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Naponee residents react to boy's death

Suspects decribed as friendly, religious people

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NAPONEE — Kirk Downey wants to give the benefit of a doubt.

The owner of Kap's Café in downtown Naponee, a slyvan town with around 100 residents, said Friday afternoon it's a tragedy that 2-year-old Joseph Rinehart Jr., died this week, but he hopes the death was accidental. Downey said the three people charged in the incident were all friendly and did not seem capable of such an act.

Joseph was brought to Franklin County Memorial Hospital in Franklin about 8 p.m. Monday. The boy was found to be unresponsive when he arrived at the hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

An autopsy Wednesday showed Joseph had died of head and internal injuries caused by blunt-force trauma. The subsequent investigation led to the arrest of his mother, 24-year-old Laura E. Rinehart, and his grandparents, Peter F. Draper, 47, and Nancy L. Draper, also 47. Rinehart and the Drapers share a home in Naponee.

"I am rooting that it's an accident," Downey said.

Prosecutors believe otherwise, however.

County Attorney Pat Duncan filed charges against Laura and the Drapers Thursday in Franklin County Court. All three are charged with child abuse resulting in death, a Class 1B felony punishable by up to 20 years to life imprisonment.



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The trailer at 409 Jefferson St. in Naponee was home to seven people including 2-year-old Joseph Rinehart Jr., who died Monday, and the three adults charged in his death.

According to the affidavit of probable cause, physician Matthias Okoye found in conducting the autopsy at the Central Nebraska Forensic Services in Gibbon that Joseph's body contained bruises on the extremities, a skull fracture and an internal abdominal injury that Okoye described as a perforation that was caused by blunt force trauma.

Joseph's three siblings — ages 4, 3, and 1 — were removed from the home and placed in protective services with the Department of Health and Human Services.

Interviewed at the Family Advocacy Network in Kearney, Joseph's oldest sibling described seeing Peter Draper hit Joseph in the stomach and knock him to the ground on at least one occasion.

The complaint against the Drapers and Laura states that the abuse occurred between April 22 and May 1.

While he hopes Joseph's death was an accident, Downey said if someone is responsible for the boy's death that person or people should face the appropriate consequences.

"If there was some wrongdoing in this, then whoever did the wrongdoing needs to own up to the responsibility of their actions," he said.

In a community that spawned David Janssen, the actor who played Richard Kimble in the 1960s TV show "The Fugitive," the story of a man who was wrongly convicted in the death of his wife, it's important to remember that suspects are innocent until proven guilty.

"I can see a lot of people see that as judge, jury and conviction," Downey said of the trio's charges. "I'm not going to go that route."

The Naponee mobile home at 409 Jefferson St. with weathered silver and brown siding where the Drapers, Laura and her four children lived is actually just south of the house recognized as Janssen's birthplace.

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Workers from R&L Construction in Juniata work to repair lightning damage to the steeple of Holstein Grace United Methodist Church Friday afternoon.

Holstein steeple takes a hit

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HOLSTEIN — The Rev. Stuart Davis of Grace United Methodist Church here didn't think there was anything offensive in his light-hearted Easter Sunday service joke about combining the best of the three churches he serves into one to make his job easier.

But after learning the Holstein church was struck by lightning at about 2 a.m. Thursday, he's not so sure anymore.

"I said, 'You know, it would just be a lot easier on me if we could all meet in one place,' " he said. " 'We would take the sanctuary from Upland, fellowship hall from Kenesaw, and steeple from Holstein.' I guess they didn't like my joke."

Most of the damage sustained by the strike was limited to the church steeple and cross, though some water damage was also evident in the narthex. The church's electrical system also may have been damaged. The master breaker and other minor breakers were tripped by the strike, Davis said.

"So far, everything seems to be working, although we've been told that sometimes you develop electrical troubles a couple weeks down the road," he said. "We'll have to keep an eye on that."

Grace Church has a membership of about 70. It will celebrate its 125th anniversary this year.

Workers from R&L Construction in Juniata sealed the steeple roof watertight Friday afternoon, gathering splinters from the shattered cross in the process.

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Job growth slows; jobless rate dips

PAUL WISEMAN AND CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — One month of slower job growth might have been a blip. Two suggest a worrisome trend: The economy may be faltering again.

The United States generated just 115,000 jobs last month, well below expectations and the fewest since October. The unemployment rate fell to 8.1 percent, but for the wrong reason — workers abandoned the labor force.

From December through February, employers added 252,000 jobs a month on average. But the figure dipped in March and dropped further in April, raising doubts about an economic recovery that can't seem to reach escape velocity.

The report Friday by the Labor Department indicated "an economy that is losing momentum — especially on the jobs front," said Tom Porcelli, chief U.S. economist at RBC Capital Markets.

It also dealt a blow to President Barack Obama's re-election prospects. His presumed Republican opponent, Mitt Romney, called the report "very disappointing."

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Trap shooters 'cream of the crop'

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DONIPHAN — Doniphan was no place for the gun-shy Friday with the sound of gun shots ringing out nearly every moment from morning to evening.

The spectacle continues today, the final day for the 43rd annual Cornhusker Trapshoot.

The annual contest, for junior high and high schoolers, started Thursday and drew about 2,100 students and their families to the home grounds of the Nebraska Trapshooting Association in Doniphan. The event is sponsored by the NTA and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

"It's been going super great," shoot director Terry Brentzel said Friday. "We've had good weather, lots of kids, lots of smiling faces, a record number. It's the greatest show on Earth."

Brentzel said Friday morning started out with fog and a 15-minute delay until the shooters could see out to the 50-yard targets.

"Once the fog cleared off, it's been full speed ahead," he said.

Junior high students competed Thursday.

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DOUG CARROLL/*Tribune*

Blake Craig of the Hastings 4-H trap team shares a smile with a well-wisher after breaking 92 out of 100 bluerocks at the Cornhusker Trapshoot in Doniphan Thursday.

Weather

Hi: 90
Lo: 62

Partly cloudy in the morning then mostly sunny.



Art by Katelyn Devoll, 8, Alcott Elementary

Nation

Supermoon Saturday

NEW YORK — The biggest and brightest full moon of the year arrives Saturday night as our celestial neighbor passes closer to Earth than usual.

But don't expect any "must-have-been-a-full-moon" spike in crime or crazy behavior. That's just folklore.

Saturday's event is a "supermoon," the closest and therefore the biggest and brightest full moon of the year. At 10:34 p.m., the moon will be about 221,802 miles from Earth. That's about 15,300 miles closer than average.

That proximity will make the moon appear about 14 percent bigger than it would if the moon were at its farthest distance, said Geoff Chester of the U.S. Naval Observatory.

The Associated Press

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Obituaries

Neva Hinrichs

Former Giltner resident Neva Hinrichs, 92, of Aurora, died Friday, May 4, 2012, at St. Francis Medical Center in Grand Island.


Hinrichs

Funeral services are 10:30 a.m. Monday at Giltner United Methodist Church with the Rev. Marta Wheeler officiating. Burial will be at the Giltner Cemetery. Visitation is 5-7 p.m. Sunday at Giltner United Methodist Church in Giltner. Higby-McQuiston Mortuary in Aurora is in charge of arraignments.

Condolences may be sent to www.higbymortuary.com

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Neva Nerine Hinrichs, the daughter of George J. and Florence L. (Lyon) Marlatt, was born on the family farm southwest of Giltner, Neb., on Feb. 29, 1920.

Neva grew up in the Giltner and Trumbull area, graduating from Trumbull High School Class of 1937. She attended Hastings Business College for several months.

On March 5, 1938, Neva was united in marriage to Lloyd Hinrichs, at York, Neb. They lived in Hastings until 1943, when they began farming in the Trumbull area until moving to a farm near Giltner in 1946. In 1962, they retired and moved to Giltner, where they had built a home. They celebrated their 60th anniversary before Lloyd passed away on July 9, 1998. Neva stayed in their home until Oct. of 2010, when she moved to East Park Villa in Aurora.

Neva always enjoyed farm life and raising a family there. She enjoyed many friends and neighbors. The church and church groups, where she sang in the choir for years. Neva was a member of the Giltner Birthday Club, the GGG Extension Club, and the Greenwood Kensington, until it disbanded, plus many other organizations. She was also a member of the Rolling Eagles Camping Club of Grand Island. Neva was always a true follower of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren's sporting events and school activities. She always enjoyed gardening, canning; and she loved her roses, peonies, and all kinds of flowers. She had a good memory of the names of all plants, and could identify many plants. She loved and missed her dear dog, Snoopy of 17 years and her furry back door animals, and of course, all God's birds and outdoor life.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sister, Marie Finke; brother, Lloyd Marlatt; and infant grandson, Jon Mitchell Hinrichs.

Those who remain to cherish her memory are her six children, Jerry (Mary Ann) Hinrichs, Ronald (Peggy) Hinrichs, Richard (Marlene) Hinrichs, Darrell (Marlene) Hinrichs, Steve (Tammie) Hinrichs, and Dianne (John) McMahon; 24 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

Dale H. Bohlen

Rural Glenvil resident Dale H. Bohlen, 80, died Friday, May 4, 2012, at Mary Lanning Memorial HealthCare in Hastings.


Bohlen

Services are 10:30 a.m. Monday at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Glenvil with Pastor Jeff Glawe officiating. Burial with military rites by Glenvil American Legion Post #26 will be at the Glenvil Cemetery. Visitation is 1-9 p.m. Sunday with family present 2-6 p.m. at Livingston-Butler-Volland Funeral Home in Hastings, and one hour prior to the service at the church Monday.

Memorials may be given to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Glenvil, Neb.

Condolences may be sent to www.lbvfh.com

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Dale was born Sept. 20, 1931, in Glenvil, Neb., to Herman and Sophia (Tjarks) Bohlen. He graduated from Glenvil High School in 1949. Dale married Joyce Sherman on Nov. 4, 1951, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Glenvil, Neb. He served with the U.S. Army from Nov. 4, 1952, until Sept. 30, 1954, during the Korean War. Dale lived and farmed in the Glenvil area for most of his life. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, where he served on the Church Council. He was a member of the Glenvil Credit Association Board, Fairfield Non-Stock CO-OP Board, American Legion Post #26, Glenvil, V.F.W., Deweese, and the Eagles. He enjoyed being outdoors, fishing, playing cards, spending time with his family and friends; and he worked very hard to provide for his family.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents; and son, Richard Lee Bohlen.

Survivors include wife, Joyce Bohlen of Hastings, Neb.; children and spouses, Bob and Cindy Bohlen of Minden, Neb., Cindy and Jerry Nelson of Mason City, Iowa, Randy and Kim Bohlen of Glenvil, Neb., Connie and Wade Helzer of Hastings, Neb., Ron and Jenise Bohlen of Fairfield, Neb., Colleen and James Cannady of Ayr, Neb.; grandchildren and spouses, Lisa Bohlen, Jeffery and Katie Bohlen, Brock Stecker, Barry Stecker, Brooke Stecker, Megan Bohlen, McKenzie Bohlen, Chellsie Willmes, Josie Willmes, Jessie and Brandon Anderson, Cody and Hailey Bohlen, Kellie Bohlen, Nathan Cannady; six stepgrandchildren; great-grandchildren, Ashlyn and Cailyn Anderson, Bayleigh Bohlen; 16 stepgreat-grandchildren; brother and spouse, Duan and Dixie Bohlen of Hastings, Neb.; nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Claudia Minard

Hastings resident Claudia Minard, 67, died Thursday, May 3, 2012, at her home.


Minard

Services are 2 p.m. Monday at Brand-Wilson Funeral Home chapel in Hastings with Pastor Mike York officiating. There will be no visitation. Burial will be at a later date.

Condolences may be sent to www.brandwilson.com

Adam Yauch of the Beastie Boys dies

JAKE COYLE
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Adam Yauch, the gravelly voiced rapper who made the Beastie Boys one of the seminal groups in hip-hop, has died. He was 47.

Yauch, also known as MCA, died Friday morning in New York after a nearly three-year battle with cancer, his representatives confirmed Friday. He had been diagnosed with a cancerous salivary gland in 2009.

At the time, Yauch expressed hope that it was "very treatable," but his illness forced the group to cancel shows and delayed the release of their 2011 album, "Hot Sauce Committee, Pt. 2."

He hadn't performed in public since 2009 and was absent when the Beastie Boys were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame last month.

Yauch was an integral, founding member to the ever-weaving trio: three Jewish kids from New York who found widespread respect in a hip-hop world with few credible white performers.

In a 25-year span that covered four no. 1 albums and more than 40 million records sold, the Beastie Boys played both prankster and pioneer, a groundbreaking act that helped bring hip-hop to the mainstream.

"The group's music crossed genres and color lines, and helped bring rap to a wider audience," said Neil Portnow, president of the Recording Academy. "Yauch was an immense talent and creative visionary."

The demure, gray-haired Yauch wasn't the most boastful B-Boy; he was the thoughtful one and a steady source of the trio's innovative spirit.

Yesterday and Today

Nessie sighting



DAN REILAND, Eau Claire Leader-Telegram/AP

A sculpture resembling the Loch Ness monster rises out of the Chippewa River in Eau Claire, Wis., Monday. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources views the sculpture as an illegal obstruction to a navigable waterway and wants it removed. A person claiming to be the creator emailed the Eau Claire Leader-Telegram Thursday and said the sculpture would be removed in the next 10 days.

Today is Saturday, May 5, the 126th day of 2012. There are 240 days left in the year.

Memory Lane

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Sixty years ago: Mrs. A.D. Marvel of Hastings was elected to membership on the national board of directors of the YWCA at the annual convention in Chicago.

Fifty years ago: Richard Bierman of Hastings was named winner of a $3,000 scholarship offered by the Nebraska Society of Professional Engineers.

Forty years ago: Patricia Jensen, a first-grade teacher at Lincoln Elementary, was named Nebraska State Teacher of the Year.

Thirty years ago: The proposed consolidation of the Campbell and Bladen school districts appeared headed for a vote of the patrons following approval from the Webster County School Reorganization Committee.

Twenty years ago: The State Supreme Court was set to hear the city of Hastings' appeal of the 1990 District Court ruling that voided the annexation of the Central Community College-Hastings campus.

Ten years ago: Gorlyn Nun found a pipe bomb in his rural mailbox two miles north of Ohiowa that was later detonated by bomb technicians.

One year ago: Adams County Roads Superintendent Dawn Miller closed Showboat Road between Nebraska Highway 74 and the Adams/Webster County line until further notice so that the road could be repaired.

Highlight in History

On May 5, 1862, the Battle of Puebla took place in Mexico as forces loyal to Benito Juarez defeated troops that had been sent by Napoleon III during the so-called French Intervention. (The Cinco de Mayo holiday commemorates Mexico's victory.)

Today in Nebraska

In 1965, lightning struck the Nebraska National Forest at Halsey, touching off a fire that destroyed about one-third of the man-made forest.

On this date

One year ago: Solemnly honoring victims of the Sept. 11 terror attacks, President Barack Obama hugged survivors at ground zero in New York and declared that the killing of Osama bin Laden was an American message to the world: "When we say we will never forget, we mean what we say." Pakistan broke its silence over the U.S. commando raid that killed bin Laden, acknowledging its "shortcomings" in finding him but threatening to review cooperation with Washington if there were another similar violation of Pakistani sovereignty.

Today's Birthdays

Actress Pat Carroll is 85. Former AFL-CIO president John J. Sweeney is 78. Saxophonist Ace Cannon is 78. Country singer-musician Roni Stoneman is 74. Actor Michael Murphy is 74. Actor Lance Henriksen is 72. Comedian-actor Michael Palin is 69. Actor John Rhys-Davies is 68. Actor Roger Rees is 68. Rock correspondent Kurt Loder is 67. Rock musician Bill Ward (Black Sabbath) is 64. Actor Richard E. Grant is 55. CBS News corespondent John Miller is 54. Rock singer Ian McCulloch (Echo and the Bunnymen) is 53. NBC News anchor Brian Williams is 53. Rock musician Shawn Drover (Megadeth) is 46. TV personality Kyan Douglas is 42. Actress Tina Yothers is 39. Rhythm and blues singer Raheem DeVaughn is 37. Actor Vincent Kartheiser is 33. Singer Craig David is 31. Actress Danielle Fishel is 31. Actor Henry Cavill is 29. Soul singer Adele is 24. Rock singer Skye Sweetnam is 24. Rhythm-and-blues singer Chris Brown is 23.

Quote of the Day

"Great minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events, small minds discuss people."

— Admiral Hyman G. Rickover, "father" of America's nuclear navy (1900-1986)

Fact of the Day

The Beatles performed their first U.S. concert at Washington Coliseum in Washington, D.C., in 1964.

Number of the Day

3 — countries that have independently launched a person into space (Russia, the United States and China).

Lunar Landing

Full moon (May 5).

Sources: The Associated Press, Newspaper Enterprise Assn. and World Almanac Education Group

Tribland

The following couples recently applied for marriage licenses at the Adams County Clerk's Office: Robert Joseph Menke of Lawrence and Jean Marie Myers of Kearney; Richard Lee Thomas and Rhena Kathleen Oshaughnessy, both of Burchard; Colby Michael Gardine of Hastings and Anna Janae Wimmer of Alliance; Ramez Jeries Habash and Julie Michelle Jank, John Kellie Ware and Jenice Marie Jensen, Thomas Ray Warburton and Amanda Jo Evans, Roy John Connolly and Brenda Jo Rundel, Jeffrey Scott Hodgen and Amanda Marie Micek, and Adam Robert Dieken and Andrea Sue Fells, all of Hastings.

Warning...remember 2005! The out-of-town roofers are back! Check references/work history. Never pay up front. Have your roof inspected by the city 461-2301 upon completion before payment. Questions about your roof, call Dennis Heil, 461-6545. -Adv.

Electric mobility scooter, four-wheel, very good. $950. 402-659-2260, Hastings. -Adv.

Vehicles reportedly driven by Alexis K. Anderson of 5409 Randolph Circle and Sydney M. Niemeyer of 5645 N. First Ave. collided Wednesday at Burlington Avenue near Sixth Street.

For your convenience, the Hastings Tribune 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 Russell Ochsner of Roseland Wednesday struck a parked vehicle owned by Osmose Railroad Services, Madison, Wis., at Liberty Avenue near Saddlehorn Road.

Personal Touch Wigs, new looks, styling and wig products. 402-463-3240, 469-2548. -Adv.

Lisa J. Novak of 227 E. Ninth St. reported Thursday that her bicycle was taken at the 200 block of East Second Street.

Eagles, birthday Sunday 4:30 p.m.; kitchen 5:00 to 7:00; dance to Swingin' Country 6:00 to 10:00. All welcome. -Adv.

Vehicles reportedly driven by Fern M. Jacobsen of 1616 N. Apache Ave. and Floyd K. Baker Sr. of 2506 W. Fourth St. collided Wednesday at Ninth Street and Crane Avenue. Baker, 71, was taken to Mary Lanning Memorial HealthCare, but his condition was unknown.

Korky Lightner Auction, 1940 West "A", Monday, 5:30; name-brand tools. 469-0703. -Adv.

Hastings firefighters put out a gas can fire Thursday at 422 S. Baltimore Ave. The fire, ignited by an individual, destroyed the can and damaged siding on a house owned by Steve W. Huntley of 423 S. Sewell Ave.

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

Spencer Suminski of 1127 N. Hastings Ave. reported Thursday that his cell phone was taken at the 1400 block of West 16th Street.

Taylor Nelson of 1401 N. Apache Ave. reported Thursday that his laptop was taken at his residence.

Amber M. Ives of 118 E. Sixth St. reported Thursday that her game console was taken from a vehicle at her residence.

Amanda N. Clark of 105 E. 14th St. No. 11 reported Thursday that her vehicle was taken at her residence.

DAV Monday, pulled pork sandwiches. All welcome. -Adv

Calendar

Hastings

◆ **"Exit the King,"** a production of the Hastings College Theatre Arts Department, 2 p.m. Sunday in the Scott Studio Theatre at Hastings College. For tickets or more information, call 402-461-7380 or email tickets@hastings.edu.

◆ **Bingo,** 2 p.m. Sunday at the VFW, 1053 S. Wabash Ave.

◆ **Itty Bitty Story Time** for ages 0-24 months, 9:15 a.m. Monday at the Hastings Public Library, 517 W. Fourth St. For more information, call 402-461-2346.

◆ **Sunday Sundaes,** 2-3 p.m. Sunday, College View Assisted Living, 1100 N. Sixth Ave. Open to public ages 55 and older.

◆ **Free Community Meal,** 5 p.m. Sunday, Crossroads Center, 702 W. 14 St. Volunteers also welcome.

◆ **Alcoholics Anonymous,** noon, 5:15 and 8 p.m., 521 S. St. Joseph Ave.; and 7:30 p.m., 918 W. Fourth St. Sunday; and noon, 5:15 and 8 p.m., 521 S. St. Joseph Ave.; and noon, 835 S. Burlington Ave. No. 114 Monday.

◆ **Al-Anon,** 8 p.m. Sunday and 8 p.m. Monday, First United Methodist Church, 614 N. Hastings Ave.; and noon Monday, The Kensington, 233 N. Hastings Ave.

◆ **Overeaters Anonymous,** 5-6 p.m. Monday, Hastings Family YMCA, 1430 W. 16th St.

◆ **Trust Birth, "Coping with Labor Naturally,"** 6-8:30 p.m., Monday, Hastings Public Library, 517 W. Fourth St. For more information, call 402-984-5467.

◆ **Gamblers Anonymous,** 6:30 p.m. Monday, Mary Lanning Memorial HealthCare Education Building basement, Room D.

◆ **Chorus of the Plains,** 7 p.m. Monday, The Kensington ballroom, 233 N. Hastings Ave. Barbershop style music open to men of all ages.

◆ **Mary Lanning Cancer Support Group,** 7-8 p.m. Monday, Morrison Cancer Center, north end of MLMH campus.

◆ **3 Steps to Recovery,** 8 p.m. Monday, Crossroads Center Rescue Mission, 702 W. 14th St.

◆ **Narcotics Anonymous,** 8 p.m. Monday, 401 N. Lincoln Ave.

Clay Center

◆ **Al-Anon,** 3 p.m. Sunday at the Clay Center Christian Church, 31371 Woodland Rd.

◆ **Alcoholics Anonymous,** 8 p.m. Monday at the Clay Center Christian Church, 31371 Woodland Rd.

Corrections

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Lotteries

Winning Numbers

Friday

Nebraska Pick 5..... **3-24-25-26-32**
Jackpot: $58,000
2by2.....**Red 2-13, White 1-20**
MegaMillions.....**4-11-21-42-53-MB38**
Megaplier: 4x
Nebraska Pick 3.....**0-8-4**
MyDaY.....**8-4-59**
Kansas Pick 3.....**8-1-5**

Public notices

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◆ Notice of settlement, Linda Becht

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◆ Notice of trustee's sale, 1930 West 7th

◆ Notice of meeting, Southern Power District

◆ Notice of informal probate, Victor Schurman

◆ Midland Area Agency on Aging minutes

◆ Kenesaw School Board proceedings

◆ Public notice, accounting contracts, Adams County SID #2

Area funerals

Today

◆**Sandra Ellermeier,** 77, of Lincoln, 12 p.m. at Livingston-Butler-Volland Funeral Home chapel in Hastings.

◆**Leola Rodehorst,** 76, of Nelson, 11 a.m. at Clay Center Christian Church in Clay Center.

Monday

◆**Gerald "Jerry" Albers,** 85, of Campbell, 10:30 a.m. at Campbell Funeral Home in Campbell.

◆**Dale Bohlen,** 80, of rural Glenvil, 10:30 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Glenvil.

◆**Rex Walker,** 58, of Kearney, 11 a.m. at Simonson-Williams Funeral Home in Red Cloud.

◆**Neva Hinrichs,** 92, of Aurora, 10:30 a.m. at Giltner United Methodist Church in Giltner.

◆**Claudia Minard,** 67, of Hastings, 2 p.m. at Brand-Wilson Funeral Home chapel in Hastings.

Naponee: Residents shocked by tragedy

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A four-wire fence surrounds the trailer. A 1990s-model Chevrolet van with Franklin County license plates and an old GMC pickup truck with a Montana license plate and bumper sticker that says "Jesus Changes Lives" sit in front of the house along Jefferson Street.

Several blocks south, Pat O'Flannagan of Hastings took a break Friday afternoon from mowing the lawn of house he owns near downtown to state his displeasure with the situation.

"I'm not very happy about it," he said. "I've got grandkids of my own. I don't really have an opinion about the people. I don't know them that well. I might've met them a couple of times — I can't really say."

Naponee is a small community, and he said he probably talked to them around town.

O'Flannagan's neighbor, Bob Romjue, has lived in Naponee since 1960 and knows most of the people in town, but not Laura or the Drapers.

Romjue said he saw the Drapers walk around town "quite often," but said he didn't know them.

Laura, he said, cleans the Naponee Wesleyan Church, near his home in southwest Naponee.

"I don't know what the deal is, why they would do that," he said.

Still, he said he hoped the appropriate penalty would be given.

"I hope whoever did it is punished rather quickly," he said.

Kap's Café is open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. During slow times Downey sits in a chair outside.

He would see Laura and the Drapers walk by while he sat there. He said Laura used a walking stick, something he teased her about referencing the "ThunderCats" character Cheetara or the "Lord of the Rings" character Gandalf, both of whom carry staffs.

He said he was not friends with the three suspects but was friendly with them.

Laura and the Drapers were a religious family, Downey said. They would talk about Jesus with him and he shared conversations about the importance of living a healthy lifestyle.

He estimated the family lived in Naponee for about 18 months.

Nancy Draper and Laura brought Christmas cookies into his cafe in December.

Downey learned of Joseph's death Tuesday when Nancy Draper came into the cafe to tell him of the boy's death.

"Not for a second did it ever seem like she had something to hide," he said.

Downey said Nancy told him then that Joseph, as well as another of Laura's four children had a "bone condition," but she did not elaborate.

Downey said it seemed to him that Nancy was simply sharing an unfortunate situation with him.

"I feel bad for Laura," he said. "I feel bad for all of them. Laura was the girl I always said hi to when she walked by."

All three adults are being held on a $250,000 bond. Laura Rinehart was lodged in the Phelps County Jail in Holdrege. Peter Draper was being held in the Franklin County Jail in Franklin, and Nancy Draper was lodged in the Hall County Jail in Grand Island.

Holstein: Lightning hits church tower

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Church members likely will discuss more permanent repair options following Sunday services, Davis said.

"It's kind of up to the congregation," he said. "But the feeling is that the most efficient way is going to be to lose the high part of the steeple. I would imagine they'll probably cap it where that existing roof line is. That's just a guess."

Davis said he reads nothing into the lightning strike, but noted that it is the third Nebraska church he has served that has been struck by lightning.

"Two of them were before I was pastor, though," he said. "It's just one of those things that happens."

Congregation members Ron and Deanie Harris live next door in the former church parsonage. Both were already wide awake from the early morning storm's crashing thunder and rattling hail when the lighting struck.

"That was quite an experience," Deanie Harris said. "It sounded like a bomb went off. We got out of bed and ran around the house looking for sparks or flames. I knew the lighting hit something, but I couldn't tell what because it was dark and raining and hailing."

It wasn't until the following morning she witnessed the damage inflicted by the strike.

"I went out to check the rain gauge between us and the church at about 7:15 a.m. and there were wood pieces everywhere: In and across the highway, the school yard, and behind our garages in the alley," she said. "When I picked some of the wood up, I noticed it was antique-looking. My first thought was, "Where does antique wood come from?' Then I saw the poor cross."



JOHN HUTHMACHER/*Tribune*

The Rev. Stuart Davis of Holstein Grace United Methodist Church holds pieces of the church cross that was struck by lightning early Thursday morning.

She telephoned Terry Magarin, chairman of the church board, to alert him to the damage. Because it is a small church with limited resources, Harris thinks the steeple will probably not be restored to its original state due to the potentially high cost of such a repair.

"It'll probably be done the most economical way to fix it," she said.

The strike is the second that has occurred in close proximity to their home since they moved there in 1970. The other — which occurred just north of their home — obliterated a tree in their neighbor's front yard.

"We are very blessed that the church didn't burn and that our property wasn't in danger," Harris said. "I've always thought it might just get struck because it (the church) is the tallest building around. I'm grateful we're all well and able to hold services."

The 9:45 a.m. Sunday service will go on per usual, expect perhaps for the sermon content, Davis said.

"No more steeple jokes."

Doniphan: Trap shooting event brings stiff competition

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High school competition was Friday and high school students will shoot from their handicapped distance today.

Some shooting teams are associated with schools or 4-H clubs, but Brentzel said many of the competitors shoot as individuals. The event is open to students across the state and the nation, and this year there were students competing from Wisconsin, Iowa, Colorado, Kansas and Missouri.

Video

See www.hastingstribune.com for video from the Cornhusker Trapshoot.

Caleb Goedeken, 16, of Hebron has been trap shooting four years and said it helps make him a better hunter.

"I'm just hoping I'll do better than last year," he said. "I just like being out there and shooting for the fun of it."

Kylee Barber, 16, of Fairbury said it can be intimidating shooting next to so many competitors.

"But it's a lot of fun. Last year was the first time I had ever shot a gun and I love it," she said.

The NTA range has 24 trap-shooting houses, and during the competition they are all going at once with five students on each trap.

"It's one of the greatest things the Game and Parks Commission puts on," Brentzel said. "It's a tremendous event for the youth of America. These kids who are out here today, they are the cream of the crop. We have really good people here and it's a really good event."

Brentzel said all the students in the competition have been through a hunter safety course and been shooting at district conferences the last six weeks, so there are few if any safety problems at the event.

"It's a well-oiled machine," he said.

Dillon Ochsner and Wade Overturf, both 18-year-olds from Sutton, have been shooting all through junior high and high school.

"I like shooting sports and being outside," Ochsner said. "I like hunting. It helps sharpen your skills and makes bird hunting a lot easier."

"It's kind of like a family tradition," Overturf said. "My parents did it, my grandparents did it."

Overturf's younger brother, Wyatt, was also shooting Friday and the boys were accompanied by their mom, Charlene Overturf.

"It's exciting to watch because with them learning how to shoot well and handle a gun safely, they can use that their whole lives," she said. "Sutton is kind of a hunting area. They love to hunt duck, turkey, deer hunt. It's something we can all do together, so it's kind of neat."

Wade Overturf said many people don't think of trap shooting as a real sport.

"It's amazing to be here and see how many people there actually are, how many cars and how many shooters, and how many people actually know what trap shooting is and are involved in it," he said.

"People might think it's not as athletic as say, basketball or baseball or something like that, but it's still a very accurate sport where you have to have accuracy and focus. Your hand-eye coordination has to be really good," Charlene Overturf said.

Both boys said they were would be happy with scores around 90 to 95 out of 100 shots. Last year they said there were several shooters with perfect 100 scores who had to compete in a shoot-off to determine the winners.

"So when you miss one, it's a little bit of a letdown, but you can't get mad," Overturf said. "You have to focus on the next rock and not worry about it. You have to keep your concentration."

Charlene Overturf said she appreciates having the state competition so close to home because it makes it easier for families to watch.

"I love hearing the gun shots," she said. "When you're a hunter, you just kind of get used to the sound and you get to where you even like it. It's kind of cool to hear."

Economy: April unemployment rate dips

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Romney said the country should be adding 500,000 jobs a month and said any unemployment rate above 4 percent is "not cause for celebration." The rate has not been that low seen since the last days of the Clinton administration.

"We seem to be slowing down, not speeding up," Romney said on Fox News Channel. "This is not progress."

Obama, at a Virginia high school to promote a freeze on interest rates for student loans, focused on the six-month total of more than 1 million jobs created. But he said: "We've got to do more."

The 8.1 percent unemployment rate is the lowest since January 2009, the month Obama was sworn in.

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Don't make pledge just another task

Lincoln Journal Star

To hear some of those promoting a government rule that Nebraska public schools set aside a time to say the Pledge of Allegiance, one would think that the future of patriotism was at stake.

That's a silly notion.

The United States of America got by just fine without the Pledge of Allegiance for more than a century.

The pledge was not even written until 1892, when Francis Bellamy — a socialist, no less — penned the original version.

There was no noticeable shortage of patriots before 1892. In fact, any suggestion to the contrary seems like an insult to the founders.

Nonetheless, the pledge became popular, and politicians being what they are, laws and rules gradually were put in place to make the recitation of the pledge a required part of the public school day.

In 1954, despite an objection from Bellamy's daughter, President Dwight Eisenhower suggested that Congress add the words "under God," apparently as a way of emphasizing the difference between the United States and the godless communists.

Until now, Nebraska has not used the power of the state to require the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. It's been a tradition at most elementary schools in the state, but it's been voluntary.

Now, the State Board of Education seems suddenly to have become inflamed with the desire to impose its authority by proposing a rule to require school officials to lead students in reciting the pledge.

Students, however, could opt out if they chose. The state board couldn't require them to say the pledge even if it wanted to. That's because the United States Supreme Court famously ruled in 1943 that "educating the young for citizenship is reason for scrupulous protection of Constitutional freedoms of the individual, if we are not to strangle the free mind at its source and teach youth to discount important principles of our government as mere platitudes."

Justice Robert Jackson wrote, "We think the action of the local authorities in compelling the flag salute and pledge transcends constitutional limitations on their power."

The Nebraska officials promoting the rule that school officials lead students in a voluntary recitation of the pledge seem bothered by the fact that Nebraska reportedly is one of only six states without such a requirement.

We suggest, however, that the absence of such a rule in Nebraska is in keeping with the cherished American concept of freedom. All evidence indicates that patriotism is alive and well in Nebraska. There's no need to coerce it. If the State Board of Education really believes in freedom, it will drop this misguided governmental intrusion.

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Storm affects creatures great and small



Amy Palser

This is the cloud that started the storm/ That brought the rain that flooded the pond/ That sent the fish into the street/ Next to the building where Barb works.

The day after a big storm, we all have stories to tell. Where we were when the first raindrops fell. What size the hail was in the yard. Whether we went to the basement or stood on the porch.

I've heard lots of them this week after Wednesday's storm. Several readers sent photos and told stories of the amazing storm clouds to the east around dinner time. Some sent pictures of hailstones, small and round, giant and jagged. I've heard about dings on cars and dents on siding.

And then, after the din of the storm has died down, I heard other stories.

Funny stories like a grandpa on a bike ride with his 4-year-old grandson, the grandpa looking at the mile-high cloud behind him and encouraging the tike: "Pedal faster!"

A story about a homeowner finding hail in his own yard but not his neighbors', looking up at the heavens and asking, "Are you trying to tell me something?"

And the story of a zoologist-turned-soil analyst rescuing a bunch of fish facing certain death. Yeah, that one surprised me, too.

It starts with a parking lot project that's going on at Servi-Tech Crop Service & Laboratories in southwest Hastings. Barb Spencer and her co-workers have been parking along the street ever since the project at their job got under way.

On Thursday, one of the Servi-Tech workers returned from lunch and parked in her temporary spot on the street. In the gutter, which was filled with water from the previous night's rainstorm, were some stray fish.

"There's fish swimming out there," she announced to the office.

Barb said she and secretaries Jaci Fry and Daveta Brader went out to see a bunch of 5- to 6-inch-long blue gills. The ladies figured the fish were ousted from the neighborhood pond after the storm dropped between 1 and 2 inches of rain on that part of the city.

Barb decided the fish wouldn't live unless they did something, and even then it was iffy.

"They looked dead because they were laying on their side," Barb said. There wasn't enough water for them to swim upright.

Daveta grabbed a turkey roasting pan — Barb's not sure why there was one of those hanging around the office — and they started poking fish to see which ones were still alive.

The live ones jumped when prodded, and the ladies threw them one at a time into the pan (the fish probably figured they were headed for the fryer).

One fish had been smashed by a car's tire, and another died from lack of water. But the remaining six were transferred from the pan to a cooler full of water, where they remained for the rest of the day.

Barb was pleased to see that all six were still swimming around in the cooler by 4:30 when she was leaving work, so she carted them to her home at Idlewilde. She decided the lake at Idlewilde was as good a place as any for the persistent little fish, so she found a warm, secluded spot and let them go.

"They were very happy," she said. "I could tell."



Courtesy

A fish is seen in the gutter before Barb Spencer's heroic rescue.

Barb knows when animals are happy. She was a zoology major in college and is an animal lover to this day, even though she works with people and dirt at her job.

And though she hasn't fished for some years, it didn't mind handling a bunch flipping, flopping fish.

"It was pretty fun," she said.

And so that is how a bunch of fish left their home in the city and moved to the country. They probably thought their lives were over, but it was just a new start. I'm sure we can all relate to that.

So those are the fish that lay in the street/ That filled up with rain because of the storm/ That brought the clouds, the lightning, the hail/ Next to the building where Barb works.

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Should Obama get credit for Osama?

President Barack Obama has come under fire for a new campaign ad that depicts him as making the "harder ... more honorable" decision to raid Osama bin Laden's Pakistan compound last year, resulting in the al-Qaida leader's death.

The ad also implies that presumptive GOP nominee Mitt Romney wouldn't have made the same decision. Romney disputes that idea and Republicans including Sen. John McCain have criticized the president for "politicizing" an "American victory."

Does President Obama deserve the credit? Or does his campaign's new advertisement go too far?

Joel Mathis and Ben Boychuk, the RedBlueAmerican columnists, give their thoughts on the issue.



Joel Mathis

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter ordered a daring raid on Iran to rescue American hostages. The gambit failed and was a catalyst for Carter's close loss to Ronald Reagan in that year's election.

In 2002 — just a year after 9/11 — Republicans swept midterm elections largely on the strength of campaigns that depicted Democrats as weak on national security. One memorable ad, in Georgia, used a picture of Osama bin Laden to suggest that Democratic Sen. Max Cleland's couldn't be trusted to defend America.

In 2004, Vice President Dick Cheney said a win by Democratic candidate John Kerry would put the United States at risk of a "devastating" terror attack. That year's GOP convention featured a short film praising President George W. Bush's immense personal courage for ... throwing out the first pitch at a baseball game shortly after 9/11.

In 2008, Sarah Palin, the Republican party's vice-presidential nominee, even said Obama spent time "palling around with terrorists."

Throughout Obama's term in office, Republicans have continually tried to portray him as feckless on national security issues. Romney wrote a whole book, "No Apology," that suggested Obama was insufficiently proud of and insufficiently protective of his country.

See a pattern? Every Democrat alive in the last decade knows this history by heart.

However: Obama got Osama bin Laden. The GOP didn't.

Republicans apparently believe that national security is only a proper issue if it can be used to bludgeon Democrats. If, on the other hand, Democrats can use the issue to appear tough and strong, well, then, suddenly it becomes "divisive."

If Osama bin Laden survived and escaped the Pakistan raid, Republicans certainly would have raised an unending stink. Now they're whining.

Maybe they should toughen up and show some spine, or else voters will never trust them with national security.

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The very first rule of politics is "claim credit, avoid blame." Who wouldn't want to be the president in office when U.S. Navy SEALs killed the most wanted terrorist in the world? Of course Obama deserves a fair share of the credit for that signal accomplishment. He is the sitting commander-in-chief, after all.

But let's not allow the current discussion help the president avoid righteous blame for so much else.

Portraying this administration as "feckless on national security issues" isn't especially hard to do. Osama bin Laden is dead. Obama is a weak and contemptible world leader. Both of those things are equally true.

Osama bin Laden is dead. The Taliban is fighting for control of Afghanistan's hinterlands, a corrupt cabal runs Kabul, Afghan army officers are randomly killing their U.S. counterparts, and Pakistan's leadership becomes more radical by the week.

Osama bin Laden is dead. The Muslim Brotherhood is ascendant in Egypt and Tunisia, and gaining ground in Syria, and the Obama administration is seriously considering letting the Iranians get away with developing a nuclear weapon.

Osama bin Laden is dead, and



Ben Boychuk

Obama is asking the Russians for "space" until after the election, when he would presumably have "more flexibility" to sell out the U.S. missile defense system.

Osama bin Laden is dead, and Vice President Joe Biden is crowing to Democratic Party donors about the raid that killed him: "You can go back 500 years. You cannot find a more audacious plan." Seriously? More audacious than the D-Day landings at Normandy? More audacious than Pickett's Charge? The Entebbe Raid? More audacious than Trafalgar? Leave it to this administration to spike the football so hard, it bounces right back in the president's face.

Meantime, the national debt is more than $15 trillion, the economy is sluggish, and the number of Americans out of the workforce is now at historic highs.

But Obama got Osama. Outstanding.

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Tribland five-day forecast

Art by Katelyn Devoll, 8, Alcott Elementary



Sunny Todau
High: 89 **Low:** 62
Wind: East 10-20
A 50 percent chance of storms overnight.



Cloudy Sunday
High: 69 **Low:** 50
A 30 percent chance of showers.
Windy overnight.



Sunny Monday
High: 68 **Low:** 48
Partly cloudy overnight.



Partly Cloudy Tuesday
High: 69 **Low:** 46



Sunny Wednesday
High: 72 **Low:** 52

Even in tough times, it's great to graduate

Nearly 24 years ago, I walked across the stage to receive my bachelor's degree. Granted, I was a late bloomer compared to the rest of the graduates, but nevertheless, it was an exciting day.



Joyce Ore

As exciting as it was to finally hold that diploma, it was even more so four days later when our first grandchild was placed in my arms. What a graduation gift. Holding your first grandchild is something to get excited about.

Today, that grandson will walk across the stage to receive his diploma. What a difference 24 years makes. Not only has this bouncing baby boy turned into a smart, intelligent, dark-haired, good-looking wonder with a great personality (he is my grandson, I should know), he faces a much different world from that of his grandparents and even his parents.

I was well on my career track when I received my diploma so searching for a job was not an issue. Our son-in-law was wined and dined with several job offers waiting for his selection weeks before he received his diploma. Our daughter had but a few days to step out of the world filled with classes, exams and finals and into one overflowing with high expectations for a satisfying future. She, too, had multiple job offers.

Few of today's graduates are so lucky. Times are tough, jobs are scarce and resources are few. Employers no longer have to wine and dine to get the brightest. However, from what I see of today's young people, all is not bleak. I sense a resourcefulness and self-reliance in that generation that was absent in earlier times. Having things easy doesn't always translate into a better or more fulfilling life. Working harder to find their place in our society not only will make them stronger but our country as well. The young people who are graduating today need to be tough as well as smart, good looking, personable…you get the picture. I do have several handy, just ask.

Go get 'em Troy. It's a great day to be a college graduate.

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State

Teacher charged

OMAHA — A teacher in the Omaha suburb of Ralston who's accused of inappropriately touching students faces two additional charges.

KETV-TV says 58-year-old Nicholas Richter is now charged with five counts of third-degree sexual abuse of a child. Richter's attorney, James Shaefer, says the additional charges were filed after two more children came forward with allegations.

Shaefer says a judge increased Richter's bond to $2.5 million. A bond hearing is set for Monday in Douglas County District Court.

Richter was arrested last month after Ralston police investigated allegations at Seymour Elementary School.

Shaefer says they're ready to fight the charges.

Toddler injured

OMAHA — A toddler has been flown to a hospital after she fell from a window on the second floor of a house in the Omaha area.

Authorities say the 2-year-old girl was playing with an older brother at their home near Bennington on Friday when she fell from the window onto a concrete driveway. She fell more than 10 feet.

A neighbor working in her garden heard the girl crying, rushed over and yelled for the child's mother.

The toddler was taken to an Omaha hospital. There's no immediate word on her condition.

The Associated Press

Fischer drives toward primary

State senator battling Bruning, Stenberg for GOP Senate nod

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After driving more than 200,000 miles in eight years as a member of the Nebraska Legislature, state Sen. Deb Fischer of Valentine is racking up a few more miles in her quest to earn the Republican nomination for one of two Nebraska seats in the U.S. Senate.

A total of six Republican and five Democratic candidates are running for the seat being vacated by incumbent Democratic Sen. Ben Nelson. The major candidates Fischer will face on the May 15 primary ballot are Nebraska State Treasurer Don Stenberg and Nebraska Attorney General Jon Bruning.



Fischer

Fischer is completing her eighth and final year as a member of the Nebraska Legislature where she has served on the Revenue and Transportation committees.

Fischer grew up in Lincoln and met her husband, Bruce, at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She then moved with her husband to a ranch in Cherry County where they raised three sons who work on the ranch today.

After serving on a school board for 20 years, serving on various other boards and committees and raising her three children, Fischer ran for and won a seat in the state Legislature where she has served since 2005.

As a state senator, Fischer helped to pass one of the state's largest tax cuts in history in 2007 and garnered the support of her colleagues to pass major roads improvement legislation in 2011.

Fischer said she decided to run for the Senate seat partly because of encouragement of friends and completely with the support of her family.

"I waited until we adjourned the Legislature last year, and then my husband and family sat down and talked about it and decided to do this," Fischer said.

So she hit the campaign trail last summer and fall speaking with Nebraskans to find out what they believed to be the biggest issues in this country on a federal level.

When the Legislature went back into session in January, Fischer put her campaign on hold, spending her days on the floor of the Nebraska Capitol dealing with state issues.

"I think it's important when you're elected to do a job that you do that job," she said. "So I'm proud of the fact and I believe people respect the fact that I didn't miss a day of the legislative session."

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AMY ROH*/Tribune*

Hastings Middle School student Sidney Kenny watches her spin on the wheel as Lane Muhle (right) reads instructions from his spin while participating in the school's "reality store" activity Friday. Muhle's card instructed him to pay taxes on a used car while Kenny's card instructed her to get advice from the pet store about buying a dog.

Getting 'real'

Hastings Middle School students get introduction to challenges of adult living

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Hastings Middle School eighth-graders got a harsh taste of reality by paying for daily expenses including insurance, utilities and medical bills as part of an exercise Friday.

Students were allowed to pick their respective careers but had no choice when it came to if they were married or had children.

Then they visited a series of booths where they paid taxes, bought homes and cars, paid for groceries and insurance and many other expenses adults pay for on a monthly basis.

"Reality store is sort of like the game of Life that kids play, but this is where they actually experience it," explained counselor Marj Little.

Students chose a career from a list including everything from physical therapists and doctors to cosmetologists and fast-food workers.

Some students first paid for basic needs including utilities, housing, groceries and child care if they have any children in this make believe world. Others went straight for luxuries including cars, technology and pets.

At the Wheel of Fate, students draw cards requiring them to pay legal fees for traffic violations or medical bills. Some were lucky enough to get tax refunds or win the lottery.

The goal, Little said, is for students to gather all their monthly expenses and still have money left at the end of the exercise.

The volunteers at the different stations are professionals in those fields including insurance agents, grocers, lawyers, real estate agents and job service workers.

Julie Thomsen with Pershing Orthodontics sat at the medical and dental station where students could buy medical insurance and also pay the costs for medical and dental expenses.

"If they spin the Wheel of Fate and need braces, we say, 'You should probably get insurance before you get your braces,'" Thomsen said. "They kind of learn to have that coverage before they go spent their money on computers or a vacation."

Thomsen, who has volunteered at the reality store program for three years, said the program is a great real life education for students.

"They learn that it does actually cost money to have different things done," she said. "They have a lot of fun and realize what their parents have to spend for them to get through their adolescent years. It's not cheap."

After paying just a few bills, many of the eighth-graders were shocked to see how expensive life can be.

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High court: No new trial for Kofoed

Former CSI chief was sent to prison for tampering with evidence

MARGERY A. BECK
The Associated Press

OMAHA — The Nebraska Supreme Court on Friday upheld the conviction of a former top crime scene investigator sent to prison for evidence tampering in a double murder case.

Former CSI chief David Kofoed had asked the state's high court to grant him a new trial, arguing among other things that Cass County District Judge Randall Rehmeier should have recused himself from the case. Kofoed said he did not know until after his trial that the judge's cousin is a sheriff's deputy who supported a Douglas County employee critical of Kofoed.

But the high court said Friday that "no reasonable person would have questioned the trial judge's impartiality under these circumstances."

Kofoed also argued the trial court had erred in allowing evidence indicating Kofoed had tampered with DNA evidence in an earlier case.

The Supreme Court, however, backed the trial court's determination that there were similarities between the 2006 double murder investigation for which Kofoed was convicted and the investigation of the 2003 murder of 4-year-old Brendan Gonzalez. In both cases, there were confessions by the suspects and a lack of physical evidence to corroborate them until Kofoed found a speck of blood that previously had been overlooked.

"Simply stated, Kofoed, as the primary custodian, was the fox guarding the chicken coop," the high court wrote. "We conclude that the trial court did not err in concluding that the state's evidence was sufficient to prove that in 2003, Kofoed falsified evidence during the Gonzalez murder investigation."

Kofoed was sentenced in 2010 to between 20 months and four years in prison for tampering with evidence in the case of two men wrongly charged in the 2006 shotgun slayings of Wayne and Sharmon Stock of rural Murdock. The men, Matthew Livers and Nicholas Sampson, spent several months in jail before they were cleared. Prosecutors said Kofoed planted some of Wayne Stock's blood in a car linked to Livers and Nicholas.

Livers initially confessed to the killings but quickly recanted, and his attorney has said the confession was coerced. Prosecutors said Kofoed found the blood evidence after Livers recanted his confession.

The blood was the only physical evidence that tied the two men to the slayings. A man and woman from Wisconsin eventually pleaded guilty to murdering the couple and are each serving life in prison.

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Local

BETTY CLUB STORY

A segment on the Nebraska Betty Club's annual convention filmed April 29 in Hatings will air Sunday on CBS Sunday Morning with Charles Osgood.

In the story, CBS News Correspondent Lee Cowan visits the convention and discovers that, although one of the most popular baby names in America during the 1920s and 1930s, "Betty" has fallen out of favor in recent decades. At this year's convention, for example, among the 75 convention attendees there are far more Bettys in their 80s than in their 50s.

For the past 16 years, various towns in Nebraska have been host to the convention. The Betty Club, which has several chapters in the state, is made up of a for whom the only requirement for membership is a shared first name — or nickname, as in the case of at least one "Elizabeth" who belongs to the Nebraska group.

CBS Sunday Morning with Charles Osgood is broadcast 8-9:30 a.m. on the CBS Television Network.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

The following schools have named their students of the week:

Hastings Middle School

◆ Briana Lundquist, Team 6A; Jennifer Hernandez, 6B; Renea Frakes, Team 7A; McKenna Lamoree, Team 7B; Jamie Johnson, Team 8A; Tommy Tran, Team 8B

Adams Central Junior High School

◆ Paige Shestak, Derek Pavelka, Lindee Schultz

LAND USE IN ROSELAND

The Adams County Planning and Zoning Commission Monday will consider amending the county's comprehensive plan to better reflect land use in Roseland.

An agenda summary prepared by Zoning Administrator Judy Mignery says recent land development trends in the community indicate the preferred direction for residential growth is to the north and to a lesser extent, to the southeast away from the former rail line.

There will be a public hearing on the change to the comprehensive plan.

The planners then will consider rezoning the following lots from urban residential to industrial: Lots 1 and 2 of Block 19, Lots 1-3 and 12-14 and the adjoining alley of Block 20. Block 19 is south of the railroad tracks between Lincoln and Meade Avenues, and Block 20 is just west of Meade Avenue.

The commission meets 6 p.m. Monday at the Hastings City Building, 220 N. Hastings Ave. In other business, the commission will consider applications related to the following subdivisions: Plambeck, Hubl, Glenwood Second.

Region

DEPUTY'S DEATH INVESTIGATED

HARLAN COUNTY — The death of a Harlan County sheriff's deputy is under investigation by the Nebraska State Patrol.

Capt. Jim Parish with NSP Troop D Headquarters in North Platte said his department is investigating the death of Harlan County Chief Deputy Sheriff Kevin Einspahr, an Alma resident.

Einspahr, 56, died Friday morning of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. He was a deputy with the Harlan County Sheriff's Office for about 20 years.

Parish said the investigation is a standard procedure to eliminate any question regarding Einspahr's death.

BUYERS MEET SELLERS
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Reality: Students' eyes opened

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"If a self-made millionaire makes this much, I'm never doing that," said Raven Hill, whose occupation was small-business owner. "I'm making $3,000 a month and I need a second job."

Hill was a single father with two kids. One of the big expenses for him, other than insurance and child care, was replacement of a neighbor's couch destroyed by his imaginary dog.

In the scenario, Katie Fast, who is a sports agent, had one child and a spouse. The problem is that her spouse doesn't have a job and is bringing no money into the house.

"I had to get a second job," Fast said. "I'm a waitress."

While she was able to buy clothing and hair care for her family, Fast said she had to skip a car because there wasn't money in the budget. She considered getting a cell phone though.

The most valuable lesson for Fast part way through the program was to have a spouse with money.

"I need to marry someone that works," she said.

Walking through the booths with Fast was her friend Breeanna Fluckey, who was a physical therapist, married with three children.



AMY ROH/*Tribune*

Hastings Middle School eighth-graders Daniel Palma, Chantilly Clark and Jessica Engberg stop at the grocery store booth to pick out a level of groceries to buy during the school's "reality store" activity Friday.

While her spouse had a job and there was money in the home, the cost of child care was a shock.

"You need to have tiny families," she said looking at her list of expenses. "Big families are expensive."

Choosing the right career path was something Dylan Stuart thought a lot about during Friday's exercise. He plans to someday go into the family business with his dad.

While that wasn't on the list of career choices, Stuart settled for working in fast food, a decision he quickly regretted.

"It's a bad choice because you don't get paid that much," he said. "And if you have three kids, it's kind of hard. You have to get two jobs and I had to go get child support."

Stuart's biggest expenses were child care and utilities. However, he said he could cut the utility costs by reducing his energy use.

Little said she hoped that every expense the students paid and every choice they made was a lesson.

"More important than the balances on the balance sheet is that they learn some things about real life," she said.

Kofoed: Supreme Court says no to new trial

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Kofoed had maintained during his trial that accidental contamination was likely to blame, but allowed that someone else could have planted the evidence. The Supreme Court also said the trial court correctly denied Kofoed's motion for a new trial based on that argument.

"The car had already been thoroughly and unsuccessfully examined for DNA evidence, and no officer had requested further testing," the high court's opinion read. "So no one but Kofoed would have known that Kofoed would nonetheless search for, and find, a DNA sample in an obscure location of the car."

Kofoed's attorney, Steve Lefler of Omaha, said Friday that Kofoed has little recourse for clearing his name following the high court's opinion, other than filing a post-conviction motion claiming his lawyer was ineffective.

Two appear on charges in forced-prostitution case

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Charges have been filed against a 35-year-old Upland woman for agreeing to charge an undercover officer $150-$200 for sex with herself and a 14-year-old girl.

The woman was charged with conspiracy to commit first-degree sexual assault of a child and two counts of possession of child pornography in Buffalo County Court.

The woman's name is being withheld to protect the identity of the victim.

According to court records, the investigation started with a personal ad on the website Craigslist offering female companionship in the Kearney area.

An undercover officer with the Nebraska State Patrol made contact with the woman via text, and she sent him pornographic photos of children over a two-day period. The officer met the woman and victim in a motel room in Kearney on April 26, according to the arrest affidavit. The officer made a cash transaction for oral sex with the woman and intercourse with the girl. After a brief conversation, the officer arrested the woman and placed the girl in protective custody.

The woman's cell phone had pornographic pictures of the 14-year-old girl and a 7-year-old child.

The woman reportedly told investigators she arranged numerous sexual acts of the two children in several counties.

Investigators conducted a search of the woman's residence and found computer records leading officers to a 38-year-old Omaha man.

Alexander C. Rahe was arrested at his home Wednesday. He is being held in the Buffalo County Jail on a charge of first-degree sexual assault of a child, a Class 1B felony punishable by 15 years to life in prison.

Rahe met the woman and 14-year-old girl at a park in Kearney on April 21 and they went to a nearby house where a sexual act took place.

Conspiracy to commit first-degree sexual assault of a child is a Class 2 felony punishable by up to 50 years in prison. Possession of child pornography is a Class 4 felony punishable by up to five years in prison and a $10,000 fine.



Fischer: Senate contender racks up miles in campaign

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Since the Legislature adjourned in late April, Fischer has been back out talking with Nebraskans about the issues.

"They want to meet their candidates, see who we are, look us in the eye and know where we stand on issues," Fischer said. "That's important and it's something I have done for eight years in my legislative district."

Coming from a state where a balanced budget is mandated and must be passed every two years, Fischer said, she supports a balanced-budget amendment on the federal level.

"And I believe we need to help small businesses grow," she said. "Small businesses are the economic engine of this economy."

To do that, Fischer said, the federal government needs to reduce regulations, reform the tax code, reduce energy costs and repeal Obamacare."

Fischer said she believes many of the career politicians in Washington have just continued to kick the can full of problems down the road and ignored the real issues in the country.

"We need basically to reform the culture of Washington," she said. "We need to make some changes. Everybody in Nebraska and everyone in this country knows the way Washington is going is not sustainable.'

Coming from an officially nonpartisan Legislature, Fischer said, her ability to work across party lines is something she would also like to take with her to Washington.

"Government is important," she said. "We need an open government. We need an honest government. People need to regain some faith in government and that's what I'm trying to do. I've always been very open, and I think it's important."

Bruning says no to city gay-rights laws

TIMBERLY ROSS
The Associated Press

OMAHA — Nebraska cities can't adopt ordinances protecting people from discrimination for being gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender because the state's anti-discrimination laws don't extend to sexual orientation, the state attorney general's office said in a legal opinion issued Friday.

Voters can approve changes to city charters to extend protections to groups not covered by state law, but local governments lack the authority, the opinion said.

"Nebraska statutes do not authorize political subdivisions in Nebraska, including municipalities, to expand protected classifications beyond the scope of the civil rights classifications created in state statute," Attorney General Jon Bruning said in a statement after the release.

The opinion, which critics predicted would get shot down in court, was issued in response to a request by conservative state Sen. Beau McCoy, of Omaha, who introduced legislation this year that would have barred counties and cities from adopting anti-discrimination ordinances that go beyond statewide rules. The bill didn't advance out of committee.

Local

METH POSSESSION SENTENCE

A 24-year-old Grand Island man was sentenced Thursday in Adams County District Court to six months at the Work Ethic Camp and three years of probation for possession of methamphetamine on Sept. 15, 2011.

Patrick Stanford pleaded guilty March 2. In exchange for his plea, prosecutors dropped charges of trespass, attempted theft and possession of burglar's tools.

Adams County District Judge Stephen Illingworth sentenced Stanford.

Possession of a controlled substance is a Class 4 felony punishable by up to five years in prison and a $10,000 fine.

FLIGHT CHARGE SENTENCE

A 26-year-old Lincoln man was sentenced Thursday in Adams County District Court to 20 months to five years in prison for operating a vehicle to avoid arrest on Nov. 15, 2011.

James Cervantes pleaded no contest March 2. In exchange for his plea, prosecutors dropped charges of driving under suspension and possession of an open alcohol container.

Adams County District Judge Stephen Illingworth sentenced Cervantes.

Operating a motor vehicle to avoid arrest is a Class 4 felony punishable by up to five years in prison and a $10,000 fine.

BOOKMOBILE

Monday

◆ 700 block North Lincoln Avenue, 9-9:30 a.m.
◆ 1500 block North Kansas Avenue, 9:40-10 a.m.
◆ YMCA Preschool, 10:15-10:35 a.m.
◆ HPS Preschool at Longfellow, 11 a.m.
◆ PAC2, 11:15 a.m.
◆ College View, 11:30 a.m.
◆ Cottages of Hastings, 1:30 p.m.
◆ 100 block Paul Street, 2 p.m.
◆ 820 S. Pine Ave., 2:20 p.m.

Tuesday

◆ Silver Lake Elementary (Bladen), 9:30-11:30 a.m.
◆ Zion Lutheran School, 1:45-3:15 p.m.
◆ 500 block Oswego Avenue, 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday

◆ 600 block North Platte Avenue, 9:15-9:45 a.m.
◆ St. Michael's School, 10-11 a.m.
◆ Homestead, 11:05-11:15 a.m.
◆ Wallace Elementary, 1-3:10 p.m.

Thursday

◆ Children's Ark, 9-9:45 a.m.
◆ 1100 block Highland Drive, 10:05-10:25 a.m.
◆ Pooh Corner North, 10:40 a.m.
◆ Juniata Elementary, 1:15-2:45 p.m.

Markets

Friday's closing local markets

Corn 6.28
Soybeans 14.17
Milo 5.72
Wheat 5.77

Stocks of local interest

The following stocks of local interest were traded today:

	Last	Chg.
Berkshire Hathaway A	121,950	+150
Berkshire Hathaway B	80.94	-.32
ConAgra	25.75	-.02
Eaton Corp.	45.37	-1.14
Ingersoll Rand	41.97	-.05
Level 3	25.17	-.32
McDonald's	95.87	-1.17
PepsiCo	65.90	-1.01
Tricon Global Restaurants	71.15	-.85
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Nurse in Afghanistan dies in Skype chat

HOUSTON — The wife of an Army officer serving in Afghanistan witnessed her husband's death as the two video chatted via Skype, his family said Friday.

The circumstances of Capt. Bruce Kevin Clark's death were not immediately available. The Pentagon said it was under investigation, and his brother-in-law said he didn't have details.

"We are entrusting the military with investigating and with finding out what happened to Capt. Clark," Bradley Taber-Thomas told The Associated Press.

Clark, a 43-year-old Army chief nurse, grew up in Michigan and lived previously in Spencerport, N.Y., a suburb of Rochester and his wife's hometown. He joined the Army in 2006 and was stationed in Hawaii before he was assigned to the William Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso. He deployed to Afghanistan in March.

Taber-Thomas said in a statement that Clark died Monday while talking to his wife during one of their regular Skype sessions.

Map mistake

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. — A Connecticut seventh-grader says workers at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City didn't believe him when he pointed out an inaccuracy with a map that was on exhibit. The map purported to show the Byzantine Empire at its largest size in the 6th century, but he noticed that Spain and part of Africa were missing from the depiction.

Benjamin Lerman Coady knew he was right, because he had just studied the empire in school before last summer's trip to the museum with his mother. He was told to fill out a form.

"The front desk didn't believe me," Benjamin told The Hartford Courant. "I'm only a kid."

The 13-year-old West Hartford resident filled out the form and never expected a response, but a museum official wrote him in September saying his comments were under review. Then came an email in January from Helen Evans, the museum's curator for Byzantine art.

"You are, of course, correct about the boundaries of the Byzantine Empire under Justinian," Evans wrote, and she invited Benjamin to return to the museum.

Evans said this week that the museum is still deciding what to do about the error, including possibly displaying other maps reflecting the empire's history. She said the mistake probably stems from a map reprint a few years ago.

Boy, 6, suspended for sexual harassment

AURORA, Colo. — A 6-year-old boy was suspended from his suburban Denver school for three days after school officials say he told a girl "I'm sexy and I know it," a line from a popular song.

The first-grader at Sable Elementary School in Aurora is accused of sexual harassment and disrupting other students, according to a letter the school district sent to the boy's mother after he was sent home Wednesday.

School officials issued a statement saying they couldn't discuss the case, but they pointed out a school board policy that defines sexual harassment as any unwelcome sexual advance. There is no age limit.

The Aurora Police Department said it was not involved in the case because laws only cover children ages 10 and older.

The boy's mother, Stephanie Meadows, said her son doesn't know the meaning of sexual harassment. It's the second time her son has gotten in trouble for quoting the song, she said.

The Associated Press

Oil drops below $100, easing fears

CHRIS KAHN
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The price of oil dropped below $100 per barrel for the first time since February. The dramatic drop — $5 per barrel by midday — is easing fears that high energy prices would cripple a U.S. economy that is struggling to overcome high unemployment, stagnant wages and weak growth.

The catalyst was Friday's weaker than expected report on job growth in the U.S. That added to recent signs that the global economy is weakening, meaning demand for oil should slow.

Earlier this year, world oil demand looked to be rising quickly at the same time that world supplies were threatened by a host of small production outages and the prospect of drastically reduced production from Iran, the world's third biggest exporter.

Those developments raised the prospect that world supplies would be at their most tenuous just as the summer driving season in the developed world was arriving. The price of the U.S. benchmark oil rose to $110. International oil spiked even higher, to $128 per barrel.

Gasoline prices in the U.S. appeared to be on track to soar past $4 per gallon nationwide and break the 2008 record of $4.11

That picture has now been turned upside down. World oil supplies are growing while demand is falling. U.S. gasoline prices have fallen to $3.80 per gallon from a peak of $3.94 in early April. Now they could go as low as $3.50 per gallon by July 4, according to Tom Kloza, Chief Oil Analyst at the Oil Price Information Service.

On Friday, Benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude fell $4.83 to $97.70 in afternoon trading Friday. That's a drop of 4.7 percent.

Oil prices have been falling since Wednesday because of a renewed focus on the economy. The Labor Department said Friday that the U.S. economy added just 115,000 jobs in April — far fewer than the pace of hiring earlier this year. Government data show that U.S. oil consumption dropped 5.3 percent in the first quarter.

Meanwhile, supplies have been growing for the past six weeks and hit a 22-year high in Cushing, Okla., where benchmark crude is delivered.

The European economy also is slowing down as governments on that continent struggle with oppressive debt.

"We're fearful that the economy is slowing more than we originally thought," PFGBest analyst Phil Flynn said.

U.S. oil prices haven't dropped this much since Dec. 14, 2011, when the benchmark price fell by $5.19, or 5.2 percent, to $94.95 per barrel.



JASON REDMOND/*AP*

This Sept. 25, 2010, file photo shows Nadya Suleman holding her 20-month-old daughter, Nariah Solomon, as she talks to media about her yard sale and auction to raise money at her home in La Habra, Calif. Suleman has filed for bankruptcy and her home is scheduled to be auctioned on Monday.

Octomom at crossroads

JOHN ROGERS
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — From Miracle Mom to Octomom and now, perhaps soon, Homeless Mom, the bizarre life of Nadya Suleman and her 14 children has been a subject that rarely fails to hit a nerve among those who have followed her personal soap opera.

With Suleman on the verge of losing her home and declaring bankruptcy this week with total debts as high as $1 million to everyone from her parents to her baby sitters to the water company, the Octomom Odyssey seems headed for darker days.

Beyond the fascination with her public foibles, such as posing topless in an obscure British magazine and talk of a solo porn film, is the very real concern about the welfare of her octuplets and six older children — all borne from her zeal for in vitro fertilization.

Three of her six older children have disabilities for which she receives government financial support, Suleman has said. One is autistic, another has attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, and the third a speech impediment. The older children range in age from 5 to 10.

Soon, they could all be out of a home. The house where they have lived the past two years in the suburbs of Los Angeles is going on the auction block Monday

One thing that keeps driving interest in her is whether authorities should step in and take the children.

Child welfare officials visited the La Habra home last week following a complaint that her children were living in squalor. They took no action, and Orange County Social Services spokeswoman Terry Lynn Fisher said Thursday the law prevents her from even confirming or denying the visit.

Ohio surviving exotic animals back on farm

ANN SANNER
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — An Ohio zoo on Friday returned five surviving exotic animals to a woman whose husband released dozens of wild creatures last fall before he committed suicide.

Two leopards, two primates and a bear have been held at the Columbus zoo since October. State officials had ordered the animals be quarantined on suspicion of infectious diseases.

Ohio's agriculture director lifted the order on Monday, and Marian Thompson of Zanesville, who had appealed the order, retrieved the animals Friday from the zoo.

Thompson took them back to the eastern Ohio farm where her husband released 56 animals — including black bears, mountain lions and Bengal tigers — before he committed suicide. Authorities killed 48 of the animals, fearing for the public's safety.

Distinctive in a bright pink shirt and dark pants, Thompson arrived at a loading area at the zoo close to 10:30 a.m., driving a pickup truck pulling a silver horse trailer.

Growling noises could be heard as the two leopards were loaded by hand into the horse trailer in wooden-looking crates. A forklift loaded a steel cage, likely carrying the bear. Thompson put her hand on the cage and appeared to be talking to the animal inside as it was put into the trailer.

The monkeys, contained in smaller carriers about the size of those used to transport dogs, were loaded inside the backseat of the cab of the truck, with the windows rolled down. Thompson ignored shouted questions from nearby reporters.

Sept. 11 case returns to Guantanamo tribunal

BEN FOX
The Associated Press

ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md. — Five men accused of orchestrating the Sept. 11 attacks, including the self-proclaimed mastermind, are headed back to a military tribunal at Guantanamo Bay on Saturday, more than three years after President Barack Obama put the case on hold in a failed effort to move the proceedings to a civilian court and close the prison at the U.S. base in Cuba.

This time the defendants may put up a fight.

Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, who told military authorities that he was responsible for the planning of the terror assault "from A to Z," previously mocked the tribunal and said he would welcome the death penalty. His co-defendant, Ramzi Binalshibh, told the court that he was proud of the attacks.

But Jim Harrington, the civilian lawyer for Binashibh, said the defendants are expected to fight the charges against them, which include murder and terrorism and carry a potential death penalty.

"He has no intention of pleading guilty," Harrington said. "I don't think anyone is going to plead guilty. "Harrington declined to say what would be the basis of his defense and lawyers for Mohammed did not respond to messages seeking comment.

The men never entered formal pleas in previous hearings, but Mohammed told the court that he would confess to planning the attacks and hoped to be a "martyr." He dismissed the military justice system, saying, "After torturing, they transferred us to inquisition land in Guantanamo."

Now after three years in which the tribunals known as military commissions have been reformed by Congress and the president, they've had time to reconsider their defense.

"I'm not sure they really understood the ramifications of it at that time," Harrington said.







STEVEN SENNE/*AP*

Igor Vovkovinskiy of Rochester, Minn., currently the tallest man in the United States at 7 feet 8 inches, has an imprint taken of his foot by technicians as part of a shoe fitting at Reebok headquarters in Canton, Mass., Thursday.

Big shoes to fill

Tallest man in U.S. seeking normalcy

RODRIQUE NGOWI
The Associated Press

CANTON, Mass. — Finding shoes for the nation's tallest man takes more than a trip to the mall; more like a trip across the country.

Igor Vovkovinskiy flew to Massachusetts on Thursday from Minnesota so shoe engineers at Reebok could try to custom build shoes strong enough to support his massive frame.

He's 7 feet, 8 ⅓ inches tall. Technicians estimate his shoe size at somewhere between a 22 and 25 — sizes impossible to find at the mall.

Vovkovinskiy's 16 foot surgeries in six years have left him a virtual shut-in. All, he wants, he said, is shoes that fit so he can get outside, walk his dog, and enjoy his life.

The damage to his huge feet came from wearing shoes that don't fit, said Vovkovinskiy, of Rochester, Minn.

"Every time I've had surgery and the wound began to heal up, wearing these same shoes, or the previous shoes that I had, would just open the wound right back up," Vovkovinskiy said as technicians prepared equipment at a basketball arena for the shoe-fitting.

Medical insurers, Vovkovinskiy said, have ignored his pleas for help in paying for proper-fitting shoes and did not bother to respond to numerous letters that from physicians "stating that 'it'd be a lot cheaper to make shoes that'd fit his body than to keep having surgeries.'"

Vovkovinskiy says his only shoes have no traction, making it "suicidal" to leave his home, particularly in wet or snow conditions.

"I haven't been able to go for a joyful walk for six years now — that's something that I've missed and I know my dog has missed," he said. "I look forward to just going for a walk with my dog, just walking around the neighborhood."

Vovkovinskiy was at Reebok headquarters in Canton on Thursday for a complex shoe-fitting that involved, among other things, custom pressure-mounting equipment, imprints in bio-foam, a powerful three-dimension scanner to map the shape of his feet, calipers to take precise measurements of length, tape measures and a handful of technicians.

Reebok says it's building the shoes at a cost of $12,000 to $20,000. It has helped Vovkovinskiy before and hopes to again, the company said.

Researchers say they have new clue to Lost Colony

MARTHA WAGGONER
The Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — A new look at a 425-year-old map has yielded a tantalizing clue about the fate of the Lost Colony, the settlers who disappeared from North Carolina's Roanoke Island in the late 16th century.

Experts from the First Colony Foundation and the British Museum in London discussed their findings Thursday at a scholarly meeting on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Their focus: the "Virginea Pars" map of Virginia and North Carolina created by explorer John White in the 1580s and owned by the British Museum since 1866.

"We believe that this evidence provides conclusive proof that they moved westward up the Albemarle Sound to the confluence of the Chowan and Roanoke rivers," said James Horn, vice president of research and historical interpretation at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and author of a 2010 book about the Lost Colony.

"Their intention was to create a settlement. And this is what we believe we are looking at with this symbol — their clear intention, marked on the map ..."

Attached to the map are two patches. One patch appears to merely correct a mistake on the map, but the other — in what is modern-day Bertie County in northeastern North Carolina — hides what appears to be a fort. Another symbol, appearing to be the very faint image of a different kind of fort, is drawn on top of the patch.



AP

This image made available by the British Museum shows a map named "Virginea Pars" painted by explorer John White between 1585-1586. The detail shows a patch stuck to the map that could be a clue to understand what happened to the Roanoke settlement, which disappeared after White sailed back to England.

The American and British scholars believe the fort symbol could indicate where the settlers went. The British researchers joined the Thursday meeting via webcast.

In a joint announcement, the museums said, "First Colony Foundation researchers believe that it could mark, literally and symbolically, 'the way to Jamestown.' As such, it is a unique discovery of the first importance."

White made the map and other drawings when he traveled to Roanoke Island in 1585 on an expedition commanded by Sir Ralph Lane. In 1587, a second colony of 116 English settlers landed on Roanoke Island, led by White.

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ROLLIN' *on a* RIVER



MIKE BROWN, The Commercial Appeal/*AP*

The American Queen steamboat rests at the boat ramp on the northern tip of Mud Island as dawn breaks over Memphis, Tenn., April 26. The largest steamboat in the world carrying 436 passengers, the 418-foot-long vessel is taking tourists on long-distance trips on the Mississippi for the first time since 2008, when its previous owner ceased operations.

RIVERBOAT RESUMES NOSTALGIC CRUISES ON MISSISSIPPI

ADRIAN SAINZ
The Associated Press

HENDERSON, Ky. — The churning red paddlewheel propels the pearl-white steamboat along the wide Mississippi River, like a slow-moving time machine through a slice of Americana that harks back to Mark Twain and the history, culture and commerce of the 19th century.

Inside the six-level steamboat, passengers enjoy tea time in the ladies' parlor, rousing musical shows in the Grand Saloon, lessons on river history, and four-course meals in an antebellum-style dining room.

With the relaunching of a vessel called the American Queen, steamboat travel has returned to the Mississippi and Ohio rivers for the first time since 2008. The boat, the largest of its kind in the world, was christened Friday in Memphis as it left for a seven-day cruise. The 418-foot-long boat, which carries 436 passengers, stopped in Henderson, Ky., Monday, then sailed on to Louisville along the Ohio River for a steamboat race marking the Kentucky Derby before a final stop in Cincinnati. Future cruises will go all the way to Pittsburgh and St. Paul, Minn.; some routes include stops in New Orleans and St. Louis.

"I find myself inspired by the quiet, still majesty of a river of this size, and I appreciate the insight that they've given us for the contribution that these rivers have made to America," said Jim Ahrenholz, 69, an experienced cruise traveler from Illinois who took the trip with his wife Cathy.



ADRIAN SAINZ/*AP*

Above: Passengers on the American Queen steamboat eat in the dining room April 28. Top: The red paddlewheel of the American Queen steamboat churns.

The American Queen and its sister boats the Delta Queen and Mississippi Queen carried passengers up and down the Mississippi for decades, continuing a tradition that began in the early 19th century, when steamboats replaced keelboats as the main source of transportation and commerce on the river.

Towns sprouted along the route as the early boats carried cargo like cotton, tobacco and sugar from Louisiana to Minnesota and back. The ballad "Ol' Man River" from the 1927 musical "Showboat" lamented the back-breaking hardships of black dockworkers. Before the Civil War, the heavy cargo lifting was often done by slaves.

The river was also the site of several Civil War battles, with Confederate and Union ironclad ships battling for control of the strategically vital artery. Author Mark Twain, who was born Samuel Clemens, took his pen name "Mark Twain" from a term used on the river to measure water depth. Twain grew up in a river town, Hannibal, Mo., is best known for his classic novels, "Tom Sawyer" and "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn." But he also wrote a memoir of his years as a steamboat pilot called "Life on the Mississippi."

Riverboats even turned up in late 20th century pop music, with singer Tina Turner famously belting out "Rollin' on the river" as she sang "Proud Mary" in tribute to a "riverboat queen."

But long-distance, city-to-city riverboat travel along the Mississippi stopped four years ago, when the company that owned the American Queen ceased operations. The boat was later bought for $15.5 million by the Great American Steamboat Company and underwent a $6 million refurbishment. The company is banking on the expectation that passengers from around the world will be drawn to these nostalgic trips.

Large port cities such as New Orleans, Memphis and St. Louis, along with smaller stops like Natchez and Vicksburg in Mississippi, are also hopeful that the boat will bring tourists to sightsee, shop and spend money during port calls or before they board.



KEVORK DJANSEZIAN/*AP*

Actress Tippi Hedren speaks at the Shambala Preserve in Acton, Calif., in this Dec. 4, 2007, file photo. Hedren has devoted much of her life to rescuing big cats at her Shambala Preserve north of Los Angeles, but doesn't think they make good pets. Legislation has been proposed in Congress that would ban private ownership of exotic cats.

New rules to come for big cats

OHIO WILD ANIMAL STAMPEDE IGNITES VAST LAW REVIEW

SUE MANNING
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Of all the beasts set free by the suicidal owner of an exotic animal farm in Ohio last year, few were as scary or as lethal as the big cats.

Tigers, leopards and lions — more than two dozen — were loose before being hunted by sheriff's deputies.

While the slaughter was chilling, it was truly panic-inducing that an unstable owner had accumulated such a collection of dangerous animals.

Yet, by some estimates, there are thousands of tigers in captivity in American backyards — more than there are in the wild on the planet.

No one knows the number for certain because there's only scattered regulation for such pets. In fact, it's easier in some states to buy a tiger or lion from a breeder than it is to adopt a kitten from a shelter.

That's likely to change after the Zanesville stampede drew the attention of lawmakers around the country.

Legislation has been proposed in Congress that would ban private ownership of exotic cats. Ohio and other states are also looking to outlaw the animals or to keep them more tightly controlled.

One leader of the cat fight is actress and animal activist Tippi Hedren, best known for being terrorized by crows in Alfred Hitchcock's "The Birds."

Hedren has devoted much of her life to rescuing big cats at her Shambala Preserve north of Los Angeles, home to 53 seized or abandoned exotic cats, and she doesn't think they make good pets.

"It is the job of the predator to take out any old, sick or lame animal. What quality there makes for a good pet?" she asked. "If you get near its food, it will kill you."

The Zanesville animals may have forced the issue into the open, but it certainly isn't the first tragedy involving private cats.

Since 1990, 21 people, including five children, have been killed and 246 mauled, according to Big Cat Rescue in Tampa, Fla. Over that period, 254 cats have escaped and 143 have been killed.

There have been other federal laws proposed over the years, but most have failed.

Deputies shot nearly 50 wild animals freed on Oct. 18 at Muskingum County Animal Farm near Zanesville. Owner Terry Thompson opened their cages before committing suicide. Some believe it was one last act of retaliation against neighbors and authorities.

Reps. Howard "Buck" McKeon, R-Calif., and Loretta Sanchez, D-Calif., introduced the Big Cats and Public Safety Protection Act in February to require owners of tigers, lions, leopards, jaguars, cheetahs, panthers and other cats to register with the Department of Agriculture. Breeding would be banned except at accredited zoos and research and educational institutions. Penalties would include seizures, fines and jail.

"When accidents happen and these wild cats are released into our neighborhoods, it causes panic, puts a strain on our local public safety responders and is extremely dangerous," McKeon said.

He believes his bill will protect the public and the cats.

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Harrison's widow hopes book fills in blanks

JOHN CARUCCI
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — George Harrison's widow Olivia hopes to add more perspective on the reticent Beatle with her new digital book, and fill in the blanks left by Martin Scorsese's recent documentary.

Based on Scorsese's "George Harrison: Living in the Material World," the multi-touch book of the same name is available Tuesday at the iTunes bookstore. It includes audio, video material from the film along with personal photographs, letters, and memorabilia never seen by the public (a traditional print edition of the book has been in stores).

Along with the multi-touch book, the DVD of the documentary also comes out on Tuesday.

Scorsese's three-and-a-half hour film on Harrison shows his spiritual side, from his early days with the Beatles to his exploration of Eastern music and religion, and also includes his death in 2001. In a telephone interview from London, Olivia Harrison, who served as one of the film's producers, said she loved the message of the film, but felt it didn't cover her husband's other "sides."

"Marty chose the music for the narrative and it drives the story. I think he fit the music perfectly in there, but there's was a point when I realized, 'Oh wow, we're not going to get past 1975,"' Harrison said. She noted the absence of the song "Taxman" and his 1987 comeback album, "Cloud Nine."

"It was clear, pretty quickly, that we could not fit everything," she acknowledged.

And she notes that the Harrison documentary, which aired last year on HBO, includes more of the ex-Beatle's career in comparison to Scorsese's "No Direction Home: Bob Dylan," which covered Dylan from when he arrived in New York in 1961 to his eventual switch to "electric."

"You know, that documentary ends in 1966. That's it. And you know the volume of music that Bob (Dylan) has produced since then," Harrison said. "Both are three-plus hour movies, yet this one covers a bigger span of George's life."

The documentary covers his early years with the Beatles and post-Beatles solo career. Much of the emphasis is on the former Beatle's travels to India as he explored both the spirituality and music of the country, as well as his collaboration with Ravi Shankar.



MATT SAYLES/*AP*

In this April 18 photo, The Beach Boys — (from left) Bruce Johnston, Al Jardine, Mike Love, Brian Wilson and David Marks — pose for a portrait in Burbank, Calif. After decades of prolonged separations, legal spats and near reunions, the core Beach Boys are back together, both on stage and for an upcoming new album.

Back together

Beach Boys put past differences aside for reunion

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The Associated Press

BURBANK, Calif. — A "miracle."

That's the word Al Jardine not-so-jokingly uses to describe the latest Beach Boys reunion — this one consisting of himself and fellow founding Beach Boys Brian Wilson and Mike Love, as well as longtime players Bruce Johnston and David Marks.

After decades of prolonged separations, legal spats and near reunions, the core Beach Boys are back together, both on stage and for an upcoming new album. Their rebirth, which became a reality earlier this year when the group performed "Good Vibrations" with Maroon 5 and Foster the People at the Grammys, has reawakened musical memories for 69-year-old Jardine.

"When I'm rehearsing over there, I'm hearing stuff I haven't performed for many years," Jardine said during a recent break from rehearsals for the iconic band's 50th anniversary tour, which kicked off last week in Tucson, Ariz.

"It's wonderful to rediscover the music that way. When you're recording three albums a year, as we did in the early days, it's yesterday's news," he said. "You're on to the next thing. Boom. That stuff gets parked somewhere though, and now it's becoming unveiled again."

When the Beach Boys formed in 1961, it was mostly a family affair: school pal Jardine established the group with Wilson and his late brothers, Carl and Dennis, and their cousin, Love. Their breezy harmonic tunes and embodiment of free-wheeling West Coast sensibilities captured the nation's attention just before the Beatles invaded the United States, and continued for much of the 1960s with timeless songs like "I Get Around" "Surfin' USA" and many more.

Following the 1998 death of Carl Wilson, the group fractured and began moving in different directions. Over the past 20 years, the Beach Boys' legacy has been mired in messy conflicts that the group's members agreed to squash in honor of their fans and the band's 50th anniversary, a hallmark occasion even in this jaded age of reboots and comebacks.

"They sense that we love each other and that we really want to share that love with them (the fans)," said 69-year-old Wilson, the visionary songwriter of such classics as "Help Me Rhonda," "Surfin' USA" and "California Girls." Wilson, who has released solo albums in recent years and now speaks with a slight slur, had a turbulent tenure with the Beach Boys, notoriously leaving then returning to the band at one point as he battled mental illness and drug abuse.

"When it comes to the music, all the pretensions are aside," said 71-year-old Love, who reached a settlement with Jardine in 2008 after launching a lawsuit against him in 2003 over his usage of the Beach Boys name (he also has sued Wilson on more than one occasion, most recently in 2005).

"All the egos are aside. It's just all about those group harmonies," he added. "The effect that it has on ourselves and other people is just fantastic."

Love said that the Beach Boys, who will be supported by a backing band composed of members from the group's various touring entities, have rehearsed more than 50 songs spanning all their albums, including "Pet Sounds" and "Smile." The band noted the biggest challenge has been figuring out who is singing lead on which songs, not recapturing their chemistry.

"The chemistry is there," said 63-year-old Marks, who recorded four Beach Boys albums and has moved between the band's camps. "We pick up right where we left off, especially the five of us together. The magic bubble comes around us. It's the chemistry that's behind all successful bands, like the Beatles and the Stones. It has to be there. It's special for us."

The 40-city tour will take the band's members to bigger venues than in recent years, including headlining performances at the Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival. To honor Carl and Dennis Wilson's contributions (Dennis died in 1983), the band will play alongside videos of the late founding Beach Boys during a tribute in the show.

"We haven't gotten the holograms together yet," joked Marks, referencing the hologram of late rapper Tupac Shakur that appeared at the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival earlier in April.

For a group who could hardly be considered boys anymore, they're surprisingly unfazed by the prospect of a sweeping tour that will take them across North America, Europe and Japan. Johnston noted that "hotels are great" nowadays, while Marks was reminded that they no longer have to unload or haul their own equipment in a "U-Haul trailer and station wagon."

"The heavy lifting is the writing, arranging and recording," said 69-year-old Johnston, who joined the group in 1965. "This is not the heavy lifting. This is the chocolate cake for me because we get to pull all of these magnificently arranged parts out and sing them live. We don't have to write them now. We just have to pull them out of the trunk."

The Beach Boys will stuff more tunes into that trunk with the release of an as-yet-untitled album of new material this summer. Love said the new songs will recall their classic harmony-stacked style. The group plans to perform their new single, "That's Why God Made the Radio," while on tour and may add new tracks to the set list when the album is released.

"We're slaves to the Beach Boys legacy," said Marks. "We're just out there trying to keep that legacy alive. I can't count how many times people have come up to me after shows and told me that they sing their children to sleep with 'Surfer Girl.' I look in the audience and little children know the words to 'Help Me Rhonda,' and 80 year olds are dancing in the aisles."

'Band of Misfits' puny picture

Review

"Pirates! Band of Misfits"

Grade: ★★½
Cast: Hugh Grant, Martin Freeman, David Tennant
Rated: PG for mild action, rude humor, and some language
Now showing: Rivoli



Patrick White

"Pirates! Band of Misfits" is a beautifully animated film that looks fantastic through a digital projector, but it lacks humor and an engaging adventure.

From the creators of "Chicken Run" and the beloved "Wallace and Gromit" comes "Pirates! Band of Misfits." I was excited to see this animated pirate adventure, but I left disappointed. This film works on many levels — the animation is gorgeous, the characters are clever, and the story is not what I expected — but a sense of humor is altogether missing from the film.

"Pirates" tells the tale of Pirate Captain played by an actor who's been absent from the screen for some time: Hugh Grant. Pirate Captain is set on winning the Pirate of the Year award to be handed out by the Pirate King. Unfortunately there are a few pirates out there who are, shall we say, more qualified for the award.

Pirate Captain is an underdog in every sense of the word, but you might wonder during the film if it would be more fun to root for the more aggressive and successful pirates. Aardman Animation is known for creating films that make you root for the goofy, underdog types, and "Pirates" is no exception.

Following the announcement of the award, Pirate Captain decides to pillage and pilfer with his fellow pirates. They come upon many ships with no luck in finding any plunder or popularity. Pirate Captain is nearly without hope when his first mate, aptly named The Pirate with a Scarf, convinces him to try one last time. This final time does not bring any treasure, but brings instead a treacherous little scientist named Charles Darwin. After their meeting, the Pirate Captain sets out on an altogether different quest with Darwin, a dodo, and a chimpanzee that communicates with flash cards.

The film is a lot of fun, especially for the younger people. I found a few moments in which to laugh out loud, but overall it is primarily a puny pirate picture. The voice acting is quite good, and I'm sure you'll recognize a few of the voices such as Martin Freeman, Jeremy Piven and Salma Hayek.

The story itself is interesting and takes you on a voyage that examines science, piracy and competition all in one. It's not Aardman's best film, but it is their most beautiful, because as our projectors continue to get better so does animation. They walk hand in hand.

"Pirates" is a good choice if you're looking for a quick film and a chance to get away. But don't you landlubbers be expecting hearty laughs or thrilling adventure on the seven seas.

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'Bachelor' suit brings attention to race

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The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Robert Galinsky is skeptical about claims by producers of ABC's "The Bachelor" that they've had a hard time finding black singles willing to be on the show.

Back when he was an acting teacher, Galinsky's students were predominantly white. But now that he tries to help people break into show business as operator of the New York Reality TV School, about half of his students are racial minorities.

The nearly all-white racial makeup of "The Bachelor" (and its spinoff, "The Bachelorette") has simmered as an issue for years. Now it's the focus of a lawsuit filed last week by two black men from Nashville, Tenn., who say they were given little consideration when they tried to get on the show.

Through 16 seasons, all of the men given star billing to search for a mate were white. Same with the women in the seven seasons of "The Bachelorette." Two Hispanic contestants have been selected winners; the rest were all white.

The pattern extends to the pool of would-be mates, even when producers were aware critics were talking about the issue. None of the women vying for the bachelor's hand during the past four seasons were black, and one was in Season 12. That's one black woman out of 130, according to a review of the casts posted online.

"These shows have been very intentional in the gender and race stereotypes that they've created," said Jennifer Pozner, author of "Reality Bites Back: The Troubling Truth About Guilty Pleasure TV.

"It would be very, very difficult for people of color to miss the message that not only is this show not meant for you, but we as producers of 'The Bachelor' do not want you to see yourself in a romantic starring role. You don't get to play prince and princess. You don't get to fantasize about love," said Pozner, a media critic who has questioned the show's racial makeup since its first season.

One of the Nashville men who sued, 26-year-old teacher Christopher Johnson, said he was stopped immediately when he went to a casting call for "The Bachelor" and asked what he was doing there. He said he was told to hand in materials, and never got a call-back or tryout.

Warner Horizon Television, which produces the series, called the complaint "baseless and without merit." The company said producers "have been consistently — and publicly — vocal about seeking diverse candidates for both programs."

The lawsuit quotes Michael Fleiss, creator of the series, telling "Entertainment Weekly" that "we always want to cast for ethnic diversity. It's just that for whatever reason, they don't come forward. I wish they would."

Galinsky said he believed there's little concern about diversity within the network unless it helps make money.

"Once you have a good thing going in this industry, you don't want to mess up the formula," he said.

The lawsuit points out that dating shows with diverse casts like "Flavor of Love" and "I Love New York" demonstrate proven interest among blacks in these shows. Other popular reality series, including "Survivor," "Dancing With the Stars" and "American Idol," seem to have no trouble achieving a diverse cast.

Music

Duran Duran to headline outdoor Olympic concert

LONDON — There will be a retro feel at a concert to mark the start of the 2012 London Olympics, with 1980s heartthrobs Duran Duran among the headliners.

Organizers said Tuesday that the band, which had hits three decades ago with songs including "Rio" and "The Reflex," will represent England at the July 27 concert in London's Hyde Park, which features acts from each of the four parts of the United Kingdom.

Lead singer Simon Le Bon said the show would be "one of the highlights of the last decade for us."

The other headliners are Snow Patrol from Northern Ireland, Stereophonics from Wales and Scotland's Paolo Nutini.

The games' opening ceremony, taking place across town at the Olympic Stadium, will be broadcast on giant screens at the gig.

Pepsi partners with Twitter for online concerts

NEW YORK — PepsiCo Inc. is tweeting to a new generation of music lovers.

The No. 2 soda company said Monday that it's partnering with Twitter to provide streaming videos of live music concerts to Pepsi's followers on the social networking site. The deal is part of Pepsi's new global ad campaign that will also feature a TV ad with singer Nicki Minaj.

The company, based in Purchase, N.Y., isn't yet saying which musicians will be featured for the Twitter concerts this summer, but the first concert is slated to take place in June. Additional details on the Twitter partnership will be unveiled next week.

Terms of the deal with Twitter were not disclosed.

The Associated Press

TV

HBO orders second season for 'Girls,' 'Veep'

NEW YORK — "Veep" is getting a second term on HBO, as is the comedy "Girls."

The pay cable network announced Monday that both of the comedies, which debuted this spring, will get second seasons. HBO ordered 10-episode seasons for both of them.

"Girls" has been the recipient of some rapturous reviews. It was created by Lena Dunham, who stars as one of four young women in an up-to-date coming-of-age story based in New York City.

Reviews for "Veep" were more mixed, but the star power of Julia Louis-Dreyfus initially brought in more viewers than "Girls." Louis-Dreyfus plays Vice President Selina Meyer, forced to endure some of the ritual humiliations of being second-in-command.

'Swamp People' stars not hurt in Arkansas crash

DODDRIDGE, Ark. — Two stars of the reality TV show "Swamp People" are unhurt after being involved in a five-car pileup near the Arkansas-Louisiana state line

Arkansas State Police say three people suffered serious but not life-threatening injuries in Monday's crash on U.S. 71.

The Texarkana Gazette reports that alligator hunters Joe LaFont and Tommy Chauvin, known as Trapper Joe and Trigger Tommy, were not injured. "Swamp People" T-shirts and other merchandise from the show spilled from their truck onto the highway.

Police say four cars had stopped for a flagman directing traffic around highway maintenance work but that a fifth driver failed to halt and smashed into a tractor-trailer, causing the pileup.

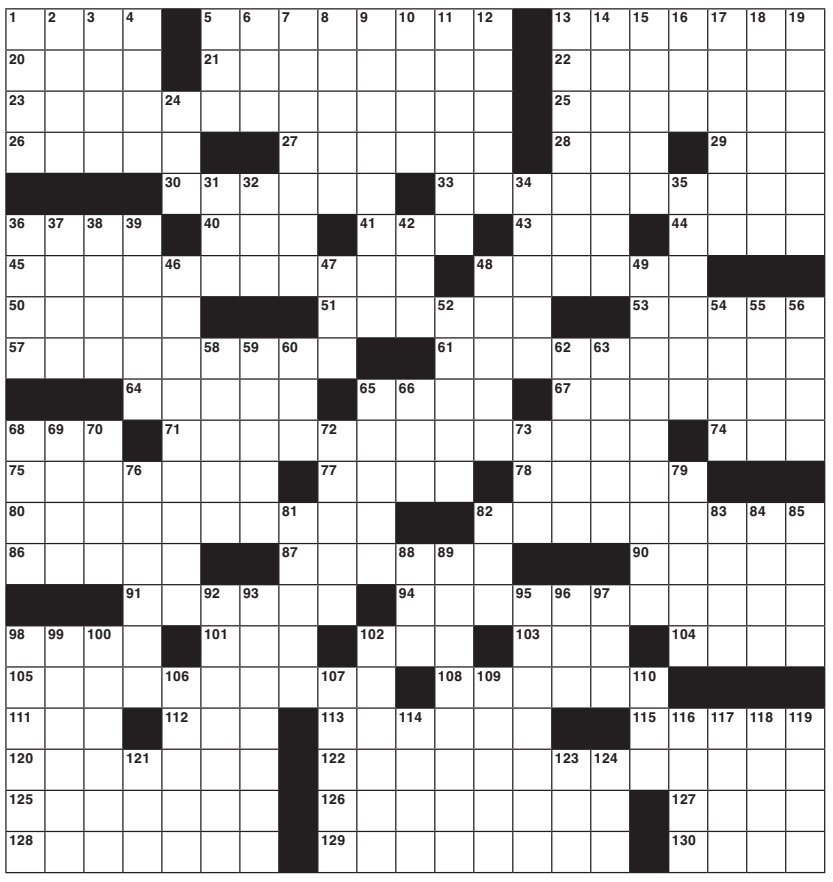
The History Channel's "Swamp People" follows a group of Louisiana alligator hunters in the Atchafalaya Swamp.

The Associated Press

The New York Times Crossword Puzzle

Answers next Saturday

INFRACTIONS By Tracy Gray/ Edited by Will Shortz



Across

1 It has eyes that can't see
5 Flips
13 Student of morality
20 Philippine money
21 Pacific strings
22 Fine word for libraries?
23 With 26-Across, like grandchildren
25 Beach bottles
26 See 23-Across
27 Deck out
28 Bad record part, for short
29 "For shame!"
30 Ancient parting place
33 With 44-Across, execute, in a way
36 Keen observer
40 Prefix with cycle
41 Pond fish
43 ___-d'Or, Québec
44 See 33-Across
45 With 50-Across, euphoric
48 Ankle bone
50 See 45-Across
51 Product with the old ad catchphrase "Mother, please, I'd rather do it myself!"
53 Faith that celebrates both Jesus and Muhammad
57 Superlatively strong
61 Initially
64 Scaredy-cat, maybe
65 Sacred music composer ___ Pärt
67 Trig inverse
68 County ubdivision: Abbr.
71 With 77-Across, high-end retail chain
74 Neighbor of Bulg.
75 Botanical beards
77 See 71-Across
78 Grove
80 Political party that won 39 electoral votes in 1948
82 "Apparently"
86 Panache
87 They're fit for kings and queens
90 Poet who wrote "In the room the women come and go / Talking of Michelangelo"
91 What's left behind
94 With 103-Across, 1999 Shyamalan thriller
98 Part of AARP: Abbr.
101 Fury
102 ___ Records (old music label)
103 See 94-Across
104 What's left
105 With 112-Across, compromise
108 Later
111 Abbr. on many food labels
112 See 105-Across
113 Ancient Balkan region
115 Stinko
120 Like some interpretations
122 With 127-Across, classical work that's the source of the European Union's anthem
125 Dancer Duncan
126 Military depots
127 See 122-Across
128 They have scales
129 Gave, as a hot potato
130 Peter, e.g.

Down

1 Bind
2 Phnom ___
3 Possible candidate for rehab
4 Old Italian magistrate
5 Word with top or pop
6 Fine, in old slang
7 "1984" superpower
8 Blue-gray
9 Be fooled
10 Et ___ (and others)
11 "Star Trek: T.N.G." role
12 "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" Emmy winner
13 The West was part of it
14 Promises
15 Become fixed
16 The Rams of the N.C.A.A.
17 "Ditto!"
18 George Bush's chief of staff John
19 Person doing a practice run
24 Poetic "always"
31 Biblical suffix
32 Dr. ___
34 ___-garde
35 Neighbors of C notes
36 What letting off team might result in
37 Operating without ___
38 Zigzagged
39 Trouser parts
42 ___ mission
46 New faces on bases
47 Brewer's vessel
48 Gherman ___, cosmonaut who was the second human to orbit the earth
49 Jobs for dentists
52 Venae ___
54 Musical with the song "Easy to Be Hard"
55 The Piazzale Michelangelo affords a view of it
56 Detail
58 R&B singer Hayes
59 Glacial formation
60 Part of A.B.S.: Abbr.
62 World capital once occupied by France
63 Fly off the handle
65 Flavor akin to fennel
66 Quickly accelerate
68 Iotas
69 Order in the court
70 Sprite
72 ___ same mind
73 Prefix with resort
76 Muted
79 Fisher with a grig
81 Agitated, after "in"
82 Beijing-to-Shanghai dir.
83 One from Germany
84 Nature's pillow?
85 Put back
88 And everything else, for short
89 Death personified, in ancient Greece
92 Colonial service
93 Colored parts
95 Bonelike
96 "Henry & June" role
97 Outside: Prefix
98 2009 Hilary Swank biopic
99 Gender offender
100 Like a nasal membrane
102 Rescued damsel's cry
106 Others, in Oaxaca
107 Up
109 Cousin of rust
110 Korean money
114 Sleep stages
116 "Freedom ___ free"
117 ___ Lowry, children's writer
118 City in Sicily
119 Silhouette on many a yellow sign
121 Child-care author LeShan
123 Cat scanner?
124 "___ Beso"

Answers to last Saturday's puzzle

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Many artists selling singles, not albums

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The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Just before Flo Rida released his third album, almost two million fans purchased the first single "Club Can't Handle Me," helping the rapper snag yet another Top 10 hit.

But in its first week out, only 11,000 people bought the 8-song EP — "Only One Flo Part 1" — making its debut measly at No. 107 on the Billboard charts. And in nearly two years, the album has only sold 62,000 units, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

Flo Rida's experience in 2010 is being repeated again and again in today's pop scene. He's just one of many acts who suffer from an imbalance: They have a multitude of hits, but anemic album sales.

Years ago, a hit song was usually accompanied by a gold or platinum album, and multiple hits meant multiplatinum albums. But times have changed.

"If you used to have a big single, you would sell a million albums, and if you sell a million albums and you're a band, you can probably not have to work for a couple years. We don't have that luxury," said Cobra Starship's lead singer Gabe Saporta.

Cobra Starship had a top 10 hit with the double platinum dance jam "You Make Me Feel ...," but their latest album debuted at No. 50 and has sold a mere 33,000 units. Gym Class Heroes, which had a top 5 hit with the triple-platinum "Stereo Hearts" and success with its follow-up "(Expletive) Back Home," saw its fourth album, "The Papercut Chronicles II," debut at No. 54 on Billboard's Top 200 albums chart, spending just one week on the list. Its lead singer, Travie McCoy, had a similar issue with his 2010 solo debut "Lazarus": While the single "Billionaire," featuring Bruno Mars, sold more than three million tracks, the album only moved 74,000 units.

Ne-Yo, the Grammy-winning hitmaker who has written smashes for the likes of Beyonce and Rihanna, blames the phenomenon on a lack of personality and originality from the artists.

"I feel like it falls on the shoulders of not only the record label, but the artists themselves. I feel like the thing that makes you go out and get a person's whole album is you liking that artist, you connecting with that artist," said Ne-Yo, who recently became the senior vice president of A&R for Universal Motown Records.

"I feel like a lot of people are saying that the industry is moving to just being singles driven, and that's kind of a cop out to me. So it's like, basically that means that we sign a bunch of disposal artists, you know, as long as we get one hit that's good? That's B.S.," continued Ne-Yo.

Ne-Yo added that today's music executives should be "taking the time and spending the money that it takes to make sure that you're building icons, not fly-by-night, add water-and-stir artists."

Jason Derulo had three multiplatinum hits from his 2010 self-titled debut — including the No. 1 smash "Whatcha Say" — but the album has only sold 315,000 units, according to Nielsen SoundScan. Things didn't get better when Derulo released his sophomore album last September: "Future History" has sold just 64,000 so far.

Still, Derulo feels his second album helped dispel the notion that he falls into the category Ne-Yo described.

"When my songs came out and they were huge successes. ... No. 1 songs all over the world, and I was just like, 'Whoa. Wait a minute. We need these songs, but who is Jason Derulo?' So I feel like on this album we'll really get a chance to know who I am rather than going through songs, songs, songs," Derulo said.

Other performers who have suffered in album sales, but have hit singles, include Pitbull, Enrique Iglesias, Taio Cruz, Jay Sean, Sean Kingston, Mike Posner and Far East Movement.

Tom Corson, the COO and president of RCA Records — the label home of Pitbull and Posner — says that just because an artist doesn't sell a lot of albums doesn't make the act a failure. He said record companies determine an album's success by an artist's TEA, which stands for track-equivalent-albums.

"You have certain artists that sell 300,000 albums, but sell 10 million tracks. That's the equivalent of 1.3 million albums," he explained.

Corson says Pitbull is a great example of an act who defies the "singles artist" stereotype: While his latest albums, last year's "Planet Pit" and 2009's "Rebelution," have sold 397,000 and 249,000 units, respectively, his singles from those albums — "Give Me Everything" and "I Know You Want Me (Calle Ocho)," among others — have moved more than 15 million tracks. He also sold out Madison Square Garden with Iglesias last year and has endorsements with Bud Light, Kodak and Dr. Pepper.

Others, though, have managed to find success in both lanes, even when early projections didn't show promise.

Lady Gaga's 4.4 million-selling 2008 debut, "The Fame," wasn't an instant smash, but she released back-to-back hits while connecting with a core fan base — her "monsters" — and showed off much of her personality with her outrageous fashion choices and award show performances. Even Bruno Mars saw his debut "Doo-Wops and Hooligans" move 55,000 in its first week, despite having three monster smashes ahead of the CD's release. But he continued to churn out even more hit singles for himself and others. Now, Mars' album has sold more than 1.6 million copies, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

LMFAO, too, has had a similar breakthrough: When their massive tune, the now six-times platinum "Party Rock Anthem," hit the No. 1 spot this summer, their sophomore album "Sorry for Party Rocking" only moved 27,100 in its first week. But they managed another multiplatinum No. 1 hit — and pop culture moment — with "Sexy and I Know It," and fans have connected more with the wild, party-boy vibe of the duo. Now the album has sold more than 800,000 units and peaked at No. 5.

Swim with the ducks to make a contract



Phillip Alder

Douglas Adams, the English author of "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy," which started as radio scripts and turned into a multimedia phenomenon, said, "If it looks like a duck and quacks like a duck, we have at least to consider the possibility that we have a small aquatic bird of the family Anatidae on our hands."

That ought to be a big enough hint to this deal. Against three no-trump, West leads a fourth-highest heart seven and East puts up the jack. What should South do?

The auction was straightforward. North would have tried to find a club fit only if his hand were strong enough to contemplate a slam. (We prefer three no-trump to five of a minor because we have to win two fewer tricks to gain the game bonus. But small slams and grand slams are 12 and 13 tricks, regardless of the strain.)

With 29 combined high-card points and a strong five-card suit in the dummy, it looks as though declarer will make this contract as easily as a duck takes to water. But there is a nasty trap.

Imagine declarer takes the first trick and runs his club jack. East grabs the trick and returns his remaining heart, West taking four tricks in the suit for down one.

Now go back to the first trick and duck it. What happens then?

The contract must make. At the worst, South would lose three hearts (with hearts 4-3 and West ducking the second round of the suit) and one club. Here, declarer cuts the defenders' communication and ends with at least 10 tricks.

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

West
♠ Q 10 2
♥ A 10 8 7 4
♦ 110 6 3
♣ 7 6

East
♠ J 9 8 6
♥ J 9
♦ 9 7 4 2
♣ K 5 2

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

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 7

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LEE REICH/*AP*

In this undated photo, a silver dollar plant is in bloom in New Paltz, N.Y.

Silver dollar plant can pay off in beauty

LEE REICH
For The Associated Press

Whoever said that money doesn't grow on trees was right. It grows on a small, bushy plant.

Just one type of currency, though: silver dollars (Lunaria annua).

You have a couple of options for planning your investment. For quickest returns, sow seed indoors in a seedling flat filled with moist potting soil. Kept at about 70 degrees Fahrenheit, the seeds germinate within two to three weeks. Plant the seedlings outdoors at the same time you plant out tomatoes, then harvest your first dollars later this summer. If you plant very soon, you may still be able to get a return on your investment this year.

Despite the "annua" in the botanical name, however, silver dollar plant often behaves more like a biennial than an annual, growing only leaves the first year then expiring the next year after making flowers and dollars.

The second, more relaxed way to grow silver dollar plant is as a biennial. Sow the seeds outdoors sometime in early summer — timing is not critical — to rake in your dollars early next summer.

Whichever method you choose, give silver dollars a site with well-drained soil in sun or partial shade. Avoid a rich soil, though, or plants put their energy into making leaves at the expense of flowers and dollars.

The flowers that foreshadow the silver dollars are pretty, but not enough to warrant giving the plant a prominent spot in your flower bed. A better location is in a separate cutting garden, a wild area, or nestled — and somewhat lost — among other kinds of flowers.

The money plant's flowers have four petals in the shape of a cross, putting it in the Mustard Family, along with broccoli, radish and alyssum. Usually, the flowers are pink or purple, except for one variety with white flowers. For a little more pizazz, there is a variety, Variegata, with white margins on its leaves.

Silver dollar plant, along with other members of the Mustard Family, ripens its seeds within a dry fruit called a silique. As the silique ripens, the two outside halves dry, then fall away to leave the ripened seeds still on the plant and suspended within a translucent and silvery round septum, about the size of a silver dollar.

For dried flower arrangements, cut stems just as the outsides of the pods are beginning to yellow, then hang them upside down in an airy location. Once the outsides dry, rub them off with your fingers without damaging the delicate membrane between them.



LOWE'S/*AP*

In this undated photo released by Lowe's, rubber mulch and a Swing N Slide play set are seen at an unknown location. Safety experts say using mulch or other approved surfaces under a play set can reduce injuries to children.

Safer ground

LOTS OF OPTIONS FOR PLAY SURFACES

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For The Associated Press

Joshua Barry knows that wipeouts are inevitable when children are climbing and sliding on outdoor play sets. So he placed shredded rubber under and around the climbing toys his two children use in the backyard of their Aurora, Ohio, home.

"It gives me peace of mind knowing there's a little bit of cushioning," he said.

Safety experts say it's important to address the area around a swing set or climbing equipment. "Each year hundreds of thousands of children are treated in emergency rooms for playground injuries, and these are preventable," said Dr. Brunilda Nazario, senior medical editor at WebMD, a health information website.

The key to avoiding injuries is adding surface materials that will cushion a fall, said Kate Carr, president of Safe Kids, a Washington, D.C.-based organization dedicated to preventing childhood injuries.

Asphalt and concrete are too hard, as are grass and turf, Nazario said, since normal wear and tear destroys their quality and absorption properties.

Good options include rubber mulch, wood mulch, sand, fine gravel or safety-tested rubber mat, which are more forgiving than grass and dirt are when a child falls, Nazario said.

How deep you should lay the ground material depends on what you use and how high the play equipment is. The U.S. Product Safety Commission recommends using at least 9 inches of mulch or shredded rubber for equipment up to 7 feet high. For sand or pea gravel, the commission recommends at least a 9-inch layer for equipment up to 5 feet.

Mulch — either wood or rubber — is a better choice than sand or gravel because it provides more shock absorption, said Rick Jess, vice president of merchandising for lawn and gardening at Lowe's headquarters in Mooresville, N.C.

Wood mulch is less expensive than rubber, but it decomposes and fades and has to be added to each year, he said. Rubber mulch, which is increasingly popular, lasts much longer. It also is more than double the price of traditional mulch, he said.

"It holds its color," he said. "It doesn't wash away. It doesn't decompose."

Play set safety tips

◆ Place the equipment at least 6 feet in all directions away from obstructions such as fences, buildings, trees, electric wires or laundry lines. Keep as far away as possible from streets and driveways. Consider erecting a fence between the equipment and traffic.

◆ Maintain equipment properly, following manufacturer's guidelines. Check often to make sure bolts are tightly anchored, and cut off or cap protruding bolt ends, which can cause cuts or catch on clothing. Caps or nuts should be flush with the surface, with no gaps or spaces that could create a hook.

◆ Inspect wood equipment for splinters and cracks. It's also a good idea to round off edges of wood with a sander. Sand it and apply a wood sealer according to the manufacturer's recommendations. Make sure hooks and chains on swings aren't worn or too rusty.

◆ Don't allow a free-swinging rope on equipment or trees. Loose ropes can form a loop or noose and strangle a child. Ropes that are securely anchored to the ground are OK as long as they aren't frayed.

Source: Akron (Ohio) Children's Hospital

Plastics get playful around the house

KIM COOK
For The Associated Press

Next time you're having a backyard barbecue or going mod with some new furniture, thank science.

Your salad spinner's made of the same sort of silicone rubber developed to make Neil Armstrong's moon boot. And those acrylic salad bowls and patio chairs? World War II fighter pilots needed safer canopies, and Plexiglas was the answer.

Manufacturers of home goods are quick to adopt innovative materials and technology, and synthetics have long been a favorite. The newest ones are a designer's delight: They're malleable, strong, lightweight and take color easily.

The product range in colorful plastics is expanding, with great shapes and fun hues.

From a crafting standpoint, acrylics are easy to work with. Using heat, they can be stretched and molded without losing clarity, and joints are heat fused rather than glued or screwed, which makes a finished piece virtually seamless.

Two Palm Springs, Calif., designers — Larry Abel and Raymond McCallister — run Art Style Innovation, a fun factory of whimsical takes on vintage and modern décor. The duo's curvy acrylic vases and rippled bowls, done in neon hues, are décor dancing. Their playful acrylic bookends come in a variety of silhouettes including cats, roosters, dogs, flowers, even a pair of shapely female legs. You'll find clear acrylic cube tables, too, in modern takes on classic architectural design. (www.artstyleinnovation.com, $35 and up)



KARTELL/*AP*

In this undated handout photo released by Kartell, La Marie chairs made by Kartell are seen.

Plexi-craft in New York stocks a wide array of furniture in crystal-clear acrylic. The material works well in small spaces — entryways, boudoirs, small living rooms — because it's nearly invisible. The company will custom tint, however; designer Benjamin Noriega-Ortiz likes to use a milky white acrylic for an ethereal quality. (www.plexi-craft.com)

Italian design powerhouse Kartell has frequently dominated the synthetic materials marketplace, with "wow" factor pieces such as Philippe Starck's Louis Ghost chair and Ferruccio Laviani's Bourgie lamp. There's a wide range of colorful transparent pieces in the company's collection. (www.allmodern.com, from $73)

Kartell also has manufactured Starck's Bubble chair, a cartoonishly scaled piece that looks like an oversize upholstered chair but is made entirely out of polyethylene. It'll survive indoors or out, and comes in several shades including pale yellow, black and zinc white. (www.allmodern.com, $680)

There was a time when kitchen cupboards and drawers were full of boring basics. But today's cook has a paintbox of hues available when buying mixing bowls, cooking tools and utensils. Whether it's a Kitchenaid blender in hot pink or a set of Rachael Ray's sunny orange cookware, there's more color in good-quality, functional, synthetic-material gadgets than ever before.

Flexible silicone has fans in fashion, where accessories designers love its pliability, color friendliness and soft feel. The same characteristics make it big with kitchen and home designers, who also appreciate that it's dishwasher-friendly.

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Hastings College's Jessica Finnegan bunts against Concordia University in the seventh inning during the GPAC tournament Friday at Smith Softball Complex in Hastings.

Broncos' season ends in GPAC tourney

HC strands 23 in two games of conference tournament

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This season was a road of challenges for the Hastings College softball team. Chrissy Lowe, one of the Broncos' starting pitchers, played through an injury for the last part of the season. Hastings had to win its final four games — and rely good fortune — just to get to the GPAC tournament. In the first game of the tournament, the Broncos were paired with the No. 1 seed that lost two conference games all season.

On day two of the conference tournament, the road finally came to an end on the battle-tested Broncos.

After shutting out third seeded Concordia 3-0 in Hastings' first game on Friday, HC fell to Midland 6-3 to close the book on the Broncos' season.

"I thought leadership-wise, (our seniors) did a great job," said Hastings College coach Troy Baker. "We could have gone a lot of different ways during the season, and — adding Felicia (Graff) in there as a tri captain — I thought they did a very good job of keeping the ship afloat.

"They did their part. (Mallory Suhr and Anna Eberly) had very productive four years for me, and I can't say anything bad about them. They did everything I possibly asked them to do."

The day started on the right foot — or the right arm — when sophomore MacKenzie Welchert threw a four-hit shutout against Concordia. Welchert only had one strikeout in the game, but she never had an inning where she faced more than four batters.

Despite stranding 11 baserunners, the Broncos gave Welchert just enough run support. Two of those runs came in the top of the fifth inning when junior Kayla Mohr hit a single with two runners on. Sophomore Kelsey Hoehler scored on the hit, and Jessica Finnegan, a freshman, scored after on an error when the Bulldogs attempted to get her out at third. Hastings scored its first run in the top of the fourth inning when junior Felicia Graff drove in Anna Eberly.

Graff went 2-for-4 with an RBI while Hoehler and sophomore Haley Burge both went 3-for-4. But the player of the game was Welchert, and Baker knew his team was going to have to rely on her in game two.

"We're going to ride (Welchert) again," Baker said. "We're going to keep on going with her until she drops or she says 'I can't go anymore.'"

Welchert has virtually been the Broncos' only pitcher the last few weeks of the season. She's taken a lot of the load for Hastings, and against No. 7 Midland in game two, she finally had enough.

Midland came out firing in the first inning against the Broncos. After the Warriors leadoff batter was bunted over to second, Midland's Kathy Curtis launched a ball over the center field fence to put the Broncos in an early 2-0 hole.

After the Warriors added another run, Hastings was threatening in the top of the second inning. But once again, the Broncos' struggles with runners on continued, stranding two.

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Hot pace, talented field for 138th Kentucky Derby

BETH HARRIS
The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Hot pace. Muggy day. One of the deepest, talented fields in years.

A delicious stew with all the ingredients for an unpredictable Kentucky Derby.

The 20-horse field for Saturday's race is so stacked that unbeaten Gemologist is no better than third choice on the morning line.

In other years, the colt would be the talk of the Derby. In this one, early favorites Bodemeister and Union Rags have grabbed the spotlight.

Still, some very talented colts could go off at big odds — I'll Have Another at 12-1 or, at 15-1, Take Charge Indy, whose jockey Calvin Borel has brought home long-shot winners twice in five years.

"This is the best bunch I've seen in a long time," four-time Derby-winning trainer D. Wayne Lukas said. "I was out there riding next to some of them, and let me tell you, this is a hell of a group."

Lukas will saddle one of the longest shots, 50-1 Optimizer.

"History tells us that you can't throw anyone out," said Todd Pletcher, a former Lukas assistant who has two Derby starters including Gemologist. "There have been some winners the past few years that have been way down everybody's depth charts."

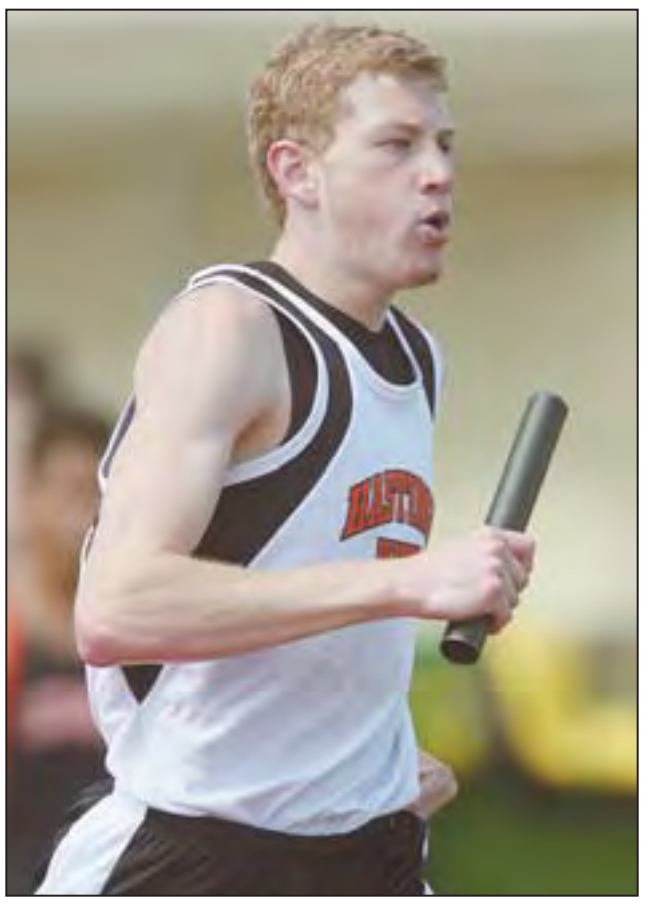
Some of the strongest contenders — Hansen, for example — have had the most success running at or near the pace. But their task is complicated by the presence of speedball Trinniberg, who could prove to be enough of a pest on the front end to compromise any horse willing to keep pace with him.

If the early fractions in the 1 1-4-mile race are fast enough, it could set up well for a deep closer like Dullahan, Daddy Nose Best or I'll Have Another.

Three-time Derby winner Bob Baffert, who trains 4-1 favorite Bodemeister and long shot Liaison, called it "one of the toughest Derbys I've been in probably the last 10 years."

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AMY ROH/*Tribune*

Upper left: Hastings High's Lauren Bliss competes in the long jump during the GNAC meet Friday in Hastings. Above: Hastings High's Eric Gawrych competes in the discus during the GNAC meet Friday in Hastings. Left: Hastings High's Trevor Rosno competes in the 3,200 meter relay Friday during the GNAC meet Friday at Hastings High.

Tigers improve at conference meet

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Last season, the Hastings High boys track and field team finished fifth at the Greater Nebraska Athletic Conference meet and head coach Dave Johnson said that was the best in years.

This season, with the Tigers hosting the tough event Friday afternoon, the team rallied in the later stages to place third.

"I thought we really stepped up, we competed hard. I also think we put ourselves in position to do well at districts next week," Johnson said. "I was very happy with today's effort and I'm proud of our kids for performing well at home."

With perennial track and field power Kearney High in the field, Johnson had zero expectation that HHS would win it all. The Bearcats ran away with 195 team points to win the conference meet. But with only a handful of races left, the Tigers were in fifth place with 42 points. Showing the ability to finish, HHS broke out of the middle-of-the-pack near the end to earn 67 points — placing third behind Kearney and McCook.

"To be honest, we knew we probably couldn't beat McCook either. Third was as good as we could've done," said the coach. "We're pretty happy."

Now less than a week away from the important district meet, the tough competition couldn't have come at a better time for a few Tiger athletes who are on the edge of qualifying. The competition, junior hurdler Grahm Schneider said, was by far the best he'd seen. Schneider finished second in the 300-meter hurdles with a personal best time of 40.45 seconds.

"I was ranked fourth coming into the 300 hurdles, so it was big for me to pull out a second place there," he said. "Out of lane six, I couldn't really see anybody. I just had to go and hope that nobody caught me."

Schneider added he feels like he's in better

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Watney takes lead as Woods heads home after missing cut

DOUG FERGUSON
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Nick Watney answered what he referred to as a wake-up call at the Wells Fargo Championship by taking the lead.

Tiger Woods might need one after missing the cut.

Watney had gone nine straight rounds on the PGA Tour without breaking 70 and had failed to crack the top 10 in all nine of his stroke-play tournaments this year. He worked hard to change that, and it paid off Friday with an 8-under 64 that gave him a one-shot lead over Webb Simpson going into the weekend.

A two-time winner last year, Watney had failed to crack the top 30 in a full-field event this year, and missed the cut in New Orleans for his first weekend off at a tournament since July.

"I think last week was a wake-up call for me," Watney said. "And I've worked really hard these five days leading into this event. I think it just shows I'm making progress. Who knows what's going to happen this weekend, but I'm really excited for it. More hard work, and hopefully I'll be in this position a lot more."

Woods wound up in rare position.

He failed to make a birdie on any of the par 5s or any hole on his back nine, missing a 4-foot birdie putt on his 17th hole with the cut on the line. Woods wound up with a 73 — his eighth consecutive round in the 70s — for an even-par 144 to miss the cut by one shot.

It was only the eighth time in 267 events on the PGA Tour that Woods missed the cut, and the first time it happened at the same place twice — Quail Hollow, where in four trips before the downfall in his personal life Woods had won once and never finished worse than 11th.

"This is one of my favorite tour stops, and unfortunately, I'm just not going to be around for the last two days," Woods said.

Phil Mickelson and Lee Westwood narrowly avoided joining him.

Mickelson was right on the cut line and facing a scary finish on the par-3 17th over water and the par-4 18th, with a stream running down the left side and trees and trouble on the right. He played both holes perfectly for pars, though his 72 left him 11 shots out of the lead.

Lefty couldn't believe how much the course had changed from Thursday morning, especially with the swirling wind that made the course nearly tough enough to let Woods back into the tournament. Woods was tied for 85th when he finished. At one point, he was tied for 72nd.

Seventy-four players made the cut at 1-under 143, the first time in the 10-year history at Quail Hollow the cut was under par.

"I haven't seen as big a change since like Shinnecock '95 where it was a whole different course," Mickelson said, referring to the U.S. Open. "So I played well today. I didn't get the ball in the hole as well as I would have liked, but I hit a lot of good putts that caught the lip, I hit a lot of putts that just didn't go in and I hit a lot of good shots that just didn't quite go my way today."

Westwood was outside the cut line until he holed an 18-foot birdie on the 17th and made par on No. 18 for a 72. He will play with Mickelson on Saturday.

Watney was at 12-under 132 and will play in the final group with Simpson, who had a 68. Watney is staying with Simpson, who lives about a mile away. One side benefit from his 64 was that he has a bet with his host that high score takes out the garbage each day.

Stewart Cink, winless since he captured the British Open at Turnberry in 2009, had a 69 and joined Ben Crane (64), John Senden (68) and D.A. Points (68) two shots out of the lead. Ryan Moore had a penalty stroke for his ball moving on a tap-in and had to settle for a 70. He was at 9-under 135.

Baseball

AL Standings

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	19	8	.704	—
Baltimore	16	9	.640	2
Toronto	15	11	.577	3 1/2
New York	14	12	.538	4 1/2
Boston	11	13	.458	6 1/2
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	14	10	.583	—
Detroit	13	12	.520	1 1/2
Chicago	12	14	.462	3
Kansas City	8	17	.320	6 1/2
Minnesota	6	18	.250	8
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	17	9	.654	—
Oakland	13	14	.481	4 1/2
Seattle	11	16	.407	6 1/2
Los Angeles	10	16	.385	7

Friday's Games

Detroit 5, Chicago White Sox 4
Cleveland 6, Texas 3
Tampa Bay 7, Oakland 2
Baltimore at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees 6, Kansas City 2
Toronto at L.A. Angels, late
Minnesota at Seattle, late

Saturday's Games

Baltimore (Hammel 3-1) at Boston (Cook 0-0), 12:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Floyd 2-3) at Detroit (Scherzer 1-3), 3:05 p.m.
Texas (D.Holland 2-2) at Cleveland (D.Lowe 4-1), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 2-3) at Kansas City (Paulino 0-0), 6:10 p.m.
Oakland (Colon 3-2) at Tampa Bay (Hellickson 3-0), 6:10 p.m.
Toronto (Drabek 2-2) at L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 3-2), 8:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Marquis 2-0) at Seattle (F.Hernandez 2-1), 8:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Chicago White Sox at Detroit, 1:05 p.m.
Texas at Cleveland, 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Boston, 1:35 p.m.
Oakland at Tampa Bay, 1:40 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Kansas City, 2:10 p.m.
Toronto at L.A. Angels, 3:35 p.m.
Minnesota at Seattle, 4:10 p.m.

NL Standings

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	17	9	.654	—
Atlanta	15	11	.577	2
New York	13	13	.500	4
Philadelphia	13	14	.481	4 1/2
Miami	11	14	.440	5 1/2
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	16	10	.615	—
Cincinnati	13	12	.520	2 1/2
Houston	12	14	.462	4
Milwaukee	11	14	.440	4 1/2
Pittsburgh	11	15	.423	5
Chicago	10	16	.385	6
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	17	9	.654	—
Arizona	14	13	.519	3 1/2
Colorado	12	12	.500	4
San Francisco	12	13	.480	4 1/2
San Diego	9	17	.346	8

Friday's Games

Chicago Cubs 5, L.A. Dodgers 4
Cincinnati 6, Pittsburgh 1
Washington 4, Philadelphia 3, 11 innings
Arizona 5, N.Y. Mets 4
Houston 5, St. Louis 4
Atlanta at Colorado, late
Miami at San Diego, late
Milwaukee at San Francisco, late

Saturday's Games

L.A. Dodgers (Capuano 3-0) at Chicago Cubs (Garza 2-1), 12:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Worley 2-1) at Washington (G.Gonzalez 2-1), 12:05 p.m.
Arizona (Corbin 1-0) at N.Y. Mets (J.Santana 0-2), 3:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Wolf 2-2) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 4-1), 3:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Leake 0-3) at Pittsburgh (Ja.McDonald 1-1), 6:05 p.m.
St. Louis (J.Garcia 2-1) at Houston (Norris 1-1), 6:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Minor 2-2) at Colorado (Moyer 1-2), 7:10 p.m.
Miami (Buehrle 1-4) at San Diego (Richard 1-3), 7:35 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Arizona at N.Y. Mets, 1:10 p.m.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 1:35 p.m.
St. Louis at Houston, 2:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
Atlanta at Colorado, 3:10 p.m.
Miami at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
Milwaukee at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 8:05 p.m.

Basketball

NBA Playoffs

All Times EDT
FIRST ROUND
(x-if necessary)
(Best-of-7)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Philadelphia 2, Chicago 1

Saturday, April 28: Chicago 103, Philadelphia 91
Tuesday, May 1: Philadelphia 109, Chicago 92
Friday, May 4: Philadelphia 79, Chicago 74
Sunday, May 6: Chicago at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Tuesday, May 8: Philadelphia at Chicago, 8 or 9:30 p.m.
x-Thursday, May 10: Chicago at Philadelphia, TBD
x-Saturday, May 12: Philadelphia at Chicago, TBD

Miami 3, New York 0

Saturday, April 28: Miami 100, New York 67
Monday, April 30: Miami 104, New York 94
Thursday, May 3: Miami 87, New York 70
Sunday, May 6: Miami at New York, 3:30 p.m.
x-Wednesday, May 9: New York at Miami, 7 p.m.
x-Friday, May 11: Miami at New York, TBD
x-Sunday, May 13: New York at Miami, TBD

Indiana 2, Orlando 1

Saturday, April 28: Orlando 81, Indiana 77
Monday, April 30: Indiana 93, Orlando 78
Wednesday, May 2: Indiana 97, Orlando 74
Saturday, May 5: Indiana at Orlando, 2 p.m.
Tuesday, May 8: Orlando at Indiana, TBD
x-Friday, May 11: Indiana at Orlando, TBD
x-Sunday, May 13: Orlando at Indiana, TBD

Boston 2, Atlanta 1

Sunday, April 29: Atlanta 83, Boston 74
Tuesday, May 1: Boston 87, Atlanta 80
Friday, May 4: Boston 90, Atlanta 84, OT
Sunday, May 6: Atlanta at Boston, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 8: Boston at Atlanta, TBD
x-Thursday, May 10: Atlanta at Boston, TBD
x-Saturday, May 12: Boston at Atlanta, TBD

WESTERN CONFERENCE

San Antonio 2, Utah 0

Sunday, April 29: San Antonio 106, Utah 91
Wednesday, May 2: San Antonio 114, Utah 83
Saturday, May 5: San Antonio at Utah, 10 p.m.
Monday, May 7: San Antonio at Utah, 8 or 9 p.m.
x-Wednesday, May 9: Utah at San Antonio, 7 or 8:30 p.m.
x-Friday, May 11: San Antonio at Utah, TBD
x-Sunday, May 13: Utah at San Antonio, TBD

Oklahoma City 3, Dallas 0

Saturday, April 28: Oklahoma City 99, Dallas 98
Monday, April 30: Oklahoma City 102, Dallas 99
Thursday, May 3: Oklahoma City 95, Dallas 79
Saturday, May 5: Oklahoma City at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
x-Monday, May 7: Dallas at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
x-Thursday, May 10: Oklahoma City at Dallas, TBD
x-Saturday, May 12: Dallas at Oklahoma City, TBD

L.A. Lakers 2, Denver 0

Sunday, April 29: L.A. Lakers 103, Denver 88
Tuesday, May 1: L.A. Lakers 104, Denver 100
Friday, May 4: L.A. Lakers at Denver, late
Sunday, May 6: L.A. Lakers at Denver, 9:30 p.m.
x-Tuesday, May 8: Denver at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
x-Thursday, May 10: L.A. Lakers at Denver, TBD
x-Saturday, May 12: Denver at L.A. Lakers, TBD

L.A. Clippers 1, Memphis 1

Sunday, April 29: L.A. Clippers 99, Memphis 98
Wednesday, May 2: Memphis 105, L.A. Clippers 98
Saturday, May 5: Memphis at L.A. Clippers, 4:30 p.m.
Monday, May 7: Memphis at L.A. Clippers, 10:03 p.m.
Wednesday, May 9: L.A. Clippers at Memphis, 8 or 9:30 p.m.
x-Friday, May 11: Memphis at L.A. Clippers, TBD
x-Sunday, May 13: L.A. Clippers at Memphis, TBD

Hockey

NHL Playoffs

All Times EDT
(Best-of-7)
(x-if necessary)

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
EASTERN CONFERENCE

N.Y. Rangers 2, Washington 1

Saturday, April 28: NY Rangers 3, Washington 1
Monday, April 30: Washington 3, NY Rangers 2
Wednesday, May 2: NY Rangers 2, Washington 1, 3OT
Saturday, May 5: NY Rangers at Washington, 12:30 p.m.
Monday, May 7: Washington at NY Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
x-Wednesday, May 9: NY Rangers at Washington, TBD
x-Saturday, May 12: Washington at NY Rangers, TBD

New Jersey 2, Philadelphia 1

Sunday, April 29: Philadelphia 4, New Jersey 3, OT
Tuesday, May 1: New Jersey 4, Philadelphia 1
Thursday, May 3: New Jersey 4, Philadelphia 3, OT
Sunday, May 6: Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 8: New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
x-Thursday, May 10: Philadelphia at New Jersey, TBD
x-Saturday, May 12: New Jersey at Philadelphia, TBD

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Phoenix 3, Nashville 1

Friday, April 27: Phoenix 4, Nashville 3, OT
Sunday, April 29: Phoenix 5, Nashville 3
Wednesday, May 2: Nashville 2, Phoenix 0
Friday, May 4: Phoenix 1, Nashville 0
Monday, May 7: Nashville at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
x-Wednesday, May 9: Phoenix at Nashville, TBD
x-Friday, May 11: Nashville at Phoenix, TBD

Los Angeles 3, St. Louis 0

Saturday, April 28: Los Angeles 3, St. Louis 1
Monday, April 30: Los Angeles 5, St. Louis 2
Thursday, May 3: Los Angeles 4, St. Louis 2
Sunday, May 6: St. Louis at Los Angeles, 3 p.m.
x-Tuesday, May 8: Los Angeles at St. Louis, 9 p.m.
x-Thursday, May 10: St. Louis at Los Angeles, TBD
x-Saturday, May 12: Los Angeles at St. Louis, TBD

Transactions

Baseball

Major League Baseball

MLB—Suspended Boston RHP Mathew Price (Greenville-SAL) for 50 games after a second violation for a drug abuse under the minor league drug prevention and treatment program.

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Placed OF Nolan Reimold on the 15-day DL, retroactive to May 1. Recalled C Luis Exposito from Norfolk (IL).

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Traded OF Ryan Spilborghs to Texas Rangers for cash.

DETROIT TIGERS—Announced OF Delmon Young was reinstated from the restricted list. Designated OF Brad Eldred for assignment.

MINNESOTA TWINS—Claimed OF Erik Komatsu off waivers from St. Louis. Designated OF Clete Thomas for assignment.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Placed RHP Mariano Rivera on the 15-day DL. Transferred RHP Michael Pineda from the 15- to the 60-day DL. Recalled RHP Cody Eppley from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Selected the contract of OF Dewayne Wise from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. Optioned RHP D.J. Mitchell to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre.

National League

COLORADO ROCKIES—Selected the contract of RHP Carlos Torres from Colorado Springs (PCL).

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with OF Bobby Abreu on a one-year contract. Optioned INF Justin Sellers to Albuquerque (PCL).

NEW YORK METS—Selected the contract of OF Vinny Rottino from Buffalo (IL). Optioned RHP Chris Schwinden to Buffalo. Transferred RHP Mike Pelfrey to the 60-day DL.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Recalled RHP Brad Brach from Tucson (PCL).

Basketball

National Basketball Association

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Named Julius Erving strategic adviser to the CEO and ownership group.

Football

National Football League

BUFFALO BILLS—Released CB Drayton Florence.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed G-C Trevor Robinson.

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed DT Chas Alecxih, C Terence Brown, LB Cameron Collins, G Derek Dennis, WR Jeff Fuller, RB Jonas Gray, DB Trenton Hughes, LB Shelly Lyons, S Kelcie McCray, WR Derek Moye, DE Jarrell Root, G Josh Samuda, DB Kevyn Scott, DE Derrick Shelby, DE Jacquies Smith and OT Dustin Waldron.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed FB Cameron Bell, LB Kourtnei Brown, DT Patrick Butrym, TE Garrett Celek, G David Gonzalez, RB Jewel Hampton, LB Joe Holland, DT Matthew Masifilo, CB Anthony Mosley, OT Kevin Murphy, G Al Netter, WR Chris Owusu, WR Nathan Palmer, CB Deante' Purvis, K Giorgio Tavecchio, S Michael Thomas and WR Brian Tyms.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Signed DT Gary Gibson to a two-year contract. Released DT John McCargo. Waived WR Raymond Webber.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Signed CB Richard Crawford and S Jordan Bernstine.

Hockey

National Hockey League

OTTAWA SENATORS—Re-signed F Peter Regin to a one-year contract.

HORSE RACING

CHURCHILL DOWNS STEWARDS—Suspended jockey Robby Albarado indefinitely after he was arrested and charged with fourth-degree assault.

Soccer

Major League Soccer

FC DALLAS—Signed MF James Marcelin.

NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION—Waived MF Kenny Mansally.

SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC—Placed G Josh Ford on the disabled list.

USL W-League

D.C. UNITED WOMEN—Signed MF-D Joannah Lohman and F Lianne Sanderson.

College

CONFERENCE USA—Announced Charlotte, Florida International, Louisiana Tech, North Texas and Texas-San Antonio will join the league beginning in 2013, with Charlotte joining in football two years later.

MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE—Announced San Jose State and Utah State will become full-time members beginning July 1, 2013.

ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF—Named Nate Kilbert women's basketball coach.

COLORADO STATE—Expelled junior DE Colton Paulhus, junior DE Nordly Capi and junior LB Michael Orakpo after being charged with misdemeanor disorderly conduct in connection with the April 6 fight.

CONNECTICUT—Freshman basketball F Michael Bradley transferred to Western Kentucky.

GANNON—Named Brad Rzyczycki football coach.

GEORGIA—Announced the resignation of Jay Clark, gymnastics coach.

ILLINOIS—Announced Coastal Carolina senior basketball F Sam McLaurin will transfer to the school after his graduation this month.

KENTUCKY—Extended the contracts of men's assistant basketball coaches Orlando Antigua, Kenny Payne and John Robic.

SAINT LOUIS—Named Lisa Stone women's basketball coach.

SWARTHMORE—Named Landry Kosmalski men's basketball coach.

TENNESSEE—Named Mike Beaumont director of basketball operations for the women's basketball program.

Tribland

Saturday

College track & field: Hastings College at GPAC Outdoor Championships
College men's tennis: Hastings College at GPAC
Prep track & field: St. Cecilia at Centennial Conference Tournament ..... 10 a.m.
Prep girls tennis: Hastings High at Scottsbluff ..... 11 a.m.
Prep boys golf: St. Cecilia at Centennial Conference

Monday

College men's golf: Hastings College at GPAC #4 Qualifier

Area Schedules

Prep track & field
Smith Center at Hill City Invitational

Prep boys golf
Doniphan-Trumbull Triangular
Friend at Fillmore Central
Smith Center at Phillipsburg Invitational

TV/Radio broadcasts

Saturday's television

AUTO RACING
11 a.m.
SPEED — NASCAR, Sprint Cup, pole qualifying for Aaron's 499, at Talladega, Ala.
2:15 p.m.
ABC — NASCAR, Nationwide Series, Aaron's 312, at Talladega, Ala.
BOXING
9 p.m.
ESPN2 — Junior middleweights, Demetrius Andrade (16-0-0) vs. Rudy Cisneros (12-3-0), at Uncasville, Conn.
COLLEGE BASEBALL
Noon
ESPN2 — South Carolina at Arkansas
1:30 p.m.
FSN — Houston at Rice
COLLEGE SOFTBALL
11:30 a.m.
FSN — Tulsa at UAB
3 p.m.
ESPN2 — Florida at Alabama
GOLF
7 a.m.
TGC — European PGA Tour, Open de Espana, third round, at Sevilla, Spain (same-day tape)
Noon
TGC — PGA Tour, Wells Fargo Championship, third round, at Charlotte, N.C.
2 p.m.
CBS — PGA Tour, Wells Fargo Championship, third round, at Charlotte, N.C.
5:30 p.m.
TGC — Champions Tour, Insperity Championship, second round, at The Woodlands, Texas (same-day tape)
HOCKEY
9:30 p.m.
NBCSN — IIHF World Championships, pool play, United States vs. Canada, at Helsinki (same-day tape)
HORSE RACING
10 a.m.
NBCSN — NTRA, Kentucky Derby Undercard, at Louisville, Ky.
3 p.m.
NBC — NTRA, Kentucky Derby, at Louisville, Ky.
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
2:30 p.m.
FOX — Regional coverage, Chicago White Sox at Detroit, Arizona at N.Y. Mets, or Milwaukee at San Francisco
7 p.m.
MLB — Regional coverage, Atlanta at Colorado or Miami at San Diego (8:30 p.m. start)
MIXED MARTIAL ARTS
7 p.m.
FOX — Heavyweights, Pat Barry (7-4-0) vs. Lavar Johnson (16-5-0); welterweights, Josh Koscheck (19-5-0) vs. Johny Hendricks (12-1-0); middleweights, Rousimar Palhares (23-3-0) vs. Alan Belcher (16-5-0); lightweights, Nate Diaz (15-7-0) vs. Jim Miller (21-3-0), at East Rutherford, N.J.
MOTORSPORTS
7 p.m.
SPEED — AMA Pro Racing, at Sonoma, Calif. (same-day tape)
9 p.m.
SPEED — Supercross, at Las Vegas
NBA BASKETBALL
1 p.m.
ESPN — Playoffs, first round, game 4, Indiana at Orlando
3:30 p.m.
ESPN — Playoffs, first round, game 3, Memphis at L.A. Clippers
6:30 p.m.
TNT — Playoffs, first round, game 4, Oklahoma City at Dallas
9 p.m.
TNT — Playoffs, first round, game 3, San Antonio at Utah
NHL HOCKEY
11:30 a.m.
NBC — Playoffs, conference semifinals, game 4, N.Y. Rangers at Washington
SOCCER
6:30 a.m.
ESPN2 — Premier League, Arsenal vs. Norwich City, at London
3 p.m.
NBCSN — MLS, Philadelphia at Seattle
7 p.m.
ESPN — MLS, New York at Los Angeles

Saturday's radio

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
5:30 p.m.
KLIQ 94.5 — NY Yankees at Kansas City
HORSE RACING
TBA
KICS 1460, KXPN 1550 — Kentucky Derby
COLLEGE BASEBALL
11:30 a.m.
KHAS 1230 — Nebraska at Indiana

Sunday's television

AUTO RACING
11 a.m.
FOX — NASCAR, Sprint Cup, Aaron's 499, at Talladega, Ala.
6 p.m.
ESPN2 — NHRA, Southern Nationals, at Commerce, Ga. (same-day tape)
COLLEGE SOFTBALL
Noon
ESPN — Texas at Oklahoma
GOLF
7 a.m.
TGC — European PGA Tour, Open de Espana, final round, at Sevilla, Spain (same-day tape)
Noon
TGC — PGA Tour, Wells Fargo Championship, final round, at Charlotte, N.C.
2 p.m.
CBS — PGA Tour, Wells Fargo Championship, final round, at Charlotte, N.C.
6 p.m.
TGC — Champions Tour, Insperity Championship, final round, at The Woodlands, Texas (same-day tape)
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
1 p.m.
TBS — N.Y. Yankees at Kansas City
1:10 p.m.
WGN — L.A. Dodgers at Chicago Cubs
7 p.m.
ESPN — Philadelphia at Washington
MOTORSPORTS
7 a.m.
SPEED — MotoGP World Championship, at Estoril, Portugal
Noon
SPEED — MotoGP Moto2, at Estoril, Portugal (same-day tape)
1 p.m.
SPEED — FIM World Superbike, at Monza, Italy (same-day tape)
10 p.m.
SPEED — AMA Pro Racing, at Sonoma, Calif. (same-day tape)
NBA BASKETBALL
Noon
ABC — Playoffs, first round, game 4, teams TBD
2:30 p.m.
ABC — Playoffs, first round, game 4, teams TBD
6 p.m.
TNT — Playoffs, first round, game 4, teams TBD
8:30 p.m.
TNT — Playoffs, first round, game 4, teams TBD
NHL HOCKEY
2 p.m.
NBC — Playoffs, conference semifinals, teams TBD
6:30 p.m.
NBCSN — Playoffs, conference semifinals, teams TBD

Sunday's radio

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
12:30 p.m.
KLIQ 94.5 — New York Yankees at Kansas City
6 p.m.
KXPN 1460, KICS 1550 — Philadelphia at Washington

Miles, Smith hope to turn around another team

WAYNE NELSON
The Associated Press

GRAND FORKS, N.D. — Prior to Tim Miles' last season as the head coach at Mayville State, he was looking for an assistant. With the help of a University of North Dakota assistant, Miles was put in touch with Craig Smith — who was looking to get into the college game.

Their meeting came at the Ground Round restaurant in Grand Forks prior to the 1996-97 season.

"It was my second season at Mayville," recalled Miles, now the University of Nebraska coach. "We had met in the spring and he wanted to be a part of the program. After we met, I remember calling him and telling him we had only $500 for an assistant's position. I said something like, 'I'm sure you don't want it. It was good to meet you.' And I wished him luck."

Miles was surprised by Smith's response.

"Craig said, 'Coach, I've already moved to Mayville,' " Miles said.

And that's how it all began for Miles and Smith, two coaches from small towns in the region that have helped turn around one men's basketball program after another.

Smith is from Stephen, Minn., while Miles is from Doland, S.D.

Now, they face their biggest challenge at Nebraska, a Big Ten program that has struggled but wants to play with the big boys in one of the country's top conferences. Nebraska has had two losing seasons in the last three years and the Cornhuskers have not made the NCAA tournament since 1998.

Miles recently hired Smith as a Nebraska assistant. It's the fourth time that Miles has called on Smith. After Mayville State, Miles hired Smith at North Dakota State. When Miles went to Colorado State, Smith followed.

After Miles left Colorado State for Nebraska this spring, Smith stayed behind in Fort Collins. He was named the interim coach but Larry Eustachy eventually landed the Rams head job.

"It was a great experience," Smith said of his interim position. "I just tried to hold down the fort. I tried like heck to get the head job but it didn't work out, so it's on to the next challenge."

And that challenge is to get fans in Lincoln, Neb., to think more than just football.

"Tim has always done a great job of turning programs around," Smith said. "Basically, all of the jobs Tim has taken have been rebuilding jobs, with the exception of NDSU. But that was another challenge because of the Division I transition."

When Miles landed the Mayville job, it didn't take him long to make an impact. He coached the Comets for two seasons, leading the program to the national NAIA tournament. He left for Southwest Minnesota State but Smith didn't follow.

Smith left Mayville when Miles did, going first to Northern State then Minot State.

When Miles landed the NDSU job in 2001, he again hired Smith. But Smith eventually left the Bison staff to take the head Mayville State job in 2004. And, like Miles, Smith had success in Mayville as well — leading the Comets to the NAIA national title game in 2007.

Smith later joined Miles at Colorado State. And the two helped elevate the Mountain West Conference program to a Top 25 status this past season as the Rams qualified for the NCAA tournament.

Their mission at Nebraska already has received a jumpstart. The school is pumping money into its men's basketball program. The $19 million Hendricks Training Complex is up and running.

"It's a state-of-the-art locker room and every guy is given an iPad," Smith said. "There are 65 TVs in the facility. I feel like I'm walking into Disneyland every day."

Also, the $200 million Pinnacle Bank Arena is under construction in Lincoln. The Cornhuskers will play there starting with the 2013-14 season. It will seat 16,000.

The two coaches realize they are a long way from Mayville, in both distance and dollars. But Smith said the differences between Lewy Lee Fieldhouse in Mayville and Lincoln aren't necessarily night and day.

"Bricks and mortar are great, but at the end of the day you realize it's all about the people that surround you," Smith said.

From Mayville to Nebraska, Miles has virtually seen it all in men's college basketball. The new Nebraska coach can't wait to get started on another coaching venture.

"I'm really excited about this challenge," Miles said. "It's a premier conference in the country. It's a situation that has unbelievable fan support. It's a great university and great athletic department. We've built programs before, and I believe we'll do it again."

Coyotes beat Predators 1-0, go up 3-1 in series

TERESA M. WALKER
The Associated Pres

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Shane Doan scored in the first period, Mike Smith made 25 saves and the Phoenix Coyotes beat the Nashville Predators 1-0 on Friday night to grab a 3-1 lead in the Western Conference semifinal series.

By winning their first game in the month of May, the Coyotes can advance to the conference finals with a win in Game 5 on Monday night in Arizona.

The Predators played with forwards Alexander Radulov and Andrei Kostitsyn scratched for a second straight game, this time the decision by coach Barry Trotz to stick with the lineup that won 2-0 on Wednesday night.

They sorely missed their offense, though Nashville thought it tied it with 7:12 remaining. But officials waved off the power-play goal because a whistle blew before the puck crossed the line.

The Predators wound up outshooting Phoenix 25-24, but they had chances with the net open they simply missed with Radulov and Kostitsyn on the sideline. Radulov leads Nashville with a team-high six points in the postseason, and Kostitsyn is tied for the team lead with three goals. Fans cheered the announcement that the two were scratched after they were suspended for Game 3 for an apparent curfew violation last weekend in Arizona.

Nashville had plenty of chances, outshooting Phoenix 10-5 in the third. The Predators even got a power play at 11:34 when Coyotes defenseman Derek Morris cleared the puck over the glass and went to the box. The Predators had a scrum in front of the net after Mike Fisher threw the puck at the net, but the official behind the net immediately waved no goal. Trotz pointed across the ice, asking for a review. It didn't take long for an announcement of no goal with the official ruling the whistle had blown before the puck crossed the line.

Phoenix improved to 4-1 on the road in the postseason, spoiling what had been a big party in Nashville with three blocks of Broadway shut down right in front of the arena. The Predators put two big TVs outside for fans to cheer but didn't give them much to yell about.

The Coyotes outskated and outshot Nashville from the start, coming with much more energy. They even got a power play 90 seconds in only to see the Predators kill that. Then Ryan Suter had a turnover near the net, and Coyotes left wing Mikkel Boedker had a chance on Pekka Rinne right in front before the 6-foot-5 Finn blocked it with his right pad.

Tribland roundups

HC Tennis

FREMONT — The Hastings College men's tennis team advanced to the GPAC finals on Friday after defeating fifth-seeded Nebraska Wesleyan 5-2. The Broncos will face Morningside this morning at 10 a.m. in Fremont.

The HC women's team fell to Nebraska Wesleyan 5-0 in the semifinals on Friday after defeating Concordia 5-1 earlier in the day.

Prep boys golf

GNAC tourney

COLUMBUS — The Hastings High boys golf team placed third in the GNAC conference tournament on Friday in Columbus, shooting a 335. Eric Marble led the Tigers with an 80. Columbus won the tourney with a team score of 329, while North Platte's Cameron Bargell had the top individual score of 75.

Team results
1, Columbus 329; 2, Norfolk 332; 3, Hastings High 335; 4, North Platte 335; 5, Scottsbluff 337; 6, Kearney 341; 7, McCook 342; 8, Lexington 371

Hastings High results
Eric Marble 80, Josh Hinrichs 81, Sam Johnson 82, Pat Opperman 92, Taylor Hawes 98

Southwest Conference

COZAD — The Minden boys golf team finished fifth out of seven teams at the Southwest Conference Meet Friday at the Cozad Country Club.

The Whippets shot a team score of 336, 18 strokes behind the top team. Gothenburg won in a playoff over Broken Bow.

Carson Blum led the way for the Whippets, finishing eight overall with a 78.

Team results
1, Gothenburg 318; 2, Broken Bow 318; 3, Ogallala 325; 4, Valentine 328; 5, Minden 336; 6, Ainsworth 373; 7, Cozad 376

Minden results
Carson Blum 78, Derek Kissinger 84, Trevor Kuehn 87, Matt Exstrom 87, Zach Reutus 90, Ryan Hauserman, 93

Prep track and field

Cozad Invitational

COZAD — Addison Woodward led Minden with two gold medals in the girls competition at the Cozad invitational. She was first in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.74 and was first in the 200 with a time of 26.56. Woodward was also second in the long jump with a distance of 15 feet, 6 1/2 inches.

Sydney Phillips was second in the 1,600-meter run (5:48.59), while Bailey Peterson was also second in the high jump (4-9). Olivia Steen was right behind Peterson for third (4-9). Rachel Rutt placed second in the triple jump (32-7 3/4) and Bailey Pittner was behind her in third (31-9 1/2). Amy Nelson was third in the pole vault (8-0). The Whippets were also first in the 400 (51.22) and 1,600 (4:15.1) relay teams and placed second in the 3,200 relay (11:09.58).

Chris Shelton led the Whippets in the boys competition with a second-place finish in the 1,600 (4:50.19). Jarod Speer was third in the 200 (23.79), and Ryan Chramosta also placed third in the 300 hurdles (43.09).

State

NU strength coach to earn honor

LINCOLN — Nebraska football strength coach James Dobson is being named Master Strength and Conditioning Coach by the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association.

Dobson and 14 other strength coaches will be honored at the association's national conference next Thursday in Orlando, Fla.

Executive director Chuck Stiggins says the designation "signifies a commitment to the student-athlete, the University of Nebraska athletic program and the strength and conditioning profession."

Coaches must have a minimum of 12 years' experience as a strength coach at the college or professional level to be named a Master.

Cornhuskers coach Bo Pelini says the program is fortunate to have Dobson and that he's pleased to see Dobson honored by his peers.

FAU hires NU assistant

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Florida Atlantic has hired Kellie Lewis-Jay as its women's basketball coach, giving her a five-year contract.

It's the second time in recent months that FAU has picked a former Nebraska assistant to fill a coaching vacancy at the school. The Owls hired Carl Pelini late last year to take over their football program.

Pelini was the Cornhuskers' defensive coordinator. Lewis-Jay spent the past five seasons as a Nebraska assistant coach, coordinating the team's recruiting efforts.

During Lewis-Jay's time at Nebraska, the Cornhuskers went to the NCAA tournament three times. She also spent four seasons as an assistant at Washington.

FAU went 17-13 this past season, its last under coach Chancellor Dugan.

Nation

Jeter leads Yankees over KC

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Derek Jeter belted a two-run homer, CC Sabathia went eight innings for the third straight time and the New York Yankees beat the Kansas City Royals 6-2 on an encouraging Friday night.

It began with closer Mariano Rivera's announcement that he plans to return from a devastating knee injury rather than retire, and ended when David Robertson struck out the side in the ninth to give Sabathia (4-0) his fourth straight victory.

The Associated Press

HC: Broncos end season



LAURA BEAHM/*Tribune*

Hastings College's Anna Eberly fields a ball at second base during their game against Concordia University at the GPAC tournament Friday at Smith Softball Complex in Hastings.

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Midland added three more runs in the bottom of the second inning to go up 6-0. Mallory Suhr walked to leadoff the Hastings half of inning No. 3. Despite the next two batters flying out, Molly Mullervy singled home Suhr for the first run of the game for Hastings. The Broncos loaded the bases for Finnegan, who was walked to force in a run. Mohr followed suit drawing another walk to make it a 6-2 ball game. But the Broncos added another three runners to their 'left-on-base' total.

Lowe came into the game to replace Welchert in the second inning. After giving up the three runs in her first inning of work, Lowe gave up four hits and no runs and striking out two.

"After the second inning, she pitched like Chrissy again," Baker said. "I think she was ready to go out there. She made a couple of bad pitches here and there, but she gave me everything she had. She did a good job of keeping us in the game."

Hastings loaded the bases again in the fifth inning and came away with nothing. The Broncos stranded four in the final two innings to bring their total against Midland to 12, nine of which were in scoring position.

Baker was proud of the way his team battled back and refused to lay down. Baker said he's going to go to bed thinking 'what if.'

Even though he hates to see his seniors go, Baker can't help but be encouraged with the team he will have next season. The Broncos will return a team full of experience with seven starters. Baker hopes Hastings can make that jump to the next level and compete with the best in the GPAC.

"We'll have a solid team and it just depends on who's in the hole — who's going to pitch and who's going to take the leadership behind the plate with Mallory being gone," Baker said. "I like where we are at as a program. We just need to take a step forward and get out of this top four or five in conference and hopefully get back to nationals next year."

Game 1

Hastings	.000	120	0	**3**	**12**	**0**
Concordia	.000	000	0	**0**	**4**	**2**

W — MacKenzie Welchert L — Nicole Sempek

Game 2

Hastings	.003	000	0	**3**	**9**	**0**
Midland	.330	000	X	**6**	**12**	**1**

W — Sammy Hislop L — Welchert
2B — HC, Halye Burge; Mid, Kayla Ritzdorf HR — Mid, Kathy Curtis

Rondo helps Celtics beat Hawks 90-84 in OT

JIMMY GOLEN
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Rajon Rondo had a triple-double with 17 points, 14 rebounds and 12 assists to lead the Celtics to a 90-84 overtime victory over the Atlanta Hawks on Friday night and give Boston a 2-1 lead in the first-round playoff series.

It was the seventh career playoff triple-double for Rondo, who missed Game 2 because he was suspended for bumping a referee in the closing minutes of the series opener.

Game 4 is Sunday night.

Ray Allen returned for Boston after missing almost a month and scored 13 points in 38 minutes. Kevin Garnett had 20 points and 13 rebounds, and Paul Pierce had 21 points one game after having 36 points and 14 rebounds to help the Celtics swipe home-court advantage with a Game 2 victory in Atlanta.

Joe Johnson scored 29 points and Jeff Teague had 23 for the Hawks. Tracy McGrady had 12 points — his highest total since he had 40 for Houston in 2008 — but 10 were in the first half, before he landed awkwardly on his right ankle and went to the locker room. He did not have a field goal in the second half.

Rondo scored Boston's first two baskets of the overtime — the second by posting up Teague and knocking down a baby hook over him.

Boston never trailed from there.

The Celtics went on an 11-1 run to open a double-digit lead with 7 minutes to play in regulation, but Atlanta rallied and tied it 80-80 on Johnson's 3-pointer with 1:23 left. Both teams failed to score on its next two possessions, leaving the Celtics with the ball out of bounds with 3.9 seconds left.

Rondo inbounded to Pierce, who was defended by Johnson and had to take a long, fall-away jumper that bounced off the rim at the buzzer.

The Celtics got Rondo back from his one-game suspension and Allen back on the court for the first time since April 10. He played just five games over the final month of the regular season because of bone spurs in his right ankle and missed the first two games of the playoffs as well.

The Hawks kept losing players. With top centers Al Horford and Zaza Pachulia already out, forward Josh Smith was scratched with a sprained tendon in his left knee.

Notes: Hawks C Erick Dampier scored six points in 23 minutes. He played 83 minutes over 15 games and scored just two points in the entire regular season. ... Pierce's next playoff game will tie him with Dennis Johnson and Bob Cousy for 10th on the Celtics' all-time list with 109. Next up is current Celtics GM Danny Ainge, with 112. ... John Havlicek played in 172. ... Johnson scored eight points in the first quarter and McGrady had 10 points and four rebounds in the second. ... Celtics G Avery Bradley went to the locker room in the third with a sore left shoulder. The team initially said he would return, then said he wouldn't. ... Bruins president Cam Neely sat courtside with Celtics owner Wyc Grousbeck, getting a big cheer when he was shown on the scoreboard. ... Allen, the NBA's career 3-point leader, was 0-for-4 from 3-point range. He was 1-for-3 from the line and 6-for-12 from the field.

76ers defeat Bulls 79-74

DAN GELSTON
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Spencer Hawes scored 21 points, grabbed nine rebounds and hit the go-ahead jumper late in the fourth quarter to help the Philadelphia 76ers rally to beat the Chicago Bulls 79-74 on Friday night and take a 2-1 lead in their Eastern Conference playoff series.

Hawes scored 10 clutch points in the fourth to give the eighth-seeded Sixers the surprising series lead.

Game 4 is Sunday in Philadelphia.

Already playing the rest of the series without reigning MVP Derrick Rose, the Bulls got another scare in the third quarter when Joakim Noah left with a sprained left ankle. Noah, who scored 12 points, returned in the fourth quarter and mostly hobbled around the court.

With Rose out, the Sixers believed they were in perfect position to knock off the top-seeded Bulls and build a series lead on their home court.

Good plan.

The Sixers scored only 11 points in the third quarter and trailed by double digits early in the fourth before taking off against the battered Bulls.

Hawes keyed the surge and buried two free throws to make it 71-70 with 3:28 left.

GNAC: Tigers compete against tough competition

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position to qualify for districts and eventually the state meet. Going into the day, he was ranked fourth in the district and the top four qualify to state. He feels like he made a move and the competition gave him a good idea of what lies ahead for the rest of the season.

"It gave me a good warning of what will happen — I have to push myself extra hard to make it (to state)," he said.

Junior Tyler Ripperger also had a big day individually, earning a personal best in the 800-meter run with a time 1:57.41 — good enough for third against what he feels are some of the state's best runners. He also is looking to qualify for districts and feels like he made a significant move in his race.

"To run a personal best today, I was pleasantly surprised," he said.

Ripperger, who added a second place finish in the 400-meter dash (50.55) said it was his coaches that had a huge role in his performance and the team's overall showing on Friday.

"Coach (Johnson) has always done a great job of making us run hard in practice and doing our workouts. He asks a lot of us and gets the best out of us," he said. "I really have a lot of appreciation for our coaching staff.

"(Johnson) says run your guts out. The place will be what it is. The place will come when you run your guts out. That's what we try to do. We had a pretty solid day for the level of competition in this conference."

Said Johnson: "(Ripperger) really hadn't run an 800 with great people since a month ago. We knew he could run this time today, it was just a matter of going out and doing it. He's a guy that thrives on (competition). He's got a big motor."

No single Tiger should be pointed out because there was so much improvement, but one athlete that continually does well is junior Jake Rossen.

He finished first in the pole vault with a height of 14 feet, 1 inch. Then he played an instrumental part in bringing HHS up the team standings near the end, finishing second in the 200 (22.41) and third in the 100 (11.03). He, along with senior Matt Geiger, junior Tyce Matthias and Ripperger finished third in the 400 relay (43.52).

Junior Eric Gawrych added a second place finish in the discus (157-4).

"I don't think there is any doubt that this was a confidence builder, not just for the team but for a couple of individuals," Johnson said. "Part of it's time, and part of it is just getting (to districts)."

Johnson is in his 13th season as head coach and knew that Friday's effort ranked right up there with some of the best of his tenure. He said it's been at least 20 years since the team has placed as high as third in the GNAC conference.

"I think it reflects good on the program. We're doing some good things. We've got some really good kids, really good athletes on this track team right now," he said. "We've got to keep working. It reflects well on the program, but it also reflects on just how talented our kids are."

Girls

The Hastings High girls team finished last in the eight-team competition, but that didn't keep them from having a historic outing.

Two Tigers broke individual school records during the meet.

It's been a season-long quest for senior Lauren Bliss to earn the school record in the long jump, and she did so twice Friday, finishing with a distance of 17-5 to break the previous record of 16-11 1/2 held by Terri Smith — a record that's stood for 31 years. She finished second in the event.

In the pole vault, sophomore Madi St. John broke a school record with a height of 8-7 — one inch better than previous owners Hannah Gnagy (2000) and Kathryn Johnson (2007).

Junior Mattie Eddleman added a third-place finish in the discus (111-5) for the Tigers.

Friday was the first time in a while since Bliss competed, as she's battled a pulled hamstring. She only competed in the long jump, but head coach Ben Welsch hopes she can return to the track soon and help the 400 relay team.

"We also had to replace Lauren in the 400 relay, and ran the same time with some new kids. So next week, we'll reload the 4x100 and make it a little bit quicker for districts," he said. "That is one relay that will have a chance at state."

Welsch also noted that the relay teams both placed in the top six — something that hasn't been done at the GNAC meet in a while.

"It's advantageous to host the conference," he said.

Boys Team Results

1, Kearney 195; 2, McCook 86; 3, Hastings High 67; 4, Norfolk 51; 4, Scottsbluff 51; 6, North Platte 39; 7, Lexington 33; 8, Columbus 5.

Boys Individual Results

Long jump — 1, Matt Chitwood, MCC, 23-0; 2, Tremain Monroe, NOR, 21-6 1/2; 3, Jake Schlager, MCC, 21-4 1/2.

Triple jump — 1, Trey Andersen, KEA, 43-9 1/2; 2, Connor Palic, MCC, 43-9; 3, Caleb Lundgren, KEA, 42-2.

High jump — 1, Tremain Monroe, NOR, 6-2; 2, Alex Starkel, NOR, 6-2; 3, Kyle Gaston, MCC, 6-0.

Shot put — 1, Luke McNitt, KEA, 56-4; 2, Grady Kowalski, KEA, 53-0 1/2; 3, Mitch Collicott, MCC, 50-8 1/2.

Discus — 1, Nick Petersen, KEA, 161-4; 2, Eric Gawrych, HHS, 157-4; 3, Luke McNitt, KEA, 154-3.

Pole vault — 1, Jake Rossen, HHS, 14-01; 2, Austin McConnell, KEA, 13-9; 3, Matt Chitwood, MCC, 13-9.

100 — 1, Tyler Gillen, KEA, 10.81; 2, Luke Worden, SCB, 10.95; 3, Jake Rossen, HHS, 11.03.

200 — 1, Jordan Ingersoll, KEA, 22.35; 2, Jake Rossen, HHS, 22.41; 3, Luke Worden, SCB, 22.43.

400 — 1, Austin Cherry, MCC, 50.05; 2, Tyler Ripperger, HHS, 50.55; 3, Jordan Ingersoll, KEA, 50.91.

800 — 1, Jacob Olson, KEA, 1:53.52; 2, Austin Cherry, MCC, 1:57.25; 3, Tyler Ripperger, HHS, 1:57.41.

1,600 — 1, Jacob Olson, KEA, 4:29.23; 2, Franklin Ibarra, LEX, 4:32.89; 3, Tim Metcalf, NOR, 4:35.08.

3,200 — 1, Nolan Zimmer, KEA, 9:37.56; 2, Tim Smith, KEA, 9:38.52; 3, Wyatt McGuire, NP, 9:47.39.

110 hurdles — 1, Trevor Schramm, NP, 15.02; 2, Garrett Arnold, KEA, 15.14; 3, Thomas Gillen, KEA, 15.27.

300 hurdles — 1, Isaiah Castellaw, SCB, 40.00; 2, Grahm Schneider, HHS, 40.45; 3, Trevor Schramm, NP, 40.56.

400 relay — 1, KEA, 42.38; 2, MCC, 43.25; 3, HHS, 43.52.

1,600 relay — 1, MCC 3:25.41; 2, LEX, 3:26.15; 3, SCB 3:29.75.

3,200 relay — 1, SCB 8:15.41; 2, KEA 8:16.00; 3, NP 8:18.16.

Girls Team Results

1, Kearney 118; 2, Lexington 94; 3, Norfolk 84; 4, McCook 78; 5, Columbus 52; 6, Scottsbluff 44; 7, North Platte 35; 8, Hastings High 21.

Girls Individual Results

Long jump — 1, Casey Seberger, LEX, 17-11 1/2; 2, Lauren Bliss, HHS, 17-5; 3, Kelsey Wiemers, KEA, 16-11.

Triple jump — 1, Casey Seberger, LEX, 37-3; 2, Kelsey Wiemers, KEA, 34-6 1/2; 3, Libby Burrows, NP, 33-11 1/2.

High jump — 1, Claire Sintek, NOR, 5-2; . 2, Katie Higgins, KEA, 5-2; 3, Amanda Ramberg, NOR, 5-2.

Shot put — 1, Heather Sabata, COL, 38-11; 2, Zoey Rada, SCB, 38-1 1/2; 3, Tristin Sack, NP, 36-5 3/4.

Discus — 1, Taylor Muzzey, SCB, 124-3; 2, Aspen Clark, KEA, 115-8; 3, Mattie Eddleman, HHS, 111-5.

Pole vault — 1, Alexis Menghini, NP, 11-6; 2, Abigail Mohr, MCC, 10-5; 3, Megan Cherry, KEA, 10-5.

100 — 1, Lindsie Woolley, LEX, 12.68; 2, Danica Liess, MCC, 12.76; 3, Shaylee Robinson, COL, 12.90.

200 — 1, Lindsie Woolley, LEX, 25.98; 2, Danica Liess, MCC, 26.04; 3, Shaylee Robinson, COL, 26.50.

400 — 1, Molly Sughroue, MCC, 59.02; 2, Katerin Dover, NOR, 1:03.20; 3, Paige Whalen, KEA, 48.09.

800 — 1, Molly Sughroue, MCC, 2:19.70; 2, Megan Sughroue, KEA, 2:21.36; Kiley Guerue, SCB, 2:30.37.

1,600 — 1, Megan Sughroue, KEA, 5:17.82; 2, Marissa Moore, NOR, 5:25.47; 3, Taylor Muncie, SCB, 5:27.15.

3,200 — 1, Delaney McFadden, KEA, 12:06.15; 2, Mandy Sughroue, KEA, 12:06.93; 3, Odaliz Santoyo, LEX, 12:08.20.

100 hurdles — 1, Farren Lovell, NOR, 16.69; 2, Abigail Mohr, MCC, 16.70; 3, Jackie Watson, COL, 16.71.

300 hurdles — 1, Chelsea Johnson, NOR, 47.62; 2, Sydney Seberger, LEX, 47.96; 3, Paige Whalen, KEA, 48.09.

400 relay — 1, LEX 50.58; 2, MCC 51.04; 3, COL 51.05.

1,600 relay — 1, LEX 4:05.55; 2, MCC, 4:08.84; 3, NOR, 4:10.21.

3,200 relay — 1, LEX 9:51.96; 2, MCC 9:54.31; 3, KEA 10:27.85.

Derby: talented field for 138th Kentucky Derby

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"I've brought some really good horses here, and they were the best horse, but they got beat," he said, referring to Lookin At Lucky, the 2010 race-day favorite who was trapped on the rail and finished sixth. In 2001, his heavy favorite Point Given wound up fifth.

"I don't want to get myself too pumped up. Even my son, Bode, doesn't want to talk about it," he said.

The 7-year-old namesake of Bodemeister is worried. Upon learning the colt was headed to the Derby, he asked his dad, "Well, what if he loses?"

"It's a little extra pressure for me to make sure that he runs well," said Baffert, who had a medical scare in March when he was hospitalized with a heart attack in Dubai.

Bodemeister, ridden by Hall of Fame jockey Mike Smith, goes into the starting gate staring down 129 years of Derby history. The last horse to win without racing as a 2-year-old was Apollo in 1882.

Union Rags, the 9-2 second choice ridden by Julien Leparoux, is the best horse trainer Michael Matz has brought to the Derby since he won with undefeated Barbaro in 2006.

"I was lucky enough once," he said. "It's hard to believe you can get lucky twice."

Matz trains the strapping colt for Phyllis Wyeth, the former steeplechase rider who was paralyzed from the waist down in a 1962 car accident and gets around in a wheelchair. She is married to painter Jamie Wyeth, whose father was the renowned artist Andrew Wyeth.

Gemologist, undefeated in five races, is trained by 2010 Derby winner Pletcher, yet he's been overshadowed by the other entrants since arriving late in Louisville and getting most of his training in Florida.

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Ed Kennedy's war



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In this March 1, 1944, file photo, Ed Kennedy, Chief of the Associated Press staff in North Africa, wears a metal helmet at the Anzio beachhead in Italy. Kennedy was dismissed by the AP after he became the first journalist to file a firsthand account of German officials surrendering unconditionally to Allied commanders at a former schoolhouse in Reims, France.

AP APOLOGIZES FOR FIRING REPORTER OVER WWII SCOOP

DAVID B. CARUSO
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — In World War II's final moments in Europe, Associated Press correspondent Edward Kennedy gave his news agency perhaps the biggest scoop in its history. He reported, a full day ahead of the competition, that the Germans had surrendered unconditionally at a former schoolhouse in Reims, France.

For this, he was publicly rebuked by the AP, and then quietly fired.

The problem: Kennedy had defied military censors to get the story out. British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and President Harry Truman had agreed to suppress news of the capitulation for a day, in order to allow Russian dictator Josef Stalin to stage a second surrender ceremony in Berlin. Kennedy was also accused of breaking a pledge that he and 16 other journalists had made to keep the surrender a secret for a time, as a condition of being allowed to witness it firsthand.

Sixty-seven years later, the AP's top executive is apologizing for the way the company treated Kennedy.

"It was a terrible day for the AP. It was handled in the worst possible way," said president and CEO Tom Curley.

Kennedy, he said, "did everything just right." Curley rejected the notion that the AP had a duty to obey the order to hold the story once it was clear the embargo was for political reasons, rather than to protect the troops.

"Once the war is over, you can't hold back information like that. The world needed to know," he said in an interview.

Curley, who is retiring this year, has also co-written an introduction to Kennedy's newly published memoir, "Ed Kennedy's War: V-E Day, Censorship & The Associated Press."

Kennedy, who died in a traffic accident in 1963, had long sought such public vindication from his old employer. His daughter, Julia Kennedy Cochran, of Bend, Ore., said she was "overjoyed" by the apology.

"I think it would have meant a lot to him," she said.

The German surrender happened at 2:41 a.m. French time on May 7, 1945.

Kennedy was one of 17 reporters taken to witness the ceremony. He and the others were hastily assembled by military commanders, then pledged to secrecy by a U.S. general while the group flew over France. As a condition of being allowed to see the surrender in person, the correspondents were barred from reporting what they had witnessed until authorized by Allied headquarters.



RICK BOWMER/AP

This Wednesday photo shows a copy of the New York Times published on May 8, 1945, at the home of Julia Kennedy Cochran, daughter of former AP Paris bureau chief Ed Kennedy in Bend, Ore.

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The Animal Clinic of Hastings will be celebrating National Pet Week with a "Best Dressed Pet" contest. We invite you to bring in a picture of your furry family members or stop by with your pets in their best attire for the staff to take a picture for display. Entries will be accepted during the entire month of May. The public will vote on the "Best Dressed Pet" at our Open House on Saturday, June 2nd. Please join us from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on June 2nd for a complimentary lunch, tours of our hospital, educational exhibits, door prizes and much more.



The Animal Clinic is celebrating National Pet Week with a "Best Dressed Pet" contest. Also join us for an Open House on June 2.

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In the County Court of Adams County, Nebraska
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LINDA ANN BECHT, Deceased) No. PR09-42) NOTICE

Notice if hereby given that a final account and report of administration and a Petition for complete settlement, probate of Will, determination of inheritance tax have been filed and are set for hearing in the County Court of Adams County, Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska, on May 16, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

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Notice

In the County Court of Adams County, Nebraska
Estate of VICTOR SCHURMAN, Deceased.
Estate No. PR12-40

Notice is hereby given that on May 1, 2012, 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 Leland Potter, whose address is 380 Q Road, Wilcox, Nebraska 68982, 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 July 6, 2012, or be forever barred.

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School Board Proceedings

Kenesaw Public School

The Kenesaw Board of Education was called into regular session at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, April 9, 2012. Action was taken on the following:

-Approved the minutes of the March 12, 2012, regular meeting as presented.
-Approved the Treasurer's Report.
-Approved the April, 2012, Claims in the amount of $230,126.27.
-Report from Close-Up students.
-Approved the hiring of William C. Roe, the new Guidance Counselor.
-Offered contracts for the 2012-2013 school year to staff members as recommended by the Superintendent with a return date of May 11, 2012.
-Offered work agreements to the Non-Certified staff for the 2012/2013 school year.
-Authorized Jim Troshynski, Superintendent, to serve as the Board's authorized representative for all matters relating to Title 1 and to authorize the Kenesaw Schools to renew membership in the ESU #9 Title 1 Cooperative for the 2012-2013 school year.

The next meeting is set for May 14, 2012, at 8:00 p.m.

AS Central Services OCIO	$ 221.90
BCN Telecom, Inc.	48.60
Big G ACE 11368	44.47
Bill Nabower	177.50
Business World Products	289.31
Control Management, Inc.	150.00
Cooperative Producers, Inc.	449.97
Dutton-Lainson Company	312.06
Educational Service Unit #9	28,799.37
GE Money Bank/Amazon	600.00
Glenwood Telephone	9.95
Harris Computer Systems	3,654.46
Hastings Museum	202.00
Hobart Service	228.00
Kenesaw Market	21.84
Kenesaw Public School	179,411.48
Kim Ehly	13.90
Kym Warner	11.59
Lasertec of Nebraska, Inc.	1,159.70
Matheson-Linweld	19.54
Menards - Hastings	20.20
Meyer Laboratory, Inc.	172.95
Mid Nebraska Restaurant Supply	146.50
Midamerica Books	52.80
Nebraska DOL/Boiler Inspection Program	144.00
Nebraska Council of School Administrators	199.00
Nebraska Scientific	142.75
Nebraska Truck Center, Inc.	563.62
Nebraska U.C. Fund	11.08
OCE Imagistics	784.86
Personnel Concepts	151.85
Pulver Plumbing & Radiant Heating	208.00
Pumpkin Books	155.43
School Specialty, Inc.	63.49
SourceGas	2,389.36
Southern Power District	3,132.12
TD's Portable Welding	21.40
The Hastings Tribune	38.44
Tom Budnick	678.00
Tonya Anderson	199.00
Trade Well Pallet, Inc.	225.00
Travis Dassinger	20.20
Uncle Neal's Country Convenience Store	2,846.73
UPS	6.83
Village of Kenesaw	607.48
Windstream	199.54
Windstream	1,039.00
Zimmerman Printers	306.00
TOTAL	$230,126.27

May 5, 2012

Notice of Meeting

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Southern Public Power District will be held at the District office at 4550 West Husker Highway, Grand Island, Nebraska on Wednesday, May 9, 2012, at 10:30 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to take care of the regular order of business. An agenda for the meeting, kept continually current, is available for public inspection at the District office during normal business hours.

SOUTHERN PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT
Neal Niedfeldt, President/CEO
May 5, 2012

PUBLIC NOTICE
Request for Proposal for Compilation Services for the Adams County Sanitation Improvement District #2

The Adams County Sanitation Improvement District #2 (Idlewilde) is seeking proposals from Certified Public Accounting firms for a 3-year contract to compile SID #2's financial statements for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2012, June 30, 2013 and June 30, 2014. In addition, the contract will include completion of the budget form as required by the State of Nebraska.

To be considered, a proposal must be received by June 15, 2012 at the following address: P.O. Box 236, Hastings, Nebraska 68902. For additional information, firms may contact Chuck Benal, Trustee, at (308) 379-0098.
May 5, 12, 19, 2012

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder at the Lobby of the Adams County Courthouse on the 13th day of June, 2012, at 10:00 o'clock a.m.:

Lot 17, Block 7, West Lawn Addition to the City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska according to the recorded Plat thereof,
more commonly known as: 1930 West 7th Street, Hastings, Nebraska 68901

The property is being sold "as is" and subject to any unpaid real estate taxes, assessments and any lien or interest superior in right which may affect the subject property. The highest bidder will deposit $500.00 in cash or certified funds with the Trustee at the time of the sale, which shall be non-refundable, and the remaining amount due must be paid in cash or certified funds to the Trustee by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the sale; except this requirement is waived when the highest bidder is the current Beneficiary. The successful bidder shall be re-sponsible for applicable transfer fees or taxes including the documentary stamp tax.

DATED 5th day of May, 2012.

STEFFI A. SWANSON,
Substitute Trustee (12004)
Law Offices of Steffi A. Swanson, P.C., L.L.O.
3906 Raynor Parkway, Suite 105
Bellevue, Nebraska 68123
(402) 292-7700
May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2, 2012

Notice of Publication

TO: THOMAS J COLLETT

You are hereby notified that on October 6, 2011, the Plaintiff, General Collection Company filed a Petition in the County Court of Adams County, Nebraska, against you shown as Case No. CI 11-1871; the object and prayer of which is a judgment in the amount of $130.50 plus court costs and attorney's fees pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute Section 25-1801. The Petition prays that judgment be entered against you. You are hereby notified that you must answer the petition on or before the 12th day of June, 2012, at the County Court of Adams County, Hastings, Nebraska. This is an attempt to collect a debt by a collection agency. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose, This is a communication from a debt collector.

Truell, Murray & Associates
Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 452
Grand Island, Nebraska 68802
(308) 384-0200
April 28, May 5, 12, 2012

MIDLAND AREA AGENCY ON AGING
Governing Board Meeting
April 5, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Midland Area Agency on Aging Governing Board was called to order at 9:31 a.m. Members present were: Clarence Trumble, Richard Schwieger, Charles Neumann, Pam Lancaster, Jerome Konen, Dan Purdy, Roger Wiegert, Mike Anderson, Eldon Orthmann and Ron York. No public participation. A motion was made by Purdy to open the meeting period to hear any discussions for annual direct service requests, seconded by Neumann. Motion carried. Schwieger moved to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2012 meeting, seconded by Konen. Motion carried. A motion to approve December 2011 and January 2012 financials was made by Neumann, seconded by Purdy. Motion carried. A motion to approve the December 2011 and January 2012 nutrition and program reports was made by Orthmann, seconded by York. Motion carried. A motion to approve the CHOICES report was made by Schwieger, seconded by Konen. Motion carried. A motion to approve the Director's report was made by Neumann, seconded by Purdy. Motion carried. A motion was made by Schwieger to accept the Ombudsman report, seconded by York. Motion carried. A motion to approve the direct service waiver request was made by Anderson, seconded by Orthmann. Motion carried. Motion carried. A motion was made by Mike Anderson, seconded by Konen to approve Dianne Fowler, Executive Director, to sign the Nebraska Department of Roads Transportation Application for Clay, Howard and Nuckolls counties. A roll call vote was taken: York, yes, Orthmann, yes, Konen, yes, Neumann, yes, Purdy, yes, Wiegert, yes, Anderson, yes, Trumble, yes, Schwieger, yes and Lancaster, yes. Motion carried. No opposition. A motion to approve the WPCI Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy was made by Anderson, seconded by Wiegert. Motion carried. A motion to accept the Executive Director's resignation was made by Anderson, seconded by Konen. Motion carried. A motion to enter into a closed session regarding personnel issues was made by Konen, seconded by Wiegert. A motion to open the close session was made by Anderson, seconded by Neumann. Motion carried. The closed session meeting was closed at 12:41 p.m. by Wiegert, seconded by Purdy. Meeting adjourned by common consent at 12:41 p.m.
May 5, 2012

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Classified Ads

1 Card of Thanks

The family of Earl McLeod thanks the wonderful friends and family, both town and country, who helped celebrate his life.
Thank you for the food, the floral arrangements, and all of the memorials given in his honor. We cannot convey how appreciative we are for all the love and support we have received throughout this last month.
We greatly appreciate the exceptional care and attention Earl received from all the doctors and nurses in Hastings and Kearney.
A special thank you to the Juniata Volunteer Fire Department, Hastings Ambulance service, and the Emergency Room staff and doctors of Mary Lanning on the evening of April 13th. Thank you to Pastor Abe Tamayo and Pastor Gary Main for their spiritual support.
We have been truly blessed with God's goodness.

The Earl McLeod Family
Bonnie McLeod
Dale and Tammy Valentin and family
Rick and Rhonda McCoy

3 In Memory

In memory of Roberta Jean (Shafer) Conklin
5/6/49 – 10/21/07
You are gone from us but you will never be forgotten. We love you and miss you so very, very much. All our love, Happy Birthday!

Mom, DeAnne, Kennie and Marilyn, Rick and Roger

4 Announcements

CRYSTAL LAKE FUND RAISER
Crystal Lake, Ayr, NE
June 2, 2012
Vendors/Car Show
10 - 5 p.m.
Dance 6 -11 p.m.
For vendor space ($10) or car show entry, contact 402-984-7112.
Donations may be sent to:
5 Points Bank
320 S. Burlington
Also wanted: Items for Raffle and Bake Sale

HYBRID IRIS on Parade. 450 colors. Opens May 5, Monday-Friday, 5-8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Rhizomes $3, dug during visit. Freeman, 122 E. North St. Mankato, KS. 785-378-3850 www.irisonparadeks.com

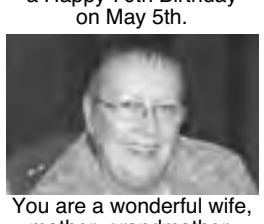
Retirement Tea
Honoring
LINDA PHELPS
Monday, May 7, 2012
3:45-5:30 p.m.
Morton Elementary Gym

U2 EUCHARIST, St. Mark's Pro-Cathedral, 422 N. Burlington, Hastings, 5 p.m. today featuring music by Bono.

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8 Happy Ads

Wishing
JEAN HASELOH
a Happy 70th Birthday on May 5th.



You are a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend to many!
Lots of love from your family

ZACH ECKERT
May 5, 2012



Congratulations as you receive your degree in Diesel Technology at CCC. You have achieved your goal. We are so very proud of you! May God bless you as you continue life's journey!

Love,
Dad, Mom, Nick, Zoe, Noel and Gram Ginny

11 Garage Sales Northwest

1113 N. WILLIAMS: Friday, 2-7; Saturday, 9-3. Chair, microwave stand, dishes, clothing, knick-knacks, push mower.

1206 NORTH SHORE: Friday, 3-8; Saturday, 8-12. 2 families downsizing.

1208 W. 8TH: Friday, 1-6; Saturday, 9-1. Book Sale. Art work, plus size clothes, collectibles, and more.

1311 ARAPAHOE: Friday, 2:30-7; Saturday, 8-1. 0-4T, toys, books, antiques, collectibles, misc.

1407 N. Webster: Saturday, 8-1. Girls' clothes newborn-4t, women's size XL, Men's XXL, camping items, household and baby items.

1619 BOYCE: Friday, 5:30-8; Saturday, 8-12. Toys and books, infant/children/adult clothing, household items, decorations, miscellaneous.

1942 BOYCE: Saturday, 8-2. Bass Hound boat, lots of baby boy clothes, 0-18 months, Fisher Price toys, lots of decor, crib.

1944 HOME ST.: Saturday, 8-3. Pampered Chef, kitchen items, vineyard decor, clothes, misc.

2017 BOYCE: Saturday, 8:30-12:30. Gently used baby items, baby girl clothing, newborn-12 months, baby toys, misc. items.

2702 BOYCE: Saturday, 9-4. Ceiling fans, assorted hand tools, lawn mowers, nearly new bedroom suite mattresss and much more.

3000 WENDELL DR.: Saturday, 8-5. Newborn-12 months, walkers, newborn swing, Beanies, clothes 5-15, namebrand jeans, kitchen, holiday, crafts.

11 Garage Sales Northwest

2920 WENDELL DR: Saturday, 9-3. Moving sale. Antiques, Crayola collection, golf clubs, Christmas, and household items.

414 N. SHORE DR.: Saturday, 8-1. Prom/homecoming dresses, junior/women's clothes, patio furniture, game table, home decor, antiques, lawn cart, outdoor electric grill.

4685 N. BALTIMORE: Friday, 10-7; Saturday, 8-2. Miscellaneous family items

713 RICHMOND: Friday, 4-7; Saturday, 8-12. Solid cherry wood coffee/end tables, home theatre system, kids' toys, high chair, home decor, kitchenware.

732 CHESTNUT: Saturday, 9-? Antiques, jewelry, saddle, denim days, belt buckles, household items.

WESTBROOK: 1501 Westbrook Dr; Friday, 4-7; Saturday, 8-1. Multi-family. Furniture, refrigerator, baby items, wooden barn doors, books and LOTS of GREAT misc. You don't want to miss this!

12 Garage Sales Northeast

134 E. 12TH: Saturday, 8-2. Tons of decor, 0-14 girl clothes, women's clothes, shoes, toys, baby items.

1344 N. KANSAS: Friday, 4-7:30; Saturday, 8-1. Home decor, purses, misc.

145 E. SOUTH ST.: Saturday, 8-2. Fishing, swivel chair, portable DVDplayer, antique rocker lawn chairs.

147 E. 4TH ST.: Saturday, 9-2; Sunday, 9-? Moving sale. Dressers, TVs, bikes, too many items to list.

208 E. PARK: Saturday, 8-4. Hunting, fishing, tools, kitchen wares, dinette, collectibles.

211 NORTH 3RD AVE.: Saturday, 8-3. Estate Sale: Antiques, furniture, dishes, kitchenware, misc. All offers considered.

215, 219, 222, 223 E 4TH: Saturday, 8-?. Children's clothing, exercise equipment, miscellaneous.

519 E. 6TH: Friday, 3-7; Saturday, 9-12. Toys, nice clothes, kitchen items, books, household misc.

715 E. SOUTH ST.: Friday, 9-5; Saturday, 9-3. 3-family. Antiques, collectibles, bedding, jewelry, knickknacks, clothes, more

13 Garage Sales Southwest

304 EMERSON: Friday, 12-6; Saturday, 9-1. Retired, daycare supplies and toys, 2 recliners, porch swing, miscellaneous.

14 Garage Sales Southeast

222 W. G St.: Friday, 6-8; Saturday, 8-? Antiques, collectibles, furniture, washer/dryer, tools, boys' and girls' teen items.

703 S. COLORADO: Friday, 5:30-8, Saturday, 8-2. Name brand clothes, misc.

14 Garage Sales Southeast

726 S. ST. JOSEPH: Friday, 5-8; Saturday, 8-3. Women's/kids' clothes, antiques, washer/dryer, misc.

743 S. KANSAS: Friday, 3-8; Saturday, 8-12. Toys, clothes, large file cabinet, small furniture, ceiling fans

20 Automobiles

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30 Heavy Equipment

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36 Travel Trailers & Motor Homes

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Good Samaritan Society

AA/E/O/E
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52 Educational

Full-time Automotive Technology Instructor
Central Community College, Hastings, Nebraska. **Qualifications:** Requires individual with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Automotive Technology and at least four years of related occupational experience. The candidate must also complete the Ford courses included in the Ford MLR within one year of hire. Must be ASE Certified or willing to obtain ASE Master Certification. Preference will be given to candidates with teaching experience. The candidate should have thorough knowledge of automotive equipment operation including the repair and maintenance of passenger cars, trucks, hybrid vehicles and other automotive related equipment. **Responsibilities:** Teach and assess student learning outcomes in Automotive Technology courses. The program also includes a Ford Certified Medium Light Vehicle diploma option. **For more information contact Cindy by the closing date of: May 14, 2012; before 12:00 noon** at 308-398-7327, email hr@cccneb.edu or check web site: www.cccneb.edu EOC/AA

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54 Office/Clerical

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60 General

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Difficulty: 4 (of 5)

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

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Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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

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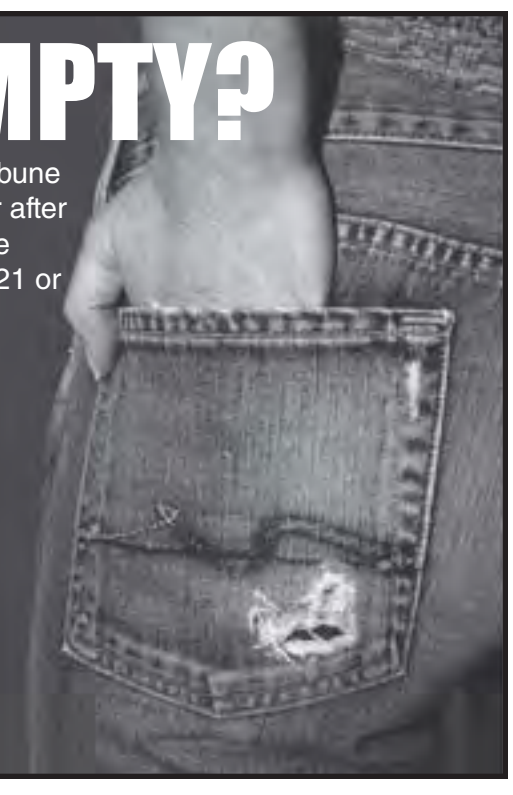
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Official: Polka dots painted on home an eyesore



ERIC HYLDEN, Grand Forks Herald/*AP*

Jim Deitz poses Monday with a grin and a can of paint in front of his house in north Grand Forks, N.D.

JAMES MacPHERSON
The Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. — Jim Deitz believes he's creating a Grand Forks landmark, but the downtown apartment house he's painting one polka dot at a time is making a city planner cringe.

The retired house painter on Tuesday was putting the final polka dots on his home-turned-apartments, where passers-by have been gathering to watch him work and to request colors from his palette of a dozen cans of brightly colored paint.

"Pizza delivery drivers won't have any trouble finding this place," Deitz said of the century old-two story home that houses six apartments. "You can't miss it."

The house is next to a church, a fraternal organization building and a new low-income apartment complex. Deitz and the city had negotiated a deal to buy out the property to expand the low-income housing facility.

Deitz said he was offered $100,000 for the home a year or so ago.

"They were going to buy me out and they backed out," Deitz said. "I want $150,000 for it now."

Ryan Brooks, the city's senior planner, said the polka dot house is an eyesore and that he thinks it's Deitz's way of protesting the city's decision not to buy the property.

"It's hard to say what this gentleman's true motives are," Brooks said. "I think my opinion is the same as everybody — I wouldn't want to be living next to it."



MARTHA IRVINE/*AP*

In this Feb. 22 photo, Clara Beatty, 9, looks at her mother while doing homework at their Winnetka, Ill., home. The fourth-grader was born with facial deformities, including underdeveloped cheekbones and a small jaw, caused by a genetic mutation called Treacher Collins syndrome.

Girl with deformed face navigates world

MARTHA IRVINE
The Associated Press

WINNETKA, Ill. — What if you knew, even before your child was born, that she wouldn't look like everyone else?

Clara Beatty's parents knew.

They were living in Belgium at the time, a decade ago. Prenatal screening was extensive, probably more than would have been done in the United States.

Those tests determined that baby Clara, their third child, was likely to be a perfectly normal kid inside. But even in the womb, doctors could see severe facial deformities — droopy eyes, under-developed cheekbones and a tiny jaw. It meant she'd need a tube in her neck to help her breathe after birth. The lack of an outer ear and restricted ear canals also would mean she'd have hearing aids by the time she was 6 months old.

In Belgium, it was unusual for babies to be born with Treacher Collins syndrome, caused by a genetic mutation. Parents almost always opted to abort, doctors said.

But the Beattys wouldn't hear of it. It wasn't any big moral statement, they say.

"There was just no question," Janet Beatty says. No wavering, despite the looks of disapproval from the medical staff before she was born and even after, in the intensive care unit.

"It was kind of strange sometimes with the doctors, some of whom I think really, really questioned why we had this baby," says Eric Beatty, Clara's dad.

The next few years would be so challenging that the family moved back to the United States, both for family support and to seek medical care at Chicago's Children's Memorial Hospital and other institutions. There were breathing and feeding issues. The family had 24-hour nursing care for the first three years of Clara's life because she vomited so frequently.

They were lucky, they realized, to have that kind of help.

Still, it took a toll on Clara's parents, especially her mom. Janet Beatty just wanted her daughter to be OK physically, to not be constantly worried that she might stop breathing, or choke. She wanted her daughter to have the happy childhood that her other two children had had — free from the physical challenges and, yes, free from the constant stares of strangers when they were out in public.

"Make her normal," her mother, Janet Beatty, thought privately. "I want that normal kid. I didn't want people to stare, and I didn't want people running away from her."

Cosmetic surgery was an option. But on a child so young, it would have to be redone, over and over. It was better, doctors said, to wait until her teen years.

And as her parents discovered, Clara was quite able to cope, sometimes better than they. Even today, Janet Beatty is astounded at how well her youngest daughter navigates the world.

"Even when she was little, you could look at her and people would say there's an old soul in there," she says. "She just had these big eyes and you could see her taking everything in."

Certainly, there are times when Clara gets frustrated.

Now 9 years old and finishing the fourth grade, she looks forward to the day a few years from now when her skull will have grown enough for cosmetic surgery. It won't "fix" things, but likely will help her blend more — and possibly help her get rid of the breathing tube.

"I want to try to make myself as much like the other kids, so that I can stop having everyone asking me questions," Clara says, "because it gets so annoying."

She says it matter-of-factly — not like she's hurt or damaged by the questions and comments.

When people stare, she says, she just "smiles and says 'hi,' " because that's what her parents have taught her to do.

It's easiest, of course, when she's in her "protective bubble," as her mom calls it — at home or school or church. There, people know her. To them, she is just Clara — the funny, kind girl who wants to be a doctor when she grows up, who's quick to help classmates with homework when she finishes her own.



Workers produce a bit less

DROP IN FIGURE FOR FIRST QUARTER LINKED TO STRONGER HIRING EARLY

MARTIN CRUTSINGER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. worker productivity fell from January through March by the most in a year. Stronger hiring at the start of the year was partly responsible for the drop.

While worker output rose, the number of hours worked increased by an even larger amount. That lowered productivity in the first quarter at an annual rate of 0.5 percent, the Labor Department said Thursday.

Productivity is the amount of output per hour of work. It fell after increasing at an annual rate of 1.2 percent in the October-December quarter.

A decline in productivity could be a positive sign for jobseekers. It could signal that companies are struggling to squeeze more from their work forces and must hire to meet rising demand.

"One reason that employment increased at a faster pace in the first quarter is that firms are finding it harder to improve the efficiency of their existing work forces," said Paul Ashworth, chief U.S. economist at Capital Economics.

The bad news for workers — and good news for companies — is that hourly compensation increased just 1.5 percent, Ashworth noted. That was a key reason labor costs rose at about a 2 percent rate in the first quarter, slower than the 2.7 percent increase in the fourth quarter.

Lower labor costs should eventually help push inflation below the Federal Reserve's target rate of 2 percent, Ashworth noted. That would leave the Fed more room to stick with its plan to keep interest rates near zero at least through 2014.

Productivity grew last year at the slowest pace in nearly a quarter century after rising sharply in 2010. The main reason productivity soared in 2010 was that it followed the worst recession in decades, when employers laid off millions of workers.

Economists said the trend is typical during and after a recession. Companies tend to shed workers in the face of falling demand and increase output from a smaller work force.

Once the economy starts to grow, demand rises and companies eventually must add workers if they want to keep up.

It was the first drop since a 0.3 percent fall in the April-June quarter of last year and was the largest since a 1 percent drop at the start of 2011.

Economists expect productivity growth will remain weak this year. Economists at JPMorgan are forecasting productivity will rise 0.7 percent this year as companies add more workers.

Hiring slowed in March after a strong start this year. The economy added just 120,000 workers — half the monthly average from December through February.

The government will report on April job growth Friday. Economists expect employers added 163,000 last month, according to a survey by FactSet. The unemployment rate is expected to stay unchanged at 8.2 percent.

With so many people out of work and looking for jobs, there is little chance that wage pressures will get out of hand, economists note.



BECKY BOHRER/*AP*

In this March 10, 2011, file photo, Alaska Gov. Sean Parnell stands beside a board laying out provisions of his proposal to cut oil production taxes and expand tax credits to help spur new investment in the state in Juneau, Alaska.

Taxing conflict

ALASKA GOVERNOR GETS NOWHERE WITH PLAN TO REDUCE WHAT OIL COMPANIES PAY

BECKY BOHRER
The Associated Press

JUNEAU, Alaska — Oil long has been king in Alaska, but the state's Republican governor is having trouble finding support for a tax break he believes is critical to ensuring it remains so.

With a stunning defeat in the state Legislature this week, Gov. Sean Parnell has failed twice since last year to reduce production taxes on oil companies, a strategy he believes is crucial to bringing in new companies and ensuring those already here invest more and boost North Slope production. That would ensure Alaska's financial lifeline remains healthy for years to come.

Oil accounts for roughly 90 percent of unrestricted state revenue in the resource-rich state. It has helped make possible yearly dividend checks that Alaskans get just for living in the state. And recent flush years have created budget surpluses.

What's unusual in Parnell's defeats is that lawmakers from both parties, particularly this year, showed little stomach for his plans, albeit for differing reasons. Some saw the recent tax-cut plan as a corporate giveaway or unneeded by oil companies that consistently post huge profits; others, including some in his own party, say Parnell's bill was ill-conceived or poorly explained.

The latest setback came Wednesday, when Parnell abruptly announced in a rare live appearance on a TV newscast that he was removing his oil tax bill from consideration by lawmakers. The surprise move — unprecedented in Alaska — came just eight days into a special legislative session that he had sought mainly to deal with the issue.

He blamed the bipartisan-controlled Senate, which he said appeared incapable of passing "comprehensive oil tax reform."

After sometimes combative hearings, especially in the Senate, lawmakers in both chambers said the administration hadn't made their case. To many, it remained unclear, for example, how many barrels of new oil the state would see produced under Parnell's plan, or when Alaska might break even on any tax breaks it gives.

While the bill was aimed at boosting oil production over time, the near-term impact on the state's economy also came into play. While Alaskans have enjoyed a healthy state budget in recent years, due in part to the high price of oil, Parnell's budget director said the state could find itself in a deficit as early as next fiscal year under his plan, and would need to dig into its reserves to maintain a certain level of spending. A legislative consultant said Parnell's approach would wind up giving oil companies "quite a lot" of money for projects that are profitable to do today.

Anchorage Republican Sen. Lesil McGuire said she agrees philosophically with Parnell on the need to make Alaska a more competitive place for industry investment, but in a hearing called his plan "half-baked" and predicted the special session would end in a "train wreck."

In an interview, Parnell said he still believes strongly in the need for tax changes but decided to pull oil taxes from the special session call "to give folks a breather and let calmer heads prevail across some more time and make the case again down the road."

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FACES OF BUSINESS: *Stacie Widhelm*

Workout camps have higher purpose

TRAINER TACKLES CHARITABLE PROJECTS THROUGH HER WORK

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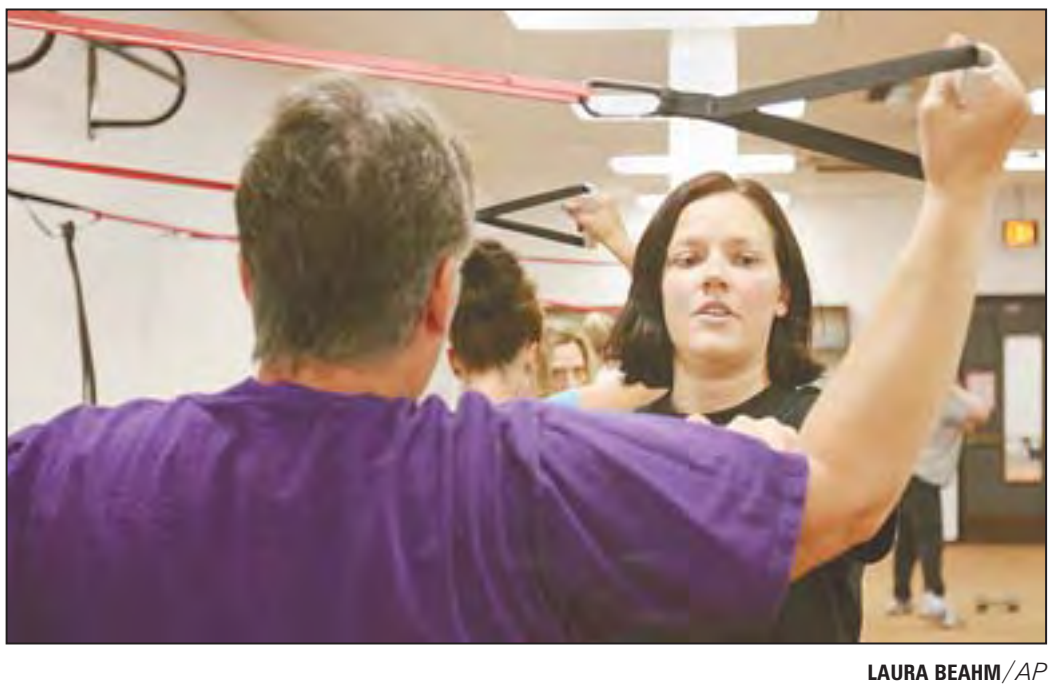
As a personal fitness trainer, Stacie Widhelm of Hastings is well aware that being fit has its rewards.



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In her case, those rewards go beyond the usual health benefits enjoyed by those whom she coaches through her Fitness Revolution and Athletic Revolution franchise workout programs.

Widhelm, 33, is helping to fund local programs and charitable works through her workout camps.



LAURA BEAHM/*AP*

Stacie Widhelm helps a student with a resistance band exercise during a Fitness Revolution class Wednesday morning.

On her own, she has hosted camps to raise funds for local programs and individuals alike. Her first effort in 2009 helped raise money for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Day camps held on Thanksgiving Day for SASA in 2010 and Crossroads in 2011 raised awareness, food and/or funding for each organization.

Another camp to benefit rural Hastings cancer patient Teri Hermann and her family raised $675 in February of this year.

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Sugar water or Kool-Aid?

Danger prowled Capitol Hill shortly after the Senate Ag Committee approved its version of the 2012 Farm Bill April 26.



Alan Guebert

The trouble wasn't from folks who might have lost out when the committee "streamlined" 23 conservation programs into 13 to "save" nearly $6.4 billion over the next 10 years or from angry farmers who, if the Senate bill holds sway, will lose more than $5 billion a year in direct farm program programs beginning in 2013.

No, the real danger that day was getting a bipartisan slap in the kisser if you asked any committee member what part of the Agriculture Reform, Food and Jobs Act of 2012 contained any reform, food and jobs.

Certainly, the legislation contained big changes: $4 billion in cuts to nutrition programs, a Rural Development title that cut over $1 billion in the coming decade and, touted Ranking Member Pat Roberts of Kansas, "over SIXTY (his emphasis) authorizations eliminated from the Research Title," cutting "at least $770 million over 5 years."

Cutting agricultural research programs and chopping Rural Development is neither wise nor brave. It is easy, however, like taking lunch money from weakest kid on the school bus and declaring "Look what I found!"

The centerpiece of the Senate farm plan is an expansion of crop insurance, the fastest-growing hottie chased by everyone in Congress because it looks both great and cheap. Two recent examinations of it, however, say it is neither.

The first, authored by Iowa State University economist Bruce Babcock for the Environmental Working Group, claims a crop insurance program that "covers crop losses of more than 30 percent" — yield shortfalls, not today's heavily subsidized revenue guarantees — could be given free to all farmers and save taxpayers "$26 billion in premium subsidies over 10 years," $3 billion more than the entire Senate bill saves.

(Links to the 25-page Babcock report and other documents are posted at www.farmandfoodfile.com.)

The reason, explains the report is because "Over 80 percent of 'crop' insurance policies now insure business income even if there is no yield loss… This has doubled the cost to taxpayers…"

In practical terms, writes Babcock, that means "the average unsubsidized premium" for a 15 percent deductible "revenue" protection policy on a Champaign County, Ill., corn farm is $52 per acre. After the federal subsidy, however, the price plummets to $26.

A similar, 15 percent "yield" policy carries an $11 per acre subsidy and, after application, costs $17 per acre.

So, what would you do if you could insure 85 percent of total revenue — a guaranteed yield and a guaranteed price — for $26 per acre or just 85 percent of yield at $17 per acre? You'd spend the extra $9 because it offers more coverage, less risk and carries a bigger subsidy.

And that's exactly what has happened; farmers use the bigger subsidies to, wisely, "buy up" coverage. As such, federal crop insurance subsidies have soared from $2.4 billion in 2001 to $9 billion in 2011.

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Faces: Widhelm camps benefit charitable causes

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Her current charitable project, undertaken in conjunction with the Fitness Revolution franchise, will help put food on the table for local needy families through the Food for Thought backpack program serving Hastings Public Schools. The program sends food home on weekends for families with children who would otherwise go hungry.

"Food for Thought really ties into my program because I'm doing the youth program (Athletic Revolution)," she said. "If you're not eating, that's where poor health starts, is your nutrition.

"I never realized until a few years ago how many families are in need of food or how many kids don't get fed. If you're not eating, you can't go to school and be productive in school. I mean, if you're hungry, you need to have food."

Because funding for Food for Thought is inadequate, many children in HPS's free and reduced lunch programs are unable to receive services. And that seems unnecessary to Widhelm, given the humble price tag each backpack carries per semester.

For $75 per semester, a family can take home a backpack of food staples each weekend. A $150 donation covers the family for an entire school year.

"That's not much to get together just to help out," Widhelm said. "Eventually, they want to get so they can send home food every day with these families."

Her goal is to raise at least $2,000 for the program, a figure she feels confident she'll be able to reach. Already in the first two weeks, she has pulled in $256 in loose change and product sales from her clients. Her fundraising efforts for the program will continue through the end of June.

Other incentives tied to the backpack fundraiser will include a two-week camp experience for anyone donating $20 to the effort. A Family Fitness Day is also in the works for parents and their children.

"I want parents to be involved in it," she said. "We've stepped away from being involved in spending time together with our kids and integrating fitness with that."

A single mother of two daughters, Ashanti, 9, and Lilli, 7, she thinks the idea of combining fitness and fundraising is the perfect recipe for her to give back to the community for the success her programs have enjoyed. That the participants themselves also benefit from the programs — some have become regulars at her camps — is especially gratifying, she said.

"When you're giving back, it's like a circle effect," she said. "People start coming to camp who never would have tried it and are now stronger, have more energy and are losing weight. That makes it all worth it."

Oil: Alaska governor's hopes for tax break thwarted by lawmakers

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When asked how much time, he said he didn't know.

"We need to change some minds or change some people, either way," he said. Nearly all legislative seats are up for election this year.

Oil's relatively high price has helped to mask a decades-long decline in production. An average of 609,000 barrels a day has coursed through the trans-Alaska pipeline this year. At the peak, in the late-1980s, 2.1 million barrels a day flowed through the 800-mile line.

It likely would take billions of dollars in additional investment a year by oil companies just to begin to stem the decline curve, and officials from the North Slope's three major players say Alaska's current tax structure discourages new investment.

The system, a legacy of former Gov. Sarah Palin, features a 25 percent base tax rate and a progressive rate triggered when a company's production tax value hits $30 a barrel. The idea behind it was that the state would help oil companies on the front end with things such as tax credits and share profits on the back end when oil flowed and prices were high. But companies say the surcharge eats too deeply into profits.

Sen. Bill Wielechowski, D-Anchorage, pointed to a recent earnings report from ConocoPhillips, one of the Big Three, that he said showed Alaska to be a "highly profitable place to produce oil." The company reported $616 million in earnings in the state during the first quarter of 2012. That's $7 million a day, and "blows a hole" in Parnell's argument to lower taxes on existing producers, Wielechowski said.

ConocoPhillips acknowledged it makes money in Alaska, but said it also paid the equivalent of $13 million a day in taxes and royalties to the state for the quarter.

"Our current profits are from significant investments we made in the past where we took the risk," spokeswoman Natalie Lowman said.

The Senate spent two months during the regular session delving into the oil tax issue but an overhaul of Alaska's tax structure stalled in the Senate's bipartisan majority during the last days. A major stumbling block was how best to address legacy fields like Prudhoe Bay and Kuparuk, the mainstays of Alaska's oil industry, where production has been declining.

One of the concerns was with giving too much money to oil companies, particularly for oil they would have produced anyway.

Senators instead put forth a bill providing a tax break on oil production from new fields, saying it would lead to a rush of independent companies to Alaska.

Parnell borrowed from that in crafting his new plan but also included tax cuts on existing fields, where much of the oil and money is — provisions more in line with a bill he pushed last year that stalled in the Senate. He insisted he wanted a "comprehensive" approach, even though the best the Senate had been able to come up with dealt only with new fields.

While industry spoke in favor of Parnell's proposals, saying they represented meaningful change that would lead to potentially billions of dollars in new investment, that position was viewed warily by some senators who said they would expect industry to support the lowest-tax possible and that there's no way the companies can guarantee they'll invest more here.

Despite the defeat, Parnell maintains that the "economic issue of our time is declining oil production and what we do about it."

"I will not stop sounding the warning bell of declining oil production and what that means for lost opportunities for Alaskans, nor will I stop looking for solutions that Alaskans can agree on," he said.



MEL EVANS/*AP*

Pat LaFrieda Jr., whose business is featured on the new Food Network show "Meat Men," holds small portions of dark meat trimmed from a chicken and wrapped around the bone, to be cooked like wings, at his company, Pat LaFrieda Meat Purveyors, April 26 in North Bergen, N.J.

Save us a drumstick

DARK CHICKEN MEAT GAINS IN POPULARITY

STEVE KARNOWSKI
The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Pat LaFrieda Jr. can't get enough chicken thighs. If his family business featured on the new Food Network series "Meat Men" orders 100 cases of boneless, skinless thighs, his supplier might deliver only 60.

That's because consumers have discovered something chefs have long known about dark meat: "It was always the least expensive protein that you could buy, but it had the most amount of flavor," LaFrieda said.

Thighs and drumsticks are climbing the pecking order as Americans join consumers abroad in seeking flavor that isn't found in ubiquitous, boneless, skinless chicken breasts. The poultry industry used to have trouble finding a market for dark meat, but changing domestic tastes and growing exports to countries that prefer leg quarters are pushing up prices and helping pull the poultry industry out of a deep slump.

Poultry industry experts agree TV food shows are helping to spur demand as chefs talk up dark meat and give home cooks new ideas. Dark meat is more forgiving than white and doesn't dry out as easily, La Frieda said, so thighs are great on the grill, while ground dark meat works well shaped into burgers, stuffed into ravioli or stirred into a Bolognese sauce and served over pasta, he said.

"If you're looking for what the next trend is ... always ask the butcher what he takes home," said LaFrieda, whose company, Pat LaFrieda Meat Purveyors of North Bergen, N.J., supplies restaurants in the New York City area and along the East Coast.

Matt Monk, 29, of Birmingham, Ala., a customer service representative for Medicare, said he grew up eating chicken breasts because that's all his mother would cook. He wasn't introduced to dark meat until he moved in with his father in his teens.

"I like it because of the flavor," Monk said. "It does not dry out like white meat. White meat, to me, it's flavorless. Any flavor that comes from the meat, it has to come from me seasoning it."

The convenience and greater availability of boneless, skinless thighs is another major factor in the dark meat craze. New, automated equipment makes it more economical to debone leg quarters, where the work once had to be done by hand.

Dark meat historically has been cheaper than white, but according to U.S. Department of Agriculture statistics, wholesale boneless, skinless thighs now cost as much as breasts, and sometimes more. Both averaged $1.33 a pound in March, but thigh prices were up 15 percent from a year earlier, while breasts were up only 1 percent. Bone-in leg quarters averaged 53 cents per pound in March, up 26 percent from a year ago.

Melissa Dexter, 27, a student at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, said she noticed recently when buying both boneless breasts and thighs at Wal-Mart that the package of dark meat actually cost about 50 cents more. She said thighs are generally cheaper, though, and help stretch her budget.

"Growing up, whenever we had chicken, whether it was KFC or homemade, the breast meat was always dry," Dexter said. "I always enjoyed the flavor, not just the juiciness, but the flavor coming out of the dark meat."

For decades, producers made their money on the front half of the bird but lost money on the back half, said Bill Roenigk, senior vice president and economist with the National Chicken Council. That began changing in the 1990s as the industry found new markets in Russia, Asia and Latin America. While producers still lose money on dark meat, he said, the difference isn't as great as it once was.



Guebert: Crop insurance not farm program

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A second study, done by the General Accountability Office, calculates that if crop insurance subsidies were capped at $40,000 per individual — "as it is for other farm programs" — federal costs would have been $1 billion cheaper in 2011.

More staggering, adds GAO, the $40K limit would have affected only 3.9 percent of all "participating farmers, who accounted for about one-third of all premium subsidies…"

Against that evidence, Senate aggies fattened today's fast-expanding crop insurance program even more and House aggies are on record ready to join 'em at the subsidy trough because, as Babcock writes in his report, "The only rationale for a new federal revenue guarantee program on top of existing revenue insurance programs is that it seems politically easier to defend than direct payments."

But crop insurance, fat or lean, is not a farm program. "Crop insurance will not provide protection against price declines that occur across years that typically persist across multiple years," warns University of Illinois extension specialist Gary Schnitkey.

As such, the Senate's Farm Bill is like trading sugar water for Kool-Aid. It's a sweet deal for farmers, but it's just more empty spending by Congress.

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NEW PLANT

DANVILLE, Va. — A hybrid armored vehicle maker plans to open a plant and new headquarters in Danville.

City officials said Thursday that Hybrid Vehicles of Danville Inc. will invest $1.5 million in the new facilities.

The plant will produce employ 25 workers initially. The work force could grow to at least 150 workers over three years.

Hybrid Vehicles of Danville received a $420,000 grant from the Tobacco Commission Revitalization Opportunity Fund. Owner Jim Bailey says the grant enables the company to buy equipment and hire workers to meet existing contracts.

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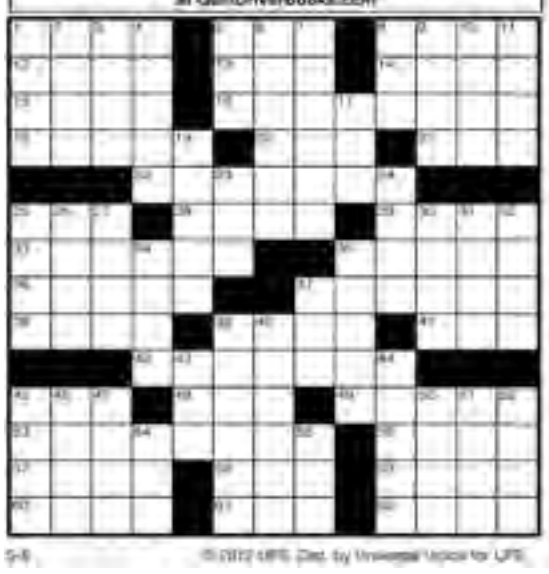
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20 Morse click
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22 Improved the highway
25 Hypo units
28 Broken-off glacier
29 Grades 1-12
33 Hardy or Cromwell
35 Groomer
36 Eye color
37 Shoelace alternative
38 Bad or good sign
39 Skip
41 — -Tiki
42 Big lizards
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53 Light dessert (2 wds.)
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57 Have a bad odor
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3 — vera
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6 Frontier
7 007's forte
8 Pentagon VIP
9 Nonprofit org.
10 Factory
11 Dance move
17 Mormon predecessor
19 Slander's kin
23 "— Rosen-kavalier"
24 Vale
25 Salmon variety
26 Chowder morsel
27 Jumbo or petite
30 Wish me —!
31 Hoagy
32 Wrinkle remover
34 —, vidi, vici
35 Alpha followers
37 French wine
39 Postal meter units
40 Full-fledged
43 Gangster's gun
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45 Frizzy do
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51 Wind resistance
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Astrograph

Sunday, May 6

In the year ahead you'll not be deprived of a substantial amount of opportunities, some of which could be of the long-shot variety. If you're smart, you'll restrict your risk-taking to sure things.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Someone who is aware that you can easily be manipulated through flattery might lay it on pretty thick in order to get something from you that he or she knows you're apt to reject.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Usually, you're the type of person whose word can be relied upon. Today, however, you might tell another that something is done when it isn't, just to get him or her off your back.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Everything should work out fine for you in situations where you rely solely on yourself. However, the same might not be true in matters where you're dependent on another.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Be careful about taking bows for something you have yet to accomplish, because it could backfire on you. Don't let your pride put you in a situation that would cause embarrassment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You usually operate very efficiently, as long as you can handle developments as they occur. Today, however, if you don't have your moves planned in advance, you won't like the results.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Keep an eye open on something you share with a partner that requires some astute handling, and which your partner is managing alone. If it's botched, it could cost both of you money.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — When handling an important matter, take nothing for granted, even if the other party involved is a friend. If either of you gets careless, the profits could dwindle away.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Things will not automatically take care of themselves, even in arrangements where you have a strong momentum going. If you take your foot off the accelerator, the project will come to a halt.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Guard against inclinations to overindulge in activities that could cause your budget to blow a gasket. Do all you can to keep extravagant urges under control.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Because you're easily tempted to take gambles in order to achieve an ambitious objective, you could let your impatience cause you to think unwisely. Be careful.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Refrain from embellishing information passed on to you just to make the story juicier. If what you say turns out to be hurtful, your credibility and reputation will suffer.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — It's never a good time to count your chickens before they're hatched, so don't bank too heavily on making a huge financial gain that may or may not become a reality.

Monday, May 7

The more knowledgeable you become in your chosen field of endeavor during the next year, the greater your possibilities for success. Do what you can to prepare yourself well, and opportunity will knock loudly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Watch how you phrase your requests, or they could come out sounding more like demands than appeals. Try to see things from the others' perspectives.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Strive to be a bit more comforting than annoyed if your mate is in a grumpy mood. Calming words could be the elixir that would work wonders on fraying nerves.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — The only way you'll have anything worthwhile to show for your time is to apply industry, not apathy. Nothing will get done if all you do is voice excuses and neglect your duties.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — A lot of discipline will be required in the management of your resources. To make matters worse, an additional dosage may be necessary in the handling of others' funds as well.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Unless you're careful, you could stoop to taking out your frustration on those for whom you care the most, only because you know they're the ones who'll take it without complaint.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Don't attempt to use flattery, subterfuge or insincerity when trying to make a pitch for something you want. Those you deal with will be able to perceive your motives.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — If your judgment is based on pure emotion, you may have trouble distinguishing between those to whom you should be generous and those who don't deserve anything.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Be careful that you don't wrongly cater to someone who never has and never will do you any good, while barely acknowledging one who has helped you out previously and would again.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Don't let yourself become entranced with someone who is already committed. You'd be asking for trouble if you trespass in forbidden territory.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Treat all business endeavors seriously, but especially those involving people you know socially. Unless that distinction is clearly marked, you'll be asking for trouble.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Should you find that your companions are only partially in accord with your purposes, causing you to attempt to manipulate them into agreement, they'll be even more disenchanted.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Persons who are under your directives might need some skillful handling. Unless you can find a way to inspire them, they aren't likely to accomplish much of anything.

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Artist can achieve his dream but first he must find a job



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I'm an artist and budding filmmaker with a B.A. degree. My problems are my job situation and where I live.

My dad has told me that — like him and his father — my brother and I share a similar problem. We all have trouble getting and keeping jobs. We never seem to get ahead or be content or comfortable. On my mother's side, however, she, her father, her brother and my cousin all have held steady jobs. Why is that?

As an artist, I feel I don't really fit into any job description. Mom would like me to work for the federal government like she does, but I don't want to. I have had people let me down the past few years, and I have fought depression and personal attacks from friends and classmates who all told me to give up and get a "real" job. It makes me even more determined to realize my dream, but it's getting harder. Can you advise me? — SWIMMING AGAINST THE CURRENT

DEAR SWIMMING: I'll try. Most people work so they can have food on their table and a roof over their heads. Their jobs serve a purpose. I agree with your mother that you should have one — but I wouldn't presume to dictate what kind.

For your father to imply that you will never get or be able to hold a permanent job is wrong and unfair to you, and I urge you not to fall into that kind of self-fulfilling rut. You can hold a job and pursue your art and filmmaking on your own time, although your success may take longer than you would otherwise like. Many others have done it, and so can you. For inspiration, talk to your mother's side of the family. You share their genes, too.

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DEAR ABBY: I live in a different state from the one where I grew up. Twice a week I call my elderly parents to touch base. While I enjoy speaking with Dad, my mother turns these calls into a trial.

Conversations with her are one-sided. She rarely asks me how I'm doing, and when I tell her things, she ignores or quickly glosses over my news and redirects the subject to herself. She rambles on about trivial events in her life, barely acknowledging me on the other end of the line.

Some days I am patient and tolerate it. On others, my fuse is shorter and I ask her to focus more on conversing with me, which offends her, and she accuses me of being rude.

I am an interesting, successful man who is frustrated my mother can't connect with me more meaningfully. I don't see my parents often and would like to be part of their lives. Mom is not by nature a generous person, but the telephone seems to magnify her self-absorption and lack of curiosity. Do you have any thoughts on how to handle her? — LISTENING BUT NOT HEARD

DEAR LISTENING: Yes. It appears that you are seeking validation from your mother that you may have never received from her. It's regrettable, but at her stage of life, you are not going to change her. She may be rambling because few people are willing to tolerate her self-centeredness. On the days you are feeling more patient, let her ramble on; on those that you don't feel that way, keep the conversation upbeat but brief.

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Tensions building between women, Vatican



Terry Mattingly

In the beginning, there was the Conference of Major Religious Superiors of Women's Institutes, which was established with the Vatican's blessing in 1959 during an era of rapid growth for Catholic religious orders.

Then along came two cultural earthquakes, the Second Vatican Council and the sexual revolution. In 1971, the women's conference changed its name — this time without the Vatican's blessing — to become the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR). Two leaders in this transformation later wrote that the goal was to become a "corporate force for systematic change in Church and society."

The rest is a long story, ultimately leading to a blunt April 18 missive from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. This long-expected Vatican broadside noted "serious doctrinal problems" in LCWR proclamations, characterized by a "diminution of the fundamental Christological center" and the prevalence of "radical feminist themes incompatible with the Catholic faith."

Conference leaders offered a terse response, saying they were "stunned by the conclusions of the doctrinal assessment" from Rome.

Stunned" was the key word for legions of headline writers, whose work resembled this Washington Post offering: "American nuns stunned by Vatican accusation of 'radical feminism,' crackdown." The Chicago Sun-Times went even further, proclaiming: "Vatican waging a war on nuns."

Truth is, tensions have been building for decades between the LCWR leadership and Vatican leaders. Thus, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith missive stressed that its call for reform was built on a lengthy study of materials created by "a particular conference of major superiors and therefore does not intend to offer judgment on the faith and life of Women Religious in the member congregations."

This particular investigation began in 2008 and Catholic leaders first discussed some of its findings two years later. The final "doctrinal assessment" document was completed in January 2011. Some of the specific events criticized in the Vatican document took place during the 1970s and '80s.

It "certainly didn't help matters" that there has been so much publicity about liberal nuns supporting White House health-care policies and new Health and Human Services regulations that require most religious institutions to include free coverage of all Food and Drug Administration-approved contraceptives in their health-insurance plans, noted John L. Allen Jr., of the National Catholic Reporter.

Nevertheless, "it doesn't withstand scrutiny for anyone to say that this conflict is about the bishops and Rome being upset about the sisters, (President Barack) Obama and birth control," said Allen, in a telephone interview from Rome. Also, "no one is upset about all the sisters have done to abolish the death penalty, stand up for immigrants, care for the sick and help the poor. Rome praised them for that. ... Frankly, his report could have been written 20 years ago. The real issues in this case are that old."

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'Small church with a big heart'

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN TO CELEBRATE 125 YEARS

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The Second Presbyterian Church in Hastings will celebrate 125 years with a dedication service led by the Rev. Robert Houser, General Presbyter of the Presbytery of Central Nebraska, at 10 a.m. Sunday at the church, 400. S. St. Joseph Ave.

The Rev. David McCarthy and Pastor Emeritus Bud Israel will concelebrate the communion service, with music provided by parishioner and Hastings College student Christa Holmberg on saxophone, HC faculty member Cindy Murphy on piano and the nine-member a cappella group 1-2-5 comprised of HC students.

Refreshments will be served following the service in Fellowship Hall.

An offshoot of a Sunday School program organized by the Rev. A.C. Stark, Second Presbyterian was organized under the direction of a 32-member committee of Hastings Presbytery on May 8, 1887. Originally a German language church, Stark was the church's first minister, with Christian Paulick and John Froschhauser named its first elders.

The original church building was purchased from the Evangelical Church and located between B and C streets on Lincoln Avenue. It was replaced by the current church built in 1916.

Irvin and Helen Rothfuss joined the church in the mid-1940s. Originally from Hastings, they moved to California and married in Yuma, Ariz., before returning here to raise their two daughters.

"It was quite an up-and-coming church back then," Helen said. "We had sailors from the Navy Depot coming to services."



JOHN HUTHMACHER/*Tribune*

The Rev. David McCarthy, pastor of Second Presbyterian Church in Hastings, poses in front of the church building Wednesday.

As a member of the church social group, The Mariners, she and Lloyd would bowl or organize speakers and events at the church for other young couples in the parish.

And though the church has undergone a number of structural and personnel changes through the years, its spirit has remained largely the same through the years, Helen said.

"I don't want to go anywhere else," she said. "That's my home. Others have come and gone, but I just have always felt at home there.

"I have memories of all the people who are gone now. I like to sit there in church and think about them. There are different pews, and the altar has changed some, but the organ, piano and choir loft are where they've always been. I love it."

As church membership grew during the 1950s, four additional Sunday School rooms were added in 1955 to accommodate the influx of young people in the congregation. A kitchen and two restrooms also were added during that era.

Additional renovations through the years have included a remodel of the church manse in 1982 and a new kitchen, bath and double garage in 1983.

Today, the church has about 40 members, said McCarthy, who joined the congregation as pastor in January 2011.

"It's a wonderful church," he said. "A small church with a big heart.

"It has had an important role in the community for 125 years. They're a strong community — very self-sufficient — and it's a joy for me to be part of their community."

Audrey Larson, church clerk, has been a member since 1991. She and her husband, Roger, attend services there regularly.

"It's been wonderful," she said. "We just really enjoy it because it's a small church and everyone knows everyone.

"We have very close communication with all the members. It's just been a great experience."

A mission-minded church, Second Presbyterian supports several missionaries in their work around the world. The church also supports a number of mission causes locally, McCarthy said.

"Last year, about one-third of the church's expenses went to mission causes," he said.

Order marks 140 years



KURT WEBER, Post Gazette/*AP*

Stanley Zubik (in wheelchair), father of Bishop David Zubik, greets retired Bishop William Winter after Mass at the James P. Wall Home for the Aged where he resides. The Little Sisters of the Poor held an open house and celebration of 140 years of serving the elderly in Pittsburgh Sunday.

MARIA SCIULLO
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

PITTSBURGH — As late-morning sunlight cast soft, blue-and-green panels through the chapel's stained glass windows, William J. Winter, auxiliary bishop emeritus for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, spoke about the modern-day challenge to follow Christ's teachings.

Tend to the lambs, he said, treat your fellow man with dignity and respect.

Literally and figuratively, he was preaching to the choir.

It can be argued that there are few in this world doing a more sincere job of caring for others than the Little Sisters of the Poor. Bishop Winter was on hand Sunday to help celebrate the 140th anniversary of the order in Pittsburgh, an event featuring Mass followed by visitors' tours of the Brighton Heights facility.

"Their presence and their work speak to the word of God," Bishop Winter said.

Bishop Winter observed the Sisters' work on a personal level: His father, also William, lived at the home for nine years, until his death in 1985.

"He loved it here, there was so much to do. One time we were flying kites, another time we went to an ice cream social," he said.

Stanley Zubik, father of David Zubik, bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh, is among the 93 current residents.

The congregation was founded in 1839 by Jeanne Jugan, a French woman who was later beatified by Pope John Paul II and canonized by Pope Benedict XVI.

The first American home was established in 1868, in New York City. In Pittsburgh, where 10 sisters are aided by lay staff, there have been three homes run by the Little Sisters of the Poor. The first, according to Mother Judith Meredith, was by the river in the Allegheny West part of the city. Then the sisters moved to Penn Avenue, finally making their home at the current address in 1932.

LDS fastest growing Christian church

U.S. Religion Survey shows Christianity still largest religion in every state

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Salt Lake Tribune

SALT LAKE CITY — New figures show the Mormon faith is the nation's fastest-growing Christian church, and the missionary-minded denomination is expanding most outside the West's traditional "Mormon corridor."

The Utah-based Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is leading the way in attracting new adherents in Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Maine, Missouri, New Hampshire, North Dakota and other states far from the West's traditional "Mormon corridor" that includes Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming.

These are among the findings of the newly released, once-a-decade U.S. Religion Census, which includes county-level data on congregations for 236 American religious bodies, with data on adherents available for 153 participating bodies.

The study was assembled by the Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies and included self-reported numbers from 17 of the country's largest religious groups.

It is "the most comprehensive local-level analysis of U.S. religious adherents" since the religious census began about 60 years ago, Clifford Grammich, who led the study's supervising committee, said in a news release. "We are especially pleased to have increased participation for several independent and non-Christian bodies."

In the latter category, researchers estimated that Muslims outpaced even Mormons between 2000 and 2010, adding 66.7 percent more adherents. During that time frame, the nation's overall Muslim tally shot up from 1,559,294 to 2,600,082.

Evangelical Protestants held steady and Catholics and mainline Protestants declined.

"The single largest religion in every state is Christianity," said Dale Jones, director of research services at the Church of the Nazarene Global Ministry Center in Kansas, "if one counts Mormons as a branch of Christendom — which the LDS Church does."

The Mormon church reported an increase from 4,224,026 U.S. members in 2000 to 6,144,582 members in 2010, a 45.5 percent jump.

That is "far and away the largest gain reported by any (Christian) group," the report noted, not just in percentage but also in actual numbers.

"Surveys and statistics are sometimes helpful in understanding various aspects of the church, but, ultimately, we reach out to individuals, not numbers," LDS Church spokesman Scott Trotter said Tuesday. "By all indicators — including the church's building program — the church is growing and we are grateful that people are embracing the gospel of Jesus Christ."

While LDS growth rates may be impressive, Mormons remain a small part (2 percent) of the U.S. population.

In 30 states — including Arizona, California, Idaho and Utah — the LDS Church showed the largest percentage gains of any Christian group, Jones noted. Of course, many of these states — Rhode Island, Connecticut and Mississippi, for instance — have relatively tiny Mormon populations, so adding even a small number of members can produce a large jump in percentages.

Catholics showed the largest gains in 11 states, including in Nevada, Colorado and Texas, and the Assemblies of God set the pace in three states (Illinois, Minnesota and Pennsylvania).

In addition, the LDS Church is the largest religious body in 115 U.S. counties — that's 34 more than 10 years ago, he said.

A U.S. map of the total religious adherents by county also shows that Utah has the highest percentage of believers of any state.

David Campbell, a religion expert at the University of Notre Dame and co-author of "American Grace: How Religion Unites and Divides Us," attributes the swelling LDS numbers to several factors.

First, many Americans are brought to Mormonism by its large volunteer missionary effort. Then there's the combination of a reasonably high LDS birthrate and reasonably high retention of those born in the faith.

Campbell is not talking about the retention of new converts — a thorny problem for LDS leaders — but of lifelong members.

"People who are raised Mormon are more likely to retain that identity when they enter adulthood," he said, "at least at a higher rate than other religions."

Mormon immigrants from other countries could also be adding to the faith's numbers, said Campbell, a Mormon.

Plus, the LDS Church's centralized bookkeeping makes it possible for the faith to keep track of members as they relocate, he said, whereas other Christian groups rely much more on individual or congregational reporting.

When Southern Baptists, for example, move across state lines, it might take them some time to find a new congregation and be counted.

Campbell does offer a caution about LDS membership numbers: It includes everyone who has ever been a member — even babies — and hasn't been excommunicated or asked to have their names removed from the rolls.

Religion in the U.S. by the numbers

Salt Lake Tribune

U.S. religions, by the numbers: A look at a few of the findings of the newly released, once-a-decade U.S. Religion Census, which includes county-level data on congregations for 236 American religious bodies, with data on adherents available for 153 participating bodies.

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Total number of religious adherents nationwide.....150,686,156
Percentage of total U.S. population.....48.8 percent

Religions by percent of U.S. population, 2010:

Catholic.....19.1 percent
Evangelical and Conservative Protestant.....14.3 percent
Mainline Protestant.....7.3 percent
Other faiths (including those of the Muslim, Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist and other faiths).....2.2 percent
LDS.....2 percent
Black Protestant.....1.6 percent
Orthodox Christian.....0.3 percent

U.S. national growth in the number of adherents, selected faiths, 2000 to 2010:

Muslim.....66.7 percent
Mormon.....45.5 percent
Protestant, Evangelical.....1.7 percent
Protestant, Mainline.....(-12.8) percent
Catholic.....(-5) percent

Comparable growth rates, 2000 to 2010, in metropolitan areas of at least 1 million population

Muslim.....56.9 percent
Mormon.....48.6 percent
Protestant, Evangelical.....7.2 percent
Protestant, Mainline.....(-10.6) percent
Catholic.....(-5.5) percent

Single largest religion in every U.S. state: Christianity

States in which Islam is the largest non-Christian group: Arkansas, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming

States, including Washington, D.C., in which Judaism is the largest non-Christian group: Connecticut, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee and Vermont

Source: U.S. Religion Census 2010 , compiled by the Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies

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Vaticans: Tensions building between women, Rome

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For example, the Vatican noted that in 1977 the LCWR leadership openly rejected Catholic teachings on the "reservation of priestly ordination to men." The women's conference later published a training book suggesting that it's legitimate for sisters to debate whether celebrations of the Mass should be central to events in their communities, since this would require the presence of a male priest.

In the '80s, leaders in female orders backed the New Ways Ministry's work to oppose Catholic teachings on homosexuality.

A pivotal moment came in 2007, when Dominican Sister Laurie Brink delivered the keynote address at a national LCWR assembly stating that it was time for some religious orders to enter an era of "sojourning" that would require "moving beyond the church, even beyond Jesus."

With the emergence of the women's movement and related forms of spirituality, many sisters would see "the divine within nature" and embrace an "emerging new cosmology" that would feed their souls, said Brink. For these sisters, the "Jesus narrative is not the only or the most important narrative. ... Jesus is not the only son of God."

A year later, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith opened its investigation of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious.

The Brink address, noted the resulting doctrinal assessment, "is a challenge not only to core Catholic beliefs; such a rejection of faith is also a serious source of scandal and is incompatible with religious life. ... Some might see in Sr. Brink's analysis a phenomenological snapshot of religious life today. But pastors of the Church should also see in it a cry for help."

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Anniversaries

HERNDON 55TH



Jerry and Bev Herndon of 2960 N. Baltimore Ave., Hastings, NE will be celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary on May 9th, 2012. Their children, Todd, Craig and daughter-in-law Araceli of LaVista, NE and Scott and daughter-in-law Annette of Saronville, NE, request a card shower in their honor. Beverly Jean Jewell and Jerry Herndon were married at Trinity United Methodist Church in Grand Island, NE. Thanks Mom and Dad for all of your love and sacrifices! Happy anniversary!

BOSTOCK 50TH





The children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Lonny and Norma Bostock would like to honor them on their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a card shower. Lonny Bostock and Norma Alberts were married May 6th, 1962. Cards of congratulations can be sent to them at: 1185 W. Cimarron Rd., Ayr, NE. 68925.

Birthday

SCHMIDT 80TH

The family of Janevieve Schmidt would like to honor her with a card shower for her 80th birthday on May 12. Please send best wishes to her at: 515 W. 1st, Minden, NE 68959.

Senior menu

Adams County Senior Services Inc. provides noon meals for people age 60 and older from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Golden Friendship Center, 509 S. Bellevue Ave. Reservations must be made by calling 402-463-4439 by 2:30 p.m. one day in advance. All meals include a salad bar.

◆ Tuesday: Pork chop, mashed potatoes with gravy, kraut, five-cup salad, dinner roll and apricots.

◆ Wednesday: Swiss steak, baked potato with sour cream, Mexican corn, red fruited gelatin, whole wheat bread and applesauce cake.

◆ Thursday: Meatloaf, cheesy hash browns, baby carrots, coleslaw, French bread and strawberry shortcake with whipped topping.

◆ Friday: Sloppy joe, potato salad, baked beans, grape salad and chocolate chip cookie.

◆ May 14: Ham balls, cheesy hash browns, California blended vegetables, ambrosia salad, rye bread and frozen yogurt.

Noon meals also are served at the Kenesaw Senior Center on the second Thursday of the month; at the Roseland Town Hall on the first and third Tuesdays of the month; and at Juniata on the third Thursday of the month. Reservations may be made by calling the Golden Friendship Center one day in advance.

Births

MARY LANNING

◆ **Mason Ryan Strasburg**, an 8-pound, 9-ounce boy, was born to Kailey Strasburg of Ayr April 27.

◆ **Colt Jackson Bauer,** a 5-pound, 8-ounce boy, was born to Vicki (VanSlyke) and Wade Bauer of Arcadia April 26.

◆ **Eli Lance Pedroza**, a 6-pound, 12-ounce boy, was born to Makayla Dittmer of 906 E. Park St. and Jacob Pedroza of 137 E. Seventh St. April 27.

◆ **Christyen Joseph Garcia**, a 6-pound, 9-ounce boy, was born to Tina (Schutter) ad Joseph Garcia of Grand Island April 27.

◆ **Naviah Linnea Olson**, a 7-pound, 11-ounce girl, was born to Amber Olson of 711 N. Webster Ave. and Cody Halbmaier of 302 West Lawn Ave. April 28.

◆ **Silas Dean Webber**, a 9-pound, 13-ounce boy, was born to Haley (Cole) and Zebadiah Webber of Deshler April 25.

◆ **Mary Lucille "Lucy" Ortegren**, a 6-pound, 12-ounce girl, was born to Jami (Havel) and Kirk Ortegren of Juniata April 23.

◆ **Brody Ellis Cummins**, a 5-pound, 13-ounce boy, and Hudson Zane Cummins, a 5-pound, 6-ounce boy, were born to Caroline (Kemp) and Andy Cummins of 1006 Glenwood Ave. April 23.

◆ **Alton Roy Lewis**, a 7-pound, 9-ounce boy, was born to Regina (Zaruba) and Joshua Lewis of 325 Greenhouse Court April 26.

Engagements

BECKMAN – SCHULZ



Antona Rae Beckman and Seth Parker Schulz wish to announce their nuptials on Saturday, May 5, 2012 at Southwood Lutheran Church in Lincoln.

Their parents are Brett and Lorie Beckman of Waverly and Robert and Suzi Schulz of Red Cloud. Grandparents are John and Jan Zackery of Holdrege, Dale and Karleen Beckman of Grand Island, John and Ardis Yost of Red Cloud, and Wilma Schulz of Blue Hill.

Antona is a graduate of Lincoln High, and the University of Nebraska at Lincoln with majors in journalism and textiles, clothing, and design. She works as a proposal/bid manager at Kenexa of Lincoln.

Seth is a Red Cloud High School graduate. He is an alum of Nebraska Wesleyan University where he majored in sports management and business and was a member of the Prairie Wolves' Baseball Team. He is employed by Dultmeier Sales in Omaha.

ALBER – WADDELL



Duane and Arlene Alber of Blue Hill would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tara Jean, to David Graham Waddell of Omaha.

Tara graduated in 2011 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in International Business from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She is currently employed at Cerner Corporation in Kansas City, MO.

Graham is the son of Brian and Stacy Waddell of Auburn, NE. He graduated in 2011 with a Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He is currently employed at EAD Engineering in Omaha, NE.

The wedding ceremony will take place at Trinity Lutheran Church in Blue Hill, Nebraska on June 23, 2012.

FORD – SCHMIDT



Michelle Ford and Greg Schmidt, both of Hastings, announce their plans for a June 2nd wedding to take place at Brickyard Park in Hastings.

Parents of the couple are Randall and Tanya Ford of Juniata and Larry Schmidt and Barb Schmidt, both of Hastings.

Michelle is a 2006 graduate of Adams Central High School and a 2007 graduate of Joseph's College of Beauty. She is employed at Strands Family Hairstyling in Hastings.

Greg is a 1994 graduate of Hastings High School. He is employed by the Adams County Highway Department.

HASTINGS CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB

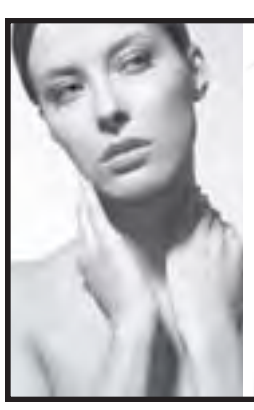
The Hastings Christian Women's Club, a division of Stonecroft Ministries, met April 16 at the Hastings Family YMCA. The theme was "Patched Together with Love."

Sue Brown presented the special feature, "New Techniques in Quilting." She brought examples of quilts that she had done and gave one of the quilts to a person in attendance.

Darla Bruna, Judy Rainforth and Kathy Magnussen provided music. Guest speaker Christy Ludemann of Springview talked about facing fears and that God is always with us.

The next meeting will be 12:30 p.m. May 14 at the YMCA. The speaker will be Norma Dorsett of Fremont. The title of her talk will be "The Many Pieces of Life." The theme for the meeting will be "Hands Around the World." Dorsett will bring her collection of international dolls as the special feature.

To make reservations, call Phyllis at 402-463-2680 or Ronda at 402-462-6608 by Wednesday.



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Clubs

GUIDE ROCK-ECKLEY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Guide Rock-Eckley Alumni Association met recently to plan for the annual association banquet.

Officers for this year are Ronn Simpson, president; Nancy (Simpson) Schutte, vice president; Willa (Gronewold) Rundle, secretary; and Gene Simpson, treasurer.

The banquet will be May 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Guide Rock Community Center. Tickets are available at the Guide Rock State Bank and the Country Corner convenience store. Tickets are $15 and must be purchased or reserved by May 11.

The scholarship committee consisting of Rod Ely, Ron Schutte and Ronn Simpson have contacted this year's graduating seniors who are eligible to full out applications for the alumni scholarship money to be given out at the banquet. Former graduates are encouraged to contact anyone on the committee to confirm their eligibility to apply for a scholarship.

Anyone interested in helping with the banquet is asked to contact any of the club officers or to attend the next meeting, which is 3 p.m. today at the Country Corner.

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY

Past Presidents Parley of the American Legion Auxiliary met April 23 at the Good Samaritan Village Diner. Rose Kehn was hostess.

President Ada Zarek presided. Chaplain Lola Yetman read the opening prayer, followed by a moment of silent prayer in honor of dead members. The Pledge of Allegiance and Preamble were recited in unison. Secretary-Treasurer Virginia Walton called the roll with eight members present, read the minutes and gave the treasurer's report.

There was no old business or new business.

There will be no meeting in May because of Memorial Day falling on the regular meeting day.

Helen Valentine won the door prize.

Yetman read the closing prayer.

Zarek declared the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be 9 a.m. June 25 at the Good Samaritan Village Diner.

GRACE UMW

The three United Methodist Women Circles at Grace United Methodist Church met in April.

Dorcas Circle met April 11 at the church. Donna Haefeker was hostess. Seven members were present. Dee Runcie presided and opened the meeting by reading an article from UMW news titled, "We Are Made to Give Light."

Vi Bruce presented the lesson titled "The Women of Resurrection Day."

Stephanie Schlotzhauer gave Least Coin devotions, "Expanding the Circle of Heritage and Hope."

Ruth Circle met at the church on April 16 with hostess Verlene Gipe and co-hostess Velma Leech.

There were 11 members attending. Ardath Anderson is a new member. Roll call was answered by each telling what they did to celebrate Easter.

Virginia Dack presided at the meeting and opened in leading the group saying the Purpose of United Methodist Women in unison.

Prayer Calendar birthdays were noted, and "Happy Birthday" was sung to them.

Donna Yuhl presented the lesson "International Ministry" with scripture from Psalms 67:1-7.

June Bentz gave Least Coin devotions, "Expanding the Circle of Heritage and Hope."

Joys and concerns were shared and the meeting closed with praying the Lord's Prayer in unison.

There were 10 members present when Lydia Circle met at the church on April 16.

Judy Reimer presided and gave Prayer Calendar devotions from Daniel and I John. Joys and concerns were shared, followed by prayer.

Glenice Larsen gave the Least Coin devotions, "What Kind of Heritage Am I Leaving?"

Reimer was the April birthday honoree.

The program for the evening consisted of members assembling layette, school and health kits for missions.

Dorcas Circle hosted the UMW Unit meeting on April 24. There were 20 members and guests attending. Virginia White, District visiting officer, was a guest.

Glenice Larsen presided at the meeting, opening with devotions on peace and justice from Response magazine.

Mission area reports were given with program resources chairwoman Velma Leech reporting on Red Bird Mission.

Sharon Selley reported the results of the recent voting for Special Mission and Dedicated Light Awards.

It was decided to donate the check from Best Choice Labels to the UMW group at the Thurman (Iowa) Methodist Church.

Nicole Bryant was chosen to be honored as the group's Outstanding Young Woman at the Church Women United May Friendship Luncheon Friday.

Joys and concerns were shared, followed by prayer.

Vi Bruce gave the program, "Why Should We Care About Our Environment?"

FIRST ST. PAUL'S WELCA

First St. Paul's Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church met April 17, 18 and 25 for their group meetings.

The Bible study was "To Follow and to Serve: A Wholly Different Week."

Group one met April 18 at the Youth and Family Ministry Center with Evelyn Sweet as lesson leader and Janet Johnson as hostess. Group one made sandwiches for the Open Table program.

Gayle Lysthaughe read from the Least Coin book, "Abigal on Food and Peacemaking."

Group 2 met April 25 at the Youth and Family Ministry Center with Holly Potts as lesson leader and Karen Hawthorne as hostess.

Group 3 met April 17 at the Youth and Family Ministry Center with Cherie Korgan as lesson leader and Rosalie Engelhardt as hostess. Group 3 made sandwiches for the Open Table. They also collected the Least Coin.

Southern Prairie Conference Spring Gathering will meet today at Salem Lutheran Church in Superior. The program will be about the Women of the Old and New Testaments.

The next Lutheran World Relief project day will be Wednesday at the Youth and Family Ministry Center.

The next group meetings will be May 15 and 16 at the Youth and Family Ministry Center.

CHAPTER HT, P.E.O.

Chapter HT met April 9 at First Presbyterian Church. Sandra Shutt was co-hostess.

Connie Yost entertained the group with a travelogue, "My Trip to Australia."

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26th *Ashley Peters and Wesley Smith*

June 2012

9th *Amanda Sykora and Eric Nejezchleb*

16th *Rebecca White and Zachary Spurgeon*

23rd *Angie Rothfuss and Ray Werner*

30th *Brittany Davidson and Anthony McPhillips*

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11th *Jen Gangwish and Joseph Whiteley*

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Internet changes crafting



Robin Stroot

These are the things that have changed since I began my craft column on May 9, 1996. I have written approximately 832 craft columns since 1996.

First, I have had three (maybe four) different pictures used for my craft column. My hair is shorter and has a little more (OK, a lot more) gray than when I started writing my craft column. Fortunately, the picture is small enough that it looks like I have no wrinkles on my face.

The Internet had appeared on the world scene in 1996 but it would be a few more years before it would make the leap into the crafting world. Before the Internet, crafters would have to settle for locating supplies through local businesses or paper-printed catalogs. Today, you search for a particular item around the world. Looking for vintage items? There are several places to shop. Looking for a specific, one-of-a-kind craft supply? You can probably find it on the Internet. I personally prefer to shop locally and enjoy the camaraderie shared with fellow crafters at the different businesses. Where possible, I will order Internet-found items through a local business.

When it comes to crafting, I prefer to interact with other like-minded crafters. If you need help at 2 a.m., however, even your best crafting friend might be a little crabby if you wake them up to answer a question. Today's Internet lets you look at videos of crafting techniques. Many craft organizations have several instructional videos on their websites for members.

The other side of the social part of the crafting world is sharing your crafting ideas, techniques and discussions with other crafters through blogs and popular websites such as Pinterest.

I used to take a hard copy to the newspaper for my editor to edit and type into the newspaper's computers. Today, it's as easy as sending an email and the column is ready for the newspaper.

When I have trouble getting my craft column topic written, I now stare at a blank computer screen instead of a blank piece of paper in a typewriter. (Does anyone still use a typewriter anymore?)

What hasn't changed over the years of writing this column is my love of sharing my crafting with my readers. I've also learned so much from my readers and truly enjoy the many personal and Internet (blog) conversations I have with other crafters. I ran into someone recently and apologized that I couldn't recall this particular person's name. She replied, that's OK, but everyone knows you because you're the craft lady. I love my readers and it's because of you that I continue to write my column every week. I also work with a great editor (and fellow crafter) who puts this column into the newspaper every week.

Thanks for a great 16 years and here's to many more years of crafting.

Robin Stroot of Hastings is a columnist for the Tribune. Contact Stroot at 402-461-1252 or email at tribune@hastingstribune.com.

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3 ideas for quick gifts for Mother's Day

JENNIFER FORKER
For The Associated Press

Family photos and mementos are the raw stuff of some great Mother's Day gifts.

Here are three ideas — including fresh takes on the silhouette and the family tree — for creating a new family treasure in just an afternoon.

Silhouette pendants

From Whitney Phippen, of Fort Collins, Colo., comes the traditional silhouette — a black profile positioned on a white background — reinvented as a keepsake pendant. Phippen has made silhouettes of countless children, but also of adults, dogs, cats — even a pet chicken. "It was adorable," she recalls.

This mother of two young boys has made hundreds of pendants since opening her Etsy online shop, Lucky Me Beads, five years ago.

She likes working with children's profiles.

"I love how their hair is so random and can have all these little spikes and curls," Phippen says.

Phippen's pendant-making process is slow and methodical — she works by hand — but she suggests that others can craft something similar with a few shortcuts.

A photo can be turned into a silhouette using Photoshop, or it can be done the old-fashioned way: Cut the profile out of a photo.

Phippen goes this route, cutting from a large photo to capture more detail and then scanning it into her computer, where she manipulates the image and shrinks it to pendant size.

She uses vintage hardware for her pieces, but says most pendant supplies can be found at any crafts store. If you're going to cover the piece in a resin, as Phippen does, she recommends using ICE Resin, which is nontoxic and won't discolor over time. She buys it online.

Family trees

Vana Chupp, of Mount Prospect, Ill., also works in silhouette for her online store, Le Papier Studio, and an Etsy shop of the same name.

An architect by trade, Chupp began making silhouettes to document her first-born son's growth. He's 7 now, and Chupp also has a newborn — a new face to mark in profile.

Chupp works in several mediums — card stock, fabrics, jewelry and dishware.

A family tree of silhouettes can fit three or four generations. The tree can be cut out of paper or fabric, or there's a template on her website. Chupp likes to use the likenesses of real family members, but silhouette templates also can be used.

She suggests hanging the genealogical tree among family photos as a "go-to point" for explaining ancestors and family relationships to children.

Other Chupp projects are in her book "Silhouette Art" (Chronicle books, 2010).



JENNIFER FORKER/*AP*

In this May 1 image, a memory-keeping triptych showing a photo, quotes and memorabilia from a grandmother's button jar is seen Arvada, Colo.

Family-story triptych

Sondra Hines came up with this idea several years ago for an elementary school art program at the Holter Museum of Art, in Helena, Mont., where she is curator of education.

A triptych consists of three panels, two of which often fold onto the third. Younger children need adult guidance to make one, but teenagers can do it on their own.

Hines suggests embellishing the triptych with meaningful items: gluing on old ribbons or buttons, a parent's favorite poem, a fabric reminiscent of grandmother — even concert tickets.

"Basically, you just want to put things in it that hold memory, so when you look back you can go, 'Ohhh, I remember ...,' " says Hines.

Here are directions for making the Holter Museum of Art's Family Story Triptych:

Supplies:

Three pieces of Davey Board (also called Binder's Board)

Natural muslin, or any cotton or linen fabric

Family photos or other two-dimensional mementoes

Scrapbook or other heavy, patterned paper

Embellishments (ribbons, buttons, glitter, sequins, lace, etc.)

Glue, such as Elmer's or Tacky Glue

Assembly:

1. For each triptych, cut the Davey Board into three pieces. Start by cutting two pieces 9 ½-by-7 ½ inches and then cut one of them in half vertically to make two smaller pieces, 4 ¾-by-7 ½ inches each. The larger piece will form the back of the triptych. The two smaller pieces will create the two front sides that open and close.

2. Cut fabric one inch larger than the board on all sides. For the featured measurements, that's one piece of fabric measuring 21-by-17 inches.

3. Center the three boards over the fabric, with the largest board in the center and leaving ¼ inch of space between each board, and fold the fabric over. Cut the corners on the diagonal — but not too close to the boards — to get pointed corners. Glue the fabric to the boards.

4. Now, you should have a working triptych that opens and closes. Cover the inside cardboard with scrapbook paper and embellish it with photographs, artwork and little mementos. Remember to keep items on the inside two-dimensional so you can close your triptych, if desired.

Club

Kensington OES

Members of the Kensington Order of the Eastern Star and their husbands met April 20 at the Masonic Center with 16 in attendance for the annual birthday dinner. Officers were hosts for the meeting with President Eileen Way preparing most of the meal. Fred Way offered the grace prior to the dinner.

President Way presided during the business meeting. With her theme of flowers of the month, she told of the sweet pea, the flower for April. It originated in Italy in the 17th century.

Secretary and treasurer reports were given and approved. For the historical note, the minutes from the April 2005 birthday dinner meeting were read.

There was no unfinished business.

Reports of joys and concerns were given by members.

Fred Way volunteered to give the devotions in the absence of member Venus Turner. Way used the flower analogy with the bud of the flower as hope in the way Christians view the cross as hope. He closed with the poem "The Most Beautiful Flower" followed by prayer.

President Way recognized all past presidents in attendance with a certificate illustrated with their birthday flower and presented each with a rose.

Cake and ice cream were served following the meeting.

Nation

Capone hotel

FOX LAKE, Ill. — A historic hotel in northern Illinois that once served as mobster Al Capone's weekend retreat is up for sale on eBay.

The (Arlington Heights) Daily Herald reports that the owners of the Mineola Lounge and Marina listed the property in Fox Lake on eBay on Monday with a starting bid of $2 million.

The Associated Press

Tulip Time festival in West Mich. may be 'stemfest'

The Associated Press

HOLLAND, Mich. — The annual Tulip Time festival in West Michigan is looking like it might be more of a "stemfest" this year after unseasonably warm weather encouraged the flowers to bloom earlier than usual.

The parks department in Holland, a city known for its Dutch heritage which has hosted the festival for more than 80 years, estimated Monday that about 40 percent of the 500,000 flowers planted will be in bloom next week. But many more will be past their prime.

Nevertheless, Tulip Time organizers are embracing the otherwise troublesome presence of so many flowerless stems; they'll start selling $10 "stemfest" shirts and $1 buttons on Friday, the day before the weeklong festival opens.

"I hope people have fun with it," Susan Zalnis, Tulip Time's marketing manager, told The Holland Sentinel.

The black T-shirts depict a wilting white tulip missing its petals. Festival officials first started talking about ordering the merchandise in March, when temperatures were in the 80s. Then the weather cooled off and they were not sure when the blooms would appear.

"We thought we might just keep them in the box," Zalnis said of the merchandise.

There are only 300 of the shirts in stock at the Tulip Time offices, Zalnis said, so they could be a hot commodity.

A Holland business, meanwhile, is selling its own "Stem Fest" clothing. Harbor Wear is offering $27 sweatshirts and $16 T-shirts for the Tulip Time festivities.

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Trust, not widow, named as beneficiary

DEAR BRUCE: My husband recently passed, and I was shocked to find that in error he named our trust as the beneficiary. I know he never intended that, as we had always heard you should make a person your beneficiary and not the trust for tax purposes. The rollover is sizable — more than $600,000. In either case the funds are mine, but one is with tax consequences and the other is not.



Bruce Williams

We have not been with this financial firm very long. To my dismay, no one questioned the beneficiary designation. Do you know of any way we can reverse this error?

— Reader in California

DEAR READER: I can appreciate how shocked you were when you learned after your husband's death that your new financial adviser may have made a substantial error. If that is true and if it can be documented, it's possible the errors-and-omissions insurance he hopefully carries would cover your tax loss.

If the error is not his but rather your late husband's, I seriously doubt there is anything you can do, since the "only" damage here was the additional tax. The fact that you remember retrospectively that the designation should have been handled differently is not an excuse for your contribution to the error.

The first thing to determine, with a proper tax attorney or CPA, is whether this error can be overturned. The next thing is to determine who made the mistake. Often, things of this nature work out.

DEAR BRUCE: I am concerned that the amount of money in my bank account, $325,000, is over the maximum amount the government will protect you for in the event the bank goes under. After thinking about this for some time, I went to the bank to discuss it. Their suggestion was to put my children's names on the account, which would divvy that amount among the three of us.

I have not done anything yet, but I am concerned. If my kids' names are on the account, can they have access to that money? What happens if one of them gets into financial trouble and that money gets confiscated for something else?

My husband and I are divorced, so he is not in this picture. I don't want to do anything that might jeopardize my hard-earned savings, yet I don't feel comfortable with losing $75,000, either. What would you suggest?

— Reader, via email

DEAR READER: If you put your kids' names on the account, it does give them some degree of control. And, yes, if they were to get into financial trouble, that money could potentially be in jeopardy.

But I don't see any reason to do this. Why not make it simple? Just take the amount in your account that is over the $250,000 maximum the FDIC covers and open an account at the bank across the street? That would solve all of your problems and prevent future complications. You will have complete control of your money, as well as peace of mind.

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No longer grabbing the American dream?

Homeownership hit 15-year low in 1Q

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The American dream of homeownership is at its lowest point in 15 years, the latest evidence of a housing market still far from recovering five years after the housing crash.

New figures released Monday by the Census Bureau show the rate of U.S. homeownership fell in the first three months of this year to 65.4 percent. That's down from 66.4 percent in the first quarter last year.

The last time the rate hit 65.4 percent was in the first quarter of 1997. The rate peaked at 69.2 percent in the fourth quarter of 2004, during the high-flying days of the housing boom.

Recent housing and economic data have been encouraging, prompting some economists to predict a pickup in housing this year. But few believe the U.S. will ever return to its mid-decade peak.

January and February made up the best winter in five years for U.S. sales of previously occupied homes, although sales fell in March. Still, a report last week tracking the number of signed contracts to buy a home rose to its highest level in nearly two years in March. That could point to improved sales over the next couple of months.

Still, a backlog of foreclosures is expected to come on the market this year, weighing on home prices.

Banks are stepping up foreclosures in about half the states after slowing sharply last year while five of the nation's biggest mortgage lenders sorted out foreclosure-abuse claims.

Many potential homebuyers are still holding off from purchasing a home. Despite recent job gains, unemployment remains high. Many buyers can't qualify for loans, and lenders are requiring higher credit scores and larger down payments.

And some who can qualify are hesitant to buy because they worry home prices will keep falling.

On a regional basis, the Northeast, Midwest, South and West all posted lower homeownership rates in the first quarter than a year earlier. The Midwest had the highest homeownership rate at 69.5 percent, while the West had the lowest at 59.9 percent.



Americans 65 years or older accounted for the highest rate of homeownership during the quarter at 80.9 percent. That's stayed pretty much the same going back to 2006.

Those under 35 represented the smallest group of homeowners, with a homeownership rate of 36.8 percent. That's down from 37.9 percent a year ago.

The Census also sliced the latest homeownership figures by race.

Non-Hispanic, white Americans had a 73.5 percent rate of homeownership, down from 74.1 percent in the prior-year quarter. Blacks had a 43.1 percent homeownership rate, down from 44.8 a year ago.

The rate for Hispanics was 46.3 percent, down from 46.8 percent.

It's probably not surprising that households with incomes equal to or greater than the national median family income had a higher homeownership rate (80.3 percent) than those who earned below the median (50.4 percent). But both sides of the income divide saw their homeownership rate decline by about 1 percent.

While homeownership is down, fewer homes and rental properties are empty.

The first-quarter Census figures show national vacancy rates for rental housing slipped to 8.8 percent, down from 9.7 percent a year earlier. Vacancy rates among homeowners fell to 2.2 percent from 2.6 percent.

By region, vacancy in rental housing was highest in the South at 10.8 percent, and lowest in the West at 6.3 percent.

The rental vacancy rate in the Northeast increased from a year ago, while rates in the Midwest, South and West declined.

Among homeowners, the rate of vacancies was higher in the South than in the Northeast, but about the same as in the Midwest and West. Vacancy rates in the Midwest, South and West declined from a year ago. The rate in the Northeast was essentially unchanged.

All told, roughly 86.1 percent of rental housing and homeowner properties were occupied in the first quarter, while nearly 14 percent were vacant.

April retail sales show worst performance since 2009

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NEW YORK — Americans' spending — much like the economy — continues to yo-yo.

Major retailers such as Costco and Macy's reported on Thursday that April revenue rose less that 1 percent in the worst performance since 2009 when the U.S. economy was just coming out of a bad recession.

The disappointing results follow two consecutive months of strong sales that were boosted by positive economic news about the job and housing markets.

"The economy is growing in fits and starts, and we are seeing sales shoot up and down," said Michael P. Niemira, chief economist at International Council of Shopping Centers. "We're in a choppy period."

A small group of merchants representing roughly 13 percent of the $2.4 trillion U.S. retail industry report monthly revenue at stores open at least a year, a key measure since it excludes results from locations that open and close during the year. Still, the figures offer a snapshot of consumer spending, which accounts for more than 70 percent of economic activity. And recently, it's shown that Americans' spending sways with the wave of economic news.

An average of April's results for 22 retailers nationwide rose 0.6 percent — the worst since November 2009 when the tally was down 0.2 percent, according to The International Council of Shopping Centers. The recession officially ended in June 2009. That's in stark contrast to February and March when the group posted an average 4.1 percent sales gain on signs the economy was improving.

The latest results are impacted by a flurry of negative economic news. Government reports on jobs and housing in recent weeks have renewed concerns that the economic recovery is facing a spring slowdown for the third straight year. And the stock market rally also has lost some steam amid worries about the European financial crisis and the economy at home.

Other factors also helped dampen sales. For instance, analysts believe an earlier Easter, which was on April 8 and occurred 16 days earlier than last year, pushed sales out of April into March. Retailers blame a late Mother's Day for pushing some sales out of April and into May. And unusually warm February and March pulled forward some sales that would have normally occurred in April.

Cassie Batinich said she enjoyed the warmer temperatures and went on a buying spree in February and March. She spent $500 on wedge sandals and clothing at Bloomingdale's, H&M and Barneys New York. But since the beginning of last month, the 25-year-old New York City resident has cut back.

"I jump started on my shopping because the weather was nice," said Batinich.

Such a pullback from shoppers like Batinich showed up in April's results.

Macy's Inc., which runs Bloomingdale's in addition to its namesake stores, said that it expected its April sales to be softer than in March in part because of the earlier Easter. It also said its results were impacted by a move of a cosmetics event in its stores to March from April.

As a result, Macy's posted a 1.2 percent increase in April revenue at stores open at least a year, missing the 1.9 percent rise predicted by analysts polled by Thomson Reuters.

Others posted disappointing results, too. Costco Wholesale Corp. said its revenue from stores open at least a year rose 4 percent in April, below the analysts' estimate of a 5.1 percent increase from the wholesale club operator. Meanwhile, Target Corp. said its sales rose 1.1 percent in April, missing the 2.8 percent increase analysts had expected.

But April's results did give retailers — and economists — reason to be optimistic.

Not everyone posted worst-than-expected figures. TJX Cos., which runs Marshalls, T.J. Maxx and HomeGoods, reported that revenue at stores open at least a year rose 6 percent in April, topping Wall Street's forecast of a 4 percent rise.

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