one of several he asked to take a look at it while it was still a work in progress. I also made the suggestion on the placement of the sculpture in the church."

She adds, "I'm glad he found us."

Wells "found" Cedar Bluffs and his house by the river after living in Omaha for many years. He worked for a painting contractor, keeping the equipment in working order, before retiring and moving to his house at Cedar Lakes in 1978. He remembers an Omaha friend who "got me inspired to fool around with a torch and stuff." The friend worked for the telephone company, an artist himself, working with wire and creating objects.

"I've been toying around with stuff for 30 years," Wells says. Another piece of public work is a sculpture in the library in Wahoo.

Items in Wells shop are a mixture of obvious raw materials and tools of the trade welder and gas tanks, hoses and welding face shields.

And there are the unexpected.

"I do my best work when I'm cleaning up my shop, therefore, my shop is hardly ever clean," he says with a wide grin.

Wells face splits open when he grins.

A trim white mustache and beard give him a benign appearance, but there is a twinkle in his eyes that betrays a sense of humor about himself and his art. His equipment and raw materials have been placed on the counters of what was once a kitchen and stacked on tables in the old trailer. The threat of flooding had changed the location of much of the stuff he stores in the shop. There were unusual pieces that hinted of the artist in residence. He likes

what he calls "found items."


"I go up and talk to the people at the iron place. Hes got interesting pieces and I can buy them by the pound," he explains.

Some objects that Wells has managed to keep can be found around his yard. There is the shovel bird he calls a "Garden Watcher" and some modern pieces.

He holds up a grouping of four old drill bits of various lengths and diameters.

"I like things to be an odd number, it confuses the eye and makes it wander around looking for the center," he says, adding, "Nature usually makes leaves in sets of three and five."

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Burling: State needs HRC

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"I suppose there's a chance we could run out of time this year, depending on what one senator decides to do with filibuster from now on out," he said. "With Sen. Chambers it doesn't really matter what the bill is, if he takes a notion that day to waste time, he'll do it. I'm planning on it getting to the floor sometime this year because it has been prioritized."

Burling questioned the wisdom of closing HRC completely.

"The state needs one place in Nebraska somewhere as a cushion for these kids in case a private nonprofit decides, 'We're out of here,'" he said. "Right now, that's in Hastings, as it just as well should be. We have facilities out here bought and paid for by taxpayers. Why move it?"

Walt Long, a retired veterinarian in Hastings, expressed concern that community-based programs may not be sufficiently equipped to treat the vast array of patients under their care.

An increase in potentially dangerous outpatients could put citizens

at risk, he said.

"What the Legislature is doing is dumping their problems into our hands, and we don't have the resources to handle it," he said. "Are we setting ourselves up for another Virginia Tech? You put those people on the street, they're just like a loose cannon."

Other bills of interest discussed included LB701, the water bill. Burling called the revised bill — which gives the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NRD) in three Kansas/Republican River Valley Districts authority to tax all irrigators and property owners — a give-and-take agreement reached by the senators.

"It was a huge issue, and we spent two days on it," he said. "What we wound up with was something that no one senator was completely happy with. It was really a good example of compromise."

Also discussed was LB367, which calls for the elimination of the marriage penalty and construction labor tax and offers property tax discounts of about 8 cents per \$100 of valuation in 2007-2008 and 2008-09.

VT: Students return to class

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As the crowd broke up, people started to chant, "Let's Go Hokies" several times.

"I thought last week as time goes by that I could forget this tragic incident," graduate student Sijung Kim said. "But as time goes by I find I cannot forget."

"It's only been a week, but it seems so long ago," said Marc Hamel, 43, a political science student. "Getting back into class is really going to help."

A moment of silence was also observed at about 7:15 a.m., near the dormitory where Cho's first victims, Ryan Clark and Emily Hilscher, were killed.

In front of the dorm, a small marching band from Alabama played "America the Beautiful" and carried a banner that read, "Alabama loves VT Hokies. Be strong, press on."

Afterward, a group of students and campus ministers brought 33 white prayer flags from the dorm to the school's War Memorial Chapel. They placed the flags in front of the campus landmark and adorned them with pastel-colored ribbons as the Beatles' song "The Long and Winding Road" played through loudspeakers.

"You could choose to either be sad, or cheer up a little and continue the regular routine," said student Juan Carlos Ugarte, 22. "Right now, I think all of us need to cheer up."

Ugarte, a senior from Bolivia, wrote a message on a yellow ribbon for one of the victims, Reema Samaha. "God will forever be with

you. I will always pray for you, and remember."

Andy Koch, a former roommate of the gunman, was among the many students today who remembered the shooting. "Last night, I didn't sleep much," he said.

On the main campus lawn stood a semicircle of stones — 33 chunks of locally quarried limestone to remember each of the dead.

Someone left a laminated letter at Cho's stone, along with a lit purple candle.

"Cho, you greatly underestimated our strength, courage and compassion. You have broken our hearts, but you have not broken our spirits. We are stronger and prouder than ever. I have never been more proud to be a Hokie. Love, in the end, will always prevail. Erin J."

University officials were not sure how many students planned to be back today. Virginia Tech is allowing students to drop classes without penalty or to accept their current grades if they want to spend the rest of the year at their parents' homes grieving last week's campus massacre.

But whatever decisions they make academically, many students say they will do their mourning on campus — and that they can't imagine staying away now.

Students began returning to campus as police continued their investigation. State Police investigators still had not connected Cho to his victims but were reviewing data, including Cho's computer files, looking for such a connection.



AMY ROH/Tribune

Brad Anderson, 12, Hastings Troop 125, eats pears from a meal-ready-to-eat pouch during the Boy Scouts Spring Camporee Saturday at the National Guard Training Site.

Scouts: Boys get glimpse into Guard life

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"They're doing everything from using night goggles to learning about maintenance of vehicles, camouflaging, how to line up and march properly, land navigation, basic first aid, and lots of other different things," said Stephen Becker, senior district executive for the Pony Express District, which includes troops from Adams, Clay, Nuckolls, Webster, Franklin, and Kearney counties. "The scouts are learning leadership skills all during the year, but here they are seeing young leaders who are a little older than them really being leaders for our country. It's a good example for them to follow."

Matt Johnson, 16, a seventh-year scout from Troop 182 in Clay Center, said he had trouble sleeping in his tent Friday night because of the high winds that blew throughout the evening. Even so, he was intrigued by what he had seen and heard as of late Saturday morning.

"Basically, we're learning about all the Army stuff, check-

ing out some equipment and doing some fun things," he said. "Right now, we're checking out some Humvees and doing some maintenance checks. It's a lot of fun."

His favorite activity through Saturday was learning how to use the guard's night vision goggles.

Although he has no ambition to embark on a military career, he nevertheless was glad to have obtained "some knowledge of what our troops do," he said.

Aaron Hemberger, 13, of Troop 125 in Hastings, said he wasn't sure what to expect when he arrived on base Friday night.

Neither his anxiousness nor the breeze-filled evening had any effect on his ability to sleep, however. In fact, his unexpected equipment retrieval may have played into his good night's sleep.

"We almost lost the tent bag that we put the tent in," he said. "I had to go chase after it. I didn't wake up at all, afterwards."

A potential Air Force recruit,



AMY ROH/Tribune

Douglas Johnson, 11, pretends to have a broken arm as John Reining, 12, makes a splint during a first-aid session of the Boy Scouts Spring Camporee on Saturday at the National Guard Training Site near Hastings.

he said he enjoyed everything from the MRE (Meals Ready to Eat) to a search for hidden tunnels with night-vision goggles. "It's been fun," he said. "I'm hoping that I can learn some military skills and everything they do."

Tyson Coble, 26, scoutmaster of Troop 125 in Hastings, said

he hoped the Camporee was an enjoyable and insightful experience for his troop.

"I just hope they have a lot of fun and learn something about the Guard," he said.

"The Guard values and Scout values go together."

Denmark: Pair meets in Nebraska, goes to Minden prom together

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For Jensen, the highlights were too numerous to pick just one.

"We had a really good time together," she said Sunday. "First, I went to his house and took a lot of pictures. Then, we went to the high school and had dinner, which was really good. Then we went to the Opera House in Minden for the dance. It was so pretty."

"Then we went to post-prom. They had a comedian, and he was really good. Then we went to some friends' houses and didn't get home until 5:30 or 6 in the morning. So I'm pretty tired today. I'm sure he is, too."

That the two managed to hit it off so famously didn't seem to strike either one as particularly unusual.

"We have a lot in common," Jensen said. "We both like America and go to high school over here. We both like sports. I did basket-

ball here, and he participated in football and is doing track. And he likes to travel, just like I do."

"I like her personality and how she talks," Lydixsen said. "She has a different accent than me. I was really excited to meet her. She's really cute and really sweet."

Jensen said that as memorable as the evening was, she is now a bit sad that it seemed to slip by so quickly.

"That's my last prom, unfortunately," she said. "It was better than I expected it to be. We had awesome fun."

Both say they plan to stay in touch when they return to their homeland in May.

Lydixsen said he anticipates spending some additional quality time with Jensen before then.

"I think we definitely will meet again and hang out," he said. "We've already been talking about that. We talked a lot. We clicked right away."

VA allows Wiccans to place symbols on grave markers

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The Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — The Wiccan pentacle has been added to the list of emblems allowed in national cemeteries and on government-issued headstones of fallen soldiers, according to a settlement announced today.

A settlement between the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and Wiccans adds the five-pointed star to the list of "emblems of belief" allowed on VA grave markers.

Eleven families nationwide are waiting for grave markers with the pentacle, said Selena Fox, a Wiccan high priestess with Circle Sanctuary in Barneveld, Wis., a plaintiff in

the lawsuit.

The settlement calls for the pentacle, whose five points represent earth, air, fire, water and spirit, to be placed on grave markers within 14 days for those who have pending requests with the VA.

"I am glad this has ended in success in time to get markers for Memorial Day," Fox said.

The VA sought the settlement in the interest of the families involved and to save taxpayers the expense of further litigation, VA spokesman Matt Burns said. The agency also agreed to pay \$225,000 in attorneys' fees and costs.

The pentacle has been added to 38 symbols the VA already permits on gravestones.

Jury finds S.C. man not guilty of assaulting girls in dungeon

MEG KINNARD

The Associated Press

DARLINGTON, S.C. — A jury has found a convicted sex offender accused of raping two teen girls in an underground bunker not guilty of kidnapping, sex crimes and assault with intent to kill.

Kenneth Glenn Hinson, 48, wiped his eyes and mouth and appeared to cry after the jury read its verdict, which followed about four hours of deliberations over two days.

Authorities had charged that Hinson snatched the then-17-year-old girls from their bedroom and dragged them one at a time to the underground room hidden beneath a tool shed, where he raped and bound them with duct tape. Prosecutors said Hinson expected the girls to die because the room had no air supply.

However, Hinson testified during the six-day trial that the girls had consensual sex with him.

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Grocery stores going green

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The Associated Press

OVELAND, Ohio —

Grocery shoppers at the new Kroger store in this eastern Cincinnati suburb are bathed in sunlight from 75 skylights in rows overlooking the aisles.

It's the most noticeable among many features aimed at reducing energy use by the nation's largest traditional grocery store chain. The store also has compact fluorescent lights that require less electricity and last 10 times longer than traditional bulbs. Motion detectors help shut off lights when areas are vacated. The store recycles exhaust to heat water, uses more-efficient plastic fans instead of metal ones, and has concrete floors that can be cleaned with water instead of chemicals used for tile.

The grocery business is getting greener, led by new initiatives from chains such as Kroger Co., Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Tesco PLC. They're part of a broad range of businesses, including giants such as General Electric Co., General Motors Corp. and Exxon Mobil Corp., are reacting to increasing public concern about energy issues.

The trend is particularly noticeable among grocery stores, a regular stop for American shoppers. Kroger, with nearly 2,500 stores in 31 states, says 40 percent of all American households have one of its shopper loyalty cards.

For grocers, energy savings are part of a critical effort to cut costs and deal with tighter profit margins as Wal-Mart and other discounters build up their grocery aisles.

The efforts make financial and public relations sense, environmentalists say on the eve of Sunday's annual Earth Day activities.



DAVID KOHL/AP

A shopper looks at frozen foods in an aisle inside a Kroger's store April 4, in Loveland, Ohio. The prototype Kroger store displays signs where several energy-saving features are being used inside the store.

"Given our size, we have a certain amount of responsibility to the environment and to being a good citizen," said Rodney McMullen, Kroger's vice chairman. "We take everything we save with the energy reductions and we reinvest it with the customer ... in lower prices or in improved service."

Kroger, which had \$66 billion in 2006 revenues, says energy consumption is down 20 percent since 2000 thanks to efforts ranging from new, more-efficient technology to pushing common sense steps like turning lights off when not needed. Company officials say it's hard to state a total financial savings because energy prices have been rising, but estimate it at tens of millions of dollars.

Dave Hamilton, director of the Sierra Club's global warming and energy program, said grocers, with many power needs such as refrigeration, can help their images while saving money.

"Kroger and Wal-Mart and others who are making these changes are definitely winning on the bottom line as well as starting to have something to show customers that they are doing the things we need to do," Hamilton said. He said the chains have also increased organic food offerings because of customer demand.

Wal-Mart this year has opened what it calls "High-Efficiency Supercenter" stores in Kansas City, Mo., and Rockton, Ill., that use 20

percent less energy than typical grocery-selling supercenters by using innovations in heating, cooling, water, lighting and construction materials. The Bentonville, Ark.-based retailer's chief executive, Lee Scott, said in a February speech that it will work with suppliers to cut the use of fossil fuels, adding to company environmental goals that Scott has said let Wal-Mart "do well while doing good."

Some suburban shoppers said if stores can go green and save them some green at the same time, they're for it.

"The lighting seems better in this store; I've always been a fan of skylights," Don Nickley said while loading his push cart with food here on a recent afternoon.

Mortgage rates fall to 6.17 percent

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The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Rates on 30-year mortgages edged down for the first time in six weeks as investors saw evidence that inflation is not getting out of hand.

In its weekly survey, mortgage giant Freddie Mac reported Thursday that 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages averaged 6.17 percent this week.

That was down from 6.22 percent last week and marked the first decline in the 30-year rate since it dropped in early March to 6.14 percent, the lowest level for this year.

Analysts attributed this week's slight decline to the latest reports on inflation, which showed few price pressures outside of energy.

"Excluding food and energy, the core inflation rate for consumer prices rose 2.5 percent year-over-year, the smallest annual growth since May 2006," said Frank Nothaft, chief economist at Freddie Mac.

Nothaft said that the low mortgage rates that have prevailed so far in 2007 may be helping to stabilize the housing market, which saw sales and construction activity fall sharply last year.

The government reported earlier this week that construction of new homes and apartments rose for a second straight month in March, although some analysts cautioned against reading too much into the rebound, given that much of the strength came from warmer-than-normal weather.

Other mortgage rates also fell this week, Freddie Mac said in its nationwide survey.

Rates on 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular choice for refinancing, dipped to 5.89 percent, down from 5.90 percent last week.

The mortgage rates do not include add-on fees known as points. Thirty-year and 15-year mortgages both carried a nationwide average fee of 0.5 point. Five-year adjustable-rate mortgages carried an average fee of 0.6 point while one-year ARMs carried a fee of 0.7 point.

A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages stood at 6.53 percent while 15-year mortgages were at 6.17 percent. Five-year adjustable-rate mortgages averaged 6.16 percent and one-year adjustable-rate mortgages were at 5.63 percent.

Government helping wipe out microscopic potato pest

TODD DVORAK

The Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho —

Federal aid is on the way to help Idaho potato growers battle a microscopic worm discovered last year that caused four countries to ban fresh U.S. potato imports.

Last week, Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns approved \$10.7 million in emergency funding to help growers eradicate the potato cyst nematode. The pest is not considered harmful to humans, but can shrink yields by as much as 80 percent.

"This is huge for the Idaho potato industry and specifically for our growers," said Frank Muir, president of the Idaho

Potato Commission. "This is exactly what we needed."

The worm was initially discovered during routine testing last April in a field in southeastern Idaho. Additional testing led to a quarantine on six nearby fields, an area spanning about 10,000 acres.

After the initial discovery, all fresh U.S. potato imports were banned by Japan, followed by South Korea, Canada and Mexico. The discovery and market bans alarmed growers and industry leaders in Idaho, the nation's leading potato producer.

Idaho farmers grow about one-third of all the potatoes in the United States. In 2005, the most recent year figures are

available, the state produced 12.5 billion pounds of potatoes worth about \$700 million to farmers.

The federal money will be used to inject a pesticide in the soil of restricted fields, which will then be covered with plastic, creating a layer of intense heat that researchers hope will wipe out the worm. The strategy was developed in January by a team of scientists from around the world.

The regimen may have to be repeated for as long as six years before the worm is eliminated, said Mike Cooper, deputy administrator at the Idaho Department of Agriculture.

"The big thing is we feel like

we've caught this early enough and isolated it to give us a good chance at getting rid of it," Cooper said. "If we'd have caught it later we'd be going down some different roads right now."

Scientists say the worm does not embed itself inside the tuber, but instead feeds on vines and roots, draining valuable nutrients and stunting plant growth.

Last fall, Johanns authorized \$13 million in emergency spending for testing, enabling researchers to analyze more than 38,000 soil samples from across the state.

The swift reaction and eradication strategy has helped ease concerns abroad, officials

say. Earlier this year, Canada and Mexico lifted bans on fresh potatoes, and Idaho growers recently delivered 10 truckloads to Mexico, Muir said.

Japan remains closed to fresh potatoes, but accepts frozen products. Exports to South Korea are complicated by trade issues, Muir said.

"It hurt us in that these four markets shut down immediately," Muir said. "But overall, it's hard to say if there was a net loss because we managed to redirect those potatoes domestically."

Officials say another round of testing for the nematode has already started in some fields across the state.

Ex-Qwest CEO Nacchio convicted on 19 counts

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The Associated Press

DENVER — In the latest in a series of convictions against corporate executives, one-time CEO Joe Nacchio was found guilty of illegally selling \$52 million in stock amid an accounting scandal that nearly sank Qwest Communications.

Nacchio left the federal courthouse with his wife and son Michael after Thursday's verdict, declining to comment yet determined to appeal the 19 insider trading convictions, each of which carries a sentence of up to 10 years in prison and a \$1 million fine.

Nacchio is one of a handful of former Qwest executives who have been convicted of criminal charges stemming from a multi-billion-dollar scandal that forced the Denver-based telecommunications company to restate \$2.2 billion of revenue.

He also is the latest to be convicted as part of the government's push to punish white-collar executives stemming from accounting fraud at companies from Enron to WorldCom.

"The government has another notch in their belt," Houston securities lawyer Tom Ajamie said. "They've had a tremendous winning streak in these corporate crime cases."

The government accused Nacchio of selling \$101 million in stock in 42 transactions from

January to May 2001 based on non-public information that the company faced financial risk and used one-time sales to meet revenue projections.

A former Qwest finance chief and former president were among government witnesses who described warnings they gave Nacchio late in 2000 about his revenue targets, which forecast growth of up to 17 percent despite aggressive competition and a weakening economy.

In early April 2001, Qwest released financial results indicating it had met its quarterly objectives, but Nacchio did not mention the huge amount of revenue from one-time sales used to achieve the goals.

The jury acquitted Nacchio of all 23 insider trading counts involving sales before April 2001 but convicted him on 19 counts tied to sales of 1.33 million shares for \$52 million in gross proceeds from April 26 to May 29, 2001.

"It was a very thoughtful verdict. They saw at some point that Joe Nacchio knew what investors didn't and chose to profit from it," lead prosecutor Cliff Stricklin said, adding that the government plans to seek prison time for Nacchio.

"Convicted felon Joe Nacchio has a very nice ring to it," boasted Troy Eid, the U.S. attorney for Colorado.

During the trial, Nacchio's

attorneys claimed he was optimistic about the company's future and that he was required to sell stock under the terms of his employment contract.

They decided against introducing evidence that Nacchio was alone among Qwest executives who knew the company could receive lucrative contracts from clandestine government agencies.

Instead, they chose to put on just three witnesses. Two, including Qwest founder Phil Anschutz, testified that Nacchio wanted to resign in January 2001 to be in New Jersey with his family. The third, a Northwestern University professor, testified about Nacchio's pattern of stock sales.

Defense attorney Herbert Stern declined to comment after the verdict except to say he planned to appeal the decision.

U.S. District Judge Edward Nottingham set a July 27 sentencing date for Nacchio, who is free on \$2 million bail. Nacchio also could be required to forfeit the \$52 million in proceeds tied to the convictions, but that will be determined by the judge at sentencing.

The Justice Department has gone after a number of corporate executives in cases involving accounting and fraud scandals in the late 1990s and 2000 that sparked outrage among investors.

Former Cendant Corp. Chairman Walter Forbes is serving more than 12 years in prison and has been ordered to pay \$3.28 billion in restitution. He was convicted of conspiracy to commit securities fraud and other charges in a massive fraud scheme that cost the travel and real estate company and its investors more than \$3 billion.

The criminal case against Nacchio stemmed from a years-long government investigation into an accounting scandal at Qwest Communications International Inc., a primary telephone service provider in 14 mostly Western states.

Markets

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Soybeans	6.35
Milo	3.07
Wheat	4.77

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Alltel	61.31	-59
BN Santa Fe	93.82	-25
Berkshire Hathaway A	109,500	0.00
Berkshire Hathaway B	3,640.00	+12.00
ConAgra	25.12	+08
Eaton Corp.	38.13	+106
Ingersoll Rand	45.75	+34
Kinder Morgan	107.26	-08
Level 3	6.12	0.00
McDonald's	48.69	+33
PepsiCo	66.81	+16
TierOne	25.08	-46
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Eight-year-old Hannah Fleischer placed first in the second-grade competition at the Adams County Spelling Bee. She is the daughter of Wade and Jennifer Fleischer, of Glenvil, and the granddaughter of Janice Baird, of Clay Center, and the late Dan Baird. She attends Zion Lutheran School in Hastings.



Grandma Marian wasn't here so Grandpa Lee, of Hastings, had to step up to the plate to show off these two new granddaughters. Allison Jean was born on St. Patrick's Day to Dan and Renee Saathoff, of Trumbull, and Erin Lynn was born to Doug and Gail Saathoff, of Trumbull, two days later on March 19. They were introduced to each other at Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital.



Kaila, Allison, Tasia, Murphy and Jaiden, all of Troop No. 424, had a great time at the Hastings' Children's Museum March 17 for Brownie Playday.



Five Nebraska fourth-grade students were named winners of the Severe Weather Awareness poster contest. Pictured from left: Sydney Saathoff, of Wymore, second place; Shelby Garton, of Beatrice, fourth place; Gov. Dave Heineman; Krista Johnson, of Clay Center, first place; and Rachel Shackelford, of Clay Center, third place. Not pictured is Morgan Messersmith, of Wallace, fifth place.



Congratulations to Francis Brophy, formerly of Harvard. He is pictured giving his 30th gallon of blood on March 8. He has given blood since he was in the Air Force in the 1950s. For the last five years, he has driven to Hastings every 58 days to give his blood donation.



Even Rudolph isn't safe on Highway 74 south of Hastings. Looks like two of those shots might have been fatal! Vandals, I think, not sportsmen.



Rep. Adrian Smith, R-Neb., met with students from Kenesaw Public School on the steps of the Cannon House Office building. They visited Washington, D.C., and met with members of the Nebraska congressional delegation as part of the Close Up Foundation.

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Longhorns win final two games to take series

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LINCOLN — On Friday night, Nebraska's baseball team said it made a statement.

On Saturday and Sunday at Haymarket Park, the Huskers (23-17, 8-10 Big 12) were far from making any positive statement, losing to No. 4 Texas 8-4 Saturday and 6-2 Sunday after Tony Watson's shutout Friday night. In fact it was the Longhorns (33-12, 14-4) who made the statement over the weekend, that they're one of the top-five teams in the country and the best in the Big 12. "It's pretty disappointing," NU junior outfielder Andy Gerch said. "This

one, we kind of felt like we let get away. We came out on Friday and played really well. For the next two days, we just couldn't put anything together. To start a weekend off such a great way and then not be able to come through was really disappointing."

In Sunday's game, the Huskers failed to score after the first inning as just one runner reach second base in the final eight innings. On Saturday as a season-high 8,656 fans packed Haymarket Park for the fourth largest crowd in school history, Nebraska didn't record a hit in the final six innings as the Husker batters struck out 12 times while the NU pitchers issued five walks.

Sunday starter Joseph Krebs gave up two unearned runs to the Huskers in the first inning but shut out Nebraska the rest of the way before leaving with one out in the seventh inning after taking a 4-2 lead through the first three innings.

"I don't want diminish what (Krebs) did by saying I thought we had too much of an individualized approach," NU coach Mike Anderson said. "You're not going to win games when you individualize. We've got to be disciplined, hitting line drives and groundballs (and) taking pitches. We did not do that."

Gerch, who had three of the Huskers' five hits Sunday, said the

Husker batters tried to do too much in the series' finale.

"People wanted to come up with the big hit and they wanted to make a difference, but I think we just went about it in the wrong way," Gerch said. "Instead of hitting singles and doubles, we were trying to hit it out of the ballpark."

Defensively for Nebraska, the key play came in Texas' four-run second inning. With two outs and two runners, Jordan Danks hit a line drive to second. The Huskers' Jake Opitz leaped into the air to make the catch, but the ball hit off his glove and went into the outfield. One run scored on the play as the Longhorns went on to score three

more in the inning to take a 6-2 lead.

"I thought the ball should have been caught," Anderson said. "That was disappointing. No doubt, (Opitz should have caught it). You just can't do that against a good team."

Opitz agreed. "It cost us four runs. It was the difference in the game," said Opitz, who went 1-for-10 at the plate over the three-game series. "It was a play I should have made. It's not a routine play, but it's a play you've got to make."

"If you give a team like Texas or any good team extra outs, they'll make you pay for it."

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Coach excited about team's progress

INJURIES PUT SLIGHT DAMPER ON HASTINGS COLLEGE SPRING GAME

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After being rescheduled to later in the day because of the weather forecast, the Hastings College football team wrapped up its spring season with its annual scrimmage Sunday at Lloyd Wilson Field.

The game, which was originally slated for 1 p.m., was moved back to 5:30 because of the threat of storms — which never materialized. Nevertheless, the Broncos battled the strong winds that swept across the central part of the state all day in their final performance of the spring in front of an estimated 200 fans.

The scrimmage was also cut short because of two key injuries — to starting offensive tackle Adam Welch and wide receiver Maurice Mansfield. The condition of both players was not available after the game.

The game was originally scheduled to run 16 series, but wrapped up after the completion of the 11th.

"All in all, I'm really pleased with the way things went," HC coach Paul Mierkiewicz said about the completion of the spring practices. "I'm concerned about a couple guys who got banged up, but we made it through injury free for the most part. We got some great effort from the guys and I think a lot of them really established what their roles are going to be on this



AMY ROH/Tribune

Above: Wide receiver Jordan Folkers makes a touchdown reception against Tim Haug during the Hastings College spring scrimmage Sunday at Lloyd Wilson Field. Top left: Quarterback Jordan Reed looks to pass. Top middle: Quarterback Dayton Edwards fakes a handoff to runningback Dan Bargen. Top right: Wide receiver Ben Kuhlman tries to break free from defensive back Adam Loftis.

football team next season."

The team showcased its top two quarterbacks in Sunday's scrimmage — Jordan Reed and transfer Dayton Edwards — who are battling it out for starting supremacy

this coming fall. And both showed their abilities in guiding the Bronco offense.

Edwards finished 10-for-18 passing for 163 yards with one touchdown. The Medocino Community

College transfer guided the offense on three scoring drives, which included a 27-yard scoring strike to receiver Jordan Folkers on the eighth series.

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HC women's tennis can't overtake Wesleyan

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The Hastings College women's tennis team had hopes of taking over the Great Plains Athletic Conference lead Saturday, but one team stood in its way — Nebraska Wesleyan.

The Broncos started the day off right, defeating Midland Lutheran 9-0 and inching their way to within a half-game out of first.

But, the afternoon proved to be a different story as the Prairie Wolves (6-11, 6-0 GPAC) defeated the Broncos 8-1 to remain undefeated in conference play.

"I thought we could have gotten a couple of matches from (Nebraska Wesleyan)," HC assistant coach Mike Hogan said. "We did not play well. I thought we could have gotten a doubles win and a pair of singles wins."

Despite the loss and the win against Midland Lutheran, the Broncos (9-5, 6-2 GPAC) assured themselves a spot in the conference/Region III tournament May 4. Only the top four teams in the conference get to move on to the tournament.

"We still have a lot of work to do," Hogan said. "We are working hard, but we have to get ready for Doane on Thursday and the regional tournament."

Against Midland Lutheran, a couple of firsts happened for the Broncos.

Tassi Herrick, who was 0-12 at No. 1 singles competition, won her first match by defeating Chris Kanuch 6-1, 6-3.

Then Alexia Spencer won her first tiebreaker by defeating Trisha Abbe 4-6, 6-0 (10-3) in No. 2 singles.

Besides Spencer, the Broncos got a come-from-behind victory from Stacy Fausse at No. 4 singles.

"I thought we played well against Midland," Hogan said. "The wind was a factor, but we played through it and prevailed."

In the Nebraska Wesleyan match, the Broncos won one singles competition as Kelly Hogan defeated Mikaela Caudill 6-4, 6-1 at No. 3 singles.

The Broncos almost had a doubles win, but the No. 1 team of Herrick and Spencer gave up a 5-2 lead on the way to losing the tiebreaker 7-3.

GPAC player of the week Stephanie Larson went 1-1 at No. 6 singles Saturday, as she defeated Midland's Marcy Lieneman 6-1, 6-1 and lost to Wesleyan's Becca Brown 6-3, 6-4.

"She played well last week, even though she got a couple of losses," Hogan said. "She has been steadily improving, and we have high hopes that she will do well in the conference tournament."

The Broncos end their regular season with a match at Doane on Thursday.

MEN'S TENNIS

The Bronco men were to play Midland Lutheran Saturday in their final home match of the season. However, Midland didn't have enough players to compete so the Broncos won their second conference match of the season 9-0.

HC will close out the season Wednesday against Doane in Crete.

Hastings College 9, Midland Lutheran 0

- Singles**
No. 1 — Tassi Herrick, HC, def. Chris Kanuch, ML; 6-1, 6-3.
No. 2 — Alexia Spencer, HC, def. Trisha Abbe, ML; 4-6, 6-0, 10-3.
No. 3 — Kelly Hogan, HC, def. Chere Smith, ML; 6-0, 6-2.
No. 4 — Stacy Fausset, HC, def. Lexi Larsen, ML; 4-6, 7-6, 10-6.
No. 5 — Katie Armstrong, HC, def. Karen Kanuch, ML; 6-1, 6-2.
No. 6 — Stephanie Larson, HC, def. Marcy Lieneman, ML; 6-1, 6-1.

- Doubles**
No. 1 — Herrick/Spencer, HC, def. Chris Kanuch/Larsen, ML; 8-6.
No. 2 — Hogan/Fausset, HC, def. Abbe/Lieneman, ML; 8-6.
No. 3 — Amber Pierce/Mikki Hohm, HC, def. Ali Fuerst/Smith, ML; 8-6.

Nebraska Wesleyan 8, Hastings College 1

- Singles**
No. 1 — Lauren Pfister, NW, def. Tassi Herrick, HC; 6-3, 6-2.
No. 2 — Mikayla Albin, NW, def. Alexia Spencer, HC; 6-0, 6-3.
No. 3 — Kelly Hogan, HC, def. Mikaela Caudill, NW; 6-4, 6-1.
No. 4 — Alexie Yeagley, NW, def. Stacy Fausset, HC; 6-4, 6-2.
No. 5 — Lori Zoucha, NW, def. Mikayla Albin, NW; 6-1, 6-2.
No. 6 — Becca Brown, NW, def. Stephanie Larson, HC; 6-3, 6-4.

- Doubles**
No. 1 — Pfister/Albin, NW, def. Herrick/Spencer, HC; 9-8 (7-3).
No. 2 — Caudill/Brown, NW, def. Hogan/Fausset, HC; 8-2.
No. 3 — Yeagley/Natalie Brooks, NW, def. Amber Pierce/Mikki Hohm, HC; 8-2.

Storm rallies to even series with Sioux City

TRI-CITY SCORES
FOUR GOALS
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KEARNEY — The Tri-City Storm hockey team trailed 2-0 after two periods Saturday at the FirstTier Event Center until Aaron Marvin scored the first of four Storm goals, leading the Storm to a 4-3 victory over Sioux City in game two of the first round of the USHL West Division playoffs.

Marvin's goal 59 seconds into the third period broke a scoreless streak of 158 minutes and 12 seconds that Musketeer goaltender Jerry Kuhn had against the Storm, dating back to the final regular season contest between the two teams on March 16.

"It is big that we got to him," Storm coach Bliss Littler said. "We just needed a goal to break that goose egg. (Kuhn) has a lot of confidence. You could see it the way he was skating down there. Sometimes, he came out to the bottom of the circles."

Said Storm forward Alex Hudson about Marvin's goal: "That might have



been the biggest goal of the season."

As Marvin stood in front of the net, his linemates, Jordan Willert and Nick Oslund, were able to work the puck there and Marvin banged a rebound past Kuhn to cut the Storm deficit to 2-1.

"It was a lot of work by my linemates," Marvin said. "I was just standing in the right place at the right time. All the credit goes to them."

The Storm had controlled the play for the second consecutive night, but once again were held scoreless going into the third period.

"I thought we were really good the whole game," Littler said. "I thought we were good in the first period, even better in the second and got into the locker room and said, 'Sometimes



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Above: Tri-City's Alex Hudson makes a run for the goal in the second period of the first-round playoff game Saturday at the FirstTier Event Center. Left: Tri-City players celebrate a goal in the third period.

things aren't fair in hockey, but if we are going to hang our heads and pout, it is going end up just like (Friday.) We

deserve a better fate than that.' We just had to keep on working."

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Auto Racing

NASCAR-Subway Fresh Fit 500 Results

Table with 3 columns: Rank, Driver, Time. Lists top 40 drivers including Jeff Gordon, Tony Stewart, Matt Kenseth.

Point Standings

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Baseball

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Miami vs. Chicago

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WESTERN CONFERENCE

Dallas vs. Golden State. Sunday, April 22: Golden State 97, Dallas 85.

Phoenix vs. L.A. Lakers

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San Antonio vs. Denver

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GPAC

Softball

Hastings 9-13, Sioux Falls 3(4-6). Hastings leads series 1-0.

Baseball

Monte Marty 7-4, Hastings 2(3-11). Hastings leads series 1-0.

Women's Tennis

Briar Cliff 5, Sioux Falls 4. Hastings leads series 1-0.

Hockey

NHL Playoff Results

First Round (Best-of-7). Buffalo vs. N.Y. Islanders. Buffalo 4, Islanders 3.

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Tribland

MONDAY

College baseball: Hastings College at Dana... 1 p.m. College men's golf: HC at GPAC Championships at Sioux Falls, S.D. ... 9:56 a.m.

TUESDAY

U.S.H. hockey: Tri-City Storm at Sioux City Musketeers... 7:05 p.m. College men's golf: HC at GPAC Championships at Sioux Falls, S.D. ... 9 a.m.

Monday's TV broadcasts

Arena Football 6:30 p.m., Philadelphia at Columbus. Baseball 6 p.m., New York Yankees at Tampa Bay.

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Baseball 6:35 p.m., Chicago White Sox at Kansas City. 6:35 p.m., Chicago White Sox at Kansas City.

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At McCool Junction. Late Models. 1. Chad Hummer; 2. 5x Mike Manshak; 3. 6 Allen "AP" Humphrey; 4. 6m Heath Clausen; 5. 10 Jay Stewart; 6. 27 Wade Wagenblast; 7. 28 Zach Reicks; 8. 4 Brent Jochum; 9. 27 Jeff Timmermans; 6. 02w Mike Oswald; 7. 21c Brent Kassi; 8. 67 Dan Verner; 9. 12s Todd Slama; 10. 00 John Schmidt; 11. 70 Levi Gunn; 12. 2 Jeremy Timmermans; 13. 52 Tyler Espenstam. Holiday Inn 4 Cylinder Front Wheel Drive. 1. 61 Chuck Wergin; 2. 15 Sam Wagner; 3. 6 Heath Erdler; 4. 8 Clinton Baker; 5. 10T Troy Hoffmann; 6. 26 Michael Vesky; 7. 99 Ryan Pedersen; 8. 50 Andy Slocum. Two Person Cruisers. 1. 42b Greg Exler; 2. 99 John Miller; 3. 63J Vic Jacobitz; 30s Jacoby; 4. 22 John Vester; 5. 68 Stacy Orlando; 6. 77 Ken Barry; 7. 8 J Edward Egan; 8. 21 Dustin Nunemkamp; 9. 15w Justin Carr; 10. 11 Bill Lewis; 11. 11w Jim Austin.

State

CHADRON STATE HIRES NEW COACH

CHADRON — Mike Maloney, girls coach at Greybl, Wyo., the past four years, was named head women's basketball coach at Chadron State today. Maloney, 40, previously was head coach at Briar Cliff College in Sioux City, Iowa, and an assistant at Wayne State College. Maloney was Wyoming's Class 4A high school player of the year for Gillette High in 1984-85. He played college basketball at North Iowa Community College and Black Hills State. He replaces Tom Andersen, whose team lost 25 of 27 games last season.

Nation

GORDON ENDS VICTORY DROUGHT

AVONDALE, Ariz. — A little luck helped Jeff Gordon to a historic win Saturday night at Phoenix International Raceway. The four-time NASCAR champion tied the late Dale Earnhardt for sixth place on the career victory list with 76, winning for the first time since last July. After ending the 26-race victory drought, Gordon stepped on the front straightaway to pick up the black, red and white Earnhardt flag, holding it proudly out the window for his slow victory lap as the big crowd paid homage to both Gordon and seven-time champion Earnhardt. Maloney was Wyoming's Class 4A high school player of the year for Gillette High in 1984-85. He played college basketball at North Iowa Community College and Black Hills State. He replaces Tom Andersen, whose team lost 25 of 27 games last season.

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Transaction

Baseball

American League. CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Placed INF Alex Contreras on the bereavement list. Recalled INF Andy Gonzalez from Charlotte (IL).

Baseball

Los Angeles Angels — Activated RHP Bartolo Colon from the 15-day DL. Recalled LHP Jeff Saunders to Salt Lake (UT).

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HC Softball

The Hastings College softball team extended its winning streak to a season-high five games Saturday, sweeping a doubleheader with the Sioux Falls. HC won 9-3 and 13-4. With the wins, the Broncos improved to 16-17 on the season and 9-9 in GPAC play. Amanda Crocker picked up the win in the first game, allowing one earned run on nine hits over seven innings. Sarah Milne earned the win in game two. Hastings pounded out 29 hits in the two games, led by Kayla Peltz' seven hits in the doubleheader.

HC Baseball

Catcher Emily Weborg and Whitney King each honored for the Broncos in game one and shortstop Ashley Diehm went deep in the nightcap. Hastings is alone in eighth place in the GPAC standings and will host Midland Lutheran on Tuesday.

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PGA Tour-Zurich Classic of New Orleans Results

Table with 3 columns: Player, Score, Par. Lists top 10 players including Nick Watney, Ken Duke, Anthony Kim.

Tribrid roundup

Blair. The Broncos enter today's games with a 13-30 overall record and a 6-10 mark in the GPAC. The Broncos are in ninth place in the conference, one game behind Nebraska Wesleyan, with six conference games left.

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NU: Huskers drop series to No. 4 Longhorns

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Starter Matt Foust, who has pitched in eight of the Huskers' past 11 games, gave up all six runs — five of which were earned — in 1 2/3 innings pitched.

Luke Wertz got the final out of the inning, allowing two inherited runners

to score, and finished the game for the Huskers, allowing four hits and no runs over 7 1/3 innings to increase his scoreless-inning streak to 14 2/3 innings.

Anderson didn't say Wertz for sure would be Nebraska's new Sunday starter, but the coach did say the junior right-hander is creating an oppor-

tunity for himself.

There was a 40-minute rain delay after the second inning but it did little to slow down Krebs, who improved to 5-0 on the season with the longest outing of his career.

With Sunday's loss, Nebraska drops to sixth in the Big 12 standings. The

Huskers are 3 1/2 games out of second place and only 1 1/2 out of fourth but aren't far ahead of ninth-place Baylor, which is 7-11 in Big 12 play. Only the top eight teams qualify for the league tournament.

"Nine games left (in conference play) — with this league, there's a lot of

teams that are around where we're at," Anderson said. "If we look at that as disappointment, we've made a big mistake. We've got nine games left in conference. And if we take care of business, we're not out of position to be in the top of this conference when it's all said and done."

Storm: Tri-City rallies with four third-period goals

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Hudson capped the scoring with the game-winner with 2:37 remaining in the game after taking a pass up the boards at center ice from Cameron Cooper and went in 3-on-1 where he skated to the middle of the ice and sent a wrist shot past Kuhn on the short side.

"When I got the puck and spun around, I saw it was a (3-on-1)," Hudson said. "(Storm starting goaltender Ian) Kesperich has been telling me all week to shoot blocker, so all I was thinking about was shooting blocker and it worked out good for me."

Storm defenseman Tommy Mannino tied the game just more than two minutes later with a shot from the corner to the front of the net that rebounded in off Kuhn.

The Storm took its first lead of the series after Sioux City forward Blake Martin slashed a Storm player to give the Storm a power play.

Cooper's shot from the point just less than one minute into the power play was deflected by Matt Ambroz over the shoulder of Kuhn at the 10:08 mark of the third period.



AMY ROH/Tribune

Tri-City's Jesse Martin battles Sioux City's Blake Martin in the second period of their USHL West Division first-round playoff game Saturday at the Firstier Event Center. Right: Tri-City's Brett Wysopal tries to gain control of the puck against Sioux City's Matt Crandell in the control period.

The Storm nearly took a 4-2 lead midway through the period when Calle Ridderwall intercepted a pass at the Musketeer blueline and sent a slap shot off the side of Kuhn's leg while he was turned around, thinking the play was over.

USHL player of the year Phil DeSimone scored his second

goal of the game and fourth of the series with 4:05 remaining to tie the game 3-3.

"They're a good hockey team," Hudson said. "We didn't panic on the bench. If we had to go to overtime, we would have. We showed some composure and handled it well."

Aaron Rock stopped nine



shots in the third period, including a pass that was intended for a Musketeer player that was wide open on the backdoor for the win. Rock entered the game after Littler pulled Kesperich after two periods.

"I was just trying to change a little puck luck," Littler said about the goaltending change.

"I didn't think (Kesperich) played bad at all."

DeSimone's first goal and Blake Martin's first-period goal were both on the power play to give the Musketeers the 2-0 lead going into the third period.

The Storm picked up its physical play with the Musketeers without their best defenseman,

Mike Beck, who is out with a knee injury he suffered late in the regular season.

"We know they are short on (defensemen). It is something we wanted to do last night," Littler said.

The series will continue Tuesday and Wednesday at Sioux City.

HC: Injuries put slight damper on Hastings College spring game

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Reed finished Sunday 5-for-10 passing for 42 yards and guided the offense on one scoring drive.

Mierkiewicz has not officially named a starting quarterback.

"Both Jordan and Dayton did a very nice job of delivering the football. I think we have some playmakers, we've just got to find them ways to get them the ball," Mierkiewicz said.

"To be honest, it really came down to our protection. One of the things I was concerned about in the first 14 (practices) was the way we were protecting the quarterback, but I think our guys did a really nice job. On a lot of those balls, we had a lot of time."

The offense racked up 12 plays of 10 yards or more — led by Folkers,

who tallied three of those plays. He finished with three catches for 61 yards while teammate Adam Lehner added three catches for 65 yards.

Freshman Josh Vandenberg led the rushing attack, tallying 10 carries for 59 yards and one touchdown. Dan Borgen finished with nine carries for 41 yards and one score.

Freshman kicker Bobby Butler capped the scoring with a 21-yard field goal.

Defensively, the Broncos racked up four sacks and one turnover — a fumble recovery by Trevin Stutzman. The defense also tallied two three-and-outs in the 11 total series.

Linebacker-turned-defensive lineman Brian Trader tallied two sacks, while fellow Medocino Community

College transfer Tim Haug added another sack.

"Greg Steffes (defensive lineman) spent the entire afternoon in our backfield. When he was in, we knew it. We were having a tough time getting away from him and the same thing with Brian Trader," Mierkiewicz said. "I think our guys (defensively) played pretty well. From an assignment standpoint, we looked OK. The communication was really difficult (because of the wind) and you could see that in some of the mistakes we made."

The Broncos, who are coming off back-to-back 4-6 campaigns will open the 2007 season Sept. 1 by hosting Dakota State at 6 p.m. at Lloyd Wilson Field.

HC NOTES

◆ One of the team's main concerns entering the spring was filling the vacancy at center. And, for the most part, Mierkiewicz was very pleased with the way the offensive line performed — especially Sunday. There were a handful of fumbled center-quarterback exchanges during the scrimmage, which the coach attributes much of the problems to communication from the strong blowing wind.

◆ HC's third quarterback Chris Aid did not participate in Sunday's scrimmage for an undisclosed reason.

◆ However, Aid was on the sideline in street clothes.

◆ Mierkiewicz has said all spring, the team was going to find different

ways to get speedy wideout Maurice Mansfield the ball. Sunday, Mansfield lined up in the backfield on a handful of occasions before he was injured. He tallied four carries for 15 yards and one reception for 14 yards.

◆ The offense converted on its only fourth down attempt in the scrimmage as Reed connected with freshman Calvin Pettigrew on a 14-yard completion on the fourth-and-four play during the third series.

◆ The offense wound up victorious over the defense on the scoreboard, 42-17. Points were awarded for touchdowns, plays of 25 yards or more, first downs and fourth down conversions. The defense was awarded points for three-and-out stops, turnovers and sacks.

Warriors beat top-seeded Mavs in Game 1

JAIME ARON
The Associated Press

DALLAS — Mavericks coach Avery Johnson spent days insisting he was going to counter the Golden State Warriors' small-ball attack by relying on his centers.

Warriors coach Don Nelson knew better than to believe him.

Prepared for Dallas' small lineup, Golden State handled it in the playoff opener just as well as it did in the regular season. The Warriors won 97-85 Sunday night, stretching their mastery over the Mavs to six straight games.

"It was really a super win for our team," Nelson said. "We don't expect to be world champs at the end of the playoffs, but every time we play in a high-intensity game like these are going to be, we gain experience."

Golden State's small defenders swarmed Dirk Nowitzki and pestered him into a 4-for-16 performance, and Baron Davis led the offense with 33 points, 14 rebounds and eight assists. He scored 19 points in the third quarter, holding off Dallas' best surge of the night.

"We knew if we could keep it close we could have a chance," he said. "This win gives us a lot of confidence, but (Dallas) has been to the championship and one loss is not going to affect them."

In other playoff games it was: Phoenix 95, Los Angeles 87; Cleveland 97, Washington 82; and Denver 95, San Antonio 89.

The Mavericks bowed out of the playoffs last year with four straight losses to Miami in the NBA finals. This puts them on five-game postseason losing

streak — and it means they've squandered the home-court advantage they earned by winning 67 games in the regular season, among the most in league history.

"Obviously the pressure is on us all the way," said Nowitzki, who had 14 points with 12 rebounds. "Nobody expects them to win. Shooting 35 percent on our home court won't get it done. We've got to get better shots and go from there."

Game 2 is in Dallas on Wednesday night. The intrigue already is building about whether Johnson will go back to his usual lineup featuring big man Erick Dampier or if he'll keep trying to win with the smaller guys.

"We let it get away from us," said Devean George, who started in place of Dampier. "They do things a little different, but we'll figure it out. It looked like we had four days off. We took it too lightly. We didn't have much energy."

Golden State's victory wasn't as much of an upset as a No. 8 seed beating a No. 1 seed normally is. The Warriors went 3-0 against the Mavs this season and were 3-1 against them last year, when Nelson was finishing off his 10-year run in Dallas.

Nellie did his best coaching in recent weeks, squeezing out a 9-1 finish to get Golden State into the playoffs for the first time in 13 years. Now the Warriors have their first playoff win since April 25, 1992, and their first playoff road win since May 8, 1991.

Stephen Jackson added 23 points and Jason Richardson scored 13 for Golden State.

Dallas' Josh Howard was 8-

of-21 for 21 points with 13 rebounds. The Mavs got only four points off the bench, all from center DeSagana Diop. Jerry Stackhouse was 0-for-6 with five turnovers.

"It was one of those games you just want to forget," Stackhouse said. "We thought we'd handle things better than we did."

SUNS 95, LAKERS 87

At Phoenix, Leandro Barbosa scored 19 points in the second half to spark Phoenix's comeback and Kobe Bryant went from awesome to awful.

Barbosa finished with 26 points, including 15 consecutive for Phoenix in one stretch, to match his career playoff scoring high. Amare Stoudemire, back in the post-season after missing last year's while recovering from two knee surgeries, added 23 points and 12 rebounds.

Bryant scored 39 points for Los Angeles, but only 11 in the second half. The NBA's scoring champ was 1-for-10 shooting in the fourth quarter, when Phoenix pulled away.

CAVALIERS 97, WIZARDS 82

At Cleveland, LeBron James stayed in the game despite a sprained ankle and scored 23 points, Larry Hughes added 27 and Cleveland beat injury-depleted Washington in Game 1 of their Eastern Conference series.

James rolled his left ankle in the third quarter but refused to come out, adding nine rebounds and seven assists in 44 minutes.

The Cavs figured to blow

through their second straight first-round matchup with the Wizards, who were missing All-Stars Gilbert Arenas (knee surgery) and Caron Butler (broken hand).

However, Antawn Jamison scored 28 points and Jarvis Hayes 18 for Washington, which was still within 10 points with more than seven minutes remaining.

The Cavs moved their offensive attack inside and 7-foot-3 center Zydrunas Ilgauskas scored seven straight points to help Cleveland push its lead to 89-74 with five minutes left.

Ilgauskas, who was bothered by a sore ankle when the Cavs beat the Wizards in a tight six-game series a year ago, scored 11 of his 16 points in the fourth.

NUGGETS 95, SPURS 89

At San Antonio, The high-scoring duo of Carmelo Anthony and Allen Iverson provided the offense and Denver was tough defensively, too.

Iverson scored 29 of his 31 points after the first quarter and Anthony added 30 points for the sixth-seeded Nuggets, who entered the playoffs having won 10 of 11.

Nene added 13 points and 12 rebounds and Marcus Camby grabbed 10 boards for Denver. The big guys also made things difficult for Tim Duncan, who scored 14 points and had 10 rebounds for the Spurs.

Tony Parker led third-seeded San Antonio with 19 points, followed by Michael Finley with 15 and Robert Horry with 14.

Bonds, Pujols, Howard go deep in victories

The Associated Press

Barry Bonds and Albert Pujols had key homers in their teams' narrow victories. Ryan Howard's drive was an encouraging sign for the Philadelphia Phillies.

Three of baseball's best sluggers went deep Sunday, with Bonds hitting No. 740 to move within 15 of Hank Aaron's career record. Bonds connected for the second consecutive game and Matt Cain tossed a three-hitter in the San Francisco Giants' 2-1 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks.

"It's awesome for him to be swinging it like he's swinging it," Cain said.

At Chicago, Pujols hit a three-run homer in the 10th inning and Scott Rolen had a career-best five hits to help the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Chicago Cubs 12-9.

"The ball was blowing out of the park. You don't have to kill the ball to go out," said Pujols, who cleared the bleachers in left-center with his long drive off Ryan Dempster.

In Cincinnati, Howard returned from a few days off looking healthy and ready to break out of his April slump. The NL MVP homered in his first game back from an injury to help Freddy Garcia earn his first National League victory, and the Phillies beat the Reds 9-3.

Howard, who missed the last three games with a sprained ligament just below his left knee, hit a sacrifice fly, drew a walk, struck out and fled out to center field before hitting his second homer

of the season, a 410-foot, two-run shot to center in the ninth.

"I felt good," Howard said. "I hit in the cage the last couple of days but the real test was getting out on the field for nine innings. Hitting the ball to center field is where you want to be."

In other NL games Sunday, it was: Atlanta 9, New York Mets 6; Milwaukee 4, Houston 3; Florida 12, Washington 6; Colorado 4, San Diego 2; and Pittsburgh 7, Los Angeles Dodgers 5.

Cain (1-1) struck out four in his third career complete game and first since a one-hitter last May 21 at Oakland. With two outs in the fourth inning, Bonds sent the first pitch from Yusmeiro Petit (0-1) into the seats in the right-field arcade for his sixth homer of the season.

At Wrigley Field, Preston Wilson singled to start the 10th against Dempster (0-1). One out later, David Eckstein singled off Aramis Ramirez's glove at third. Pujols then drove a long homer to center field, his fifth of the season.

The Cubs tied it in the ninth on Mark DeRosa's two-out, two-run bloop single off closer Jason Iiringhausen (1-0). It was Iringhausen's first blown save in five chances.

Garcia (1-1), who was acquired from the White Sox in December, went five innings in Cincinnati in his second start since opening the season on the disabled list with tendonitis. He allowed four hits and two runs.

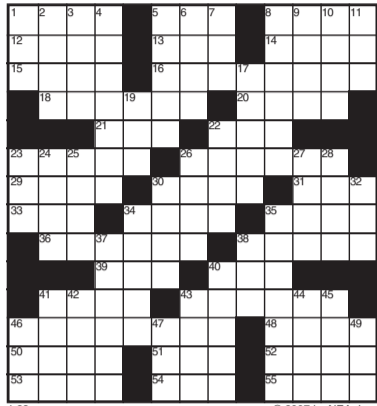
Reds right-hander Matt Belisle (2-1) gave up eight hits and four runs in five innings.

Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Large chunk
- 5 Scientist's question
- 8 Ghouse from sleep
- 12 Braxton or Tennille
- 13 — and cry
- 14 Went quickly
- 15 Masculine principle
- 16 And then some! (2 wds.)
- 18 Themes
- 20 Shepard or Greenspan
- 21 Gamy
- 22 Owing
- 23 Regions
- 26 Whispered loudly
- 29 Teamwork obstacles
- 30 Big blow
- 31 From, in Hamburg
- 33 Go wrong
- 34 Take a spill
- 35 Fur
- 36 Appear
- 38 Yacht mooring
- 39 Old PC acronym
- 40 Pie container
- 41 Garden bloom
- 43 Pinkish



55 Sharp bark

DOWN

- 1 Shoat's home
- 2 Garden soil
- 3 Part of A.D.
- 4 Large digits (2 wds.)
- 5 Faint smell
- 6 Rome wreckers
- 7 Toady's reply
- 8 Pod members
- 9 Non-soap opera
- 10 Acutely perceptive
- 11 Koch and Wynn
- 17 Take a break
- 19 Stipulations
- 22 Pickling herb
- 23 Final letter
- 24 Mean boss

- 25 Average
- 26 Irwin of the PGA
- 27 Even once
- 28 Dull one
- 30 Jokes
- 32 Last degree
- 34 Decorate a cake
- 35 Fine
- 37 Made typo-free
- 38 Disqualify
- 40 Keeps informed
- 41 Flapjack chain
- 42 Sovereignty
- 43 Average grades
- 44 Entice
- 45 Cross the ocean
- 46 Hot spring
- 47 Wood ash product
- 49 Ballpark figure

Astrograph



Your Birthday

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

Both your social life and your material affairs can experience some favorable times, but it won't be by accident. The wonderful way you treat people will have a great influence on the fulfillment of your desires.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Should you go shopping, you're likely to have those you love on your mind, doing a bit more spending for them than you do for yourself. They'll enjoy everything you purchase.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
You'll say all the right things, using many sweet words to express yourself, but people won't accuse you of being insincere. They'll know what you say comes straight from the heart.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Don't be unduly alarmed if a friend pokes his or her nose in your affairs. You'll quickly understand that your pal is doing so only to point out many helpful hints you hadn't thought of.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You might want to take extra time selecting your attire and primping if you're stepping out. There is a possibility you're about to meet someone you'll want to impress.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Being a booster for your friends will have a double-edged effect. It will help them promote their interests. But in doing so, it'll also make you look exceptionally good in the process.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Without doing anything different when you come on the scene, your upbeat charisma will buoy the spirits of everyone present. You won't have to do anything consciously; it'll just happen.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
Even should you play merely a minor role, it could have a positive effect on an arrangement you have with another — with a far more profitable result than either of you thought possible.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
You'll make it your concern to see that everyone with whom you're involved is treated kindly and fairly. You are even apt to take definite measures to make sure this happens.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Set your sights high in business situations. However, keep in mind that if you treat everyone with courtesy and fairness at all times, you can stay in total control of the outcome.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
Most of the time when one makes a new acquaintance, it can be just a fleeting experience. But someone you meet for the first time could become a truly staunch friend and ally.

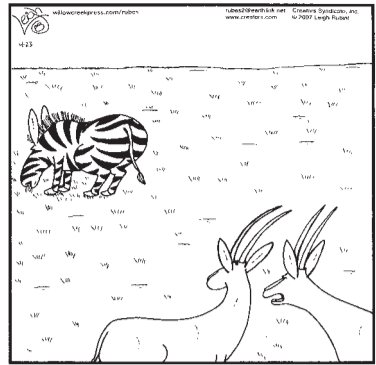
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
If you have an inner urge to do something artistic or decorative around the house, by all means engage in doing so. The results are apt to be far more pleasing than usual.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You can swallow any distasteful situation as long as you are with your friends. Your composure may falter a bit at times, but having your pals around makes everything durable.

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Rubes

By Leigh Rubin



The Family Circus

By Bill Keane



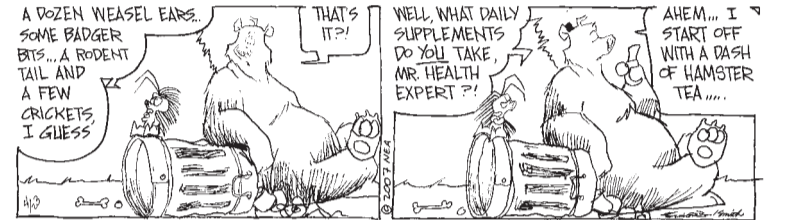
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By Bob Thaves



Pickles

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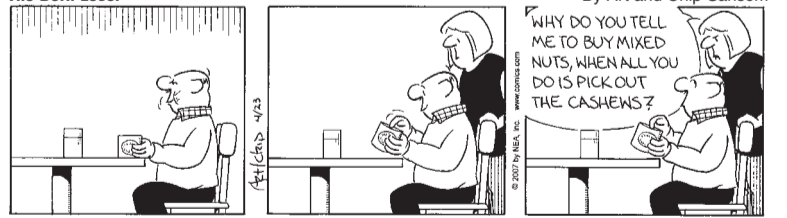
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The Born Loser

By Art and Chip Sanson



Garfield

By Jim Davis



Zits

By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



Eating behind the wheel is unsafe at any speed

DEAR ABBY: You asked readers to share their pet peeves with you. Mine is careless drivers. I am a single mother who supports her children. I can't afford to be killed or maimed on the road.

This afternoon I was behind a woman who was driving erratically. She rolled through stop signs, sped up and slowed down for no apparent reason, and switched from lane to lane. When I was finally able to safely pass her, I saw that she wasn't drunk as I had suspected -- but was driving her van down the crowded freeway with her elbows on the wheel because she was using both hands to hold the hamburger she was eating. Abby, the woman was doing 70 miles an hour. All she needed to do was sneeze once to lose control of her vehicle.

I am angry with people who drive while talking on a cell phone, eating, applying make-up, reading, searching through purses or briefcases, or playing with pets on their laps. People who are behind the wheel have the power to end not only their own lives and the lives of their passengers, but also the lives of every driver, passenger and pedestrian they encounter in the blink of an eye.

Please, America! Clean up your act. If you don't have both hands on the wheel and your full attention on the road, then you are not driving

responsibly. Maybe your family doesn't need you alive and healthy, but my kids need me!

— CINDY IN MINNEAPOLIS

DEAR CINDY: Something as simple as paying attention and observing the traffic laws would prevent many injuries and death. To do anything less is to invite a tragedy. Every evening there are news reports about perfectly healthy people in the prime of life who lost their lives because of the carelessness of another driver. When commuters are behind the wheel, it is vital that they keep both hands on the wheel, their eyes on the road and their minds 100 percent on the task at hand.

MONEY WASN'T GOOD ENOUGH

DEAR ABBY: I recently bought a couple of items in the dollar store here in town. I had \$2 in change to pay for them. The owner of the store refused to accept the dimes and told me to go back to the bank and get paper money.

I was under the impression that dimes are legal tender and should have been acceptable. It was a humiliating experience. Am I wrong? — MISS J. IN WHITING, N.J.

DEAR MISS J.: You're not wrong. Coins are legal tender, and the store owner should have accepted them. By not doing so, the store owner was telling you that your business was not welcome. I wouldn't blame you if you never set foot in that establishment again.

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Grocery-shopping mistakes are budget busters

BY MARY HUNT

There was a time when dashing into the supermarket four or five times a week to pick up a few things was time-consuming but not financially deadly. But with food prices rising faster than really good bread dough, even the smallest supermarket mistakes can show up in dollar signs at the checkout.

If you are careful to avoid making these five common grocery-shopping mistakes, you won't get burned by the high price of food.

MISTAKE: STICKING TO NAME BRANDS: An extensive survey by Consumer Reports magazine of 65 common grocery-store items determined that switching from name brands to store brands can cut your grocery bill in half without sacrificing quality. In fact, they discovered that, in many cases, the store brands contained the name-brand product but with a different label and a lower price. Remember: The name brands have to work the

high cost of marketing and advertising into the cost of the item.

MISTAKE: ACTING ON IMPULSE: There's a reason that everyday staples like milk and bread are at the back of the store. It makes picking up milk and bread a challenge because you will pass by so many opportunities to pick up other stuff on the way to the milk: the bakery, deli, seafood counter, etc. If you're not careful, you'll load up on all kinds of things you hadn't planned to buy. Everything about a supermarket is designed to facilitate impulse buying.

MISTAKE: BEING UNPREPARED: Grocery shopping without a list is risky. Your memory isn't as good as you might think. Without a plan, you'll find yourself coming back to the store for what you forgot — and that starts the mistakes all over again.

MISTAKE: DAYDREAMING AT THE CHECKOUT: Surveys indicate that consumers lose \$1 billion to \$2.5 billion each year

because of scanner pricing errors. Most states and counties have enforcement personnel who go to stores to check the accuracy between stated prices and what rings up at the register. But it's up to consumers to watch out for their own charges and to reconcile their receipts right there in the checkout line. Don't assume anything and make sure you take care of scanner errors right when they happen.

MISTAKE: SHOPPING WITH KIDS: Effective grocery shopping is tedious work. Done right, you have a list made up of items that you knew would be on sale before you ever got to the store. Once in the store, you're looking for unadvertised specials, matching coupons with sale prices, comparing unit pricing and staying focused so you are not getting tripped up by impulse buys. If you have children with you, watching them trumps all of the things you should be doing. Whenever possible, shop solo.

A safety-play may safely gain tricks

The late British comedian Dudley Moore once said, "The best car safety device is a rear-view mirror with a cop in it."

That's true. And a beeping radar detector doesn't hurt, either.

In this deal, you are South, in four hearts. West leads a low diamond to dummy's ace. Can you see a safe play to bring home 10 tricks?

Note South's three-no-trump rebid. North might have raised with only three-card heart support. If so, three no-trump would probably be a better contract than four hearts. It is true that South would have preferred to hold a diamond honor, but sometimes one isn't dealt what one would like.



Phillip Alder

North, because he had such weak hearts, might have passed out three no-trump. If he had, South would most likely have taken 10 tricks.

The original declarer played a heart to his king and cashed the heart ace. He could no longer make the contract. When East got in with his trump trick, he shifted to the spade queen, giving the defenders three spades and one heart.

The spade king is blowing in the wind, to coin a phrase. If East leads spades, you need him to have the ace. But if West attacks spades, you will score a trick with your king. You must fight to keep East off the lead. So, at trick two, when East follows with a low heart, cover it with your six. West takes the trick but cannot hurt you. Suppose he switches to a club. You take the trick, draw a second round of trumps, ruff a diamond on the board, remove the rest of East's trumps, and run the clubs.

North
♠ 7 5 2
♥ 8 7 4 3
♦ A
♣ A K Q 10 9

West
♠ A 9 8 6
♥ 10
♦ K J 7 6
♣ 8 5 4 2

South
♠ K 4 3
♥ A K Q 6
♦ 8 5 2
♣ J 7 6

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 ♣	All pass		

Opening lead: ♦ 6

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Shielding young viewers from disturbing reports

DAVID BAUDER
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Any time his 6-year-old son or 5-year-old daughter walks in on Jon Klein watching CNN, he quickly changes the channel.

The CNN U.S. president knows better than most the conflicting agendas of news organizations and parents during tragic, disturbing stories. Seung-Hui Cho's massacre of 32 people at Virginia Tech last week was a particularly vivid example.

Experts say, to not risk emotional damage, it's important to shield youngsters from prolonged exposure to news coverage of events like these.

The Virginia Tech story had two flash points. The first was on the day of the event, as the magnitude and sheer horror of the shootings unfolded on television. Just as the shock was receding, news organizations carried fear-some pictures and video of the killer that he had sent to NBC News on the day of his rampage.

"If you let your kids watch stuff like this, you're committing child abuse," said Mark McGuire, a pop culture columnist for the Albany Times Union.

He happened upon his upset 5-year-old daughter watching the news in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks despite instructions not to. She had turned on the TV and there



MARY ALTAFFER/AP

A television cameraman films a group of students consoling each other on Drill Field at the Virginia Tech campus April 18 in Blacksburg, Va.

it was. He changed his television set's settings so a children's channel automatically appears whenever the set is turned on.

Action-packed shots of people crying or screaming, wounded victims being rushed to ambulances or police moving into place with guns drawn are likely to be most upsetting to children up to age 6, said Joanne Cantor, a

University of Wisconsin professor and author of "Mommy, I'm Scared: How TV and Movies Frighten Children and What We Can Do to Protect Them."

The repetitiveness of coverage adds to the distress. The most frequently seen image on TV while the Virginia Tech story broke was a cell phone video taken by a student outside of the academic

building where most victims were killed. It didn't show much — a parking lot, police officers — but captured the methodical gunfire.

"One of the problems is they show the same footage over and over and over again," Cantor said. "Little kids up to age 6 or 7, they think it's happening over and over again. It's one thing to tell the story. It's another thing to retell and retell it."

'Disturbia' repeats as top weekend flick

DAVID GERMAIN
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The face of Hannibal Lecter was no match for Shia LaBeouf in a box-office battle of murder thrillers.

DreamWorks and Paramount's "Disturbia," starring LaBeouf as a teen who suspects a neighbor of murder, took in \$13.5 million to hold the top weekend movie spot for a second straight weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday.

New Line Cinema's "Fracture" starring Anthony Hopkins — who played serial killer Lecter in three films — debuted at No. 2 with \$11.2 million. Hopkins plays a sly defendant accused of killing his unfaithful wife, with Ryan Gosling co-starring

as the prosecutor.

DreamWorks and Paramount's figure-skating comedy "Blades of Glory," starring Will Ferrell and Jon Heder, was No. 3 with \$7.8 million in its fourth weekend to cross the \$100 million mark.

Sony Screen Gems' horror flick "Vacancy," starring Kate Beckinsale and Luke Wilson as a couple marked for grisly death at a sleazy motel, led a rush of other new wide releases, opening at No. 4 with \$7.6 million.

The buddy-cop comedy "Hot Fuzz," released by Focus Features' Rogue Pictures unit, had a strong start in narrower release, premiering at No. 6 with \$5.8 million in 825 theaters, about a third the number of cinemas where "Fracture" and

"Vacancy" played.

"Hot Fuzz" comes from the "Shaun of the Dead" team of director Edgar Wright and his co-writer and star Simon Pegg, who plays a London super-cop exiled to a sleepy British town, where he encounters a series of grisly deaths.

The Warner Bros. drama "In the Land of Women" opened at a weak No. 8 with \$4.9 million. The movie stars Adam Brody as a heartbroken writer who moves in with his grandmother and forges a relationship with a neighbor (Meg Ryan) and her teenage daughter.

After a solid start this year, Hollywood's overall revenues were down for a second straight weekend. The top 12 movies took in \$74 million, off 26 percent compared to the

same weekend last year, when "Silent Hill" opened at No. 1 with \$20.2 million.

"This is like an onslaught of films trying to get into the marketplace before the big summer rush," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Media By Numbers. "People are just holding their breath waiting for summer to start, and while they're holding their breath, they didn't go to the movies in big numbers."

However, attendance is up 2.4 percent from last year, and studio executives predict this could be a record summer for modern Hollywood with major sequels including "Spider-Man 3," "Shrek the Third" and "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End."

Veteran journalist Bill Moyers returns from 'retirement' with weekly series

FRAZIER MOORE
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — He's coming back, and viewers will be the richer for it.

Self-proclaimed "citizen journalist" Bill Moyers, who tore himself away from the TV grind a little more than two years ago with the explanation "maybe finally I've broken the habit," is returning to weekly television.

"Bill Moyers Journal" premieres Friday at 9 p.m. EDT (check local listings) with the first of a scheduled 99 hours airing through February 2009, by which time Moyers will be with-in sight of his 75th birthday.

So what? He's long since journeyed past retirement age with no sign of slowing down.

Though aswirl in "round-the-clock scripting, narrating and editing sessions against implacable deadlines" (as Moyers outlined it in a hasty e-mail), he stole a few moments to text some musings on what lies ahead.

To describe the overarching mission of "Bill Moyers Journal," he paraphrased Benjamin Harris, editor of America's first newspaper in the 1690s: "To give an account of such considerable things as have come to my attention."

On Friday's edition, his attention will be focused on such things as the Justice Department's questionable firing of eight federal prosecutors — and Attorney General Alberto Gonzales' role in what appears to be political shenanigans.

The program will also mark the fourth anniversary of

"Mission Accomplished" — President Bush's landing on the banner-sporting aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln and his pronouncement that "Major combat operations in Iraq have ended" — with help from investigative reporter Carlo Bonini, author of "Collusion: International Espionage and the War on Terror."

In a commentary, Moyers will assess the war's crushing cost. Then the hour closes with a profile of Grace Lee Boggs, who at age 91 is still going strong as a philosopher and grass-roots activist.

"Week in and week out, it's Moyers & Friends on politics, culture, religion, books, media and money," he declares.

Such a robust recipe is no surprise. This veteran journalist has always been at home with subjects ranging from the power of myth to drug addiction and the environment, from modern dance to government corruption. His humanist advocacy has been honored with more than 30 Emmys and 10 Peabody awards.

But even before "Bill Moyers Journal" claims its Friday slot, it will present a special examination of how the Bush administration marketed the war to the American people — and how the media, with few exceptions, played along. "Buying the War," which airs Wednesday at 9 p.m. (check local listings), asks: How did the

evidence disputing the existence of weapons of mass destruction and the link between Saddam Hussein and 9/11 go largely unreported?

The 90-minute film includes interviews with Dan Rather, formerly of CBS News; Tim Russert of NBC's "Meet the Press"; Bob Simon of CBS' "60 Minutes"; Walter Isaacson, former president of CNN; John Walcott, Jonathan Landay and Warren Strobel of Knight Ridder newspapers; and Associated Press reporter Charles Hanley.

"Four years after shock-and-awe, the press has yet to come to terms with its role in enabling the Bush

Administration to go to war on false pretenses," says Moyers in the documentary.

And he concludes: "The American number of troops killed in Iraq now exceeds the

number of victims on 9/11. We have been fighting there longer than it took us to defeat the Nazis in World War II. The costs of the war are reckoned at one trillion dollars and counting."

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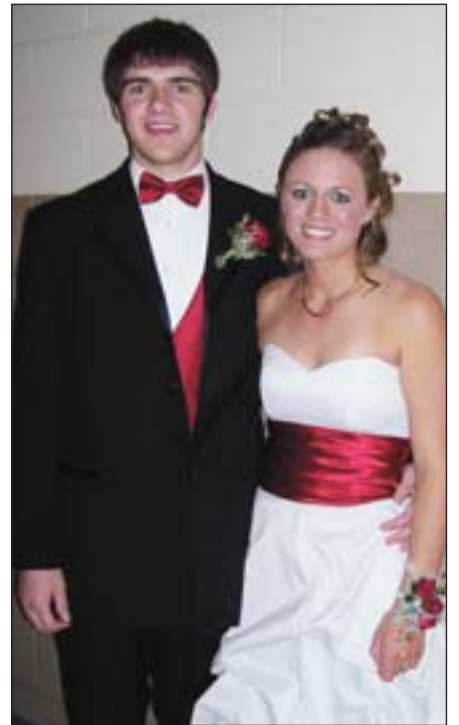
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Silver Lake students, Tova Ehrman, Rachel Hall, Mia Jensen, and Joslyn Roth enjoy a night of "dressing up" at the Silver Lake prom, April 12.



Kirk Marble and Elise Lukow attended prom at Kenesaw High School on April 13.

Prom 2007

These photos were submitted by Tribune readers. The Tribune is seeking prom photos taken by students or parents at area schools.

The photos will appear on a space-available basis on the Youth Page on select Mondays through April and May, depending on response.

Photos must be submitted with caption information, including full names of everyone in the photo and when and where it was taken. Identify people in the photo from left to right, and include the name of the school conducting the prom.

Photos will be accepted through noon May 9. Not all photos submitted are guaranteed to run. Photo quality will be taken into consideration.

To submit your photo, mail it to: Hastings Tribune, Prom Page Box 788, Hastings, NE 68902.

Enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope if you want your photo returned.

Photos can also be submitted via e-mail to Deann Stumpe at dstumpe@hastingstribune.com.

Photos that do not appear on the Youth Page may appear later on the Other Page.



Head girls basketball coach, Doug Otto and his graduating senior girls, Brittany Hoins (left), Whitney Holtzen and Kelsey Werner at Bruning-Davenport Unified School's prom, March 31.



Lukas Turner, of Blue Hill (left), escorts Red Cloud senior Natasha Rasser to Red Cloud High School's prom on April 21.



Senior Silver Lake student, Rachel Hall receives her flowers at her home from her date, Doug Malchow from Cambridge, before the Silver Lake prom, April 12.



Dan Busch and Gretchen Kreutz celebrate the theme "Fishing in the dark" at Giltner's Prom April 14th.



Senior classmates, Heidi Jones, Rachel Hall, and Alicia Struck enjoy the Silver Lake prom held on April 12.



Gretchen Kreutz gives Prom Queen Natalie Harmon a congratulatory hug at Giltner High School's prom, April 14.

America imposes sanctions

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MATTHEW LEE
The Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The United States has imposed sanctions on 14 foreign people, companies and government agencies, including the Syrian navy and air force, as it boosts efforts to stop transfers of advanced weaponry to and from Iran and Syria.

The 14 — which also include Lebanon's radical Hezbollah movement and firms from China, Malaysia, Mexico and Singapore — are accused of selling to or buying from Iran or Syria missile technology or material to make weapons of mass destruction.

The sanctions, announced by the State Department on Monday, bar any U.S. aid, government contracts or export licenses to the named entities for two years. They may be renewed at any time during that period.

State Department officials refused to comment on specific allegations against those listed in the notice because the determinations involved sensitive intelligence. But, they said Washington had "credible evidence" they had been involved in illicit transfers.

The measures are largely symbolic because many of the targets are already subject to U.S. sanctions for previous similar transactions, most recently in December 2006, officials said.

However, the Syrian navy and air force, have never before been identified as violators of the Iran and Syria Nonproliferation Act, they said.

Congress opens inquiry into Tillman's death overseas

ZACHARY COILE
San Francisco Chronicle

WASHINGTON — Congress will open its first inquiry into the death of former football star and Army Ranger Pat Tillman with a hearing this week that is expected to focus on whether the Army deliberately destroyed evidence and ordered soldiers to keep quiet about key details showing that Tillman was killed by friendly fire in Afghanistan.

A House committee wants to know why the Pentagon spun a tale of Tillman's death by "enemy forces" even though Army officials knew almost immediately that he had been killed accidentally by fellow U.S. soldiers.

The Defense Department turned over four boxes of uncensored documents to Congress on Friday — a victory for Tillman's family, who has complained that the heavily redacted Army reports on his death have made it difficult to find out who was responsible for the misinformation.

But even the redacted records from three Army investigations and an inspector general's report provide clues that Congress will use to determine whether a cover-up took place, including:

- ◆ Deliberate destruction of evidence;
- ◆ Testimony from soldiers who claim they were told not to talk about key details of Tillman's death;
- ◆ False or distorted information in casualty reports, the field hospital report and press releases about Tillman's death;
- ◆ A grossly inaccurate depiction of Tillman's battlefield actions in his citation for the Silver Star medal, including fabrications in eyewitness statements;
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Former Russian President Boris Yeltsin dies

LEADER ESCORTED RUSSIA TO
DEMOCRACY'S DOOR

JIM HEINTZ
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Former President Boris Yeltsin, who engineered the final collapse of the Soviet Union and pushed Russia to embrace democracy and a market economy, died today. He was 76.

Kremlin spokesman Alexander Smirnov confirmed Yeltsin's death, and Russian news agencies cited Sergei Mironov, head of the presidential administration's medical center, as saying the former president died today of heart failure at the Central Clinical Hospital.

Although Yeltsin pushed Russia to embrace democracy and a market economy, many of its citizens will remember him mostly for presiding over the country's steep decline.

Mikhail Gorbachev, the last Soviet president, summed up the complexity of Yeltsin's legacy in a condolence statement minutes after the death was announced. He referred to Yeltsin as one "on whose shoulders are both great deeds for the country and serious errors," according to the news agency Interfax.

Yeltsin was a contradictory figure, rocketing to popularity in the Communist era on pledges to fight corruption — but proving unable, or unwilling, to prevent the looting of state industry as it moved into private hands during his nine years as Russia's first freely elected president.

Yeltsin steadfastly defended freedom of the press, but was a master at manipulating the media. His hand-picked successor, Vladimir Putin, has proven far more popular even as he has tightened Kremlin control over both Russia's industry and its press.

Yeltsin amassed as much power as possible in his office — then gave it all up in a dramatic New Year's address at the end of 1999.

Yeltsin's greatest moments came in bursts. He stood atop a tank to resist an attempted coup in August 1991, and spearheaded the peaceful end of the Soviet state on Dec. 25 of that year. Ill with heart problems, and facing possible defeat by a Communist challenger in his 1996 re-election bid, he marshaled his energy and sprinted through the final weeks of the campaign. The challenge transformed the shaky convalescent into the spry, dancing candidate.

But Yeltsin was an inconsistent reformer who never took much interest in the mundane tasks of day-to-day government and nearly always blamed Russia's myriad problems on subordinates.

Yeltsin damaged his democratic credentials by using force to solve political disputes, though he claimed his actions were necessary to keep the country together.



He sent tanks and troops in October 1993 to flush armed, hard-line supporters out of a hostile Russian parliament after they had sparked violence in the streets of Moscow. And in December 1994, Yeltsin launched a war against separatists in the southern republic of Chechnya.

Tens of thousands of people were killed in the Chechnya conflict, and a defeated and humiliated Russian army withdrew at the end of 1996. The war solved nothing — and Russian troops resumed fighting in the breakaway region in fall 1999.

In the final years of his leadership, Yeltsin was dogged by health problems and often seemed out of touch. He retreated regularly to his country residence outside Moscow and stayed away from the Kremlin for days, even weeks at a time. As the country lurched from crisis to crisis, its leader appeared increasingly absent.

Yet Yeltsin had made a stunning debut as Russian president. He introduced many basics of democracy, guaranteeing the rights to free speech, private property and multiparty elections, and opening the borders to trade and travel. Though full of bluster, he revealed more of his personal life and private doubts than any previous Russian leader had.

"The debilitating bouts of depression, the grave second thoughts, the insomnia and headaches in the middle of the night, the tears and despair ... the hurt from people close to me who did not support me at the last minute, who didn't hold up, who deceived me — I have had to bear all of this," he wrote in his 1994 memoir, "The Struggle for Russia."



AP file photos
Above: Boris Yeltsin is shown with clenched fists as he leads a group of anti-government protesters who parade through the Red Square after the official military parade ended in this Nov. 7, 1990, file photo. Former President Boris Yeltsin, who engineered the final collapse of the Soviet Union and pushed Russia to embrace democracy and a market economy, has died, a Kremlin official said today. He was 76. Top: U.S. President Bill Clinton (right) breaks into laughter after Russian President Boris Yeltsin (left) made a comment about journalists at a news conference in Hyde Park, N.Y., in this Oct. 23, 1995, file photo.

Yeltsin pushed through free-market reforms, creating a private sector and allowing foreign investment. In foreign policy, he assured independence for Russia's Soviet-era satellites, oversaw troop and arms reductions, and developed warm relations with Western leaders.

That was the democratic Yeltsin, who in August 1991 rallied tens of thousands of Russians to face down a hard-line Soviet coup attempt. Throughout his nearly decade-long leadership, he

remained Russia's strongest bulwark against Communism.

But there was another Yeltsin. He was hesitant to act against crime and corruption — beginning in his own administration — while they sapped public faith and stunted democracy. His government's wrenching economic reforms impoverished millions of Russians — poor people whose wages and pensions Yeltsin's government often went months without paying.

American ambassador: U.S. will 'respect the wishes' of Iraqi government on barrier wall

LAUREN FRAVER
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The American ambassador said today the U.S. would "respect the wishes" of the Iraqi government after the prime minister ordered a halt to construction of a three-mile wall separating a Sunni enclave from surrounding Shiite areas in Baghdad.

Meanwhile, bombings killed at least 46 people and wounding more than 100, authorities said, including a suicide attack that killed at least 19 near a restaurant outside Ramadi. A parked car bomb also exploded outside the Iranian Embassy in Baghdad, killing one civilian, and a drive-by shooting wounded two guards at Tunisia's Embassy, police said.

Any plan to build "gated communities" to protect Baghdad neighborhoods from sectarian attacks was in doubt after Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki said during a visit to

Sunni-led Arab countries that he did not want the 12-foot-high wall in Azamiyah to be seen as dividing the capital's sects.

However, confusion persisted about whether the plan would continue in some form: The chief Iraqi military spokesman said today the prime minister was responding to exaggerated reports about the barrier.

"We will continue to construct the security barriers in the Azamiyah neighborhood. This is a technical issue," Brig. Gen. Qassim al-Moussawi said. "Setting up barriers is one thing and building barriers is another. These are moveable barriers that can be removed."

Al-Moussawi noted similar walls were in place elsewhere in the capital — including in other residential neighborhoods — and criticized the media for focusing on Azamiyah.

"It's exaggerated by the media. We expected this reac-

tion by some weak-minded people," he said.

But hundreds of protesters took to the streets of Azamiyah to oppose what they called "a big prison."

"The main aim of these barriers is to protect civilians and to guarantee that security forces are in control and prevent terrorists from moving between areas," al-Moussawi said.

The U.S. military announced last week that it was building a three-mile long concrete wall in Azamiyah, a Sunni stronghold whose residents have often been the victims of retaliatory mortar attacks by Shiite militants following bombings usually blamed on Sunni insurgents.

But al-Maliki ordered construction halted on Sunday and U.S. officials said that the plans could change.

"Obviously we will respect the wishes of the government and the prime minister," U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker said.

Cows glow in the dark for safety with new tags

NATE CARLISLE
Salt Lake Tribune

FRY CANYON, Utah — Cattle grazing on the open range along State Route 95 in San Juan County are sporting new ear tags.

Made from the same material as road signs, the tags are designed to prevent motorists from hitting cows at night.

Rancher Sandy Johnson, who has grazing permits along State Route 95, said he lost about 10 cows in a year to collisions with cars but has not

lost any since November, when he began putting the tags on his cattle.

Utah Highway Patrol Sgt. Rick Eldredge, who polices San Juan County, said he came up with the idea five or six years ago and delivered some to a rancher with range between Bluff and Montezuma Creek.

He began delivering new batches to Johnson last year after a series of accidents with his herd, which numbers about 350.

French voters propel Royal, Sarkozy to runoff

ANGELA CHARLTON
The Associated Press

PARIS — Conservative Nicolas Sarkozy holds an advantage over his Socialist rival Segolene Royal after the two advanced to the second round of France's presidential election, narrowing the vote to a choice between the tough-talking former interior minister or the first woman with a chance of becoming the country's leader.

Royal and Sarkozy planned rallies Monday night with an eye on voters who deserted the left and right in favor of farmer's son and

lawmaker Francois Bayrou, who placed third on Sunday in one of the big surprises of the campaign.

Both candidates had scoffed at Bayrou, saying he would be incapable of forming a government with ministers drawn from left and right, or gaining a parliamentary majority. But with 18.5 percent of the vote, Bayrou won the support of voters who could hold the key to victory for Sarkozy or Royal when the French elect a new president in two weeks.

Bayrou's centrist Union for French Democracy has traditionally voted with the right in parlia-

ment and has often had ministers in conservative governments. But Bayrou the candidate drew leftists as well as conservatives to his camp, both Sarkozy and Royal need those votes back.

"The door is naturally open," Sarkozy's top lieutenant, Brice Hortefeux, said Monday on France-Inter radio, adding that he felt Sarkozy best embodies the values of the center. But he said that Sarkozy and his governing party, the Union for a Popular Movement, would appeal directly to voters, not to Bayrou's political apparatus.

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Jeff Kerner shows a photo of his Yorkshire terrier "Pebbles," who died of kidney failure after eating tainted pet food, at his office in Los Angeles April 11.

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UNDERScore U.S. FOOD
SUPPLY VULNERABILITY

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
The Associated Press
LOS ANGELES — The same food safety net that couldn't catch poisoned pet food ingredients from China has a much bigger hole. Billions of dollars' worth of foreign ingredients that Americans eat in everything from salad dressing to ice cream get a pass from overwhelmed inspectors, despite a rising tide of imports from countries with spotty records, according to an Associated Press analysis of federal trade and food data.

Well before contaminated shipments from China killed 16 cats and dogs and sickened thousands more, government food safety task forces worried about the potential human threat — ingredients are hard to quarantine and can go virtually everywhere in a range of brand products.

When U.S. Food and Drug Administration inspectors at

ports and border checkpoints look, they find shipments that are filthy or otherwise contaminated. They rarely bother, however, in part because ingredients aren't a priority.

Because these oils, spices, flours, gums and the like haven't been blamed for killing humans, safety checks before they reach the supermarket shelf are effectively the responsibility of U.S. buyers. As the pet deaths showed, however, that system is far from secure.

Meanwhile, the ingredient trade is booming — particularly since 2001, when the Sept. 11 attacks focused attention on the security of the nation's food supply.

Over the past five years, the AP found, U.S. food makers prospecting for bargains more than doubled their business with low-cost countries such as Mexico, China and India. Those nations also have the most shipments fail the limited number of checks the FDA makes.

"You don't have to be a Ph.D. to figure out that ... if someone were to put some type of a toxic chemical into a product that's trusted, that could do a lot of damage before it's detected," said Michael

Doyle, a microbiologist who directs the University of Georgia's Center for Food Safety.

Doyle sat on several federal task forces studying threats to U.S. food security; while they discussed ingredients, he said, their findings are classified.

Read down most any food package's label and there they are: strange-sounding substances that keep soft drinks fizzy, crackers crispy and sauces from going up. Gum arabic, extracted from acacia trees, helps give light whipped cream its texture; maltodextrin is derived from starchy foods, then can be dusted on chips so spices stick; caseins, a protein from milk, help the consistency of cheese substitutes.

While Americans are consuming more imported food and drink from preserved fruit to coffee, demand among U.S. food makers for overseas ingredients is increasing even faster.

In 2001, the United States imported about \$4.4 billion worth of ingredients processed from plants or animals, AP's analysis shows. By last year that total leaped to \$7.6 billion — a 73 percent increase. Other food and drink

imports rose from \$38.3 billion to \$63 billion — up 65 percent.

No single reason explains the increase. Profits are one factor; changing consumer tastes play a role, too. There's a growing expectation that seasonal products will be available year round, while immigrants may hanker for familiar flavors and others want variety.

So U.S. food makers head overseas, where labor-intensive ingredients can be cheaper to produce in low-wage countries. They're not expensive to ship, either, because they're relatively compact and don't spoil easily, said David Closs, an expert in global food supply at Michigan State University.

By its own latest accounting, the FDA only had enough inspectors to check about 1 percent of the 8.9 million imported food shipments in fiscal year 2006. Topping the list were products with past problems, such as seafood and produce.

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60 General

Millwrights
I'm wondering how I can get you to take a moment to read this ad. I believe this is that sort of time that a cup of coffee and some serious consideration for this offer will be beneficial.
We are **Osborne Steel and Supply Co. of Atkinson, NE.** We are a top notch company for a long term relationship. Our needs have increased and we need **Millwrights.**
We have a year round opportunity for Millwrights with Grain Elevator and Feed Mill experience. We are a caring company with our employees in mind. This area is also considered a great place to raise a family. We offer top notch wage and benefit package.
We would really like to have you call and discuss the possibilities. It's a free call and a little bit of your time. Please call Rob Scalise at 877-925-6772.

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ERRORS
When placing an ad in person or on the phone, we will read all ads back to you for your approval. If you find an error in your classified ad, please call us before the next day's paper. The Tribune cannot be responsible for more than one incorrect insertion. Claims cannot be considered unless made within three days from the first date of publication. No allowances can be made when errors do not materially affect the value of the advertisement.

60 General


\$10 PER HOUR supervising; \$12 per hour driving bus this summer. Must be at least 21. Call 984-8674.

CAFETERIA WORKER: Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Good customer service skills a must! Cooking and cash register experience helpful. Apply at 3800 Osborne Dr. East. Questions, 402-984-1006.

CARING PERSON needed for in-home elder care. Qualified, compassionate person can earn up to \$1,200 monthly. Accepting applications for various positions. 463-1000.

COOPERATIVE Producers, Inc. has immediate full-time openings! We are searching for a **Custom Applicator, Service Station Technician, Tender Truck Driver and an Outside Agronomy/Grain Employee.** We offer competitive wages and a generous benefit package. Please call Brooke at 308-263-2441 for application.

60 General


Glenwood Telephone Membership Corporation has an immediate opening for a Business Systems Technician. Ideal candidate will possess general telephone work history, excellent communication and organizational skills and the ability to work in a team environment. General tasks include installing, programming and maintaining multi-line telephone systems, voice mail systems, paging and associated equipment. Requirement skills: computer literacy, cabling experience, telecommunication and networking fundamentals, and basic electricity. Glenwood offers a competitive wage and an outstanding benefit package. Send cover letter, resume and references to:
Human Resource Coordinator
Glenwood Telephone Membership Corporation
P.O. Box 97
Blue Hill, NE 68930

HELP WANTED: Aurora Co-op is accepting applications for a full-time feed mill position at Byron location. Responsibilities include warehouse/inventory management and assist with feed mill operations. CDL and general mechanical ability preferred. Send resume and/or application to Dawn at 308 North Railroad, P.O. Box 125, Byron, NE 68325.

61 Part Time

CONCRETE RECYCLING yard seeking individual to run recycling center part-time Monday-Friday. Call Nitro Construction, 308-384-9126

PART-TIME COOK Looking for someone with a flexible schedule to fill part-time cook position. 6 months-1 year experience preferred. Must be able to work flexible hours.
Apply today at:
ASSOCIATED STAFFING
1023 W. 2nd St., Hastings EOE
Drug Testing and Background Checks Required.

62 Child Care

LOVING MOTHER would like to babysit. My home, days and evenings. Reasonable rates. Morton School area. 984-1042.

63 Looking for Work

SPRINGTIME ODD jobs/painting done for you! Triple C Odd Jobs 460-8509.

64 In-Home Assisted Living

HOME CARE of elderly. Seeking employee in a companion/live-in to assist in homemaking, supervision and transportation. 402-312-9688.

60 General

OPPORTUNITIES are currently available for persons 55 or more years of age to earn minimum wage and contribute to the community while updating job skills. Wages are paid by a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor and applicants must be 55 years of age and meet Experience Works guidelines. Opportunities typically include:
•Clerical
•Janitorial
•Receptionist
•Customer Service
•Grounds and Maintenance
•Library Assistant
•Teacher's Aide
•Home Health Aide
•Senior Companion
For additional information, please call Sue Hartwell at 402-826-3770 or 1-800-782-7519.

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PRODUCTION CONTROL SUPERVISOR
Contract manufacturing metal fabricator is seeking a dedicated and energetic individual to direct production control activities. This position plans and coordinates all activities relating to production & inventory control and shipping & receiving. Duties also include ensuring that labor and production quantities are accurately processed. Qualified applicants will have a strong background in materials management, scheduling, lean manufacturing techniques, APICS training or certification and experience utilizing a computerized MRP system. Good communication and computer skills are required. Competitive salary and benefit package.
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OPPORTUNITY IS KNOCKING!
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Monday-Friday
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GIX Logistics
P.O. Box 1845
Grand Island, NE 68802

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ROUTE SALES/WAREHOUSE: Full-time, benefits. Starting wage \$9.00. Call to apply, 463-3354.

SAPP BROS. convenience store is looking for a supervisor at their interstate location. Daytime hours, Monday-Friday. Benefits and vacation. Starting pay based on experience. Fill out an application at 3428 W. Capital Ave., Grand Island. No phone calls please.

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EOE/M/F/D/V

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

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1- AND 2-BEDROOM apartments; 1-bedroom house. No pets. 463-8869, 469-5596.

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70 Pets

AKC MINI Sheltie puppies: Sable and white. Shots, wormed. 756-3404.

71 Exotic Pets

MADISON BIRD, Animal and Gardening Consignment Auction: Sunday, April 29, 9 a.m. Madison County Fairgrounds, Madison, NE. 402-379-1845. www.madisonauction.com.

72 Free Pets

ONE-YEAR-OLD LAB: Mixed. Needs room to run. Call 463-0480.

76 Furnishings

HUNTER GREEN leather sofa and love seat, \$150; large wooden toy box, \$40. 402-210-2967.

77 Appliances

REFRIGERATORS, washers, dryers, stoves. T&M, 462-6330.

Your WHIRLPOOL and RCA Dealer
ROGERS, INC.
1035 S. Burlington
463-1345

79 Computers

COMPUTER REPAIR, upgrades. Reasonable rates. House calls. 984-8001.

86 Sporting Goods

GUNS GUNS GUNS GUNS GUNS GUNS
Gun Show: May 5 and 6. Fanner Park, Grand Island.

89 Lawn & Garden

JOHN DEERE LX 178 riding mower: 38" deck, automatic. 402-463-8143.

94 Miscellaneous

MEN'S 10-SPEED bike: 27-in. frame. Great condition. \$125. 463-3652.

96 Want To Buy

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2-BEDROOM: Basement. Newly remodeled. All utilities paid. Central air. \$375 deposit/rent. 463-0458.

3 BEDROOMS for the price of 2-bedroom apartment! Great one-level town homes with garage, washer/dryer hookups, lawn care. South Pine and California Pine Apartments, 202 East C St., Hastings. Call for availability, 402-469-0830. www.perryreid.com/southpine

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JUNIATA: 2-bedroom with basement. No pets/smoking. \$425. 402-463-4322.

LARGE 2-BEDROOM duplex: Newly remodeled. In Juniata. 751-2365.

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103 Town Houses For Rent

2- and 3-BEDROOM. The Townhouses. 945 West H Street. Offering newly refurbished apartments with great local management. These spacious apartments offer refrigerator, stove, central air, off-street parking, basement, and washer/dryer hookups. No pets. 463-5953.

3-BEDROOM: Appliances, basement, garage, 1.5 bath, \$625; 2.5-bath, family room, \$700. 460-9626.

104 Houses For Rent

1-, 2-, 3-, 4-BEDROOM: Air, garage, \$350, \$450, \$600. 461-3213/461-4206.

1-BEDROOM apartment: 803 N. Bellevue, \$250; 2-bedroom apartment, 1320 1/2 N. Colorado, \$300; 2-bedroom house, 1519 Boyce, \$500; 2-bedroom duplex, 1105 E. 6th, \$550; 3-bedroom house, 706 E. 5th, \$500; 4-bedroom acreage, 2235 W. Assumption Rd., \$600; Call Gateway Realty, 463-4653.

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3-BEDROOM: Appliances, basement, garage,

116 Houses For Sale

List your ad, call 461-12411

AUCTION
CARS, PICKUPS, VANS,
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UN-L ANNUAL
VEHICLE AUCTION

SUN., APR. 29 1:30 PM
Auction will be held at the new Transportation Services Facilities, 1931 No. 14th (across from west entrance to State Fair Grounds) Lincoln, NE. **VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD FIRST!** Most passenger cars and vans have power steering, power brakes, air conditioning, cruise control, tilt steering, automatic transmission and AM-FM-Cassette radio. Mileage generally ranges from 40,000-100,000.

Vehicles have been on good maintenance schedules and well cared for. Service records (on CD) will be available to buyers. Chevrolet passenger vans, GMC utility vans; Chevrolet, Ford, Dodge, cars; Ford, GMC & Dodge pickups & 4x4's; ALSO: JD 410C loader/backhoe; GMC 1 T dump truck w/snow blade; ALAMO S/P 4' plot combine; walk-behind trencher; ATLAS metal lathe riding mowers; snow blade; push mowers, AND MORE.

VIEWING: Sunday, April 29, 10 am 'til auction time. The University of Nebraska reserves the right to modify this listing. Everything sells as is, where is. Purchases must be removed from auction site day of auction.

TERMS: Cash or check, positive ID required to obtain bidding number. For more info: www.bidawad.com
For photos: <http://busfin.unl.edu/transportation/2007auction.htm>
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116 Houses For Sale

1106 UNIVERSITY: Fire-place. Zero down with good credit. \$69,900. 402-461-1785

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Hastings, NE 68901

116 Houses For Sale

Benchmark IV Real Estate

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NEWLY UPDATED: 3-1 bedroom ranch with over 1,750 sq. ft., located in Idlewild, with an open floor plan. \$210,000. Call Christy, 402-469-8928.

117 Factory-Built Homes

BLUE RIBBON HOMES
Your FIRST choice for all your housing needs. Open 7 days a week for your convenience. 463-2421.

FOR SALE by owner: 1998 3-bedroom single-wide. Like new condition! Loan is assumable with approved credit. 402-744-2080.

118 Mobile Homes For Sale

14'x76': 3-bedroom, 2-bath, central air, stove, refrigerator. 402-463-1830 or 460-0084.

'72 GEER 14'x70': Clean. New flooring and parts. As is. \$3,800. 402-460-7070.

JUST REMODELED!! 2-bedroom and 3-bedroom double wide. 469-4777.

119 Residential Lots

3 LOTS: Will sell as one. 136'x150'. \$12,000. Zoned R2. 984-1944.

119 Residential Lots

LAKEVIEW LOTS: Lake Hastings. Agent/owner, Alan Anderson, 461-1785.

124 Recreation Property

REPUBLICAN CITY: 3-bedroom trailer, deeded lot. \$16,500. 462-0100.

130 Auction Sales

RANDY RUHTER, Auctioneer and Broker, 2837 W. Hwy. 6, Hastings, NE, 402-463-8565.



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Legals

Notice
In the County Court of Adams County, Nebraska, Estate of OLINDA A. SCHROEDER, Deceased. Estate No. PR07-21

Notice is hereby given that on April 18, 2007, in the County Court of Adams County, Nebraska, Galen Winkler, whose address is 7480 North Roseland Avenue, Juniata, Nebraska 68955, was appointed by the Court as Personal Representative of the Estate.

Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before June 25, 2007, or be forever barred.

Tom Hawes
Clerk Court Magistrate
P.O. Box 95
Hastings, Nebraska
68902-0095

Les Seiler, #13759
Seiler & Parker, P.C., L.L.O.
P.O. Box 1288
Hastings, Nebraska
68902-1288
Attorney for Applicant
April 23, 30, May 7, 2007

Notice of Merger

Notice is hereby given that Prairie Land Organics, a Nebraska general partnership, has merged into Prairie Land Organics, LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, effective March 30, 2007. The surviving entity is Prairie Land Organics, LLC. All assets and liabilities of Prairie Land Organics, a general partnership, have merged into and become the assets and obligations of the surviving entity.

Dated April 11, 2007.
PRAIRIE LAND ORGANICS, LLC
Kenneth Morrison,
Manager
April 16, 23, 30, 2007

Notice to Bidders

Sealed proposals for the D&E Building HVAC Remodel at the Nebraska Correctional Center for Women, York, Nebraska, will be received by the Engineering Division, Double "Y" Building, Conference Room "E", Department of Correctional Services, P.O. Box 94661, Folsom and West Prospector Place, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4664, until Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. Bid Security is required. Bidding documents are available from the Engineering Division, Double "Y" Building, Building #1, Department of Correctional Services, Folsom and West Prospector Place, Lincoln Regional Center, Lincoln, Nebraska. A pre-bid conference is scheduled for Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. at the front entrance of the Nebraska Correctional Center for Women, York, Nebraska. Contractors are requested to attend this pre-bid walk through.

April 23, 30, May 7, 2007

In the County Court of Adams County, Nebraska

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATORSHIP OF TERREANCE D. HAYES, JR., A Minor and Protected Person.

TO THE MINOR ABOVE NAMED; THE PERSON HAVING THE CARE OF THE MINOR; AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:
Notice is now given that a Petition for the appointment of a Guardian for Terrence D. Hayes, a minor, was filed in this Court by Georgia Logan. The hearing on the Petition for Appointment of a Guardian is set for Wednesday, May 16, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Court of Adams County, Nebraska.
Dated April 19th, 2007.

Georgia Logan, Petitioner
By: Jason A. Ossian, #22209
SEILER & PARKER, P.C., L.L.O.
P.O. Box 1288
Hastings, Nebraska 68902-1288
(402) 463-3125
Attorneys for Petitioner
April 23, 30, May 7, 2007

135 Livestock

ANGUS BULLS for sale. Selling quality genetics of highly sought after sires: Rifo #12, GAR Integrity, Hilltop Limited Edition, OLC Structure, BR New Frontier. Bulls have been semen tested and ultrasound data available. Yearling and two-year-old bulls available. Contact Steve Snell, 402-257-8015.

ANGUS BULLS for sale: Calving ease yearlings, fall yearlings, and 2-year-olds. Sons and grandsons of G13 Structure and sons of GAR Scotchcap. Hand fed and great dispositioned. Free delivery. Will keep bulls free until May 15. Ash Creek Ranch, Clint Bostock. 402-771-2295, 402-469-8223.

BLACK STEERS: 4 angus cross lowline. 650 lbs. Very nice, choice beef. 402-845-6611, 845-2300.

DORSET and Columbia rams: 1- and 2-year-old. 402-365-7517, 460-7095.

FOR SALE: Registered Angus yearling bulls. Popular AI sires. Mo's Angus - Mike Overleese, Riverton, NE. Phone 402-746-3240 or work 402-746-3339.

PERFORMANCE Tested Angus bulls: AI sired from top bloodlines. Parr Angus at Red Cloud, 402-746-3523 or cell, 746-4528.

130 Auction Sales

PARR AUCTION
Dave Parr, associate, Gateway Realty, 756-6135

Sell your unwanted item(s) in the Hastings Tribune Classifieds for quick results. Call 461-1241.

Legals

Notice
Estate of MINNIE E. BENNETT, Deceased. PR05-34
TO: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that a petition requesting an order of the Court for formal closing and complete settlement, proving of the will, determination of inheritance taxes, determination of heirs, approval of final account and acts of Personal Representative, authority to transfer title and distribute assets, discharge of Personal Representative and surety, together with such orders as the law may require and the court deem applicable and proper, has been filed herein and is set for hearing in Adams County Court at Hastings, Nebraska, on the 30th day of May, 2007, at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Tom Hawes
Clerk of the County Court

Mark A. Beck, #18760
Bark Law Office, P.C.
P.O. Box 10
Hastings, Nebraska
68902
April 23, 30, May 7, 2007

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Attorneys for Petitioner
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In the County Court of Adams County, Nebraska

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRANCES SCHUMM, Deceased.) NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on April 5, 2007, in the County Court of Adams County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Kay Rader, whose address is 25707 East Harris Road, Greenwood, Missouri 64034, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the estate.

Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before June 18, 2007, or be forever barred.

Robert A. Ide
Judge of the County Court
P.O. Box 95
Hastings, Nebraska 68902-0095

Douglas Pauley #16636
CONWAY, PAULEY & JOHNSON, P.C.
906 West Second, 206 Tribune Building
P.O. Box 315
Hastings, Nebraska 68902-0315
(402) 462-5187
April 16, 23, 30, 2007

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF PRAIRIE LAND ORGANICS, LLC

Notice is hereby given of the organization of Prairie Land Organics, LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company.

1. The name of the company is Prairie Land Organics, LLC.
2. The address of the registered office of the company is P.O. Box 1128, 1831 East South Street, Hastings, Nebraska 68902.
3. The general nature of the business to be transacted is to produce and market certified organic commodities, to provide consulting services to producers of certified organic commodities and to do all other acts or business permitted by the laws of the State of Nebraska.
4. The company commenced existence on March 30, 2007, 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 April 11, 2007.
Kenneth Morrison, Manager
April 16, 23, 30, 2007

In the County Court of Adams County, Nebraska

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATORSHIP OF XYERIA D. HAYES, A Minor and Protected Person.

TO THE MINOR ABOVE NAMED; THE PERSON HAVING THE CARE OF THE MINOR; AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:
Notice is now given that a Petition for the appointment of a Guardian for Xyeria D. Hayes, a minor, was filed in this Court by Georgia Logan. The hearing on the Petition for Appointment of a Guardian is set for Wednesday, May 16, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Court of Adams County, Nebraska.
Dated April 19th, 2007.

Georgia Logan, Petitioner
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