

Two lives joined, one life saved

From the notebook:

■ Ted and Marilyn Caniglia were dancing last Saturday, celebrating the marriage of son Matt to Susie Graeve.

That's when Ted keeled over backward, striking his head on the floor. He had no pulse, no heartbeat and no breath.

Two of Matt's friends, off-duty Omaha firefighters T.J. Hernon and Marty Morrison, rushed over. T.J., in a tuxedo, performed about 30 chest compressions while Marty kept the airway open. Finally, a pulse.

"They did a fantastic job," Marilyn said. "They saved him."

The wedding reception was at the St. Joseph Church hall in Earling, Iowa. Marilyn also credited the Earling volunteer rescue squad, the hospital in Harlan, Iowa, and Creighton University Medical Center, from which Ted, 68, was released Thursday.

He had suffered an "electrical" problem, not a heart attack, and received a pacemaker. Marilyn drove him Friday to job sites for his Caniglia Builders Inc. and said he is "doing very well."

■ Ashley Munson, who knows hospitals from the inside, graduates today from Yutan High School, hoping to become a neo-natal nurse.

Early in her junior year, she spent 46 days at Children's Hospital in Omaha, at one point hours from death from necrotizing fasciitis — the medical term for flesh-eating bacteria — which settled in her right hip.

Senior year "went by fast" for the daughter of Barb and Rob Munson. Ashley sang in the choir and had what she hopes is her final surgery to lessen her scar.

■ Last weekend's Berkshire Hathaway shareholders meeting drew tons of news coverage, much of it from overseas.

"With the exception of the pope," said the London Sunday Times, "few men approaching 80 could guarantee to sell out a concert stadium."

■ For visiting members of the news media, covering Berkshire and Chairman Warren Buffett, 77, is fun, but a lot of work.

Liz Claman, anchor of Fox Business Network, said its crew of nine slept three hours a night, waking up at 3:30 a.m. daily. But she enjoyed Omaha, including V. Mertz, the Passport and Billy Frogg's restaurants, and shopping at Nouvelle Eve, all in the Old Market.

"I could come back again and again," she said. "It's funny that a town known for steaks and railroads feels as cosmopolitan as it does, with the kindest people on the planet."

Her father was the late Dr. Morris Claman, and her mother is movie and TV actress June Claman. Liz graduated from Beverly Hills High and Cal-Berkeley before an on-air career that included nine years at CNBC before moving to Fox last year.

Monday morning, she conducted a 45-minute interview with Buffett and Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates. (Billed as "The \$120 Billion Interview" for the pair's combined net worth, it will air again at 10 tonight and at 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. Sunday.)

Buffett said "there was no recession this weekend" and that Berkshire's Nebraska Furniture Mart did a record \$7.25 million business in one day, up from \$6.5 million last year.

He also cracked jokes, saying Gates joined the Berkshire board because "he needed the money," \$900 a year.

Asked about his purchase of Wrigley, about solar energy and whether he would invest in wind technology, Warren cracked, "I can't chew gum and think about solar at the same time."

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Culver OKs prison funding bill

Law will replace aging state penitentiary, renovate other overcrowded facilities

FORT MADISON, Iowa (AP) — Gov. Chet Culver traveled to one of the nation's oldest prisons Friday to sign into a law a measure setting aside more than \$200 million for renovations to Iowa's jammed and aging prisons.

The measure includes \$130 million to replace the maximum-security Iowa State Penitentiary, the oldest prison west of the Mississippi River with sections dating to 1839.

"This is a very big accom-

plishment. It's been in the works for a long time," Culver said. "We're talking about a quarter-of-a-billion-dollar investment that will benefit every person in this state."

The measure lets the state issue bonds to pay for the new prison, which will be built on state land about a half-mile from the old prison on the outskirts of Fort Madison.

Corrections Department spokesman Fred Scaletta said the new prison is scheduled to

open in 2014.

Before approving the plan, legislators debated where the new maximum-security prison should be built and how it should be financed. Culver said his pledge to keep the prison in Fort Madison dates to his campaign for governor.

"I thought it was a no-brainer to build the prison here," Culver said. "It has become an important part of the fabric of south-east Iowa."

Iowa's prison system now



holds 8,635, 16 percent above the design capacity of 7,413, according to state officials. The Iowa State Penitentiary has 576 inmates, above its capacity of 549.

Design of the new facility is under way. Prison officials said

the use of modern correctional designs should reduce the operating cost of the new prison.

"We're going to try to make it a model for the country," Warden John Alt said.

In replacing the prison, the state will add about 200 maximum-security beds.

The measure also would provide more than \$85 million to upgrade prison facilities in Mitchellville, Mount Pleasant and Rockwell City as well as expand

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Jen McGinley, left, of Scottsbluff, Neb., catches sight of her son Dane McGinley as his Nebraska National Guard unit disembarks Friday from planes at the Air National Guard Base in Lincoln.



ALL HOME SAFELY

Happy days are here again

■ A Nebraska National Guard unit returns from Iraq duty to shouts and tears of joy.

By TIM ELFRINK
WORLD-HERALD BUREAU

LINCOLN — For Patty Schramm of Hay Springs, Neb., it was a calendar on the wall at the local Wal-Mart, where her co-workers marked each day with an "X" until this week — when they switched to happy faces.

For Kim Gilbert, it was a slowly shrinking chain of paper rings hanging in a window, with one ring torn off as each day passed.

For Pam Rynes and her children — Madison, 6, and Alex, 9 — it was a growing paper chain, with a new ring bearing a personal message added each day.

"We just wrote about our day, about whatever happened," Alex said.

"And what we wanted to do with Daddy when he comes back," Madison added.

No matter how they counted down the time until their loved ones returned from nine months riding Iraq's treacherous highways, the day finally arrived Friday.

More than 400 relatives and friends let out a collective shriek as two chartered Southwest Airlines jets landed at the Nebraska Air National Guard base and taxied toward an Army National Guard hangar.

On board were the 180 soldiers of the Army Guard's Omaha-based 600th Transportation

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Miranda Bouck of Pender, Neb., hugs her husband, Spc. Cacy Bouck, upon his return Friday from a tour of duty in Iraq.

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Hospital lacks bed for inmate

■ A judge orders deputies to leave a 19-year-old man at a psychiatric hospital despite its shortage of space.

By MAGGIE O'BRIEN
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A Sarpy County judge created a potentially dangerous situation by ordering two deputies to leave a 19-year-old jail inmate with mental problems at a psychiatric hospital, even though the hospital did not have room, a state official said Friday.

The deputies left the man in shackles in the hospital lobby.

Sarpy County Attorney Lee Polikov defended Judge Robert Wester's decision, saying that the Lincoln Regional Center should have had the bed space needed to accommodate the man.

"I think what's out of line is that the system doesn't have ade-

quate facilities for mental care," Polikov said. "I can't speak for the judge, but I'm not sure what his alternatives were."

Wester determined Thursday that the man was incompetent to stand trial and told Sarpy County Deputies John Sorensen and Ken Miller to transport him to the Lincoln Regional Center. The man was in court on an assault charge and a couple of traffic offenses.

People are routinely held at the regional center until they are considered mentally prepared for trial.

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Hotel shooting suspects were on wanted list

By JASON KUIPER
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COUNCIL BLUFFS — The two people involved in a downtown Omaha hotel shooting Wednesday had been listed earlier this week as the "Bluffs Most Wanted."

The listing on the Council Bluffs Police Department's Web site followed an April 22 encounter in which police said they

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found Jason Galle, 32, of Omaha and a 23-year-old Council Bluffs woman in a stolen car that contained a number of other stolen items: credit cards, identification, checkbooks, clothing and

electronics items.

Douglas County sheriff's deputies caught up to the pair Wednesday at a downtown Omaha hotel. A violent struggle ensued in which Galle was shot in the chest and Douglas County Sheriff's Deputy Mike Smith was hit over the head with a vase.

Galle was taken to Creighton University Medical Center in

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Making his pitch



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Ten-month-old Preslie Girres of Council Bluffs is mesmerized by the finely honed comic spiel of circus clown Kelly Ballagh. OK, maybe it's just the big red nose. Ballagh was at the Council Bluffs Public Library on Willow Avenue to remind folks Friday that the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus will be performing June 6 through 8 at the Mid-America Center.