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HEDC backs Grand Island's bid for state fair

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Members of the Hastings Economic Development Corp. voted unanimously Thursday to pass a resolution supporting the move of the Nebraska State Fair to Grand Island.

Dee Haussler, HEDC chairman, said that the resolution was completely unsolicited by Grand Island.

"Grand Island's doing all the work at this point in time, and we sit here and felt that we needed to lend them a hand,"

Haussler said.

The location and livelihood of the state fair has been discussed at length this session in the Legislature, which is currently considering several bills that could impact the state fair. At the center of the discussion is the location of State Fair Park, which is adjacent



Haussler

to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. UNL officials have proposed that the state fair be moved in order to build a Technology Support Center and research park for the university.

Don Dunn, of the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce, presented a slideshow to the Legislature's Agricultural Committee at a hearing Wednesday on what the Heartland Events Center and the surrounding area could look like as the state fair's home. A move to Grand Island would cost \$51.9

million, Dunn said. This includes a new 100,000-square-foot exhibition building, a 100,000-square-foot livestock exhibition hall, two new equine barns, a grandstand on the practice racetrack, a replacement maintenance building and space for another hall and livestock area in the future.

George Anderson, owner of Hastings Motorsport Park Hastings and personal supporter of the move, also testified to the Ag Committee during its first open hearing earlier this

winter. He was impressed with the first presentation from Grand Island.

"North Platte did a nice presentation at the time, but it wasn't a home run like Grand Island," Anderson said.

The move also would free up State Fair Park in Lincoln to be used for a state-of-the-art Technology Support Center, a facility which HEDC and Anderson have endorsed as well.

"We also went on record supporting the University of

Nebraska in their efforts to develop a new Technology Support Center on the current State Fair Park, as that is paramount to growing new high-tech business and industry in Nebraska," Haussler said.

Anderson also said that this technology center is in the best interests, not only of the university, but of the state as a whole. Its existence is even more necessary than reviving the fair in its current location, he said.

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Council turning to committees to sell sales tax

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The Hastings City Council will form a committee of city officials and community members to evaluate plans for a future half-cent sales tax election.

In November, voters in Hastings defeated a measure to add a half-cent sales tax to pay for various projects in the community.

When the council first discussed the idea of holding the special election during its retreat a year ago, the council was in favor of reinstating the tax to bring an additional \$1.5 million into the city each year.

With a voter turnout of only 23.8 percent, the sales tax measure failed by 597 votes during a special election in November.

At Saturday's annual retreat at Pepsi Cola Bottling Co., 3800 Osborne Drive East, City Council members discussed

their thoughts on why the election failed.

City Administrator Joe Patterson said he has heard from several people throughout the community who said they just assumed the measure would pass, so they didn't take the time to vote.

"The naysayers voted and the supporters thought it was a slam dunk and didn't vote," Mayor Matt Rossen added.

Since the election, several council members said they have heard from people who are in favor of sales tax but voted against this measure. The council attributed part of that to confusion and lack of information about the actual measure.

In an effort to further educate people prior to any future sales tax election, the council agreed to appoint a committee to analyze the last sales tax election and plan for a future election. The City Council is able to place the measure on the ballot but is unable to campaign for the measure.

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Inside

City looks at technology changes.

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Street repairs top list of city's weaknesses

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With the number of potholes increasing daily, the Hastings City Council named street repair as the city's top weakness.

The City Council brainstormed the city's strengths and weaknesses as part of its annual retreat Saturday at Pepsi Cola Bottling Co., 3800 Osborne Drive East.

Street repairs and the lack of funding made the top of the list of 10 weaknesses in the city, and also included high property taxes, public distrust in government and difficult relationships with other governmental entities.

"I think we're going to face a financial crisis in our street department real soon," City Administrator Joe Patterson said.

Funding for the street and engineering departments comes from the state's gas tax and the city's wheel tax, in addition to some federal funding.

As gas prices continue to rise, Patterson said people are dropping their gas consumption,

meaning that the gas tax receipts for the city are falling.

"My fear is that we're seeing such a reduction in the gas tax from the state that I need to know if you're willing to take care of the difference to fund the street and engineering departments through other means," he said.

Patterson said the council can either increase the property tax or increase the city's wheel tax.

"Do you want to raise the wheel tax to do streets?" he asked. "That is very unpopular."

Patterson said an increase of the wheel tax means it is the person who drives the street, rather than the homeowner, paying for the streets, however.

The retreat's facilitator Bernie Hayen asked how many streets the city resurfaces each year and if the council would like to increase that.

Mayor Matt Rossen said that five blocks are resurfaced each year and that he would like to see that number stay the same.

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HC's SHINING STAR



AMY ROH/Tribune

Astronaut Clayton Anderson gives a presentation Sunday at Hastings College about his 152-day mission in space.

NEBRASKA ASTRONAUT RECEIVES HERO'S WELCOME DURING APPEARANCE AT FRENCH CHAPEL

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There may have been a time, as astronaut Clayton Anderson said, that he felt uncomfortable with his newfound celebrity status since returning from space.

His appearance in front of more than 400 friends, former classmates, faculty, and supporters in French Chapel at Hastings College Sunday night wasn't one of them.

Telling jokes in between his Power Point slide and video show, Anderson, 49, looked completely at ease as he wooed an overflow crowd with recollections of his 152 days in space from June 8 to Nov. 7, 2007. Following his hour-long presentation on stage — which included a question-and-answer session and geography quiz — he was presented the Hastings College Outstanding Alumni Award from HC president Phil Dudley.

In turn, he presented the college with a commemorative montage plaque and handed out mission patch sets to Dudley and former HC physics professors Carl Throckmorton and Clyde Sachtleben.

The 1981 HC graduate then stood by the edge of the stage to avail himself to his adoring public. He posed for



AMY ROH/Tribune

Astronaut Clayton Anderson signs autographs following his presentation at Hastings College Sunday.

pictures, signed autographs and chatted away cheerfully as the mob pressed in from all sides to be nearer to the man of the hour. If Anderson felt trapped or overwhelmed by all the attention, it certainly didn't show.

Asked at one point how many NASA

missions he had flown, Anderson answered shyly in a playfully timid voice, "Just one. But it was long!"

He saw only two planets while in space — Venus and Earth — and snapped more than 21,500 photographs.

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Weather

Lo: Mostly clear tonight.
20
Hi: Mostly sunny Tuesday.
50



Art by Gage Boudreau, 7, Longfellow School

Nation

INFLECTED SICK LEAVE

PASCO, Wash. — What happened to faking a cough? Sheriff's detectives in Franklin County, Wash., say a man had his friend shoot him in the shoulder so he wouldn't have to go to work.

When he first spoke with deputies, Daniel Kuch told them he'd been the victim of a drive-by shooting while he was jogging Thursday. But detectives told KONA radio that Kuch later acknowledged that he asked his friend to shoot him so he could get some time off work and avoid a drug test.

The friend has been arrested for investigation of reckless endangerment. Kuch is expected to be charged with false reporting. Detectives declined to say where Kuch works, or whether he still has a job.

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Obituaries

GEORGENA D. MILLER

Hastings resident Georgena Dean Miller, 89, of Perkins Pavilion, died Friday, February 29, 2008, at Perkins Pavilion.



Miller

Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at First Baptist Church in Ansley, Neb., with Pastor Bill Ragan officiating. Burial will be in Ansley Cemetery at Ansley. Visitation is 1-9 p.m. today with family present from 6-8 p.m. at Livingston-Butler-Volland Funeral Home in Hastings and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the church in Ansley.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to First Baptist Church, Ansley, Neb.

Condolences may be sent to www.lbvfh.com.

Mrs. Miller was born November 7, 1918, in Custer County, Nebraska, to George and Cecil (Spencer) Munn. After the 8th grade, she assisted in the care of her siblings. On August 18, 1937, she married Leonard C. Miller and he preceded her in death in 1994. They lived southwest of Ansley, where they were engaged in ranching and farming. In 2001, she

moved from Ansley to Hastings, Nebraska. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Ansley, Nebraska, and was talented at the piano and shared her love of music at many community events. She was known for her cooking, especially her homemade noodles. She loved to laugh and host dinners, which leave fond memories for her family.

Mrs. Miller was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Leonard; three brothers and five sisters.

Survivors include children and spouses, Berniece Sorosky of Johnstown, Colo., Barbara and Max Magnuson of Mesa, Ariz., Duane and Marilyn Miller of Ansley, Neb., George and Charlene Miller of Hastings, Neb., Sharon and Dennis Ummel of Central City, Neb.; grandchildren and spouses, Stacey and Chad Petersen, Tricia and Kirk Samuelson, Amber and Galen Quick, Carrie and special friend, Rhonda and Bobby Betzold, Amie and Clint Bokelman, Adam and Lea Miller, Lorraine Miller, Ann and Dave Hunt, Jeffery Tibbets, Karen Tibbets, Robin and David Garcia, Trudy Magnuson, Becky and Reyes Pittman; 26 great-grandchildren; brother and spouse, George and Louise Munn of Lincoln, Neb.; sister, Bonnie Wilson of Litchfield, Neb.

JOSEPHINE 'JO' MUHLEISEN

Former area resident Josephine "Jo" Hartman Muhleisen, 79, died in her home in Salina, Kan.

Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Salina with the Rev. LeRoy Pralle officiating. A graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Lutheran Cemetery at Blue Hill, Neb. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Monday at Ryan Mortuary in Salina.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Hospice of Salina or to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to www.ryanmortuary.com.

Mrs. Muhleisen was born on April 1, 1930, to George and Florence (Hurd) Hartman in Doniphan, Nebraska. As a young girl, she moved to Cowels, Nebraska, with her family, where she attended school with her sisters and brother. In 1948, during her senior year in high school at Blue Hill, Nebraska, she met and fell in love with her future husband, Burnell Muhleisen. They were married May 1, 1949. Jo was a

wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother. She was active in her church and had many friends who will miss her giving and gracious ability to make others feel special. Jo was a homemaker for most of her life, but had worked at Market Aide for a short time.

She was preceded in death by two infant daughters; her parents; and a sister, Joan Giger.

She is survived by her husband, Burnell of Salina, Kansas; daughter and son-in-law, Deanna and Duane Schroeder of Topeka, Kansas; and a son, Tom Muhleisen of Salina; grandsons, Daric Schroeder and wife Stacie of Lawrence, Kansas, and Darin Schroeder and wife Michelle; great-grandsons, Isaac and Elijah of Burlingame, Kansas. She is also survived by three sisters, Kathleen and Jim Boyd of McKinney, Texas, Sally Koertner of Gothenburg, Nebraska, Lila and Gary Lammers of Bladen, Nebraska; and brother Vernon Hartman and wife Carol of Vancouver, Washington. She also leaves behind many nieces, nephews and friends.

KARL B. SORENSEN

Nelson resident Karl Bennet Sorensen, 72, died Sunday, March 2, 2008, at Superior.

Services are pending at Klawitter-Price Funeral Home in Nelson.

Births

MARY LANNING

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

◆ **Eva Yaritza Lindiman Garcia**, a 7-pound, 9-ounce girl, was born to Maria (Garcia) and Mario Lindiman, of Grand Island, Feb. 17.

◆ **Noah Michael Timothy Allington**, an 8-pound, 3-ounce boy, was born to Rashell (Haynes) Hillis and Terry "Mike" Allington, both of Grand Island, Feb. 18.

◆ **Kaitlyn Marie Evans**, a 7-pound, 7-ounce girl, was born to Stacey (Baker) and Kip Evans, of Alda, Feb. 18.

◆ **David Joseph Lopez**, a 9-pound, 1-ounce boy, was born to Delia Lopez and Juan A. Lopez, of 722 N. Colorado Ave., Feb. 18.

◆ **Kayleb Carl Sohn**, a 7-pound, 14-ounce boy, was born to Kerri Sohn, of Elm Creek, Feb. 19.

◆ **Aiden Joseph Strecker**, a 7-pound, 4-ounce boy, was born to Betsy (Parachini) and Tyler Strecker, of Central City, Feb. 19.

◆ **Paisley Belle Mangers**, an 8-

pound, 10-ounce girl, was born to Chelsey (Opbroek) and Matt Mangers, of 2723 W. Ninth St., Feb. 20.

◆ **Michael Damon Sonder**, an 8-pound boy, was born to Jessi Geisler and Michael Sonder, of 718 S. Minnesota Ave., Feb. 20.

◆ **SaVanna Hope Wood**, a 6-pound, 12-ounce girl, was born to Keli (Wood) Petersen, of Grand Island, Feb. 20.

◆ **Riley Wade Bishop**, a 7-pound, 1-ounce boy, was born to Kristen (Roemmich) and Andy Bishop, of Grand Island, Feb. 22.

ELSEWHERE

◆ **Avery Loree Longshore**, a 7-pound, 2-ounce girl, was born to Kara (Mitchell) and Jason Longshore, of Kearney, Feb. 2. Jason is formerly of Hastings.

◆ **Christian Ryan Seely**, a 5-pound, 7-ounce boy, and **Faith Ann Seely**, a 5-pound, 14-ounce girl, were born to Annette (Gerloff) and Brian Seely, of Omaha, Feb. 7. Annette is formerly of Hastings.

Frank Sinatra Jr. joins dad on the Palm Springs Walk of Stars

The Associated Press

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. — Frank Sinatra Jr. has joined his famous dad and sister on the Palm Springs Walk of Stars.

The 64-year-old singer received star No. 307 on Palm Canyon Drive.

Sinatra noted that he used to play on the same street as a kid.

"This has been quite a sentimental journey," he said Thursday.

Nancy Sinatra said her brother deserves the honor because he "is practically, single-handedly, keeping the American songbook alive."

He has made numerous records, including a tribute to his late father.

Conway
Twitty's kids
sue Sony/ATV

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The children of the late Conway Twitty have sued Sony/ATV for a share of royalties and publishing copyrights for the country artist's music.

The lawsuit filed in chancery court this week claims the children didn't understand the agreement when Twitty sold his music publishing and sound recording interests to Sony-Tree in March 1990, three years before he died.

But his widow, Dee Jenkins, disagreed with her stepchildren. They fought a 14-year legal battle over his estate after his death, which the children eventually lost.

She said Friday that the family knew what they signed 18 years ago and that their lawsuit has dishonored their father's memory.

But his daughter, Joni Jenkins Riels, said that nothing was explained and that they didn't know what rights they were giving up.

"Dad had a long relationship with Sony. We tried to work with them, but it didn't work out. So, we had to file the lawsuit," Riels said Friday.

MARTHA I. BERNS

Former Red Cloud resident Martha I. Berns, 95, died Sunday, March 2, 2008, at St. John's Nursing Home in Kearney.



Berns

Services are 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 5, 2008, at First United Methodist Church in Red Cloud with the Rev. Richard Fairbanks officiating. Burial will be in Plainview Cemetery at Bladen. Visitation is 1-8 p.m. today, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Tuesday at Simonson-Williams Funeral Home in Red Cloud, and 8 a.m. until services Wednesday at the church.

A memorial fund has been established by the family.

Condolences may be sent to www.wmsfh.com.

The daughter of Hazel (Bymer) and Roy Steward, she was born June 30, 1912, on a farm near Culbertson, Nebraska. She married Herman Berns on June 17, 1934, in Trenton, Nebraska. Eight children were born to this union. They lived for a number of years on the farm near Culbertson. After traveling and living in numerous towns following her husband's construction work, they

moved to Red Cloud where she spent most of her life.

She will be remembered for her avid love of dancing, her knack for hosting card parties; her talent for baking delicious homemade pies and excellent potato salad. She was a loving, caring wife, mother, grandmother, good friend and neighbor.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband; son-in-law, Harold Kotschwar; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Surviving are her children, Phyllis Osthoff and husband Carl of Athol, Kansas, Virginia Kotschwar of Kearney, Nebraska, Don Berns and wife Genice of Hastings, Nebraska, Sharon Couch and husband Leon of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, Gary Berns and wife Sharon of Broken Bow, Nebraska, B.J. Schnabel and husband Gary of Gilbert, Arizona, Carol Post and husband Don of Lincoln, Nebraska, and Dianna Ferris and husband Bob of Hastings, Nebraska; 27 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; two brothers, Orville and Wayne Steward; and 4four sisters, Edna VanFleet, Lorna Trupp, Dotie White, and Joan Gillen; as well as number other relatives and friends.

DEBRA A. WENSKE

Deshler resident Debra Ann Wenske, 52, died Friday, February 29, 2008, at Deshler.

Services are 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in rural Byron, Neb. Burial will be in St. Peter

Lutheran Cemetery at rural Byron. Visitation is 3-8 p.m. today at Ahrendts Funeral Home in Deshler.

Memorials may be given to the family's choice.

RAOMA HEINRICHS

Hebron resident Raoma M. Heinrichs, 85, died Saturday, March 1, 2008, at Hebron.

Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at Zion Lutheran Church in Carleton. Burial will be in Carleton City Ceme-

tery at Carleton. Visitation is 3-8 p.m. today at Price Funeral Home in Hebron.

Memorials may be given to Zion Lutheran Church in Carleton or Blue Valley Nursing Home in Hebron.

ELDON W. WINDHORST

Hebron resident Eldon W. Windhorst, 89, died Saturday, March 1, 2008, in Hebron.

Services are 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 5, 2008, at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Deshler. Burial will be in Deshler City

Cemetery at Deshler. Visitation is 3-8 p.m. Tuesday at Price Funeral Home in Hebron.

Memorials may be given to St. Peter Lutheran Church in Deshler.

ROBERT E. HARRISON

Bruning resident Robert E. Harrison, 77, died Friday, February 29, 2008, in Lincoln.

Services are 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, 2008, at Price Funeral Home chapel in He-

bron. There is no visitation; he was cremated.

Memorials may be given to Hearts United for Animals, Auburn, Neb.

NewsMakers

Royal rugby



JOHN STILLWELL, PA/AP

In this photo made available Sunday, Britain's Prince Harry is seen playing rugby with fellow soldiers during a break in their duties in Helmand province, southern Afghanistan, Feb. 20. Prince Harry's secret tour of duty, due to last until April, was abruptly ended after a magazine and Web sites disclosed details of his whereabouts. Prince Harry, home from his abandoned military mission to Afghanistan, says he hopes to return to combat zones as soon as possible.

SHEEN RECEIVES MEDAL

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Activist-actor Martin Sheen will be honored by the University of Notre Dame with its Laetare Medal for his humanitarian work, the school announced Sunday.

Sheen, who played a U.S. president who was a Notre Dame graduate in the TV series "The West Wing," is to receive the medal at the school's May 18 commencement.

Since 1883, the Laetare Medal has been awarded annually to a Catholic "whose genius has ennobled the arts and sciences, illustrated the ideals of the church and enriched the heritage of humanity."

BIRTHDAYS

Socialite Lee Radziwill is 75. Movie producer-director George Miller is 63. Actress Hattie Winston is 63. Singer Jennifer Warnes is 61. Actor-director Tim Kazurinsky is 58. Singer-musician Robyn Hitchcock is 55. Rock musician John Lilley is 54. Actress Miranda Richardson is 50. Actress Mary Page Keller is 47. Olympic track and field gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey is 46. Football player Herschel Walker is 46. Rapper-actor Tone-Loc is 42. Rock musician John Bigham is 39. Actress Julie Bowen is 38. Country singer Brett Warren (The Warren Brothers) is 37. Actor David Faustino is 34. Singer Ronan Keating (Boyzone) is 31. Rapper Lil' Flip is 27. Actress Jessica Biel is 26.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Nothing is really real unless it happens on television."
— Daniel J. Boorstin, educator and one-time Librarian of Congress (1914-2004)

The Associated Press

FACT OF THE DAY

There is no law that requires "The Star-Spangled Banner" to be set to a specific tune. The most popular version was originally composed around 1775 as the song of the Anacreontic Society, an English musicians club.

NUMBER OF THE DAY

6 — number of Olympic medals won by Jackie Joyner-Kersey. Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

Tribland

Derek Clark, of Burr Oak, Kan., and Christie Murman, of Glenvil, were members of the planning committee for the DesignExpo 2008, the career fair of the College of Architecture, Planning and Design at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kan.

Great volunteer opportunity for someone who loves people. Call Deb at Mary Lanning, 461-5131, for an appointment. -Adv.

Eagles bingo Tuesday 7:00; \$300 pig, 57 number bonanza. -Adv.

Hastings Tribune Juniata route open; 56 customers, approximately \$140 a month. Call Jessi in Circulation, 461-1221. -Adv.

Smoke-free bingo, Knights of Columbus, Wednesday, 7:00; three piggies. Lots of fun! -Adv.

Corrections

M.S. Reddy, president of International Media and Cultures Inc., never lived in Superior, as was suggested in a Tribune article Friday. He developed a cheese starter at the Superior cheese plant in the 1970s while on assignment for Leprino Cheese, which was collaborating with Mid-America Dairymen.

Reddy and his wife, Syama, founded IMAC in 1981. Today, the company has plants in several U.S. states, including Texas and California, but none overseas. IMAC has an independent contractor in India doing research and clinical studies on herbal probiotics, but has no such products yet available for sale.

Laura Gregoski, of Upland, has been selected as a cast member in the production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at Central Community College-Columbus.

Hastings Tribune has two open carrier routes...can start immediately; 50 customers, approximately \$115 per month; 55 customers, approximately \$125 per month. Call Jessi in Circulation, 461-1221. -Adv.

Area funerals

Tuesday, March 4

◆ **Raoma Heinrichs**, 85, of Hebron, 11 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Carleton.

◆ **Mark Binderup**, 81, of Minden, 11 a.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church in Minden.

◆ **Dora Boyer**, 92, of Hastings, 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Hastings.

◆ **Debra Wenske**, 52, of Deshler, 2 p.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in rural Byron.

Wednesday, March 5

◆ **Eldon Windhorst**, 89, of Hebron, 10 a.m. at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Deshler.

◆ **Martha Berns**, 95, of Kearney, 10:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church in Red Cloud.

◆ **Robert Harrison**, 77, of Bruning, 2 p.m. at Price Funeral Home chapel in Hebron.

Nation

TEXAS DEATHS

EMORY, Texas — A week-end ambush left a mother and her two sons dead and the father wounded, a grisly shooting and stabbing attack authorities say was carried out by the family's teenage daughter and the boyfriend her parents disliked.

"We feel confident that the motive was the fact that the juvenile daughter and one of the individuals in custody were dating and that the parents were attempting to break the relationship up, which led to the crime that was committed," Rains County Sheriff David Traylor said Sunday.

The 16-year-old girl joined her boyfriend and two others in killing members of the Caffey family in their bedrooms before setting the house on fire, authorities said, confirming what most in this rural farming town had known since the pre-dawn attack Saturday.

The lone survivor was Terry Caffey, the father. He was shot five times — including twice in the back — before he dragged himself through the woods in search of help. He awaited surgery Sunday to remove the bullets, Traylor said, and an update was not available Monday morning.

Killed were Penny Caffey, 37, and sons Tyler, 8, and Mathew, 13.

CASH FRACAS

NEW YORK — Even giving away something for free can turn into a hassle in New York.

A video-sharing Web site set out to observe Leap Day by handing out prizes worth up to \$29 on Feb. 29 outside Union Square Park.

As the clock ticked toward the event's scheduled time — 2:29 p.m. — people shouting "Make it rain!" and "Give me my money!" trampled one another and mobbed the costumed representatives of CashTomato.com

Some people wrested bags of cash-stuffed envelopes and other items from the CashTomato workers, said Jason Buzi, who identified himself as the company's senior vice president.

The prize givers weren't the only ones who were overwhelmed.

"Before I knew it, I was on the floor" and under a pile of people, said Anabel Defesus, 17. She left without any prize. "It's not worth it," she told the Daily News.

The Associated Press

Russian president to continue tough stance on West

DOUGLAS BIRCH
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Just hours after Russia elected a new president, the Kremlin sent two strong signals that it doesn't plan to back down from its pull-no-punches foreign policy — a coalition of pro-government youth groups marched on the U.S. Embassy and the state-controlled gas monopoly reduced gas supplies to Western-looking Ukraine.

The decision to squeeze Ukraine and to use street protests to attack American foreign policy may be an early indication that Dmitry Medvedev, the president-elect, intends to continue the course set by his mentor, President Vladimir Putin — who has reasserted his country's power abroad while keeping a tight grip on society at home.

Nearly final results — from 99.45 percent of precincts — showed that the 42-year-old Medvedev had received 70.2 percent of the vote, the head of the elections commission said today.

Shortly after almost all the votes were counted, hundreds of young people marched through Moscow toward the U.S. embassy to criticize American policies in Kosovo, Iraq and the Muslim world.

While they toed the Kremlin line, Gazprom, the Russian gas monopoly, made good on a promise to reduce gas supplies to Ukraine. In addition to serving as first deputy prime minister, Medvedev is chairman of Gazprom.

Russia says the dispute over natural gas with Ukraine is strictly a financial one, a result of the alleged nonpayment by Ukraine for past gas deliveries. But the timing of the cutoff suggests a possible deeper motive: telling the world that despite his purported liberal leanings, Medvedev plans to rule with a firm hand — one perhaps guided by Putin himself.

The last time Russia cut gas supplies to Ukraine was in January 2006 in a move widely seen as punishment for the Orange Revolution that blocked a Kremlin-backed candidate from gaining Ukraine's presidency. Since then, Russia has expressed continuing anger over Ukraine's attempts to join NATO and forge stronger links with the European Union.

Chris Weafer, chief strategist for UralSib investment bank, said Medvedev may have been motivated by the need to appear tough in the face of Russia's dispute with Ukraine over gas payments.

"He found himself in that situation," Weafer said. "He didn't want to be seen as backing down."

Meanwhile, election observers from the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, said today that unequal access to the media called into question the fairness of the vote.

Andreas Gross, who led the 22-member mission, described Sunday's vote as a "reflection of the will of the electorate whose democratic potential unfortunately has not been tapped."

Two of Medvedev's three challengers alleged there were violations and threatened to challenge the results in court.

The influential Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe refused to send observers, saying restrictions imposed by Russian authorities made it impossible to work in a meaningful way.

The campaign was dominated by Medvedev, the Kremlin's favorite, who refused to debate his rivals or formally campaign but received the bulk of the television coverage. In the end, no one was surprised by the result.

The liberal opposition alliance headed by former chess champion Garry Kasparov planned marches in cities around the country today.

Tribland five-day forecast

Art by Gage Boudreau, 7, Longfellow School



SUNNY TODAY
High: 40 Low: 20
Wind: North 15-25
Mostly clear tonight.



SUNNY TUESDAY
High: 50 Low: 25
Wind: Southwest 10-20
Partly cloudy Tuesday night.



FLURRIES WEDNESDAY
High: 38 Low: 18
Mostly cloudy and colder.



PARTLY CLOUDY THURSDAY
High: 40 Low: 19
Mostly clear at night.



SUNNY FRIDAY
High: 45 Low: 19
Mostly clear Friday night.

Today's weather records

High: 77 in 1992
Low: -10 in 1960

Local weather ♦ From 7 a.m. Feb. 29 to 7 a.m. March 3

High Friday	54	Precipitation last 24 hours	.02
Overnight low	.33	March precipitation	.02
High Saturday	.70	March 2007 precipitation	.01
High in 2007	.40	Year to date precipitation	.99
Overnight low	.37	Jan. to March '07 precipitation	1.60
Overnight low in 2007	.25	Snowfall last 24 hours	trace
High Sunday	.51	March snowfall	trace
High in 2007	.37	March 2007 snowfall	1.20
Overnight low	.25	Season to date snowfall	25.80
Overnight low in 2007	.25	Season to date snowfall 2006-2007	15.10

Iran's Ahmadinejad says American troops should withdraw from Iraq

QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad today dismissed U.S. accusations that his country is training extremists and demanded that the Americans withdraw from Iraq.

Speaking in a nearly hour-long news conference at the end of an unprecedented visit to Iraq, Ahmadinejad said the U.S. allegations — that Iran is training Shiite militants who target American troops and Muslim rivals — don't matter to the Iranians.

"Of course American officials make such remarks and such statements, and we do not care ... because they make statements on the basis of erroneous information," said the hard-line Iranian leader, who smiled through much of the session. "We cannot count on what they say."

He said the foreign presence in Iraq was an "insult to the regional nations and a humiliation."

Ahmadinejad is the first Iranian president to visit Iraq, and his two-day trip highlighted one of the unintended consequences for Washington after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion of the Iraq that ousted Saddam Hussein from power.

Under Saddam, a Sunni who once led an eight-year war against Iran, the two countries were bitter enemies, but Iraq's new Shiite-dominated government has deep ties to Iran's cleric-led Islamic republic.

Ahmadinejad was warmly received by Iraqi President Jalal Talabani, a Sunni Kurd, and other Iraqi leaders. He said Tehran and Baghdad are "brotherly" nations who share many beliefs and values.

"Of course, dictators and foreigners have tried to tarnish and undermine the emotional relations between the two states," he said.

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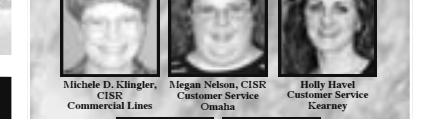
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America behind bars

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The figures do us no credit.

For the first time in history, more than one out of every 100 American adults is in prison, a total of 2.3 million people incarcerated in state and federal lockups. In both number and percentage of imprisoned residents, we're far ahead of No. 2 China and even way ahead of Russia.

And, according to the Pew Center, which did the study, the rates vary widely across the population. One in 36 adult Hispanic men is in prison; one in 15 adult black men; and a disheartening one in nine black men between ages 20 and 34.

Since 1987, around the time harsher sentencing laws became popular, the prison population has tripled. And it's expensive. Last year we spent \$49 billion on corrections, most of it — \$44 billion — borne by the states. Four states — Connecticut, Michigan, Oregon and Vermont — spent more on prisons than higher education, the Pew study said.

The popularity of TV dramas and reality shows indicates that the social impact of high incarceration rates hasn't been lost on the popular culture. And the celebration of the gangsta life in popular music is only the latest in our long-running popular fascination with outlaws, from mobsters to stage robbers.

As unfortunate as our incarceration numbers are, there is a clear national consensus that violent criminals should be locked up and for a long time. It is a reason that violent crime has fallen by a fourth over the last 20 years.

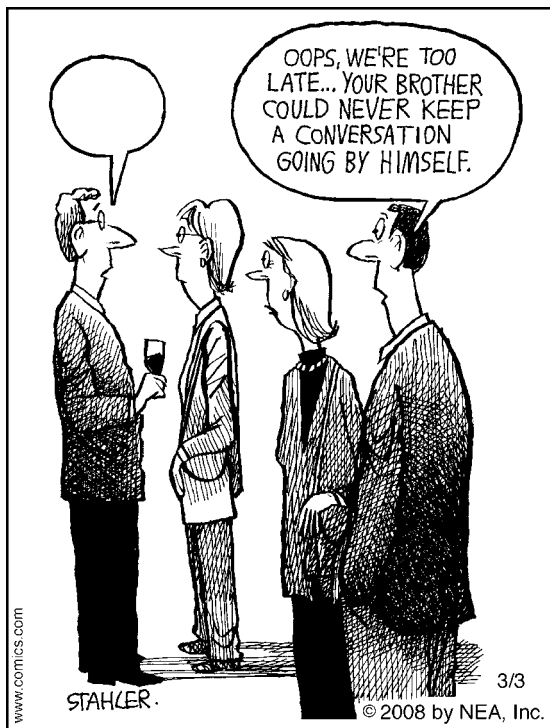
But there are improvements we can make at the margins: Giving judges more discretion in sentencing and parole boards more discretion in shortening them. Devising alternative punishments for nonviolent offenders like DWIs where there is no accident involved. Finding punishments short of re-imprisonment for technical violations of probation and parole. Diverting nonviolent drug offenders into treatment programs. And rethinking "three strikes and you're in for life" laws that are unnecessarily punitive and expensive to support.

Better than one in 100 behind bars just doesn't speak well of us. But, privately, we're also relieved that a lot of these people are locked up.

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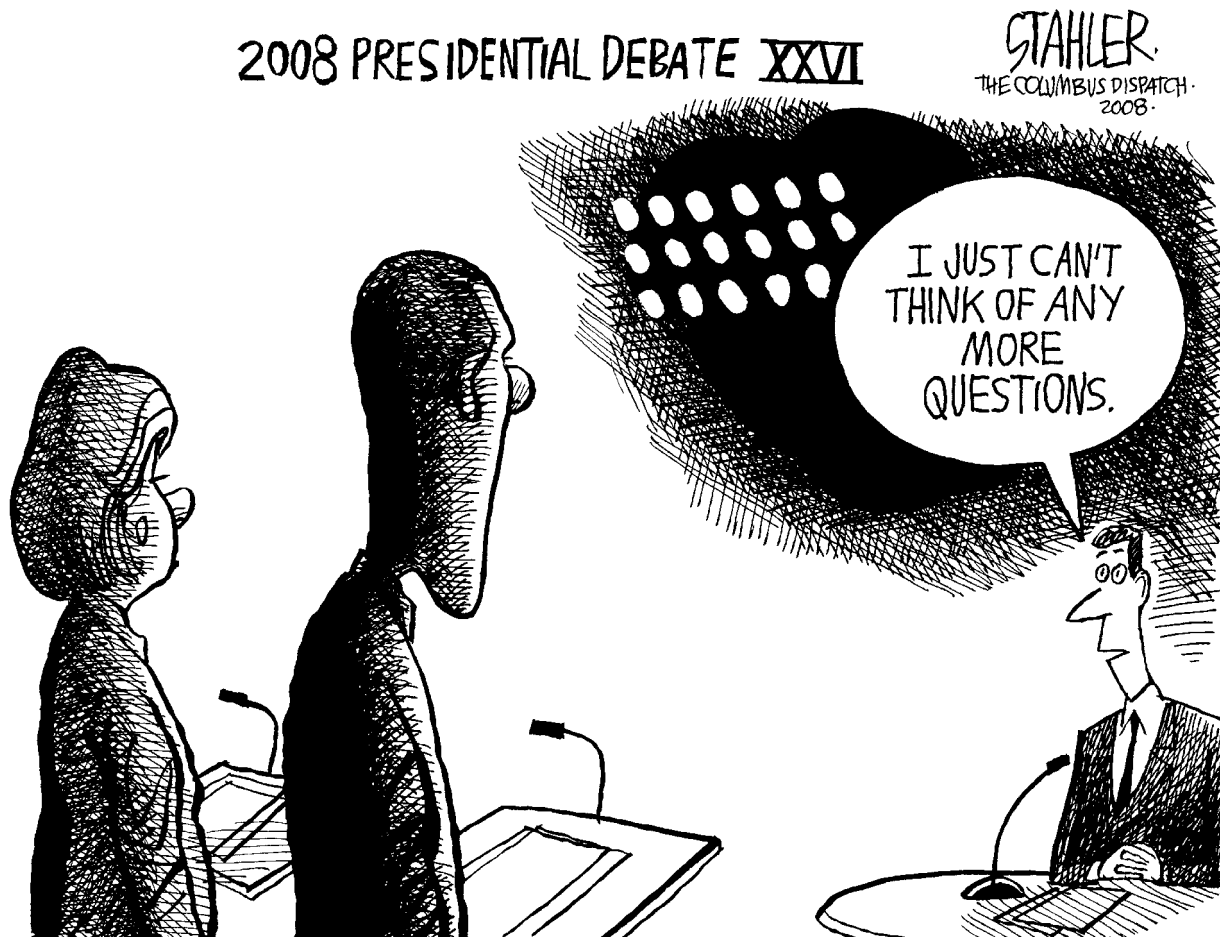
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Clinton's media complaints legitimate

It seems that the mainstream press — what remains of it — has decided that Barack Obama is going to be the Democratic Party's presidential candidate and the few boys left on the bus seem to be climbing off it and onto his bandwagon at the expense of fairness.

That's the inescapable impression one gets from the deluge of coverage that exposes Hillary Rodham Clinton to far more scrutiny than her opponent.

That was the central theme of two of Clinton's top guns, Harold Ickes and Bill Singer, when they showed up the other morning at a Christian Science Monitor breakfast with some of the big hitters in the world of punditry. But the aides' efforts to portray their candidate as still viable and to beg for equal focus on Obama were greeted with politeness but little else. "Whistling past the graveyard," is the way someone put it.

That was reflected the next day in a spate of smarmy columns that questioned the nerve of those trying to spin the faltering former first lady-cum-New York senator into a continuing threat to her Illinois counterpart whose eloquent, almost messianic promises to save the soul of America have made him the newest rock star of American politics.

What did these giants of the new and old journalism think Ickes and Singer were there to do? Concede that their candidate was in serious trouble? It was as though the press veterans of a dozen campaigns had forgotten the rules of these political dueling matches that



Dan K. Thomasson

are such an integral part of the process. It's called "you try to snow me while I try to get you to admit that you haven't a chance." The whole business is frequently an arcane exercise in numbers and utterly boring.

Honesty never has been the stream down which the press and politics flow. As close as Ickes came to conceding to the perspective of his questioners was to admit that if Clinton loses in Ohio and Texas next Tuesday "she will have to make a decision ..."

That is hardly startling, although it sent bloggers scurrying to their computers. Perhaps the most accurate assessment of what is happening to Clinton's hopes of breaking the glass ceiling of presidential politics came from the now-legendary "Saturday Night Live" show where the unbalanced treatment of her was portrayed in a scathingly comic debate skit. She has used that as further documentation that her complaints are legitimate. While she is as vulnerable as anyone would be who has been under the microscope of national politics for nearly 20 years, she is also correct in charging that Obama should receive the same attention. He should not be given a free pass as he dazzles the voters with his on-camera charm. What's he like off-camera? Who knows? He has made it increasingly difficult for the press to find out, offering very little of himself outside the formal appearances. What little is known about his tenure in the

Illinois legislature, other than the fact he tended to vote "present" on crucial issues, is unimpressive. It is problematic how many Illinois voters really know their man despite the fact they sent him to the U.S. Senate, where he has spent little time since, preferring to convince us that he is now ready to solve the world's problems, although he never has really faced many of them.

There is little doubt that Clinton's frustrations and anger at the way this is going are highlighted much more frequently than Obama's gaffes. Mistakes in his oration appear to be pretty much overlooked even during the debates. One would almost think he is flawless, sharpening the near-religious aura that seems to surround him.

In the last debate, his mispronouncing of "Massachusetts" stood uncorrected, but she was asked to identify and pronounce the name of Vladimir Putin's second-in-command. She fumbled slightly on his last name. Television showed a clip unflattering to Clinton and the moderator apologized that a similar one for Obama had been left off. Nevertheless, he then asked Obama to comment on her clip.

There probably is no further evidence needed as to what is going on here. But she may have only herself to blame. When she was riding high, she was often imperious in her press dealings. She is now paying for that, as unfair as it may be.

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World better because of William F. Buckley

I don't write much about politics anymore. Having four young kids has changed my focus a good bit. But there are times that, well, politics is personal, and so it was when I heard Wednesday about William F. Buckley's death. I was quite stunned and sad, realizing that someone who had shaped my worldview, and because of that impacts my family's life to this day, is gone.

I grew up reading Bill Buckley's magazine, National Review. (I am not making this up.) OK, I also cried for a day when Ronald Reagan lost out at the Republican nominating convention in 1976. I was 13. (In spite of all this, I managed to have a pretty decent social life by the time high school rolled around, but that's another column.)

At a very young age, I loved the worldview of Buckley and National Review. The optimism — America is a great place, freedom is good, markets work — the wit, the humor, the sheer intelligence. It was different from anything else the 1970s offered. It challenged everything else I was hearing. I just ate it up.

When I went off to college, I wrote to "Mr. Buckley" that I couldn't afford my own subscription to the magazine, but thank you for the offers I was getting in my own name (very exciting) — and I promised to faithfully read my parents' NR when I was home on break. Seriously.



Betsy Hart

In return, Buckley sent me a note and a gift of a free subscription. And you know what? I really think it was from him, and not a staffer.

Born into a wealthy family in 1925, Buckley was of course a towering figure in every way. It wasn't just that he founded National Review, hosted TV's "Firing Line," wrote dozens of books, sailed and, yes, loved to use big words. He was larger than life.

Our world, my world, my children's world is, I'm convinced, different and better because of him. (I suppose that it didn't exactly hurt my attraction to my former husband that his father, Jeff, was a close Buckley associate and is a longtime senior editor at National Review. I never knew Buckley personally, but he gave my then-husband and me an enormous dictionary for a wedding present. Soooo Buckley. I cherished it more than the place settings.)

The American intellect Lionel Trilling famously said in 1950, "In the United States at this time liberalism is not only the dominant but even the sole intellectual tradition. For it is the plain fact that there are no conservative or reactionary ideas in general circulation." Trilling was right. And it was only a tiny

handful of conservative thinkers, perhaps foremost among them Buckley, who changed all that. That early movement, that first generation of conservatives, created a vigorous juggernaut that later gave us, even through its "failures" like the 1964 Barry Goldwater presidential campaign, Ronald Reagan, the end of the Cold War and an entirely different way of looking at America and its place in the world.

It's hard for a lot of people my age to even remember how the word "limited" described our formative years, until the advent of Reagan. Limited resources, limited wealth, limited horizons.

That landscape is entirely different now. Whatever America's current economic or international problems, the uniquely American spirit of "anything is possible" has again been part of our consciousness for decades.

In fact, today I tend to think of people not so much as "liberal" or "conservative," but as "pessimists" or "optimists." Maybe I'm still a nerd after all these years. But this is one suburban mom who is convinced that her children are growing up in a far more optimistic and dynamic world today because of the impact of Bill Buckley.

William F. Buckley, R.I.P.

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Local

MENARDS OPENING

The Menards store in Hastings will be opening its doors March 18. The store, at 3400 Osborne Drive East, features a 202,948-square-foot building that has been under construction since dirt work began last June. The Midwest home improvement chain store features appliances, pet products, lawn and garden supplies and some groceries in addition to the home improvement supplies. Jeff Abbott, a Menards company spokesman, said this morning that the store will open with its regular hours taking effect on March 18. A grand opening celebration with special prices on merchandise, prize give-aways and more will be held a few weeks of the opening. Store hours starting March 18 will be 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday.

State

ROSENBLATT SUPPORTERS RALLY

OMAHA — About 100 supporters of Rosenblatt Stadium turned out for a weekend rally to show support for the 60-year-old ballpark and decry Mayor Mike Fahey's plan for a new downtown stadium.

Fahey has said a new stadium is necessary for Omaha to land a long-term contract to host the College World Series. The CWS has been played at Rosenblatt every year since 1950.

"This is the real field of dreams," said Jason Smith, who heads the Save Rosenblatt Committee.

Smith told Rosenblatt advocates on Saturday to attend the mayor's public forums on the stadium issue this week.

Bill Messenger said Rosenblatt remains a viable option for the CWS.

"It's going to continue to work well, and I think the city of Omaha has basically been sold a bag of goods about the necessity for a new ballpark," Messenger said.

Fahey announced a stadium plan last week that would make the 2010 CWS the last one played at Rosenblatt.

The city estimates it would cost \$128 million to build a 24,000-seat stadium, not including about \$12 million to retire Rosenblatt debt, and \$73 million to renovate Rosenblatt.

With either option, cost to the public would be about \$59 million, stadium oversight committee chairman Ken Stinson said. It's projected that far more private funding could be secured for a new stadium than a renovation.

Fahey is proposing a 1-percentage point increase on the city hotel tax — already among the highest in the nation — and a \$2 surcharge on car rentals to help pay off 20-year bonds.

The proposed stadium would sit on land now occupied by Qwest Center parking lots.

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Calendar

HASTINGS

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Council weighs technology needs

CITY LOOKING AT ADDING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

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The Hastings City Council discussed creating an information technology department after identifying a lack of new technology as one of the city's weaknesses during its retreat.

The council met for its annual retreat at Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co., 3800 Osborne Drive East, Saturday.

Currently, the city employs one IT person who works with the city's computers and the city's portion of the Geographical Information System.

Continuing technology changes and the city's need to put more of its services on the Internet pushed City Administrator Joe Patterson to ask the council to deal with the issue.

"I think we need to spend more on capital expenditures,

even if that means a higher property tax levy," Councilman John Harrington said. "Nobody likes that, but it's a reality of the situation."

He said the City Council can't pretend that the city's expenses aren't growing in the wake of the half-cent sales tax defeat.

In November, Hastings residents defeated the addition of a half-cent sales tax that would have paid for various improvements and projects throughout the city, including major capital projects.

Councilman Phil Odom agreed that the city needs to find a way to improve its technology. He suggested that the city consider partnering with Hastings Utilities, Hastings Public Schools or Adams County to create a larger technology department.

"Down the road, everybody is going to do technology changes, and we need to partner with someone else on this," he said.

Bernie Hayen, the retreat's facilitator and city administrator for Manhattan, Kan., said

the city of Manhattan tried to partner with other groups, but found that there was some resistance to create a joint system. He said the various groups have such different technological needs that it was almost impossible to put the systems together.

Even so, Odom said, these groups should at least talk about technology issues and maybe brainstorm ideas on how to deal with the issue into the future.

"We have stayed the course for so long that staying the course has put us behind," Councilwoman Kathy Peterson said. "I just don't know where we're going to get those dollars."

Peterson said the group needs to be innovative on this issue and get creative in finding funds to bring the city up-to-date on its technological needs.

Hayen said the city of Manhattan sets aside \$200,000 each year for technological improvements. Of that, about \$120,000 goes directly to some new phase of technology. All of the money isn't spent each

year, but it is there if needed.

One thing Hayen suggested the city start doing is to put its City Council agenda and packets online for the public to access prior to and after meetings. He said it's also helpful to allow people to pay recreation activity fees and volunteer for city boards online.

The city of Hastings currently puts the agenda and minutes for council meetings on its Web site.

During the budget hearings in summer 2007, Eric Christensen, the city's parks and recreation director, brought a proposal to the council to purchase a system to allow people to register for and pay fees for recreation activities online.

To register for a program now, people must fill out paper forms that can be mailed to or dropped off at the Parks and Recreation Office.

Peterson said that the council unfortunately had to reject Christensen's request simply because the city did not have the funds to purchase the system. She said she would like to

find a way for the city to implement the program.

Mayor Matt Rossen said the city's current Web site was an upgrade from the old site. However, he said it is still difficult for city staff to make changes to, which has led to a lack of updates on various areas of the site.

For that reason, he said, he would like to see the city have a site created sometime in the near future that is much easier to navigate and update.

Odom said he would like to see a timeline for where the city needs to go in terms of technology. That way, he could make a determination as to how much he would be willing to have the city spend.

"If you can tell us some things that are top priorities for staff or what we need to do, we could look at that," he said.

The City Council plans to continue to address this issue in the future and will have a special work session during the budget hearings to address capital project proposals, including the need for improved technology.

A disappointing end



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Sutton fans react to action on the court during the Class C-2 girls state basketball championship Saturday in Lincoln. Sutton lost to Perkins County 62-49.

Vodehnal files for Fourth Ward seat

SPOT BEING VACATED
BY MARILYN WILL

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Hastings resident Brant Vodehnal has taken his first step into the political arena by filing for a seat on the Hastings City Council.

Vodehnal, 46, became the second person to file for the Fourth Ward seat being vacated by long-time council member Marilyn Will.

This is Vodehnal's first time to run for political office and he said he has no political agenda.

"I don't have any particular issues or anything; I just want to be part of the system and part of the rule-making," he said.

Vodehnal said he just wanted to get more involved in the city and take part in the decision making on how the city spends taxpayers' money.

"I figure that probably most of the people in my ward are about like me," he said. "They go to work every day, come home at night and still have a few difficulties at the end of the day with money."

That's why Vodehnal said he wants to have a say in how the city spends tax dollars in a way that the citizens of Hastings would approve of.

Vodehnal works in the community support department at South Central Behavioral Services in Hastings.

Man arrested after car chase through city

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Police arrested a 43-year-old man Saturday after a pursuit through the northeast part of the city.

Hastings police received a call about an erratic driver heading into town on U.S. Highway 281 about 1:55 p.m. Police attempted to initiate a traffic stop at 14th Street and Burlington Avenue.

Instead of stopping, Sgt. Bill Mann said the driver traveled south on Burlington Avenue, east on Seventh Street, north on California Avenue, west on Lakeside Drive, north on East Side Boulevard and west on 14th Street.

The driver then turned into the parking lots at Ampride Convenience Store, 1414 N. Burlington Ave., and McDonald's Corp., 1510 N. Burlington Ave. He left that area on 14th Street traveling west until heading south on Saunders Avenue.

At Seventh and Saunders, the driver drove through yards until reaching Briggs Avenue, then got back onto Seventh Street until Hewett Avenue, where officers were able to stop the vehicle.

"He was taken from the vehicle and placed under arrest," Mann said.

Mann said speeds in the pursuit were above the posted speed

limit, but he did not consider it to be a high-speed chase.

One resident in the 700 block of Briggs Avenue thought police were driving uncontrollably in a residential area.

Juanita Eckhardt, of 712 N. Briggs Ave., said she was standing outside of her home with her 22-month old grandson when they saw police drive through the area.

"I saw an officer going down a residential area way too fast," she said. "Supposedly, it was involved in a chase that was going on through Hastings, but the vehicle was not in front of him."

Mann said when an officer's sirens and lights are activated

during a pursuit, they are not restricted to the speed limit. He said officers drive at a safe speeds considering the time of day, traffic in the area, road conditions and the importance of a situation.

He said officers receive training in pursuit situations, including annual renewal training by a certified instructor.

Mann said officers are trained to discontinue a pursuit if it becomes more dangerous than it is worth or they can identify the suspect.

"In this case, it was pretty important because it was reported the subject was driving erratically," Mann said. "He became a danger to others."

Hall County attorney: Protection orders can only go so far

PROSECUTOR SAYS LAW ENFORCEMENT DID ALL THEY COULD TO PREVENT MURDER

The Associated Press

GRAND ISLAND — Hall County Attorney Mark Young says law enforcement did all it could legally to protect a Grand Island woman killed by her ex-boyfriend in a murder-suicide last month.

Delmi Euceda Calderon had a protection order against Jesus Flores-Garcia.

A protection order, Young

said, "doesn't stand up very (well) to a weapon."

Calderon, 32, died in her apartment Feb. 20 after Flores-Garcia slit her throat. Flores-Garcia, of Crete, then fatally stabbed himself in the upper body.

Flores-Garcia, 26, had four cases pending in Hall County, three of which named Calderon as a victim. The cases involved stalking, terroristic threats and violating the protection order.

Young said protection orders are effective most of the time, and he doesn't want to discourage people from requesting them.

But Young said he plans to review the Calderon case to see if there's anything his office, or other authorities, missed.

Calderon obtained a protection order against Flores-Garcia in July 2007. In her request, she said Flores-Garcia had threatened to kill her before killing himself.

"He was arrested once," Young said. "And he got the appropriate bond but then not much else. I'm looking to see if someone dropped the ball. I'm concerned, so I'm reviewing the cases."

Young said the court needs to stop equating bond merely with showing up for hearings. He'd

like to see the bond-setting process handled at the county level like it is in federal court with pretrial supervision with release.

Victim impact specialist Sarah Kowalski of the Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition in Lincoln said Nebraska's stalking laws and protection orders are adequate. She said some communities might need to re-evaluate bond schedules or the length of time an offender is held.

Kowalski, who spoke last week at a domestic violence conference in Kearney, said one in four adult women is abused

by her intimate partner.

More than nine times as many women are murdered by a man they know than by a male stranger, and a woman is beaten every 15 seconds in the United States, she said.

"On average, three women are murdered by their partners every day," Kowalski said.

She added that the lethality factors include stalking, sexual violence, strangulation and protection order violations.

Nationally, 89 percent of murdered women who were physically abused had also been stalked in the 12 months prior to the murder, she said.

World markets sink after Wall Street's drop

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The Associated Press

LONDON — European and Asian stock markets tumbled today as investors reacted nervously to a steep decline on Wall Street Friday after disappointing economic and corporate news rekindled worries about a U.S. recession.

The U.K.'s benchmark FTSE 100 fell 1.3 percent to 5,808.1, while Germany's DAX Index declined 1.5 percent to 6,652.08. France's CAC 40 slipped 1.5 percent to 4,717.57.

U.S. stock index futures also were down, suggesting Wall Street was poised for another drop today.

In Asia, Japan's benchmark

Nikkei 225 index plunged 4.5 percent to close at 12,992.18. Markets in Hong Kong, South Korea, India and Australia also fell sharply, but shares in mainland China advanced.

Investors dumped stocks after a series of depressing economic and earnings reports Friday out of the United States — a vital export market and the world's largest economy — sent the Dow Jones industrial average down 315.79, or 2.51 percent, to 12,266.39.

"Traders will be looking for figures due out later this afternoon to come in better than expected, which could give the futures a bit of a kick," said Claire Collingwood, a dealer at

CMC Markets in London. "However anything weaker could of course send the major indices lower still."

The bad news included poor quarterly results from American International Group Inc. and Dell Inc. and weaker-than-expected results on the Chicago purchasing managers index, which painted a dreary picture of the manufacturing sector.

"It's all due to fears of a recession in the U.S.," said CommSec chief equities economist Craig James in Sydney, Australia. "This is a global market sell-off."

The dollar's drop to a three-year low against the yen also weighed on sentiment in Tokyo as dollar weakness erodes overseas earnings

at Japan's key exporters. The dollar fell as low as 102.59 yen before recovering some to 103.10 yen, down from 103.96 yen late Friday in New York.

Asian markets, which have fallen much of the year so far, had staged a modest recovery through the middle of last week, with Tokyo's Nikkei climbing to a seven-week high last Wednesday.

But pessimism returned Monday, sending Hong Kong's Hang Seng index down 3.1 percent to close at 23,584.97. India's benchmark Sensex tumbled 5.3 percent to a provisional close of 16,639.54.

U.S. economic growth slowed to a 0.6 percent pace in the

fourth quarter and some analysts believe the economy is already shrinking.

"The biggest economy in the world is mired in recession and everybody suffers," said Francis Lun, a general manager at Fulbright Securities in Hong Kong, summing up regional feelings.

Testifying before Congress last week, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke signaled that the central bank sees weak growth as the main threat and is prepared to further cut interest rates.

Hours before Wall Street was to resume trading, Dow index futures were down 80 points, or 0.65 percent, to 12,204, while

Standard & Poor's 500 futures were down 5.1 points, or 0.4 percent, to 1,326.2.

Global investors are bracing for two key U.S. economic reports due this week: Monday's release of the Institute for Supply Management manufacturing survey report and Friday's jobs numbers. On average, economists are forecasting a slight increase in non-farm payrolls, but many believe they will decline for a second straight month.

In other markets in the region, the Korea Composite Stock Price Index fell 2.3 percent to 1,671.73, while Australia's benchmark S&P/ASX200 index slid 3 percent to 5,405.8.

Fair: HEDC backs Grand Island's bid

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"The fair is more about tradition; the university's about the future," Anderson said.

The Legislature will return to its discussion of the state fair this week, when the Agricultural Committee holds its executive session on Wednesday at 8 a.m.

The first step in moving the fair will be to pass LB861, removing the mandate that the fair be held in Lincoln. After that, HEDC hopes that its resolution will provide the extra kick needed to convince senators to give Grand Island the fair.

"Our desire is to provide that regional support, that will most likely be of some interest to the agricultural committee," Haussler said.

The resolution states that HEDC recognizes and supports the tourism impact that bringing this event to Grand Island

would have. According to estimates of who currently attends the fair, Grand Island would also be a central location. Haussler noted that few people from Lincoln and Omaha attend the fair each summer, in relation to the number driving in from central and western Nebraska.

The Hastings corporation would also like to see the fair return to showcasing its agricultural roots.

"We think that it would offer the state fair board an opportunity to get back to its original activities of agriculture and livestock," Haussler added.

But ties to the tradition of holding the fair in Lincoln may cause even those involved in agriculture to shy away from a move. A second proposal from the Lancaster Events Center would give senators the option of keeping the fair in the capital

city. The cost for this move would be significantly more than Grand Island, however, at \$94.4 million. Updating facilities at the current location would still be the fair's cheapest bid at \$29.95 million.

Tom Hastings, chairman of the Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce, noted that his organization is also standing in support of the move to Grand Island. The chamber will be sending letters to committee members and state senators in the future.

He believes that Grand Island and the Tri-Cities area as a whole will be able to draw crowds to this event.

"If people have doubts as to them being able to handle something of that magnitude, I think you can look at how the city of Grand Island has grasped Husker Harvest Days and how

they have supported that and how they have built that from something that started out pretty small," Hastings said.

As with any event, Hastings added, the fair can expect growing pains at its new location, but benefits for Hastings businesses will continue to grow with the fair in its new location.

"We will have overflow into Hastings, as well as the other areas, Tri-City areas, that have motels and hotels," Hastings said.

HEDC encourages other organizations in Hastings to make their support for the move known, Haussler said. People from all central Nebraska towns should do the same, Hastings added. As for Anderson, he's ready to bring out the moving trucks.

"It will happen. It will go to Grand Island, I'm absolutely confident of it," he said.

Sex offender removed from area care center

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BLUE HILL — After complaints about a Level 3 sex offender's living arrangements violating a sex offender city ordinance here, one resident left Life Quest at Belle Amis Friday, but the management is adamant that it is an isolated incident.

Michael Basil Bollen, 42, had lived at the residential care center formerly known as Belle Amis for two months, administrator Laura Downing said.

Downing said Bollen could not have been arrested under state law for living within 500 feet of a preschool, and that he was not convicted of assaulting a child.

"From what I've heard, he was covered under state law," she said. "The city did its own ordinance, then demanded officers to arrest Mr. Bollen."

She said his guardian is looking to expunge the Level 3 classification.

"He doesn't deserve that title and only has it because he's black and 6-foot-2," she said.

The complaint was made Thursday, and Downing said that Bollen was moved Friday.

Downing said prior to last week Life Quest officials were not aware of the center's proximity to New Beginnings Preschool.

Webster County Sheriff Jim Disney told the Tribune that after the complaints against Bollen, he had a deputy measure the distance between Life Quest and New Beginnings, which is west of Life Quest on Gage Street.

He said the distance between the building's front doors was

just under the 500-foot minimum established in the city ordinance.

The Sheriff's Office does not have a contract to handle city ordinance enforcement in Blue Hill.

Downing said claims Blue Hill residents have made about Bollen walking around town are false.

"Mr. Bollen was never at any time in the community, ever," Downing said. "The only time he left was per our van with our staff."

She said Bollen's situation was one that slipped through the cracks, and that Bollen was not on the Nebraska State Patrol's registered sex offender list when he was admitted.

"This is something we're going to look into," Downing said.

She said several times during a telephone interview this morning that admitting a registered sex offender is not something her staff does either at Life Quest at Belle Amis or Life Quest at the Coolidge Center in Palmer, which her family also owns.

"Everybody's saying he's running around, but he was supervised, he was monitored," she said.

Since Downing and her mother, Nancy Stephens, took over Belle Amis at the end of August 2007, the population there has grown to 40 up from 31. Belle Amis has a capacity of 42.

Downing said she is not treated fairly by the Blue Hill community. She referenced another registered sex offender living in Blue Hill.

"What are they doing to get rid of him?" she asked. "They can't play dirty pool with him but they can with me."

Astronaut: Anderson star attraction at HC

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In retrospect, he said he wished he'd taken more photos of things such as the Seven Wonders of the World and all the Major League Baseball stadiums in the United States.

"It is absolutely awesome to be home," he said during a news conference preceding the event. "It's been quite an overwhelming weekend for me. I'm not used to all this attention."

After spending the weekend parading around his hometown of Ashland and receiving the Pioneer Award at the State Capitol, his celebrity status is sure to sink in before too long. Already, his tour since returning from space has included meeting President Bush with his wife, Susan, and children, Clayton Cole and Sutton Marie.

His greatest experiences in space, he said, were his three space walks, particularly his first walk, which lasted seven

hours and 41 minutes. His recollection of stepping out into the vastness of space is still clear in his mind. As clear as a walk in the dark can be, anyway.

"I was the lead space walker that day and I opened the hatch and it was pitch black outside," he said. "I saw ice crystals coming off my space suit. It was just, 'Wow, this is really cool. How neat is this that I'm sticking my head out the door of the space station and getting ready to crawl around outside my home in a vacuum, with the Earth rolling by at five miles a second, for 7½ hours.' It's just very hard to describe."

Any potential return to space by Anderson will require the nod of both NASA and his family, he said. The thought of leaving them for another lengthy duration of time brought tears to his eyes.

"My wife, children and I

went through this together," he said. "And it can't be done alone. They sacrificed so much for me to be able to chase my dream. In order for us to do it again — there's a possibility I could do a short shuttle flight or be on the station again — that's a decision that has to be made by my family and I."

As a Christian, he said his experience in space brought him about as close to the face of God as he'd ever felt before. He also imagined himself "200 miles closer" to his father, John T. Anderson, who died in 1984. Clay's mother, Alice, died Dec. 13, 2007.

"As I think back on my time with the station, I felt very close to God," he said. "To look at the Earth from that perspective just did nothing but strengthen my faith."

Kathy Tessman, of Hastings, stood in line with her grandson Jake, 6, for an autograph following Anderson's presenta-

tion. A mother of two HC graduates, she said she felt "a connection" with the astronaut. The thrill of seeing him in person left her with goosebumps, she said.

"I am just awestruck," she said. "It was just so exciting to actually get to see him in person and hear his story. I'm just so excited."

Matt Rohrer, 11, a fifth-grader at Sandy Creek Elementary School, said he'll likely give a career in space some serious consideration after hearing about its wonders firsthand from Anderson.

"I really like the fact that he came from here," he said. "It's cool."

"It was a wonderful program," said Cindy Auden, of Deweese, who attended with her son, Brodie. "I'm so glad we came. His personality made it interesting, how he interacted with the crowd. We really learned a lot."

Council: Committees would sell sales tax

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Since the issue failed, the city cannot put it back on the ballot for at least 23 months after the time of the election.

According to Nebraska law, a city is able to assess an additional sales tax of up to 1.5 cents; the state sales tax rate is 5.5 percent. In Hastings, a 1-cent local sale tax exists for property tax relief.

With about 20 months until the next election can be held, the council said that the evaluation committee — and eventually a campaign committee — will have plenty of time to work out the concept and sell the ideas to the public.

Everyone agreed that the key to the success of a future sales tax election is to educate people as to exactly what the funds would be used for.

"People thought that they were giving the city a blank check," Rossen said.

In the past, voters approved use of the half-cent tax for two major capital projects: Renovation of the Hastings Police Station and construction of the Aquacourt Water Park.

The half-cent tax for the water park expired in March 2007, meaning the tax hasn't been collected since that time. Hastings is the only city in Nebraska with a population of more than 10,000 that is not collecting the additional half-

Street: Repairs cited as city's biggest weakness

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Councilman John Harrington disagreed.

"We need to do more; we're falling behind," he said.

Hayen suggested the council consider funding a percentage of its total blocks each year.

Councilman Phil Odom said he could be comfortable with increasing the number of blocks to 10 if the city could find a funding source without significantly increasing property taxes.

Several council members thought that the list of different projects was most confusing for people.

In the November 2007 sales tax measure, the funds were to be allocated into five different areas including streets, public infrastructure, equipment over \$25,000, a reserve fund and other uses determined by the council. This was modeled after the same plan that was implemented in Kearney.

"I was one that was in favor of having it presented exactly

erty taxes.

Patterson said the federal funds the city receives for streets are dwindling and may not be renewed by Congress in the upcoming years.

With those thoughts in mind, he said the council needs to seriously consider finding new ways to fund improvements to the city's streets.

The City Council plans to discuss the issue again in the future.

the way that it was and I have made other mistakes too," said Everett Goebel. "In all seriousness, I saw this work real well in Kearney, but it's not necessarily what's good for Kearney is good for Hastings."

He said that maybe the council should list a few major projects on the ballot in addition to the percentages so people have some specifics as to where the money will go.

Councilman John Harrington said he believes that people are more likely to vote in favor of a measure where there is a specif-

ic project or two like the water park or police station.

"We need to focus on several smaller projects and use that in an imaginative way," he said. "Otherwise it's just too flat and people can't think like that. People like to see something that is actually accomplished."

Councilman Phil Odom agreed that people need more information. He said Patterson and Rossen did a good job informing the public on the issue, but there were still questions in the community.

With the city trying to run the election, Odom said the city can't buy ads to publicize and educate people about the election, but a committee of residents could.

"We need those ambassadors to work on this," he said. "I think the community wants this. We just have to put it in a way they understand."

Rossen agreed, saying the plan was good but there were obviously some gaps in people's knowledge of the election.

"The plan was very good. I just don't think people knew a lot about it," he said.

Odom said that if there were supporters out there, they need to be involved in this evaluation committee.

"If we can't get together 20 people to do this committee, we'll never get it passed," he said.

Luxury model homes burn

The Associated Press

WOODINVILLE, Wash. — Fires gutted four multimillion-dollar model homes in a Seattle suburb today, and authorities found a sign purportedly left by eco-terrorists that mocks claims that the homes were environmentally friendly.

"Built Green? Nope black!" said the spray-painted sign that bore the initials of the radical environmental group Earth Liberation Front.

Explosive devices were found

in the homes, and crews were able to remove them, said Fire Chief Rick Eastman of Snohomish County District 7. The FBI was investigating the fires as a potential domestic terrorism act, said FBI spokesman Rich Kolko in Washington, D.C.

The fires started at the "Street of Dreams," a strip of unoccupied, furnished luxury model homes where developers show off the latest in high-end housing, interior design and landscaping. The homes are later sold.

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Viewers of 'As The World Turns' want to see more of gay storyline

DAVID BAUDER
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The love affair between two young men on the venerable CBS soap opera "As the World Turns" has triggered a protest campaign by angry viewers.

It's just not the sort of protest you'd expect.

Fans of the fictional romance between Luke Snyder and Noah Mayer are baffled about why the two characters haven't kissed on-screen since September, wondering whether it's a sign of squeamishness by CBS or show sponsors Procter & Gamble Co.

The fans have started a letter-writing

campaign, posted an online petition and even have a Web site that counts the days, hours, minutes and seconds since Luke and Noah last locked lips.

"We totally support this show and applaud the show for doing this storyline," said Roger Newcomb, a computer worker from New York's northern suburbs and the man behind the campaign. "We just don't understand why they have to be censored or treated differently."

"As the World Turns," which premiered in 1956, had the first gay male character in daytime drama in 1988. Last August was another milestone — believed to be the first time two gay men kissed on a soap — when Luke sur-

prised Noah with the sign of affection.

They kissed again in September, at a time Noah was still coming to grips with being gay. But since officially becoming a couple, their lips have been sealed.

Fans first sensed the new attitude around Christmas, during a tender scene where the two men proclaimed their love for one another. It was clear they were about to kiss, but the camera instead panned up and focused on some mistletoe.

"I've been watching soaps for decades," Newcomb said, "and that doesn't happen."

Valentine's Day featured fantasy

sequences involving several of the show's couples. All the stories ended in a kiss, except for Luke and Noah's. They hugged.

That's when the campaign started.

"There are some people who want to see sex between Luke and Noah," said 34-year-old Theresa Webber, who lives north of Boston. "I've been watching soaps long enough to know that they're a teenage couple, so it's not going to happen anyway. But for them to not kiss at all, it's a little extreme."

The soap is owned, produced and written by Procter & Gamble Productions Inc., a subsidiary of the consumer giant that makes Bounty, Crest,

Pampers, Mr. Clean and Ivory soap. CBS executives consult on the series, but the creative direction is set by P&G.

There's no kissing ban, said Jeannie Tharrington, spokeswoman for Procter & Gamble Productions, although she wouldn't say what will happen in future shows. She explained the mistletoe shot as a "creative decision."

"It's always hard to please a diverse audience," Tharrington said, "and we have a diverse audience."

Webber recalls reading a handful of letters in soap opera publications after last summer's first kiss along the lines of "I don't care if Luke is gay, but I don't want to see it."

The Rule of Seven and the anti-rules

Inexperienced players like rules that simplify play. They can use a rule, not work from first principles. And when a deal is "textbook," applying a rule can make life easy — as here.



Phillip Alder

This is a classic no-trump conundrum. Against your contract of three no-trump, West leads the heart four, and East puts up his queen. How would you plan the play?

In the auction, North should not show his minor, because he has game-only high-card strength and no singleton or void.

You have seven top tricks: four spades, one heart, one diamond and one club. There are three more tricks available in clubs (four if the finesse wins). However, there is a danger that if the club finesse loses, the opponents might cash too many heart tricks.

Assuming the club finesse loses, if you are to go down, the opponents will have to take a total of four heart tricks. This means that West must have started with five hearts. And if he did, East has only a doubleton. So, duck the first trick and take your heart ace on the second round. Then run the club queen, and here make your contract with an overtrick.

Since you have only one top-card stopper in the suit led, you could also apply the Rule of Seven. You have six hearts between your hand and the dummy. Six from seven is one. Hold up the heart ace for only one round.

If you duck the second trick to West, he should shift to the diamond 10. Then the contract goes down two (if you cash out) or down four (if you take the club finesse).

North

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

West

- ♠ 8 6 5 2
- ♥ K J 9 4 3
- ♦ 10 5
- ♣ 5 2

East

- ♠ 7 3
- ♥ Q 2
- ♦ K J 9 8 7 4
- ♣ K 6 3

South

- ♠ A Q 9 4
- ♥ A 10 7
- ♦ A 6 3
- ♣ Q J 8

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South West North East
1 NT Pass 3 NT All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 4

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'Indiana Jones' trailer smash hit

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For The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Times sure have changed in the 19 years since Harrison Ford last donned the signature fedora of thrill-seeking archaeologist Indiana Jones. The viral spread of the trailer for "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull" is proof of that.

The trailer for the May 22 release has drawn highly enthusiastic responses in theaters. But it may have had its biggest impact online, on a younger audience that may not think of Ford, 65, as equal to today's spry action heroes.

After premiering Feb. 14 on "Good Morning America," Lucasfilm and Viacom Inc.'s Paramount Pictures sent the trailer to the Web, plus movie theaters and TV stations around the world. Paramount estimates the trailer was seen more than 200 million times worldwide in the first week alone.

Harry Knowles, who runs the movie fan site AintItCool.com (his official title is Head Geek), says he first saw a bootleg version of the trailer online, then the official version online, and then saw it twice in theaters.

There were cheers in the theater when the familiar theme song kicked in, Knowles said, and comments on his Web site have been positive. "People generally really, really loved the trailer," he said. "Some people think it's a little more cartoonish-looking compared to the prior (films), with him whipping the lights and swinging on them and stuff. But at the same time, it seems that everyone is extremely excited that there's a new 'Indiana Jones' film. The excitement for it is palpable. It's much more aggressively anticipated than anything else that's coming out right now."

"The trailer caught on like wildfire, around the world, in all mediums," said Gerry Rich, Paramount's president of worldwide marketing, who's targeting moviegoers "from 8 to 80. The response has been sensational and it shows what technology can do when you have material that is so appealing to audiences."

Older audiences certainly remember Indy, but that's not the prime ticket-buying demographic. Thus the aggressive online campaign, which included what Paramount says is a record 4.1 million views on the Yahoo movie site in the first week and 2.6 million on the official IndianaJones.com site, the most ever for the studio.

"It looks to be THE highly anticipated movie of the summer," said Mark Mazrimas, marketing manager for independent theater chain Classic Cinemas. However, "this hasn't been on the screen for so long, (the challenge) is capturing the



DAVID JAMES, Paramount/AP

Harrison Ford stars as Indiana Jones in "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull."

youth."

The brainchild of George Lucas and Steven Spielberg, the franchise kicked off with "Indiana Jones and the Raiders

of the Lost Ark" in 1981, fol-

lowed by "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom" three summers later. "The Last Crusade" was released in 1989,

boosting the worldwide box

office total to \$1.2 billion.

Now, with the buzz sparked, Rich — who declined to make opening weekend predictions

— just wants to keep fans' atten-

tion: "The (only) negative comment from people was that they have to wait until May to see the movie."

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STATE GIRLS BASKETBALL 2008



AMY ROH/Tribune

Above: Sutton's Courtney Spongberg is fouled by Perkins County's Brionne White while shooting in the second quarter of the Class C-2 state championship game Saturday in Lincoln. Left: Sutton's Courtney Stone (left) and Stephanie George react in the final minutes of their 62-49 loss. Below: Sutton's Jamie Van Kirk battles Perkins County's Carlie Sis for a rebound.

Fillies come up short in title game

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LINCOLN — This time, the hole was too deep for Sutton to climb out of.

After rallying from 11 points down in the second half of their state tournament opener Thursday against Elmwood-Murdock, the Fillies couldn't overcome a 9-0 first quarter deficit in falling 62-49 to No. 1 Perkins County in Saturday's Class C-2 championship game at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

The state title was the first in school history for Perkins County (24-0) and comes after the Plainsmen dropped a 60-56 overtime decision to Kearney Catholic in last year's state title game.

Sutton finished the season 23-2 with the fourth runner-up finish in

school history and the second in the past six years.

"Getting off to a good start was big," Perkins County coach Chris Mestle said. "We have had two poor starts the last two days. It's a lot easier down here to play ahead rather than play from behind."

Sarah Wilson scored seven of her game-high 23 points in the first 2:07 of the game as Perkins County jumped out to a 9-0 lead and never trailed, holding off several Sutton runs over the final three quarters.

Sutton got within one point in the third quarter but could never pull even as it lost for the first time since Jan. 22.

"It was a game of runs and we were able to get within one, but it just wasn't enough," Sutton coach Andy Gerlecz said. "Perkins County

is a great team. They are undefeated state champions for a reason."

Wilson scored on a basket in the paint eight seconds into the first quarter in what would become a recurring theme for the game.

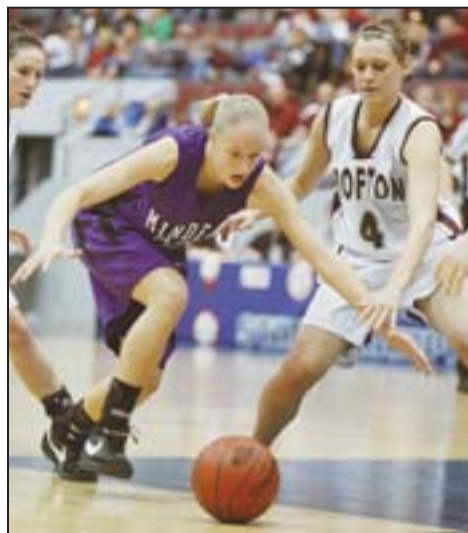
Sutton had a turnover and three missed shots on its first four possessions as Perkins County took advantage of the slow start, getting a putback from Jenni Sis and back-to-back baskets from Wilson, including her only 3-pointer of the game, to take a 9-0 lead with 5:53 left in the first quarter.

"When it comes to games like this, I think there are going to be some jitters," Gerlecz said. "I think that Perkins County playing in this game before was an advantage to them. Give them credit for coming out and getting up 9-0."

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Whippets fall to Crofton in consolation contest



AMY ROH/Tribune

Minden's Lea Ann Jameson goes after a loose ball against Crofton's Katie Sage in the third quarter of the Class C-1 state tournament consolation game Saturday at Pershing Auditorium in Lincoln.

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LINCOLN — Bouncing back from its disappointing 54-26 semifinal loss to Norfolk Catholic on Friday was a tough enough task for Minden. Doing so against three-time defending state champion Crofton proved to be too tall an order for the Whippets.

Minden fell behind 7-0 in the opening two minutes of Saturday's Class C-1 consolation game and never recovered, falling to No. 2 Crofton 65-43 at Pershing Auditorium.

Crofton, which fell to Bishop Neumann 43-38 to miss the state title game for

the first time since 2004, finished the season 24-2 while Minden ended its season 21-4.

"It was tough for our kids to come back after yesterday's debacle. But those kids are great competitors and they came back and gave a great effort," Minden coach Rick Chramosta said. "We just didn't have it in us."

Nicole Van Heek and Morgan Wilken each scored 14 points and Molly Van Heek added 10 as Crofton shot 56 percent from the floor and converted on an impressive 30-of-34 trips to the foul line.

The Warriors hit just two field goals in the second quarter but went 14-of-14 at

the foul line as they built a 32-17 lead at intermission.

"Give a lot of credit to Crofton," Chramosta said. "They made every free throw and played great defense. They are a tough, tough team."

Minden got off to a slow start for the third consecutive day, trailing 13-5 after the first quarter. The Crofton lead grew to as many as 18 in the second quarter.

The Whippets shot 26 percent and were 3-of-6 from the foul line in the first two quarters.

The slow start came after Minden fell behind 23-1 in the second quarter Friday against Norfolk Catholic.

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Whippets happy to have opportunity

LINCOLN — Minden coach Rick Chramosta saw Saturday's Class C-1 consolation game as an opportunity.

A way to at least partially erase the memory of a disappointing semifinal loss, a chance to finish on a high note and send his seniors off with a win.

But Minden wasn't able to finish its outstanding season with a win, falling to No. 2 Crofton 65-43 Saturday at Pershing Auditorium.

Chramosta, though, was at least happy to have the opportunity.

"We didn't have a problem playing today," Chramosta said. "After our game yesterday, the kids wanted to prove they could come out and

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Ryan Murken

LaMaster resigns as AC boys coach

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Saying it's something he's been thinking about for quite awhile, Jim LaMaster is stepping down as the Adams Central boys basketball coach.

"It wasn't a spur of the moment thing," LaMaster said. "I thought it was a good time to go ahead and do so here at the end of the season, and move along so the program can keep moving. ...

"I've always enjoyed my time as coach here at Adams Central. I've enjoyed all the players."

LaMaster resigns after serving as the

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Broncos suffer worst defeat of season in GPAC semis

NORTHWESTERN IMPRESSIVE IN ROUT OVER HASTINGS

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ORANGE CITY, Iowa — For a little more than the first 10 minutes of Saturday's GPAC semifinal game between NAIA Division II No. 4 Hastings College and No. 3 Northwestern, the Broncos looked as impressive as they have all season.

Hastings was efficient on offense, while completely smothering defensively.

Apparently, the Broncos' start was enough of a wake-up call to the Red Raiders — and the team's five senior

starters who are determined to cap their careers on the highest note possible.

Because, from that point on, Northwestern dominated nearly every facet of the game. The result was an impressive 76-59 Red Raider victory at the Bultman Center.

The win moves Northwestern (29-2) into the conference finals, where the team will face NAIA No. 2 Morningside on Tuesday. It also assures the Red Raiders of a spot in the upcoming national tournament — including a likely No. 1 seed — because Morningside was the regular season champion and already had a guaranteed spot.

For Hastings (27-5), it was the team's worst loss since a 71-53 loss at

Briar Cliff in January of 2007. But, the Broncos will enter the national tournament as the first wild card — with Morningside and Northwestern already wrapping up automatic bids, and top-rated College of the Ozarks also earning an automatic bid for winning its conference tournament.

"We should still get a No. 2 seed and be one of the top eight overall seeds in the tournament, which would give us a decent first-round draw," HC coach Tony Hobson said. "We've got a lot of competitive kids, so we should be fine. We'll bounce back from this."

"This was the first 'really good' team we've played since we lost (Lindsay Ducey to injury on Feb. 13). When she was playing, we always had an outlet.

She could always get a shot off. Today, we didn't have that and we struggled."

Hastings led 22-13 at the 9:42 mark of the first half.

At that point, the Broncos were controlling the game with their defense. The team was frustrating the potent Red Raider offense as each defender was physical and in the face of each Northwestern player.

But Northwestern coach Earl Woudstra called a timeout and challenged his team to match HC's intensity — particularly on the defensive end. The players heeded his message as Northwestern put together an 11-2 run over the next two minutes to tie the contest 24-all.

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SMITH CENTER BOYS BBALL

Brookville team led to Bennington 55-51 in the championship game of the Brookville-Ell-Saline Class 2A sub-state basketball tournament Saturday.

Smith Center ended its season with a 22-2 record while Bennington (17-6) advances to this week's state tournament.

State

CREIGHTON EDGES BRADLEY IN 2 OT

OMAHA — Creighton and Bradley played 50 minutes and scored 221 combined points at Qwest Center Omaha Saturday just to decide which jerseys they'll wear when they meet again Friday in the opening round of the Missouri Valley Conference tournament in St. Louis.

Cavel Witter doubled his career-high with 42 points, and scored the last 10 for the Bluejays in double overtime to lead Creighton to a 111-110 victory. The win clinched the fourth seed for the Jays (20-9, 10-8) for the upcoming MVC tourney, as well as their 10th consecutive 20-win season.

The Braves (17-14, 9-9), who beat Creighton by 28 points two weeks ago, had a chance to win the game at the buzzer in regulation and both overtime periods. Theron Wilson was called for an offensive foul as time expired the first time, Daniel Ruffin missed in overtime and Sam Singh came up short at the final horn.

Bradley scored the first nine points of the game and led by as many as 12 before intermission. The Jays responded with a 26-7 run to lead 41-34 at the break. They pushed their lead to 17 early in the second half.

But Bradley rallied with 12 straight points to get back in the game.

Ruffin and Jeremy Crouch, who had career highs with 30 and 29 points, respectively, led a second-half charge that saw the Braves score in 11 consecutive possessions at one point.

However, Witter always had an answer for Creighton, scoring 32 points after halftime.

Nation

EDWARDS WINS AGAIN

LAS VEGAS — Carl Edwards raced to his second win in six days, holding off Dale Earnhardt Jr. on a pair of late restarts Sunday at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

Edwards, who scored his first win of the season in Monday's rain-postponed event in California, celebrated win No. 2 with his trademark backflip. The victory moved Edwards to the top of the Sprint Cup points standings for the first time in his career.

It was the sixth victory for team owner Jack Roush in 11 races at Las Vegas, and it ended Jimmie Johnson's string of three straight wins in the desert.

The Associated Press

AC: LaMaster resigns

Continued from page B1 Patriots' head coach for the past 10 years.

Competing in Class B for the first time since LaMaster took over the program, Adams Central went 13-7 this past season. The Patriots started the year 12-0 before losing seven of their last eight games, including the final six.

The ending to the season had nothing to do with the decision, LaMaster said.

"I had my mind made up, maybe even before Christmas," LaMaster said. "I just didn't say anything and didn't want to say anything. I didn't think it was anybody's business and I didn't want it to affect anything going on with the season."

LaMaster compiled a 131-87 record during his 10 years at Adams Central, coaching the Patriots to the state tournament in 2000, 2005 and 2006. LaMaster, who has been a head coach at the high school level for 17 years, picked up his 200th career win this season. LaMaster, who has a career record of 211-159, was at Gothenburg before coming to Adams Central.

LaMaster's assistants this year were Tom Slechta and Zeb Noyd. Slechta was the head coach at Kearney Catholic during the 2005-06 season.

Activities Director Jim Landwehr called LaMaster an "outstanding person and coach" who "worked great with the kids."

Landwehr said no timetable has been set for the search for a new coach, saying it is something that will be addressed shortly.

Adams Central loses five seniors, including four starters, from this year's roster.

"I know whoever takes over doesn't get a bare cupboard," LaMaster said. "Things will move right along."

LaMaster said he will continue to teach and probably will help with some junior high basketball.

"I'm not just going away," he said. "I just wanted less time commitment. I've been doing this for 25

HC: Broncos suffer worst defeat of season

Continued from page B1 Hastings scored two more baskets, while holding Northwestern scoreless from the 7:26 mark to the 4:44 mark, and that's when the Red Raiders put together another run.

Northwestern finished the first half with a 14-3 run — taking a 38-31 lead into the locker room at half-time. The only HC basket during the final five minutes of the half was a 3-pointer from Kay Broekemeier with 37 seconds left.

The first-half burst was capped with 0.7 seconds remaining as the Red Raiders received a gift from the Broncos. Hastings tried to throw an inbounds pass with 0.7 seconds on the clock, but the pass down court sailed out of bounds without a Bronco player able to touch it. As a result, Northwestern got the ball under its own basket without any time elapsed.

The Red Raiders converted on the ensuing play as Miranda Boekhout scored an uncontested layup at the buzzer.

"That's when the game was decided — the end of the first half," Hobson said. "We had a chance to go into the locker room up four or six points, but instead we're trailing."

"We didn't have any energy after about the first 12 minutes or so. We

looked tired. We couldn't sustain any type of momentum and it wasn't from lack of effort. The girls were digging down, there just wasn't anything there."

Hastings was limited in the game — playing without Ducey — as both Broekemeier and Kim Faimon were limited in minutes with minor injuries.

But, while Hastings' energy waned, Northwestern's picked up. The Red Raiders continued with the momentum in the second half — keeping the Broncos at bay.

Hastings cut the margin to 41-36 at the 16:15 mark following a layup from Faimon. The sophomore had a chance to turn the steal into a three-point play as she was fouled on the bucket, but she was unable to convert the free throw.

The miss was just another sign of things to come in the final half for HC as the team went ice cold from the field.

After hitting 36 percent of their field goals in the first half, the Broncos managed just 28 percent in the final 20 minutes. The team was also a paltry 6-of-16 from the foul line and just 2-of-16 from beyond the 3-point arc in the final half.

"If you only hit 6-of-16 free throws in the second half, there's no

way you can make up any ground," Hobson said. "When we were able to get to the basket and get a call, if you miss your free throws, that's a momentum killer."

"We had a couple of chances to cut into their lead and we were getting good looks at some 3s. We just couldn't get one to fall."

Hastings cut the deficit to 45-40 at the 13:01 mark as Rachael Van Kirk scored on an assist from Haruka Yamashita. But, Woudstra called another timeout and his team responded with a 13-3 run to take a comfortable 58-43 lead with 8:17 left to play.

At that point in the final half, Hastings was just 5-for-17 from the field and 1-for-8 beyond the 3-point arc.

"Any time you play Hastings, you know you're going to get a great game. It made a big difference for them, the fact that Ducey was out and we were fortunate that they didn't shoot the ball well," Woudstra said. "They really had us back on our heels early. They were attacking us. But I felt we became the aggressor and we started defending better over the last 10 or so minutes of the first half. Our kids are especially motivated this year — they wanted to protect our home court."

The Broncos never got closer than

12 points the rest of the way as the Red Raiders hit on 11-of-12 free throws in the final 3:44 to seal the win.

No Bronco starter reached double figures in scoring. Hastings was led by Heather McKeon's 13 points and eight rebounds. Faimon added 10 points and six steals. Van Kirk and Broekemeier both finished with nine points.

Four out of the five Northwestern starters reached double figures in scoring, led by Deb Remmerde's 23 points (on 9-of-13 shooting).

Hastings (59) Breanna Lien 1-3 0-2, Rachael Van Kirk 4-11 0-0 9, Haruka Yamashita 2-10 1-2 5, Kay Broekemeier 3-10 0-9, Rachel Isherwood 2-8 1-6 5, Alyssa Farmer 0-1 0-0, Kim Faimon 4-7 2-10, Sarah Cambridge 2-3 0-5, Maggie Schmadeler 0-0-0 0, Heather McKeon 4-13 4-13, Amber Kulow 0-2 1-2 1, Team 22-58 9-20 59.

Sutton: Fillies come up short in championship

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Sutton, which gave up 54 and 40 points in its two previous state tournament games and allowed just 35 points per game for the season, had a hard time slowing Perkins County on offense as the Plainsmen shot 61 percent from the field.

Senior post player Carlie Sis finished with 17 points on 8-of-8 shooting and Debra Johnson added 10 to go with 23 from Wilson.

"They deserve to be the champions. We couldn't guard them," Gerlec said. "We thought we would have to score at least 60 to win this game and we didn't get there."

Sutton rebounded from the slow start, trailing 19-14 after one quarter and cutting the lead to 23-19 with a 5-0 burst featuring back-to-back baskets by Jamie Van Kirk midway through the second quarter.

Van Kirk and junior point guard Courtney Spongberg combined for 20

of the Fillies' 24 first-half points. Spongberg finished with 19 points while Van Kirk added 12.

"They made a run at us and we got down early. But our kids did a great job of being resilient," Gerlec said. "I knew we weren't ever going to give up. That's a credit to our kids."

Trailing 36-26 with 4:51 left in the third quarter, Sutton cut the lead to one at 36-35 with a 9-0 run featuring a pair of 3-pointers from Spongberg and one by senior Courtney Stone.

Perkins County responded by ending the quarter with a 13-5 run to take a 49-40 lead when Johnson's 3-pointer at the end of the quarter rolled around the rim and dropped through at the buzzer.

"It was just an absolute team effort to answer every time," Mestle said.

"Sutton has a great team. They shoot the ball, they pass the ball and they epitomize the word 'team' by playing together the way that they do."

Sutton couldn't get any closer than

eight in the final quarter as the Plainsmen hit 7-of-9 free throws to hold on for the victory.

Stephanie George added nine points and a game-high eight rebounds for Sutton while Van Kirk finished with five assists for the Fillies.

"I'm really proud of our kids," Gerlec said. "It's great for our team and community to be here. I'm proud of the way they competed. It just didn't work out."

Sutton (49)

Logan Rath 2-9 0-2 4, Jamie Van Kirk 5-9 0-0 12, Courtney Spongberg 6-11 3-4 19, Courtney Stone 1-6 1-2 4, Claire Bergen 0-1 0-0 0, Stephanie George 4-9 1-1 9, Brittany Stone 0-1 0-0 0, Jessica Osterhaus 0-1 1-2 1, Team 18-47 6-11 49.

Perkins County (62)

Carlie Sis 8-8 1-1 17, Brionne White 2-3 0-0 4, Debra Johnson 2-9 5-7 10, Jenni Sis 4-4 0-0 8, Sara Wilson 8-16 6-8 23, Brittany Ross 0-1 0-0 0, Team 24-41 12-16 62.

Minden (21-3).....5 12 10 16 — 43
Crofton (23-2).....13 19 15 18 — 65
Three-point field goals — SUT 7-15 (Van Kirk 2-4, Spongberg 4-8, C. Stone 1-2, B. Stone 0-1), PC 2-11 (Johnson 1-5, Wilson 1-6). Rebounds — SUT 26 (George 8), PC 26 (Wilson 7). Turnovers — SUT 11, PC 12. Total Fouls — SUT 15, PC 8. Fouled out — none. Technicals — none.

Murken: Minden happy just to have opportunity

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get something done. So we were happy to have a game."

Minden was one of 12 teams in the state to have its season extended by the addition of consolation games as Nebraska instituted a third place-game for the first time this season following the model set forth by many other states around the country.

All of Nebraska's border states have consolation games while states like South Dakota and Wyoming guarantee teams three games at state by playing fifth- and seventh-place games.

The consolation games were certainly the talk of the tournament over the weekend in Lincoln, receiving mixed reviews. At least on Saturday, Chramosta was one coach who was more than happy to take the court one final time.

"After yesterday when we didn't shoot the ball very well at all, we were happy to have a third-place game to see what we could get done today," Chramosta said. "I don't know (about keeping the game) so I'm not going to say yes or no. But we needed another game after yesterday and this happened to be the game. So we are happy to have it."

Some coaches, players, fans and media members have labeled the games as worthless or a waste of time. But judging by the effort the Minden girls gave Saturday, they certainly didn't have a problem playing one more game.

The large contingent of Minden supporters on hand Saturday, including the pep band and the group of students that attended, all seemed fine with watching the Whippets one more time.

Watching senior Lea Ann Jameson struggle in pain while trying to find a way to sit down each time she went to the bench or seeing fellow senior Ann Ahrens return to the game with gauze stopping a bloody nose, it didn't appear

they would rather be at home.

When Lindsey Sitorius launched herself headfirst out of bounds and nearly into the courtside media tables while successfully saving a ball in the first half, she hardly looked like she was playing in a game that didn't matter.

"Once we tipped it up, it didn't feel like a third-place game to me," Chramosta said. "It felt like a game of competition."

One question that was asked more than once this weekend was whether or not it was fair to make a team that had been devastated by a loss and fallen short of its ultimate goal in Friday's semifinal turn around and play less than 24 hours later.

Isn't that one of the greatest life lessons student-athletes should learn from athletics? That life and sports aren't easy and you may be knocked down, but you have to get right back up.

If you watched Minden play on Saturday, even in defeat, you have a feeling they have already learned that lesson.

◆ Lawrence-Nelson's opening round performance against top-ranked Bancroft-Rosalie was even more impressive after watching what the Panthers did to their next two state tournament foes.

Bancroft-Rosalie hammered fifth-seed Arapahoe 75-36 in the semifinals before earning the second championship in school history with a 68-35 pasting of No. 2 Pope John in the title game.

Lawrence-Nelson was the only team to hold a lead on Bancroft-Rosalie in the state tournament as the Panthers became the 56th team since 1984 to finish a season as undefeated state champions.

The Panthers hit an amazing 10-of-11 three-point field goals on their way to a 33-point win over Pope John, the second most lopsided state championship game in the 25 year history of D-1.

After trailing the Raiders 29-15 in the

first round on Thursday, Bancroft-Rosalie outscored their opponents 182-89 in the next 10 quarters.

◆ Kudos to the Minden fans that stuck around for Saturday's consolation game along with the pep band and large group of students.

Minden had the largest following for a consolation game all day, dwarfing the cheering sections for nearby schools like Lincoln Pius X.

The Minden students even provided some entertainment during a nearly 15-minute delay when the scoreboard went off by starting the wave around Pershing Auditorium.

The ovation that the Whippet faithful waiting outside the locker room after the game gave to each and every player as they emerged was a fitting end to the season.

◆ On a weekend where top-seeded teams won four of the six state titles, Ewing was the tournament's Cinderella for the second year in a row.

The fifth-seeded Tigers won their second straight state title in Class D-2, defeating top-seeded Falls City Sacred Heart 57-51 in the semifinals before downing second-seeded Pleasanton 45-44 in the state title game.

Ewing, ranked No. 5 coming into the tournament, was the only repeat champion in 2008 after winning the D-2 crown last season as a No. 6 seed.

While Crofton and Humphrey St. Francis were both denied their fourth straight titles this season, the Tigers could be next in line for dynasty status as they started two sophomores and two juniors this season.

The Tigers top three scorers and rebounders will all be back next season.

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AMY ROH/Tribune

Minden's Ann Ahrens shoots against Crofton's Molly Van Heek in the third quarter of the Class C-1 consolation game Saturday in Lincoln.

Minden: Whippets fall in consolation game to Crofton

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"It wasn't as bad, but I don't know what it was," Chramosta said of the slow start. "We shot the ball poorly again, never got to the foul line. Everything we did get, we had to work so hard for. Defensively, we didn't play that great. Maybe they are just that much better than us. I don't know."

Trailing 13-5 after one quarter, Minden cut the lead to two at 13-11 on back-to-back 3-pointers by senior Lea Ann Jameson. But the Whippets got no closer as Crofton responded with a 13-1 run that pushed the lead to 26-12.

Minden played much of the second quarter without its top two leading scorers as Jameson and fellow senior Ann Ahrens picked up their third fouls before halftime.

With Jameson and Ahrens on the bench, Crofton used its size advantage as the 6-foot-1 Wilken and the 5-9 Nicole Van Heek combined to score 11 of the Warriors' 19 second-quarter points.

Crofton finished with a 29-13 rebounding advantage that included nine offensive rebounds.

"We got in huge foul trouble without a question," Chramosta said. "They were bigger than us and we had a tough time with

that. But we battled, we battled."

Jameson finished with a team-high 11 points before fouling out with five minutes left while Ahrens added 10 points and five rebounds.

In their final game, Minden seniors Rebecca Peltz, Samantha Van Pool, Ahrens and Jameson combined for 27 of the Whippets' 43 points.

"It will be sad day in Minden in two-and-a-half months when those seniors graduate," Chramosta said. "They have meant a lot to not just the basketball program but everything at Minden. Those four kids are super individuals and that is what you want your daughters to grow up to be — something like that."

Minden (43)

Samantha Van Pool 2-5 1-2 6, Brittany Chramosta 0-1 0-0 0, Lindsey Sitorius 1-8 0-0 3, Lea Ann Jameson 3-10 2-5 11, Ann Ahrens 4-9 2-2 10, Brittannie Hollinger 2-2 2-4 7, Katerine Kristensen 2-2 0-1 4, McKenna tenBensel 1-1 0-0 2, Team 15-38 7-14 43.

Crofton (65)

Katie Sage 0-0 2-2 2, Jordan Sanger 2-3 0-0 4, Nicole Van Heek 4-8 5-5 14, Jenna Guenther 0-0 2-2 2, Kristin Steffen 2-3 0-0 4, Bridgett Lancaster 0-0 6-9 6, Caitlin Jones 2-4 5-5 9, Molly Van Heek 5-7 0-1 10, Morgan Wilken 2-5 10-10 14, Team 17-30 30-34 65.

Minden (21-3).....5 12 10 16 — 43
Crofton (23-2).....13 19 15 18 — 65

Three-point field goals — M 6-13 (Van Pool 1-3, Chramosta 0-1, Sitorius 1-3, Jameson 3-5, Hollinger 1-1), C 1-3 (N. Van Heek 1-3). Rebounds — M 13 (Ahrens 5), C 29 (Van Heek 6). Turnovers — M 15, C 19. Total Fouls — M 21, C 17. Fouled out — M (Jameson), C (Wilken). Technicals — none.

Oklahoma State continues surge, stops hot Huskers

JEFF LATZKE

The Associated Press

STILLWATER, Okla. — Byron Eaton and his teammates don't have to hide anymore. Oklahoma State is back to respectability.

Eaton scored 20 points and the Cowboys continued their surge from the bottom of the Big 12 standings with a 77-63 victory against Nebraska on Saturday. It was the fifth straight win for

Oklahoma State since a 21-point loss at Kansas State last month that had Cowboys players dreading going out in public in their team sweat suits. Now, Eaton said players are being greeted by fellow students who want to sit down and eat lunch with them.

"It feels a lot better when you're at the middle of the pack, or toward the top, than it is at the bottom," Eaton said.

Eaton had a pair of 3-pointers from

the right wing as Oklahoma State extended its lead with a 13-3 run early in the second half. He stepped back before banking in the first, and his second 3-pointer pushed the Cowboys' lead to 48-34 with 11:54 to play.

After the teams traded baskets, Eaton ripped the ball away from Ade Dagunduro on the fast break and made it downcourt in time to field a loose ball under the basket and convert a layup.

Nebraska completes four-game sweep over UC-Riverside with 13-1 win

HASTINGS TRIBUNE

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LINCOLN — The Nebraska baseball team completed a four-game sweep with a 13-1 win over UC-Riverside on Sunday.

Aaron Pribanic made his first Division I start a memorable one, tossing a five-hitter in the Huskers' seven-inning win over UC-Riverside on a chilly afternoon at Haymarket Park.

Pribanic, a junior right-hander from Plano, Texas, fanned five

and scattered five singles in the game that shortened to seven innings because of the run-rule.

"Aaron's throwing well right now and throwing strikes," NU coach Mike Anderson said. "He's made so many nice adjustments from a mechanical standpoint from the fall until now. (Pitching coach Eric Newman) has done an incredible job with him."

"He's very composed. You have a day like this, and it's a tough day to pitch in. That's four

quality starts for us this weekend and we feel really good about that."

The Huskers' win Sunday came after the Huskers swept a doubleheader Saturday, winning 10-4 in the first game and rallying for a 5-2 victory in the second game.

Nebraska is now 5-2 while UC-Riverside, which won the Big West Conference last year and split a pair of games at the Tempe (Ariz.) regional last season

against Nebraska, fell to 2-7 with its third straight loss.

Pribanic was aided by a quick start from the Husker bats as Nebraska jumped out to an 11-0 lead after three innings of play.

The Huskers, who swept a four-game series for the first time in nearly three years, pounded out 14 hits. Jake Opitz, who drove in three runs, had three hits while Jake Mort, Cody Neer and Bryce Nimmo each had two hits and two RBIs.

Opitz got the Huskers going in the bottom of the first with an RBI single to right that scored Mort for the game's first run. Two batters later, Mitch Abeita made it a 2-0 on an RBI single to center.

Nebraska chased UC-Riverside starter Eddie Orozco in the second, sending 11 men to the plate in a five-run outburst. Neer was the catalyst in the frame, going 2-for-2 with a double and a two-run RBI single. Craig Corriston, DJ Belfonte and Opitz

all added run-scoring hits as Orozco allowed six runs on seven hits in just 1 2/3 innings to take the loss.

"We were very aggressive and had good discipline at the plate today," Anderson said. "With a freshman on the mound, we wanted to get at them offensively and start attacking early."

The Huskers return to action Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 with a home game against Nebraska-Kearney.

Hastings College roundup

HC MEN'S TENNIS

LINCOLN — The Hastings College men's tennis team fell to Nebraska Wesleyan 9-0 Saturday.

Nebraska Wesleyan 9, Hastings College 0

Singles

No. 1 — Jamie Holmes, NWU, defeated Wil Hotz, HC; 6-4, 7-6 (8-6)

No. 2 — Nate Anderson, NWU, defeated Toby Martinez, HC; 7-5, 6-2

No. 3 — Eric Holmes, NWU, defeated Tyler Benson, HC; 6-7 (8-10), 6-1, 10-6

No. 4 — Eric Tesmer, NWU, defeated Travis Bronson, HC; 6-0, 6-3

No. 5 — Eric Hansen, NWU, defeated Jason Huff, HC; 7-6 (7-5), 6-2

No. 6 — Michael Larsen, NWU, defeated Matt Kern, HC; 6-0, 6-3

Doubles

No. 1 — Holmes/Holmes, NWU, defeated Benson/Hotz, HC; 8-2

No. 2 — Tesmer/Anderson, NWU, defeated Bronson/Martinez, HC; 8-5

No. 3 — Hanson/Larsen, NWU, defeated Huff/Nathan Wigtger, HC; 8-0

HC WOMEN'S TENNIS

LINCOLN — The Hastings College women's tennis team fell to Nebraska Wesleyan 7-2 Saturday. Picking up wins for the Broncos were No. 1 singles player Alexia Spencer and No. 5 singles player Ashley Potrzeba.

Nebraska Wesleyan 7, Hastings College 2

Singles

No. 1 — Alexia Spencer, HC, defeated Mikayla Albin, NWU; 6-1, 6-2

No. 2 — Mikaela Caudill, NWU, defeated Tassi Herrick, HC; 6-2, 6-1

No. 3 — Chelsea Henslee, NWU, defeated Kelly Hogan, HC; 6-2, 6-0

No. 4 — Alex Yeagley, NWU, defeated Stephanie

Larson, HC; 7-6 (7-3), 6-4

No. 5 — Ashley Potrzeba, HC, defeated Lexie Zoucha, NWU; 6-4, 3-6, 10-5

No. 6 — Becca Brown, NWU, defeated Courtney LaChance, HC; 6-0, 6-1

Doubles

No. 1 — Albin/Brown, NWU, defeated Herrick/Spencer, HC; 8-6

No. 2 — Caudill/Yeagley, NWU, defeated Hogan/Molly Lachnit, HC; 9-7

No. 3 — Henslee/Sara Howe, NWU, defeated LaChance/Amber Pierce, HC; 8-2

HC SOFTBALL

The Hastings College softball team opened its season with a pair of doubleheader splits over the weekend at the Smith Softball Complex.

On Saturday, the Broncos dropped its first 4-3 to Bethany (Kan.) College

before rebounding to win the second game 3-2.

On Sunday, the Broncos downed Kansas Wesleyan 13-5 in the first game before dropping game two 7-6.

The Broncos return to action Wednesday at York College in a doubleheader at 5 p.m.

HC BASEBALL

SALINA, Kan. — The Hastings College baseball team 1-1 over the weekend, defeating Central Christian 14-3 Saturday before falling to Kansas Wesleyan 7-3 in the Broncos's second game of the day.

Hastings' doubleheader against

Kansas Wesleyan scheduled for Sunday was canceled because of rain.

In the win over Central Christian, the Broncos totaled four home runs. Josh Mondragon had a pair of 3-run homers to lead Hastings at the plate. Chris Denny had a grand slam and a double in the win. Pat Morey had the Broncos' other home run. Alex Kucera picked up the win on the mound.

No information was available from the Broncos' loss to Kansas Wesleyan

The Broncos (4-7) return to action Saturday for their home opener in a doubleheader against Northern State. First pitch is set for 1 p.m. at Duncan Field.

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Astrograph



TUESDAY, MARCH 4

Although you will find many more constructive collaborators willing to team up with you in the year ahead, new endeavors in which you engage may be more for social purposes than for commercial arrangements.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You're more of a loner than you are a joiner, yet if conditions allow you to be an observer rather than a participant, this could satisfy an inner need to learn what others are up to.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Circumstances may unfold in such a manner that you find yourself in the position to be a true friend to someone you now consider merely an acquaintance. Take advantage of the opportunity to do so.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You can accomplish far more if you focus your efforts on mental endeavors instead of physical ones. Things you were never able to communicate in the past can be expressed now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It's far more important what you think about your ideas than what associates do. Their goals and yours may be worlds apart, so stick to your game plan and don't be swayed away.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Limit your time to ventures or activities that depend upon your talents and expertise, not on cash investments. Your concepts and imagination will have greater value than your financial position.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) In order to gain the support of your associates, you must first be willing to look at things from their point of view. Once you're willing to appreciate their ideas, they will, in turn, accept yours.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You have two choices as to what you do with your time. You can waste it foolishly, generate guilt and lessen your feelings of self-worth, or you can be industrious, productive and end up liking yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Engaging in a momentary social diversion will do you a world of good; so don't merely look at it as a waste of time. Taking a little time to relax and recharge your batteries will get you further faster.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If it takes shelving your other interests for the moment in order to focus on a serious domestic situation, do so. There is nothing more important than your family, and you should make them your priority.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If there is something new you need or want to learn about, now is the time to take it on. Chances are you will be able to absorb and retain what you learn more readily than usual.

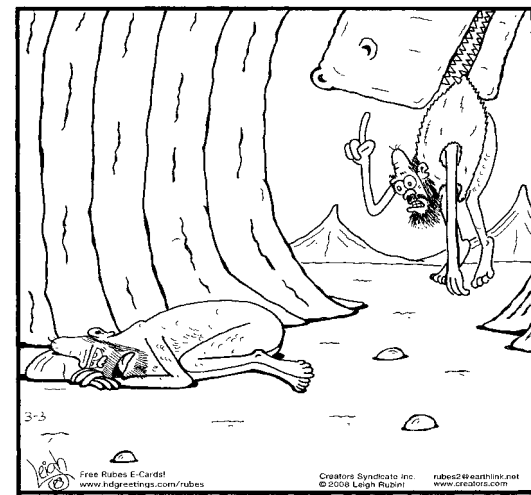
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Opportunities or ideas you get for ways and means to advance your financial position should be given serious consideration. Save them for use later on, even if you are unable to get them off the drawing board now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Avoid entanglements that would impede your ability to be your own person. You will not function well unless you can think and act on your own without dictates from others.

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Rubes

By Leigh Rubin



"Don't be ridiculous. Dinosaurs don't live among us. That sort of thing only happens in cartoons."

The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



"I think it's about time Old Man Winter took a summer vacation."

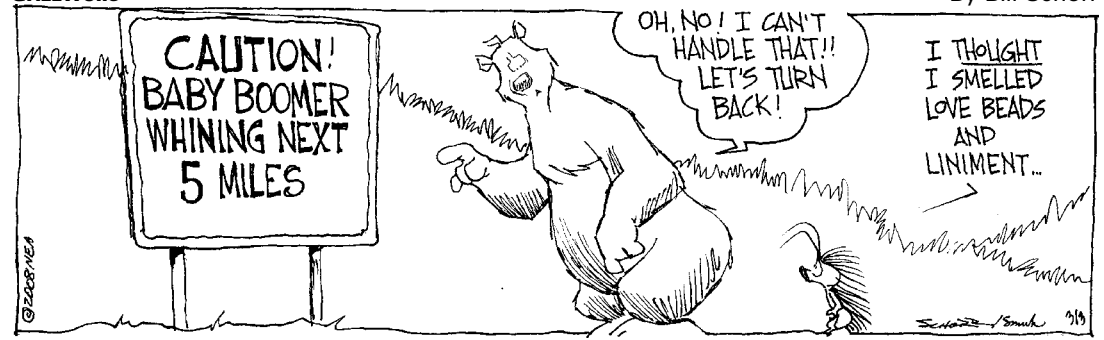
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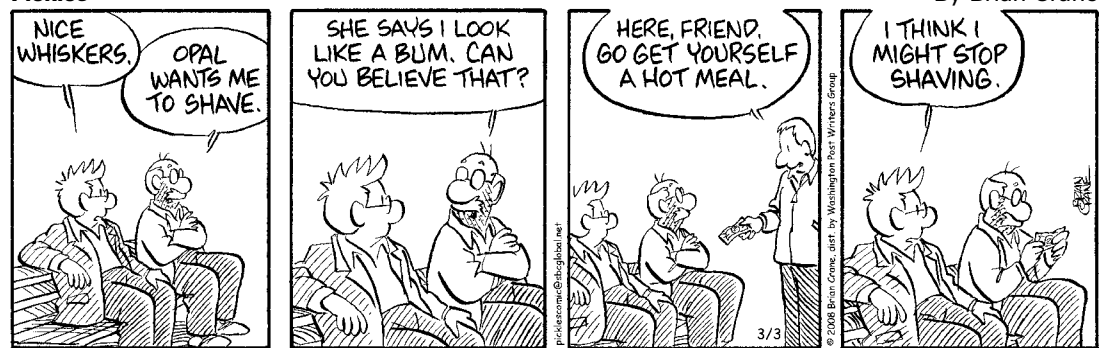
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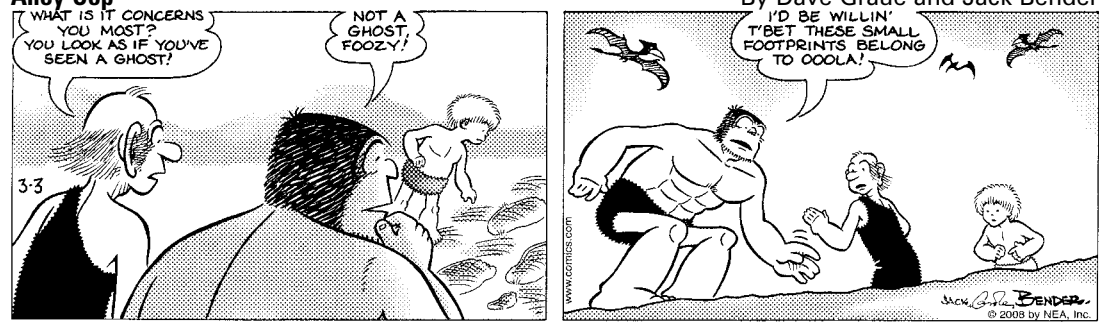
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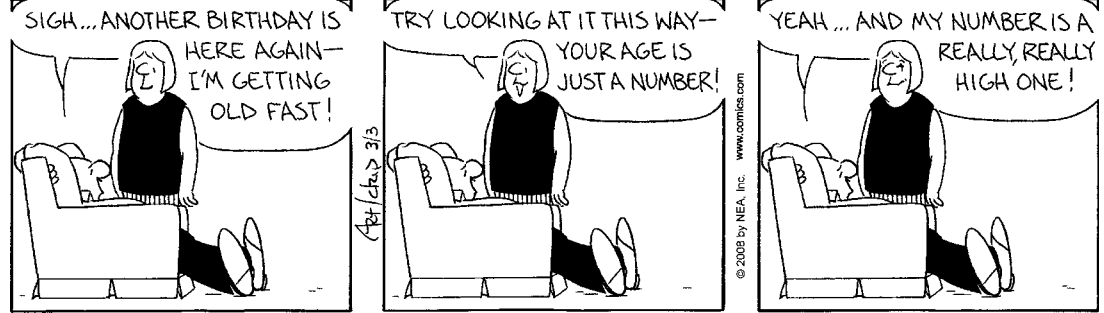
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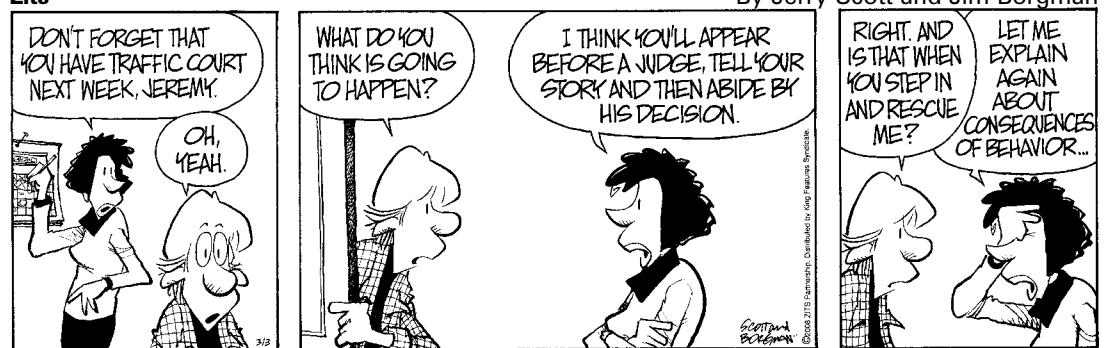
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By Jim Davis



Zits

By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



Active mom's kidney disease comes as unwelcome surprise

DEAR ABBY: I was a healthy, vibrant mother of one with a steady government job. I saw my doctor regularly for checkups, since both my parents have high blood pressure. As an active, health-conscious vegetarian, I thought I was at my physical peak.



Dear Abby

When I experienced nausea and lower back pain, I expected my doctor to tell me my 4-year-old daughter was going to have a sister or brother. Instead, I was informed that my kidneys were barely working and I needed to see a specialist at once. That's when my life began spinning out of control. I was told I would need dialysis to keep me alive!

How could this happen? Where were the warning signs and symptoms? Why wasn't my kidney function checked during previous doctor visits? There were no answers to these questions.

No one in my family was able to donate a kidney to me because everyone had high blood pressure. So I went on dialysis and learned everything I could about kidney disease. After 10 years of dialysis, I finally received a successful kidney transplant.

Many people don't realize that high blood pressure and diabetes are the two leading causes of kidney disease. More than 26 million Americans have chronic kidney disease, and millions more are at risk. Screening for kidney function is not part of a routine physical examination, and kidney disease generally shows no symptoms — so if you have a family history of high blood pressure or diabetes, you are at risk.

Simple blood and urine tests could save your life. So please don't put off what you can take care of today. Tomorrow could be too late. — DAWN P. EDWARDS, LAKE SUCCESS, N.Y.

DEAR DAWN: Thank you for your

informative eye-opener of a letter. I am pleased that you finally got your kidney transplant because I know what a life-changing difference it has made for you and your daughter — truly a new beginning.

Readers, March is National Kidney Month, and March 13 is World Kidney Day. That's the day the National Kidney Foundation holds free screenings in 30 cities across the country. The screening program is called "KEEP" or Kidney Early Evaluation Program.

You can learn more about kidney disease by visiting www.kidney.org. To find the KEEP screening nearest you, log onto www.keeponline.org, or call the National Kidney Foundation toll-free at 800-622-9010.

DEAR ABBY: I have been going through a very selective interview process toward getting the job of my dreams. The problem is, I have a vacation planned for three months from now. When is the correct time to inform my prospective employer of this preplanned, prepaid and non-refundable trip? (It's my husband's dream vacation, and I would hate to have to let him down.) — MS. PROFESSIONAL IN CLEVELAND, GA.

DEAR MS. PROFESSIONAL: Inform your prospective employer immediately that you have a prepaid vacation planned. The person doing the hiring will respect you for doing so, and you should not lose out on the "job of your dreams."

I am speaking from personal experience when I say this because when I hired my personal assistant, Sherry, she let me know during the interview that she had not one but two trips planned. I respected her candor, hired her, and consider her to be one of the major blessings in my life.

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Frugal Living — Make your standard dinners supreme

BY SARA NOEL

You need side dishes that are so simple and delicious that they become center stage. Opening a can is convenient, but if you're been relying on that, you've got to try the following recipes that will give a fresh twist to your side dishes. All three taste fantastic the next day, so they're perfect to make ahead.

- Fettuccine Alfredo: 10 ounces fettuccine pasta or wide egg noodles, 1/4 to 1/2 cup butter, 3 to 4 cloves garlic, crushed, 1/4 large onion, diced, 2 tablespoons flour, 1 cup heavy cream, 1 egg yolk, 1-1/2 to 2 cups fresh Parmesan cheese, grated, parsley, dried or fresh to taste. Cook's note: The amount of butter you use depends on how much onion and garlic you use. If the sauce is too thick, thin it with milk. Add broccoli and chicken to make it a main dish. Add pasta to a large pot of boiling water and cook until al dente; drain and set aside. In a large pot, melt butter and add the garlic and onion. Cook on low heat for 5 minutes, stirring often, until vegetables soften. Whisk in

- flour 1 tablespoon at a time to make a roux. Pour 1/4 cup of the heavy cream into a small bowl. Add egg yolk and beat together with a fork; set aside. Pour the remaining 3/4 cup of heavy cream into the pot. Increase the heat to medium. As the cream starts to bubble, whisk while gradually adding the cream/egg mix. Continue whisking until well blended. Add 1 cup Parmesan cheese, and continue to whisk the cream mixture in the pot. Pour in the remaining Parmesan and parsley, and mix until smooth. Immediately remove from stove. Add pasta to pot and toss to combine. Sweet and Savory Carrots: 1 (16-ounce) package fresh baby carrots, 1/4 cup butter, 1/4 cup brown sugar, 1/2 packet dry ranch-dressing mix. Boil or steam carrots. Drain if boiled. Melt butter in a medium saucepan over low heat. Add brown sugar and stir until dissolved. Add ranch mix, then add carrots and stir until ranch mix is dissolved and carrots are coated and glazed. Cranberry Wild Rice: 7-1/2 cups chicken broth, 1 cup dried cranberries, 6 tablespoons butter, 1 cup wild rice

- 2 cups brown rice, 1 cup slivered almonds, salt and pepper to taste. In a small saucepan, bring 1/2 cup broth to a boil. Stir in dried cranberries and mix until coated. Remove from heat, don't drain broth, and set aside. In a medium saucepan, bring 3 cups of broth and 2 tablespoons of butter to a boil. Add wild rice, cover and simmer on low heat for an hour or until the rice is tender and broth has absorbed. In a separate large saucepan, combine 4 tablespoons butter, 4 cups of broth and the brown rice. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 40 minutes or until rice is tender and broth has absorbed. In a skillet, saute the almonds in 2 tablespoons of butter until lightly browned. In a bowl, combine the wild rice, brown rice, cranberry/broth mixture and almonds, and season with salt and pepper. Cook's note: If there's still a bit of broth that doesn't absorb, either drain it off or place your rice in a covered baking dish with the temperature on warming. To keep the cost down, make with all brown rice, use margarine and rehydrate cranberries with water instead of broth.

Markets

Monday's noon
local markets

Table with 2 columns: Commodity, Price. Includes Corn, Soybeans, Milo, Wheat.

Stocks of local interest

The following stocks of local interest were traded today:

Table with 3 columns: Stock Name, Last Price, Change. Includes BN Santa Fe, Berkshire Hathaway A, etc.

Red Cloud sets annual ag, home showcase

HASTINGS TRIBUNE
The Red Cloud Chamber of Commerce will sponsor its annual Ag and Home Expo here March 12.

The event runs 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Red Cloud Community Center. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Local and area businesses and organizations will be present throughout the day with booths explaining their products and services.

A program of speakers also is planned, with the following talks scheduled:

◆ Noon: "Information on the 2008 Farm Bill," Terri Post, Webster County Farm Service Agency

◆ 1 p.m.: "Methamphetamine Update," Susan Brown, extension educator, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

◆ 2 p.m.: "Lawn and Garden Insects," Ron Seymour, extension educator, UNL

◆ 3 p.m.: "Republican River Basin Water Issues," Mike Clements, general manager, Lower Republican Natural Resources District

◆ 4 p.m.: "Ag Issues from A-Z," Dewey Lienemann, extension educator, UNL

◆ 5 p.m.: "Twin Valley Weed Management Area Efforts," Merle Illian, director, Twin Valley Weed Management Area

Expo visitors will receive a door prize ticket for each speaker presentation they attend. The winning ticketholder will receive a handmade cedar chest crafted by Gene Chapin from materials provided by Kenny's Lumber Co., of Red Cloud.

Union: Gordon meat plant troubled

TIMBERLY ROSS
The Associated Press

OMAHA — A food workers union is alleging that federal investigators have found dozens of food safety violations at the Agriprocessors slaughterhouse in Gordon.

The United Food & Commercial Workers International Union said Friday that U.S. Department of Agriculture documents show the plant has failed to implement safeguards against "mad cow" disease or E. coli contamination.

The documents said the Local Pride plant operated by Agriprocessors had more than 115 citations from July 2005 to March 2007.

There were more than 30 sanitation violations alleged, including instances of sewage on the kill floor, insect infesta-

tions and pieces of fat littering the employee locker room.

Agriprocessors vice president Sholom Rubashkin said the union's allegations are an attempt to hurt his business because his workers have voted against unionizing for the past three years.

"The union is not the authority for wholesomeness," he said. "All they are trying to do is make these allegations to dirty someone's name and hurt commerce."

But he stopped short of denying the violations: "I don't have to deny it. Every pound of meat that goes out of the facility is USDA certified."

Amanda Eamich, a spokeswoman for the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service, said the violations cited by the union have been corrected and the Gordon

plant is now in compliance.

A union spokesman, Scott Frotman, said the union has no evidence that anyone became ill from eating any of the products produced at the plant and so was not making such an allegation.

Among the findings in the union report:

◆ The plant didn't test any of its beef for E. coli on June 23, 2006, and failed to "retain records of test results for 12 months" thereafter.

◆ On Jan. 17, 2006, the report stated, an inspector noticed a food-safety issue and told the plant manager not ship the beef and lamb slaughtered that day. But, part of the beef and all of the lamb had already been shipped.

Agriprocessors' Local Pride is a kosher-certified plant that pro-

duces Aaron's Best and David's products and hot dogs for Nathan's Famous Kosher Hot Dogs.

Local Pride opened in June 2006 under an agreement between the Rubashkin family of New York and the Oglala Sioux Tribe of South Dakota's Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. The plant employs 60 to 80 workers, according to Rubashkin.

The USDA and the Orthodox Union, the nation's leading kosher certifier, increased their monitoring of the plant in July, after People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals filed a complaint alleging animal mistreatment.

A special prosecutor was named to investigate the claims, but as of Friday, no charges had been filed in Sheridan County District Court. The Rubashkins also own the

world's largest kosher plant, Agriprocessors in Postville, Iowa.

In August of last year, the union issued a report raising concerns about sanitation conditions at the Postville plant, also citing USDA violations.

Rubashkin responded to the allegations at the Postville plant in a Nov. 14 letter to customers. In it, he said, "The food we produce at Agriprocessors is safe and wholesome. You have my word on it."

He also blamed that attack on failed efforts to unionize his workers.

Gordon is in northwest Nebraska, roughly 15 miles from the South Dakota border.

Associated Press Writer Nelson Lampe contributed to this report.

Buffett: U.S. economy essentially in recession already

JOSH FUNK
The Associated Press

OMAHA — Billionaire Warren Buffett said today that the U.S. economy is essentially in a recession even if it hasn't met the technical definition of one yet.

Buffett said the reports he gets from the retail businesses his hold-

ing company owns show a significant slowdown in purchases.

Plus, he said, millions of people have lost equity in their homes because home prices have dropped.

Buffett, who is chairman and CEO of Omaha-based Berkshire Hathaway, appeared on CNBC

Monday to discuss his annual letter to shareholders and take questions. He released the letter Friday along with Berkshire's 2007 financial report.

The technical definition of a recession most economists use is two consecutive quarters of negative growth in the nation's

gross domestic product.

But Buffett said the economy is clearly in a recession "by any commonsense definition."

On Thursday, the Commerce Department reported that the gross domestic product increased at a low 0.6 percent pace in the quarter that ended Dec. 31.

In the July-September quarter, the economy grew at a brisk rate, 4.9 percent.

Gross domestic product measures the value of all goods and services produced in the United States and is the best barometer of the country's economic health.

Adams County property transfers

HASTINGS TRIBUNE
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The following real estate transactions were recorded recently by the Adams County Register of Deeds:

◆ Marie F. Dreher by George Albin Jr. and Sherril A. Albin, her attorneys-in-fact, Sherril Ann Albin and George M. Albin to Gayla M. Boyles: The South 15 feet of Lot 3 and the North 35 feet of Lot 4, Benedict's Subdivision of Block 3, Benedict's Addition to the City of Hastings Jan. 31.

◆ Sherrill F. Nielsen Family Limited Partnership to Alikina Group Inc., a Nebraska corporation: The Southeast Quarter of Section 35, Township 8 North, Range 10 West of the 6th P.M., Adams County except a tract commencing at a point on the East line of said Section which is 990 feet North of the Southeast corner thereof; thence West at a 90 degree angle to said East Section line a distance of 660 feet; thence North parallel to the East Section line 660 feet; thence East 660 feet to said East Section line; and thence South on said East Section line 660 feet to the point of commencement, subject to county road right-of-way on the east side Jan. 31.

◆ Robert L. Albers and Christine S. Albers to John F. Smith and Karen K. Smith: Lot 1 and 2, Block 4, East Broad Street Addition to the City of Hastings Jan. 31.

◆ M. Joan Elley to Steven R. Elley, Charles B. Elley, Brent M. Elley and Lynn M. Bierschenk: Lot 1, except the West 5 feet thereof, Block 2, Kerr's Subdivision of Block 12 and 13 of Lewis' Subdivision of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 11, Township 7 North, Range 10 West of the 6th P.M., in the City of Hastings, subject to a life estate Jan. 31.

◆ Richard D. Warnke and Doris Warnke to Robert L. Warnke: An undivided interest in and to the Southeast Quarter of Section 11, Township 5 North, Range 10 West of the 6th P.M., Adams County Jan. 31.

◆ Robert L. Warnke to Richard D. Warnke

and Doris Warnke: Undivided interest in and to the Southeast Quarter of Section 22, Township 5 North, Range 10 West of the 6th P.M., Adams County Jan. 31.

◆ James L. Schutte and Ronald L. Dickenson to Joshua M. Reinhard and Meghan L. Reinhard: The South 20 feet of Lot 5 and the North 30 feet of Lot 8, in Block 3, Hillside Addition to the City of Hastings Jan. 31.

◆ Robert L. Thomas to Jesse B. Wright and Julie A. Wright: a tract of land situated in the North Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 26, Township 7 North, Range 10 West of the 6th P.M., Adams County Jan. 31.

◆ Westbrook Village, L.L.C., a Nebraska limited liability company to Benjamin W. Mattley and Merisa A. Mattley: Lot 1, Block 2, Eastridge Meadows Second Addition to the City of Hastings Jan. 31.

◆ PRP-Holdings, L.L.C., a Nebraska limited liability company to PRP Holdings-Hastings, L.L.C., a Nebraska limited liability company: Lot 1, Hastings Apartments Second Subdivision, a replat of Lots 17 through 33 inclusive, Block 5, M.J. Smith's Addition to the City of Hastings Jan. 31.

◆ Ernesto A. Rodriguez and Bertha G. Rodriguez to Olga L. Garcia: Lot 8, in Ringland's Subdivision of Block 3, of Palmer's Subdivision of Lots 53 and 54 of Palmer's Addition to the City of Hastings Feb. 1.

◆ Irene Mangers by Richard Mangers, her attorney-in-fact to Vincent S. Shaw: Lot 2, 3 and 4, Block 4, Village of Roseland, Adams County; and the vacated West 10 feet of Logan Avenue abutting said lots on the East Feb. 1.

◆ Michael C. Kunes and Julia L. Kunes to Philip W. VanPatter and Laurie Banzan-VanPatter: Lot 5A, in the replat of Lots 5 and 6, Block 32, St. Joseph's Addition to the City of Hastings Feb. 1.

◆ Scherbarth Inc. to Robert L. Scherbarth: Lot 1, Sunshine Subdivision No. 2, a tract of land located in the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 7

North, Range 11 West of the 6th P.M., Adams County Feb. 1.

◆ Richard Dickerson, Trustee of the Richard Dickerson Revocable Trust to Peggy L. Ballheim: all of Lot 18 and the West 22 1/2 feet of Lot 19, Block 10, Johnson's Addition to the City of Hastings Feb. 1.

◆ Thomas J. Holthus, Esq., Successor Trustee to Wachovia Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of Aegis Asset Backed Securities Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-2: South Half of Lot 5, Block 1, Webster's Addition to the City of Hastings Feb. 5.

◆ Rodney L. Hermann and Becky Jo Hermann to David H. Gartner and Patricia A. Gartner: Lot 2, Gartner Farms' Subdivision, Adams County, subject to road right-of-way on the South Feb. 5.

◆ Gary France, Trustee of the Ralph C. Katzberg Family Trust to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Trustee of the Ralph C. Katzberg Family Trust: An undivided three-fourths interest in the Northwest Quarter of Section 3, Township 8 North, Range 11 West of the 6th P.M., Adams County, subject to distribution upon death of income beneficiary, title shall pass to William P. Ground Jr. in accordance with the conditions of the Trust; The Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 8 North, Range 11 West of the 6th P.M., Adams County; the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 17, Township 8 North, Range 11 West of the 6th P.M., Adams County Feb. 6.

◆ Recontrust Company, Successor Trustee under the Trust Deed to The Bank of New York, Trustee for the benefit of the Certificateholders CWABS, Inc. Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-9: Lot 34, Block 2, Hastings Heights' Subdivision in the City of Hastings Feb. 6.

◆ Lana K. Smith and Theodore R. Smith Jr. to Theodore R. Smith Jr. and Lana K. Smith: Lot 2, Ted Smith Second Subdivision, Adams County Feb. 6.

to Theodore R. Smith Jr. and Lana K. Smith: Lot 2, Smith-Krueger Subdivision, Adams County Feb. 6.

◆ Juan C. Mendoza and Elsa G. Ticas to Juan R. Boner: Lot 1, The Pine Patch Subdivision in the City of Hastings Feb. 6.

◆ Timothy A. Dycus to Reid N. Ayres and Sarah A. Ayres: Dycus Subdivision, Adams County, subject to county road right-of-way across the North Feb. 6.

◆ Irene Mangers; Richard D. Mangers and Linda L. Mangers; Jeanette Schmidt and Bernhardt R. Schmidt; Marcy Leslie and Keith Leslie; and Carol A. Parr and Terry L. Parr to Edward J. Mangers: The North 64 acres of the Southeast Quarter and the South Half of the Northeast Quarter, all in Section 36, Township 7 North, Range 12, West of the 6th P.M., Adams County Feb. 6.

◆ Myron M. Consruck to Edward J. Mangers: All of grantor's undivided interest in and to the North 64 acres of the Southeast Quarter and the South Half of the Northeast Quarter, all in Section 36, Township 7 North, Range 12, West of the 6th P.M., Adams County Feb. 6.

◆ Sherrill F. Nielsen Family Limited Partnership to Scott T. Koch and Ruth E. Koch: a tract of land in the Southeast Quarter of Section 35, Township 8 North, Range 10 West of the 6th P.M., Adams County Feb. 6.

◆ Douglas R. Deane to Robert A. Wallace and Rodney W. Bruntz: an undivided one-half interest in and to Township 8 North, Range 11 West of the 6th P.M., Adams County Section 8: Southwest Quarter Feb. 7.

◆ Walter William Powell and Sandra K. Powell to Robert A. Wallace and Rodney W. Bruntz: An undivided one-half interest in and to Township 8 North, Range 11 West of the 6th P.M., Adams County Section 8: Southwest Quarter Feb. 7.

◆ Robbie J. Ackles to Robert W. Ackles and Thomas A. Ackles, subject to a life estate: Lot 8, Block 1, McKnight's Addition to the City of Hastings Feb. 7.

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I wish to thank my family and friends for their visits, cards and prayers while I was in the hospital and Perkins Pavilion. I also want to thank the staff at Mary Lanning Hospital and Perkins for the care I received during that time. God bless you all. Emily Thompson

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4 Special Notices

CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL Garden: April 1, 2008, deadline for purchasing engraved memorial bricks in memory of a child. Forms may be picked up at Heritage Bank or call 402-726-2207, 462-6011. Donations appreciated!

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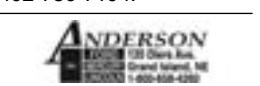
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Sudoku

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

1			8	7	2		4
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Difficulty Level ★

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

SATURDAY'S ANSWERS

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

Difficulty Level *****

45 Services Offered

GRANDFATHER AND mantle clock cleaning, oiling and adjustment. 308-832-2644, 308-830-0502.

47 Financial/Loans

Turned down for a car loan? Let us help! Call Jeramie at Paul Spady Motors. 402-462-4105.

50 Employment Agencies

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51 Professional

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51 Professional

ACT Mental Health Worker

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54 Office/Clerical

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57 Technical & Trade

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58 Ag Related

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70 Pets

\$12 VACCINATIONS for your pets at Hastings Orscheln Store, Saturday, March 29, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. **Hasting pet license deadline - March 31.** www.drdbesh.com

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60 General

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LITTLE MIRACLES

Day Care in Doniphan has opening for full-time infant care giver. Call 402-845-2766, ask for Amy.

61 Part Time

HASTINGS PUBLIC SCHOOLS is accepting applications for the following position:

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Human Resources Office Hastings Public Schools 714 W. 5th St. Hastings, NE 68901 402-461-7502

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PART-TIME COOK

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Champion Homes. 463-6021

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125 Want To Buy

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130 Auction Sales

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Notice of Meeting Region 9 Preschool Interagency Council

The next regular meeting of the Board of Region 9 Preschool Interagency Council will be held on Monday, March 17, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. at Head Start, 123 North Marian Road, Hastings, Nebraska.

An agenda containing a listing of subjects requiring the attention of the Board is available for public inspection during normal business hours.

Except for items of an emergency nature, the agenda will not be enlarged later than 24 hours before the scheduled commencement of the meeting.

Joy Davenport
Board Secretary
March 3, 2008

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ADAMS COUNTY PIVOT QUARTER

Adams County Farmground for sale. Three miles east of Ayr. Legally described as:

The Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section One (1), Township Five (5) North, Range Ten (10) West of the 6th P.M., Adams County, Nebraska.

Pivot included in sale. The ground is leased for the 2008 crop year. Buyer to assume landlord's responsibility and income from lease for 2008 crop year.

Sale by SEALED BID. All bids must be received by 5:00 p.m., March 20, 2008, at 410 W. 4th, P.O. Box 10, Hastings, NE, 68901. The top bidders will have the opportunity to rebid until the property is sold. Seller reserves the right to reject all bids. FSA and other information available at the above address or 463-4500.

TOP JOB Opportunities in Education 2008-2009

Speech Language Pathologist - several openings
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- **Secondary Special Education**

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Candidates need to send a letter of application, resume, letters of reference and forward credentials to:
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- **Middle School Special Ed.**
- **SH Special Education**
- **School Psychologist**
- **Speech/Language Path**

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Notice of Divorce Proceeding

In the District Court of Adams County, Nebraska

TO: J Guadalupe Martinez Silva, whose whereabouts are unknown upon whom personal service of summons cannot be had, and is the defendant in said proceedings:

You are notified that on February 13, 2008, Plaintiff, April Martinez filed a Complaint against you in the District Court of Adams County, Nebraska, at Case No. C108-97, the object of which is to obtain a dissolution of marriage on the ground that the marriage is irretrievably broken, to obtain an equitable division of the property, and to determine custody and child support, among other things.

You are required to answer said Complaint on or before May 2, 2008, or said Complaint against you will be taken as true.

April Martinez
323 Cooper Circle
Hastings, Nebraska
68901
402-705-2219

February 18, 25, March 3, 2008

Legals

Notice of Meeting

The Little Blue Natural Resources District Board of Directors will meet in regular session on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. at the Little Blue NRD Office in Davenport. The Research and Education Committee will meet prior to the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The agenda for the meeting is kept continually current and is available for public inspection during regular office hours at the Little Blue NRD. March 3, 2008

Notice of Bidders

Adams Central Public Schools is selling the following vehicles to the highest bidder:

- 1989 Ford 15-passenger van
- 1989 Chevrolet Suburban Silverado
- 1983 GMC bus, 65-person capacity
- 1990 Thomas Saf-T-Liner bus, 42-person capacity

Closed bids will be accepted at the district office at 1090 South Adams Central Avenue until 12 p.m. March 12, 2008. Vehicles can be inspected/viewed by calling the school at 402-463-3285, ask for Wes Ruby. All vehicles are sold as is and Adams Central reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

February 27, 28, 29, March 1, 3, 4, 2008

NOTICE OF PERMIT ISSUANCE

The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) proposes to reissue with change a Nebraska Pretreatment Program (NPP) permit to Nebraska Aluminum Castings, Inc., 4280 East Hadco Road, Hastings, Nebraska (NPP# NE0133337; SIC 3363). The facility manufactures aluminum die castings and performs machining of custom aluminum die castings. The process wastewater is collected in a closed loop system, drained to a holding pit and sent to an

Captured by you!



Josh Smith recently graduated from Navy dive school in Panama City, Fla. He will be stationed on a submarine based in Connecticut with a medical research team. He is the son of Jerry and Tanya Smith, of Hastings.



Silver Lake Elementary Quiz Bowl team (front row from left): Seyler Monroe and Journey Ericsson. Back row (from left): Kaitlin Schneider, Tori Kissell, Chloe Hartmon, Josie Parr, Kimberly Harrison and Alissa Ehrman.



Brittany McGooden, a 5-foot, 7-inch defensive specialist, has signed her National Letter of Intent to play volleyball at Hastings College under head coach Fred Aubuchon. Brittany attends Doniphan-Trumbull High School and is a varsity letter winner, a member of the National Honor Society and on the honor roll. She is the daughter of Barry McGooden and Amy Richardson.



The Housing Development Corp., along with other Hastings organizations, was awarded the Making A Difference Award at the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority's annual award ceremony Jan. 29-30 in Omaha. From left: Susan Hoff and Jane Marsh, First Presbyterian Church; Linda Addison, Housing Development Corp.; Gary Walters, president of Charter West Bank; Reginald Jackson, Omaha HUD Office; and Tim Kenny, Nebraska Investment Finance Authority.

Hailey, Alexis, Megan and Mattie of Kenesaw Girl Scout Troop No. 931 show off the pizzas they created while on tour with Godfather's co-owner Jackie Fitzgerald.



Adams County officials accept a \$23,346 dividend check from Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association Board of Directors member Jim Graves, Merrick County assistant highway superintendent/deputy surveyor. From left: Graves, Chris Lewis, Larry Woodman, Eldon Orthmann, Roger Larson, Charles Neumann and Lee Saathoff.



The following students from Wallace No. 16 Elementary School attended the University of Nebraska at Kearney Chess Tournament: Kiarra Biede, Kara Buss, Kieren Feeney, Conner Brown, Taylor Buss, Morgan Carver, Alexa Mitcham, Karley Oberheide, Caleb Ackles, Reggie Gangwish, Jayden Swayze, Hundter Biede, Corey Brown, Dawson Eckhardt, Caden Hoffman, Nate Kiolbasa, Layne Shipman, Isaac Stutesman, Eliza Donley, Samantha Granstrom, Nick Lindblad, Kendall Oberheide, Ashley Petr and Megan Petr.

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