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### RibFest to feature flavorful music acts

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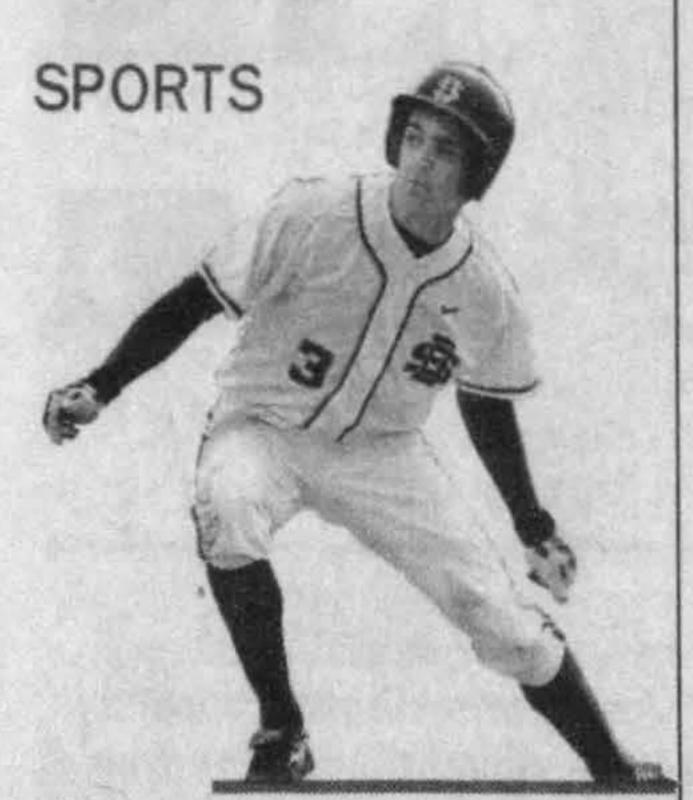
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### Studio One owner fac eral charges

Obscenity, racketeering and tax charges. Those are the highlights of a federal indictment against seven people, including Edward Joseph Wedelstedt. the owner of a Coloradobased company and Studio One in Sioux Falls. 6C

### Sloux Falls defies housing slump

Nationally, new-housing starts fell 17.6 percent in March - the largest drop in 14 years. But in Sioux Falls, the market is brisk. Find out why the difference is so stark. 6C



### Gophers play SDSU today in baseball

► A traditional Big Ten Conference baseball power plays the newest kid on the Division I block today. The University of Minnesota faces South Dakota State University at 3 p.m. at Sioux Falls Stadium. 1C

### Vikings pursue best catch on draft day

▶ Having addressed the defense with five new starters in free agency, the Minnesota Vikings might turn their attention to wide receiver to replace Randy Moss with one of their two first-round picks Saturday - or will they? In this draft, nothing seems a lock. 1C

## New football league a good fit for Storm

▶ Despite having to suspend a franchise on the eve of the season, the Storm likes the way its new league is operating. And why not? The indoor football team sold out its first two home games. 1C

## NATION & WORLD

TV PROTECTION: New technology to shield kids from sex, violence and foul language on television won fresh legal protection. 2A

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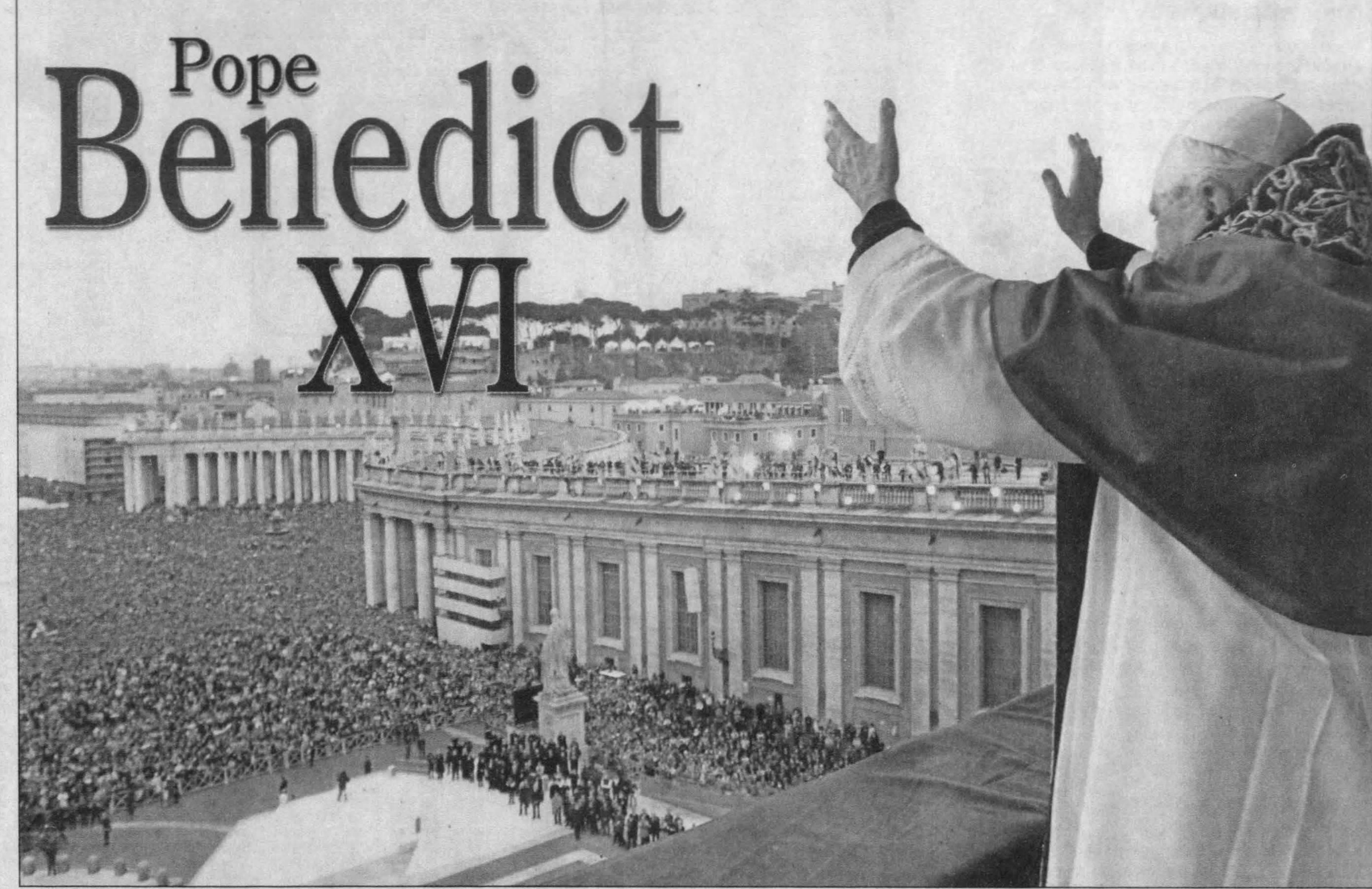
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'A SIMPLE, HUMBLE WORKER'



Tens of thousands on Tuesday witnessed the first blessing given by Pope Benedict XVI from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. Joseph Ratzinger is the 265th pontiff and the first pope from a German-speaking land since Victor II, bishop of Elchstatt, who reigned from 1055-57.

## Ratzinger, 78, elected as first German pontiff in almost 1,000 years

## CONSIDERED A CONSERVATIVE

FROM WIRE REPORTS

VATICAN CITY - Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of Germany, the Roman Catholic Church's leading hard-liner, was elected pope Tuesday in the first conclave of the new millennium. He chose the name Benedict XVI and called himself "a simple, humble worker."

Ratzinger emerged onto the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, where he waved to a wildly cheering crowd of tens of thousands and gave his first blessing. Other cardinals clad in their crimson robes

came out on other balconies to watch him after one of the fastest papal conclaves of the past century.

"Dear brothers and sisters, after the great Pope John Paul II, the cardinals have elected approach to social issues and me – a simple, humble worker in the vineyard of the Lord," he said after being introduced by Chilean Cardinal Jorge Arturo Medina Estivez.

"The fact that the Lord can work and act even with insufficient means consoles me, and above all I entrust myself to your prayers," the new pope said. "I entrust myself to your

prayers."

The crowd responded to the 265th pope by joyfully chanting "Benedict! Benedict!"

Ratzinger turned 78 on Saturday. His age clearly was a factor among cardinals who favored a "transitional" pope who could skillfully lead the

> church as it absorbs John Paul II's legacy, rather than a younger cardinal who could wind up with another long pontificate.

As head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Ratzinger served as Pope John Paul's theological

enforcer. Many who know him describe him as shy and reserved, but his strict imposition of John Paul's conservative his harsh silencing of several prominent theologians estab-

izing figure in the church. The new pope is the oldest elected since Clement XII, who was chosen in 1730 at 78 but was three months older than Ratzinger.

lished his reputation as a polar-

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DOMENICO STINELLIS / AP

One of the faithful celebrates the election Tuesday of Pope Benedict XVI in St. Peter's square at the Vatican in Rome.

▶ PROFILE: Growing up in Nazi Germany profoundly affected the new pope's views of theology and Catholicism.

► ANALYSIS: Expect Benedict XVI to adhere to the

that the new pope will stand up for social issues.

conservative doctrine of Pope John Paul II. ► WORLD REACTION: Germans were ecstatic, but Catholics in

Latin America were disappointed at yet another European pope. > OTHER RELIGIONS: Christians express cautious optimism

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## O'Gorman High students savor historic moment

BY JILL CALLISON

jcalliso@argusleader.com Any other time, the fuzzy TV picture would have annoyed the library full of high school students.

But Tuesday, any irritation melted as O'Gorman students learned Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger would lead the Roman Catholic Church as its 265th pope.

"People were running down the halls kind of screaming, saying, 'We've got a pope,' " said Michael McAdaragh, a 17-year-old junior.

For many of the students, an instructor said, it was a historic day, one understood by older generations who recall where they were when they learned President Kennedy had been assassinated or the space shuttle Challenger had exploded.

"For them, especially as Catholics, it galvanizes them," said Joe Rutten, theology teacher and campus minister at O'Gorman. "They are a part of history."

John Paul II had been pope for at least nine years when most of the students in the school library were born. The 17 days between his death and the election of a new pope, who took the name Benedict XVI, were a chance to experience church history, said Monsignor Charles Mangan.

"Anyone who's 26 and under has not see this before," said Mangan, a priest with the Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls who lives in Rome. "This is a new experience and a new feeling."

Instructor Leo Lorang helped the students near him understand the process and gave a quick biography of Ratzinger. "He's a German," Lorang told his listeners.

"He's 78 years old."

He even knew more trivial information. When it was announced Ratzinger had chosen

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## Coliseum cost hits \$9.1M

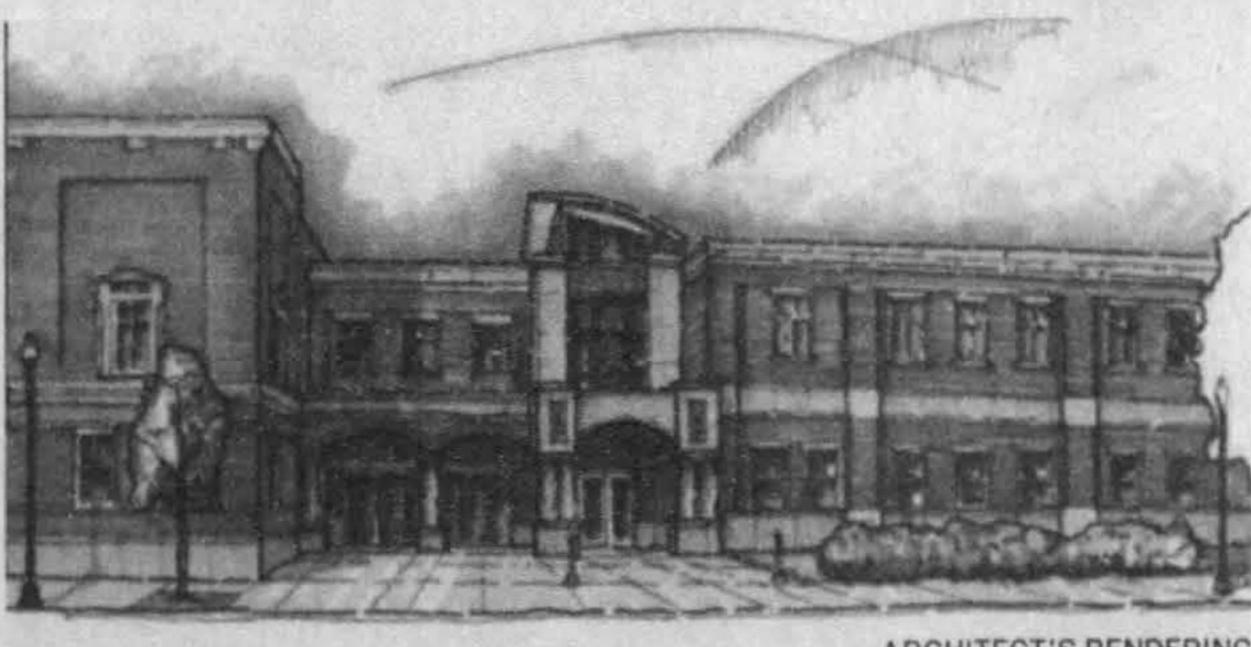
Plans combine city, county services in one building

BY JENNIFER SANDERSON

jsanders@argusleader.com The estimated cost of renovating the Coliseum Recreation Center has risen to \$9.1 million under the latest plans for a downtown public health complex that would place city and county services within the same building.

The price tag, which includes \$1 million to buy land and create needed parking spaces, is almost double the initial estimate of \$4.6 million from November 2003. spaces or the furniture, fix-range of human services. tures and equipment needed to run programs.

exam rooms and office space the attached Coliseum. for city medical and dental



This is an artist's conception of what the Collseum would look like after renovation, scheduled to be completed in fall 2006. City and county health services would be combined there.

That figure did not include clinics, city environmental cost the city and county a total architect's fees, parking programs and the county's of\$1 million yearly before pro-

> The work would displace offer public assistance. offices and classrooms in the

The health complex would

gram costs to treat patients or

Minnehaha County Audi-The project, which could Multi-Cultural Center of tor Sue Roust said that could break ground in November, Sioux Falls, which also would mean a property tax opt-out, would revamp the Rec Center see remodeled space. Its main which would cover the couninto a two-story building with operations would remain in ty's share of annual costs but

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## Too much weight can kill, but risk for many is slight

BY CARLA K. JOHNSON Associated Press

CHICAGO - Being overweight is nowhere near as big a killer as the government thought, ranking No. 7 instead of No. 2 among the nation's leading preventable causes of death, according to a startling new calculation from the CDC.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated Tuesday that packing on too many pounds accounts for 25,814 deaths a year in the United States. As recently as January, the CDC came up with an estimate 14 times higher: 365,000 deaths.

The new analysis found that obesity being extremely overweight - is indisputably lethal. But like several recent smaller studies, it found that people who are modestly overweight actually have a lower risk of death than those of normal weight.

Biostatistician Mary Grace Kovar, a consultant for the University of Chicago's National Opinion Research Center

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An estimated 25,814 deaths in 2000 were attributed to health problems linked to overweight and obesity in the U.S.

Overweight

Percentage of people in each weight class

Underwei	Underweight	
1971-75	3% -	50.1%
1976 -80	2.5%	51.8%
1000 04	2 20%	57.1%

SOURCE: Journal of the American Medical Association

► NEW PYRAMID: Exercise and new models have been added to the feder-

## INSIDE

al government's 13-year-old pyramid for healthy eating and living. PAGE 1D

## Coliseum: Higher price blamed on construction costs

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would not be applied toward construction.

Roust would not offer benchmark numbers at this stage in the county's 2006 budgeting process.

Meanwhile, the city's top money manager, Eugene Rowenhorst, said only that his department is looking at various options. He would not say whether the second penny of local sales tax could be used for the project. That revenue is reserved for capital improvements, and the city would not own the Rec Center.

Neither the county nor the city has voted to move forward, a step requiring action at separate public meetings for each body. The issue would not require approval from the public, though residents would have 28 days to gather the 4,800 signatures needed to force a referendum ballot issue if they disagreed with the outcome.

While some city and county officials praise a strengthened part-

go, no-go date" to stay on track for said. cast and ship. A more critical date The city's Community Health pass an opt-out.

Knudson said at a joint meeting percent have no health insurance. this week, then asked Crane: About one-quarter of the clinic's suggesting with no idea how to combines with Medicare and fedpay for it?"

County leaders reviewed the percent of the clinic's revenue. week to city and county officials.

Crane said inflation in lion figure. But that number might pared with new construction. not be final. A few county com- Roust now is studying a potential missioners and city councilors bond issue for the county, which worry the 6,200 square feet of would borrow the money as the Rec unused space might not give ser- Center's owner. Sioux Falls would

## BREAKDOWN FOR LATEST PLAN

Figures do not include an additional \$230,000 to \$500,000 that could add a third level to the building.

PRICE: \$9.1 million, including \$1 million to buy land and develop needed parking spots. CITY COST: \$7.11 million. COUNTY COST: \$1.99 mil-

**CITY SPACE: 23,354** square feet for medical and dental clinics now at the Community Health Center, environmental health services and a federally funded program for people living with HIV/AIDS.

COUNTY SPACE: 7,214 square feet for human services, including public assistance with rent, food, utilities, transportation and medical bills, as well as referrals to so-

vices enough room to grow.

The two groups would be "pennership, others are concerned ny-wise and pound-foolish" not to The agreement is patterned after defender's office the space that term. He asked for a comparison about the timeline and rising costs. seriously consider adding a third that for the Law Enforcement Cen- belongs to human services. Project architect Larry Crane of floor to the Rec Center, Commister, where the owner/tenant relathe local firm TSP called July 5 "a sion Chairwoman Carol Twedt tionship is reversed.

That's because the panels that will complex could be "one-stop shop- debt payments, assuming a 20-"skin" take six to eight months to of our population." rate of 4.18 percent.

is July 15, the county's deadline to Clinic treated 8,500 people through its medical and dental pro-"It seems to be on kind of a fast grams last year. Slightly more than track," City Council member De half were women, and nearly 60

"How can we go as fast as you're patients rely on Medicaid, which eral grants to make up almost 70

architectural plan last April. By "We are all serving the same then, the estimate had climbed to population, and how good it is to \$5.2 million. Commissioners serve them all at the same place," greenlighted a more detailed Roust said. "It's not a matter of if schematic study, released this we'll have to spend the money, it's when and how."

Rowenhorst said renovating the construction costs and interest building would save both partners rates contributed to the \$9.1 mil- \$15 to \$30 per square foot com-

cial service agencies.

**MULTICULTURAL SPACE:** 7,505 square feet for offices and classrooms for the Multi-Cultural Center.

SHARED SPACE: 19,597 square feet of waiting areas, lobbies, rest rooms, stairways, elevators, employee break rooms and other staff spaces, storage and some overlapping mechanical systems.

**ROOM TO GROW:** 6,197 square feet of unused "shell" space within the building's current footprint.

from the City Council and

County Commission could

TIMELINE: Separate votes

wrap up as early as July. Groundbreaking tentatively set for November, with a finish date of November 2006.

be a tenant, City Attorney Gary Colwill explained, with a 99-year-lease.

The city would pay \$538,130 a November groundbreaking. Knudson agreed and said the and the county \$151,870 in annual 15- or 20-year repayment period replace the exterior's concrete ping to serve a very important part year term and a current interest

The city, which claims nearly three-quarters of the planned space, also would pay a greater share of annual costs to operate the building: \$181,390, compared with the county's \$59,180.

A third story would add \$230,000 to \$500,000 in construction and increase operating demands. Directors still would set yearly program budgets through their city and county departments.

Reusing furniture and fixtures from existing offices could trim start-up costs, Roust said, as could a potential grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Federal money would go toward the building's security and backup power systems, based on the complex's status as a community command center in times of disaster.

Mayor Dave Munson said workers in the city's public works department probably would move into the current Community Health Clinic north of City Hall. The county would see a similar benefit by giving the public

City and county program directors now must verify cost esti- cause a costly imbalance of intermates and discuss whether a 10-, would be the best option.

Smith questioned the longest the more realistic the picture that

Go One Better."

## PROPOSED COSTS

Under the latest proposal for a public health complex within the downtown Recreation Center, Minnehaha County and the city of Sioux Falls would split construction and annual operating costs according to how much space each government's services would fill.

### **CONSTRUCTION COSTS**

\$9.1 million (78.1 percent/21.9 percent split)

County City \$1,992,600 \$6,107,400 \$8.1 million building \$1 million parking \$1,000,000 \$1,992,600 \$7,107,400

### **ANNUAL COSTS**

\$929,565 (77.4 percent/22.6 percent split)

County \$150,868 \$538,132 Debt service \$59,179 \$181,386 Operating expenses\* \$210,047 \$719,518 Total

\* Includes custodians, building utilities and general operating expenses. Each program would continue to have its own budget under city/county departments.

Source: Minnehaha County Auditor's Office

to decide whether lower annual installments over time would est versus principal.

Total

The more detailed those talks, architect Crane said, "the finer City Council member Darrin that pencil gets sharpened" and

local leaders give residents.

"I really believe this is a good project, and we need to explain to taxpayer the need for it," Roust said. "We need to show them how we've determined that we give them the best way to do it."

Reach Jennifer Sanderson at 575-3629.

## Overweight: Now ranks seventh in causes of preventable death

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they used to, she said.

The study - an analysis of mor-Association.

Based on the new calculation, the consequences of obesity. excess weight would drop from the second leading cause of pre-number in this latest study is more ventable death, after smoking, to recent data, researchers said. seventh. It would fall behind car crashes and guns on the list of killers.

Calculating the health effects of obesity has been a major source of controversy at the CDC.

Last year, the CDC issued a study that said being overweight causes 400,000 deaths a year and would soon overtake tobacco as the top U.S. killer. After scientists inside and outside the agency questioned the figure, the CDC admitted making a calculation error and lowered its estimate



Thur. Noon-8pm; Sun: Closed

three months ago to 365,000.

CDC Director Dr. Julie Gerin Washington, said "normal" may berding said because of the uncerbe set too low for today's popula- tainty in calculating the health tion. Also, Americans classified as effects of being overweight, the overweight are eating better, CDC is not going to use the new exercising more and managing figure of 25,814 in its public awaretheir blood pressure better than ness campaigns and is not going to scale back its fight against obesity.

"There's absolutely no question tality rates and body-mass index, that obesity is a major public health or BMI-was published in today's concern of this country," she said. Journal of the American Medical Gerberding said the CDC will work to improve methods for calculating

A major reason for the far lower

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# Public clinic downtown hinges on city's costs

## PUBLIC MEETING

WHAT'S NEW: Leaders from Sioux Falls and Minnehaha County will meet at 5 p.m. Monday in the county's administration building to review updated plans for a joint public-health complex. Watch live on CityLink Channel 16.

WHAT'S NEXT: The special meeting could decide the future of the \$9.1 million project. County commissioners support a modest opt out to pay for their share of costs.

## Minnehaha County plans opt-out to pay for its share

BY JENNIFER SANDERSON

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The city's decision whether to build a joint public-health facility with Minnehaha County will come down to a numbers game at Monday night's special meeting.

weigh whether an extra 7,000 square feet for city medical, dental and envias much as \$753,000 to Sioux Falls' annual operating budget.

commissioners remain committed The county's preferred plan would and will press for a "yes" vote. cost residents about \$3 a year for Chairwoman Carol Twedt said her every \$100,000 of real estate value. group would pass a property tax opt-out to pay for its share of costs.

other option," Twedt said.

ronmental services is worth adding doesn't happen for another year" Councilors agree the plan to because the county faces a July 15 deadline to set in motion the

Meanwhile, Minnehaha County \$260,000, 20-year exception.

That increase would help renovate the downtown Recreation Center "That night is fish-or-cut-bait into a two-story health center, plus City Council members must night because we don't have any reinforce the building's structure and elevator to allow the possibility "If it doesn't happen that night, it of third and fourth floors later.

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## BRIEFING

### ONLINE POLL

QUESTION: Should Sioux Falls increase its financial support for the Great Plains Zoo? To vote yes or no, go online to www.argus leader.com/news. Vote by 9 p.m., and see results in Monday's newspaper.

### SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Should annual state park entrance fees be raised from \$20 to \$23 to provide more money for park maintenance and operations?

▶ YES: 56.6 percent

► NO: 43.4 percent ► TOTAL VOTES: 1,397

# 'No truer form of competition'

## Outdoor cage fights draw about 1,000 spectators

BY PETER HARRIMAN

pharrima@argusleader.com The octagonal gray mat, ominously bordered by head-high chain-link fence, may have suggested mayhem without quarter.

But the cage-fighting Summer Slam in the Sidewinder Bar's parking lot Saturday had less to do with desperate battles to the death and more with a traditional boxing smoker, albeit with lighter gloves and some extracurricular kicking and wrestling.

"There's really no truer form of competition than a fight. It's nice. This is fighting with rules," said Josh Rave of Sioux Falls, who won his 23rd bout against two defeats Saturday.

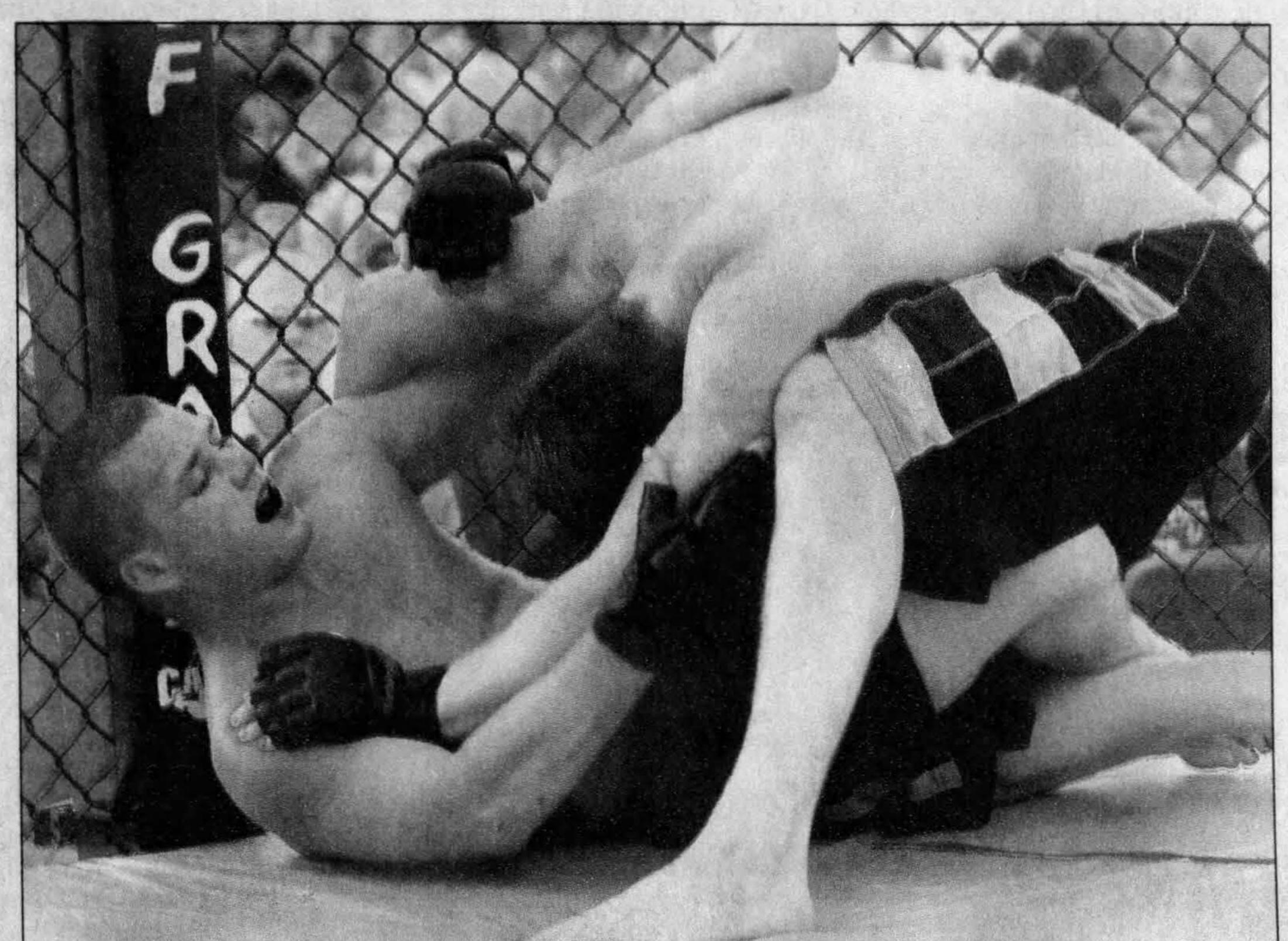
The approximately 1,000 people who attended the 17-match card witnessed wildly varying skill levels among participants. But everything the competitors brought into the cage was genuine.

"We're for real. We're not like that phony wrestling," Steve Peterson of Sioux Falls said after a second-round win against Brent Hirschbach of

Hartington, Neb. The prefight tension - evident in the hard stares, nervous pacing and pungent musky aroma of sweat rolling off fighters in the roped-off area at the edge of the parking lot where they warmed up - testified to that.

The makings of all manner of compelling stories - sharpened by the proximity of personal combat were here as the fighters awaited their bouts or round right hand thrown by Tim Osterman. returned after them.

the cage before he inadvertently walked into a first-bloody nostril packed with gauze.



AMBER WILKES / ARGUS LEADER

Nick Sley (left) tries to fend off Aaron McFarland on Saturday night during cage fights at the Sidewinder Bar in Sloux Falls. About 1,000 people showed up to watch the 17 matches in the bar's parking lot.

"He caught me off guard," Knutson said, sprawled Lee Knutson of Sioux Falls had a short tenure in in a folding chair with his head thrown back and a

He was philosophical about the experience. "I'll try anything once," he said.

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GENE SMITH / FOR THE ARGUS LEADER

Mary Hart autographs a bobblehead Saturday at Sloux Falls Stadium for Arlyce Daugherty of Sioux Falls. Next to Hart and Daugherty is Hart's husband, Burt Sugarman.

## Bobblehead, S.D. visit delight Hart

'Entertainment Tonight' host gets most votes from Canaries fans

BY MELANIE BRANDERT mbrander@argusleader.com

One of the small screen's most prominent faces to hail from South Dakota was recognized Saturday with a day in her honor.

Much to the delight of Hollywood news legend Mary Hart, bobblehead dolls in her likeness were given away to 1,000 Sioux Falls Canaries fans at the game against the Edmonton Cracker-Cats at Sioux Falls Stadium.

The "Entertainment Tonight" anchor, in her 23rd year with the show, said she was excited that her son, AJ, 13, could add her to his bobblehead collection

of Los Angeles Dodgers base- tic Television about the idea. ball greats.

"It tickled me silly because we are major Dodgers fans," she said in the upbeat, vibrant manner for which she is famous. "It's such a nice thing to come back and be honored like this."

Hart, 54, gained the most votes from Canaries fans as the top South Dakota native celebrity in the organization's Famous South Dakotan Bobblehead series.

Canaries staff started an online poll in November to seek fans' input. Dan Christopherson, said. director of fun, spoke to Manfred Westphal of Paramount Domes-

The company has since inquired about receiving more dolls.

"Mary didn't hesitate. She said, 'Absolutely,' "Christopherson said. "She is like your best friend. She is down-to-earth."

Pat O'Brien, host of "The Insider," trailed Hart by 18 votes, Christopherson said. O'Brien will be honored Saturday.

"The Price Is Right" host Bob Barker's doll will be handed out in August, but he won't make an appearance, Christopherson

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indicted in threat Grand jurors have indicted a Sioux Falls man on charges that he mailed a threatening anthrax

Sioux Falls man

letter to a federal judge. Scott Mertz, 36, also known as Scott Wheaton, has pleaded not guilty. He could be sentenced to up to 10 years in prison if convicted. No trial date has been set.

According to court documents, Mertz mailed a letter around April 6 to U.S. District Judge Lawrence Piersol of Sioux Falls "containing a threat to injure" him. Piersol recused himself, and U.S. District Judge Karen Schreier of Rapid City is handling the case.

- The Associated Press

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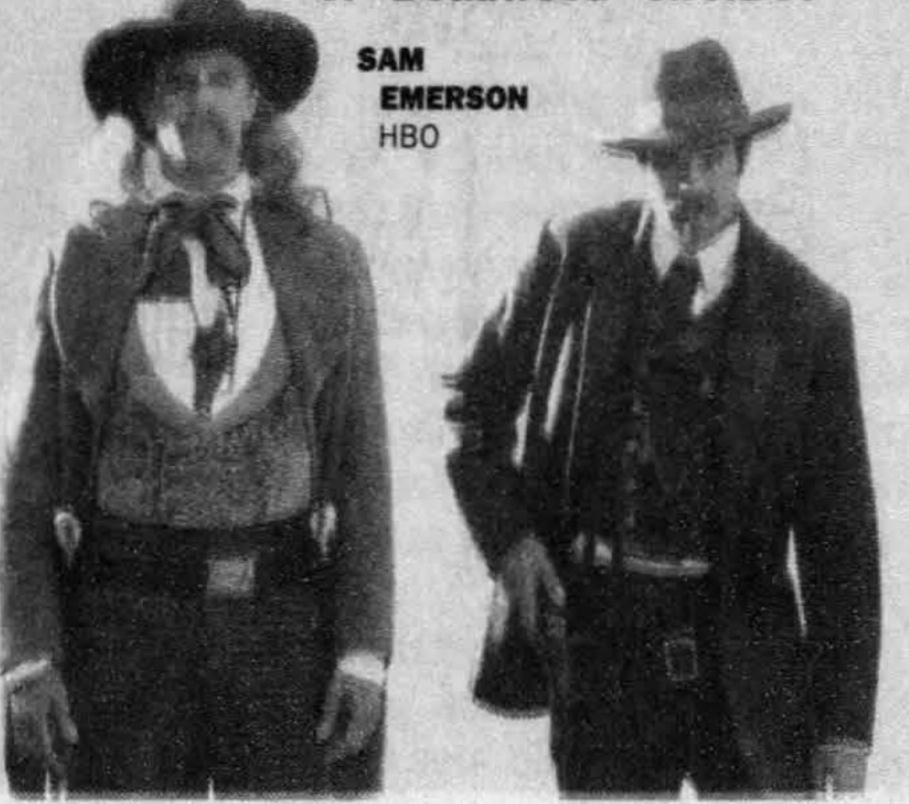
## Country music channel plans Deadwood special

DEADWOOD - Country Music Television is headed to Deadwood. The cable network plans to film a one-hour special June 19 and 20 featuring Wild Bill Hickok Days. The program will air in the fall.

Also, some of the cast members of the "Deadwood" HBO series plan to visit the Black Hills the weekend of June 24.

- The Associated Press

Kelth Carradine (left), as legendary gunslinger "Wild Bill" Hickok, and Timothy Olyphant are among the stars of "Deadwood" on HBO.



## State, city get drug-bust money

The federal government shared some of the proceeds of a drug bust with the South Dakota Division of Investigation and the Sioux Falls Police Department. Each agency received \$9,875 for helping to nab Allen Hofmann of Eagle Lake, Minn., who was convicted of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and sell steroids.

Hofmann was sentenced to more than four years in prison and also had to forfeit property. That was the source of the money given to the law enforcement agencies. Some of the proceeds also went to the state of Minnesota.

- The Associated Press

## Embryonic stem cell debate not falling along party lines

hen controversial issues such as abortion, gay marriage and judicial nominations are debated, a politician's position often can be tied to political affiliation.

But when it comes to embryonic stem cell research, partisanship is blurred as the subject heats up in Washington. It is not a Republican vs. Democrat issue. Proponents argue that the

research may advance cures for some diseases. The staunchest opposition comes from people who are strongly pro-life, tying embryonic stem cell transplants to the abortion issue.

Nancy Reagan's passionate support for embryo stem cell research in the aftermath of President Reagan's death might be a factor in that bipartisanship.

There is no clear consensus about what South Dakotans think, but there are differences here, too.

Former Republican Sen. Larry Pressler supports embryo and adult stem cell research.

"In 1996, I refused to sign a pledge against it for candidates, and one consultant said it was damaging to my base. But I have never equated it (stem cell research) with abortion. I think it is totally separate, so I support it. I did as a member of the Senate Science Committee,"

Pressler said. Pressler's father, Anton, like President Reagan, had



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"However, that kind of research to date has not proven to be beneficial," he said. "The fact is that embryonic stem cell research violates the

Alzheimer's disease, a

think could be helped by

condition that some

the research.

Rob Regier is

adamantly opposed to

embryonic stem cell

research. But the South

Council director agrees

Dakota Family Policy

there will be a divide

within parties.

concept of right-to-life." If he had a chance to lobby Nancy Reagan on the subject, he said, he would tell her about alternatives.

"We understand your desires, but we think they are misdirected," he would say. "We have something in adult stem cell research that is proving invalu-

Betty Smith, assistant political science professor at the University of South Dakota, is another example of someone who has a personal stake in this debate. "My husband has Parkinson's.

There is a greater likelihood of Republicans voting for and against nationally. You can't use party affiliations to predict," she said. "There are some (in Congress) who have someone in their lives. It may depend on the personal experience a member of Congress has, and they inform themselves more about it. That makes them less predictable."

The stem cell debate probably highlights, more than anything else, an individual's ethical priorities as opposed to what the person thinks about economics and technology, said Jeff Masten of Sioux Falls, a medical physicist who has been active in the Democratic Party.

"From what I see of the debate, there are people who say you have to look at the whole abortion issue raised in part to counteract stem cell research because of the claim that the source material comes from abortions, and they think that is wrong," he said.

Others find a balance in favor of advancing science to save lives rather than taking the conservative approach that identifies an ethical problem and doesn't look

at the good science does, he said. The issue will get an airing June 16 in Sioux Falls when the Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, director of education at The National

Catholic Bioethics Center, will discuss it at the Avera McKennan Education Center. He said the Catholic church considers adult stem cell use "fair game." "There are many sources of stem cells that the church has no problem with. This is not an issue

of the church being opposed to

cures or to healing," he told the

Bishop's Bulletin, a Sioux Falls

science or being opposed to

Catholic Diocese publication. David Kranz has covered South Dakota politics for more than three decades. His column appears Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Write to him at the Argus Leader, Box 5034, Sloux Falls, SD



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## Clinic: Rec center site good for clients, health official says

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combine city health offices and county human services under the same roof is a good one. But the complex's \$9.1 million price tag has kept most of them on the fence. Only Councilor De Knudson has thrown her full support behind the partnership, and she, too, has reservations about where the city will find the money to make it work.

cerns, but I still really feel the bottom line is ... that this is the very best project we could possibly undertake as a city," she said.

Councilors say it's valuable to project expenses. Still, a few wor- er home if the county deal should and even Minnesota. county's opt-out could spill over.

tially endorsing an opt-out," Coun- hardship for its main client base. rowed through 20-year bonds. fourth floor later - an estimate that outside agencies or renegotiate Reach reporter Jennifer Sanderson at cilor Darrin Smith said. "We're Neither can the clinic refuse ser- The city would get three-quarters surpasses the \$230,000-\$500,000 square feet and costs with the city. 575-3629. tied at the hip here, and yet we don't know what the environment is going to be for voters."

Residents who oppose the optout would have 28 days to gather the 4,800 signatures needed to force a referendum ballot issue.

### City money unclear

The city is far less certain how it would cover its part of the tab. The pool of money most often tapped for infrastructure - the second-penny sales tax - might be offlimits because the city won't own the renovated rec center.

City Attorney Gary Colwill is studying the issue, but Finance Director Eugene Rowenhorst told councilors that "the money is going to have to come out of the general operating budget." Funded by property taxes and the first penny of local sales taxes, that pot is expected to grow as the city expands as a regional hub for retail shopping and other services.

Some City Council members, though, aren't comfortable hanging such a large boost on those projections. Councilor Kevin Kavanaugh sees the need for improved public services but says he feels rushed into a decision without the information to back it. Earlier this week, he called a draft of the joint agreement "window dressing" that outlines terms for an effort the city has yet to approve.

"This is akin to going to a dealership looking for a Cavalier and driving off the lot with a Mercedes," Kavanaugh said of plans for a third or fourth floor.

County leaders say a no-go now only delays the inevitable. Materials and labor will increase with time, and renovation offers savings over building new elsewhere.





Both groups say they need more room to serve their overlapping and rapidly growing communities.

## Location critical

Relocating to the rec center would put the clinic right where it needs to be, says Judy Buseman, the city's public-health director.

"I share all the financial con- poverty level. For a family of four, er areas access services here. that's \$17,500 a year. In many families also tend to be clustered in the central area.

"If we go forward, we're essen- would cause a transportation foot complex with money bor- building for a third and possibly fourth-floor space, lease room to next-door property for \$100,000.

beyond the area it serves.

allow for a three-way partnership todians and other items. with Lincoln County. That idea was put on the back burner after a City-county split incomes clustered around the input that people from several oth-

That's also true on the city's would be \$717,107 and the coun- said, "but if we think it's important cities, including Sioux Falls, those side. While the bulk of clinic ty's yearly costs \$258,458. Rowen- to make sure we can expand, we'll patients come from the Minneha- horst told councilors the city bite the bullet on our own." Federal regulations limit the man said others travel from south

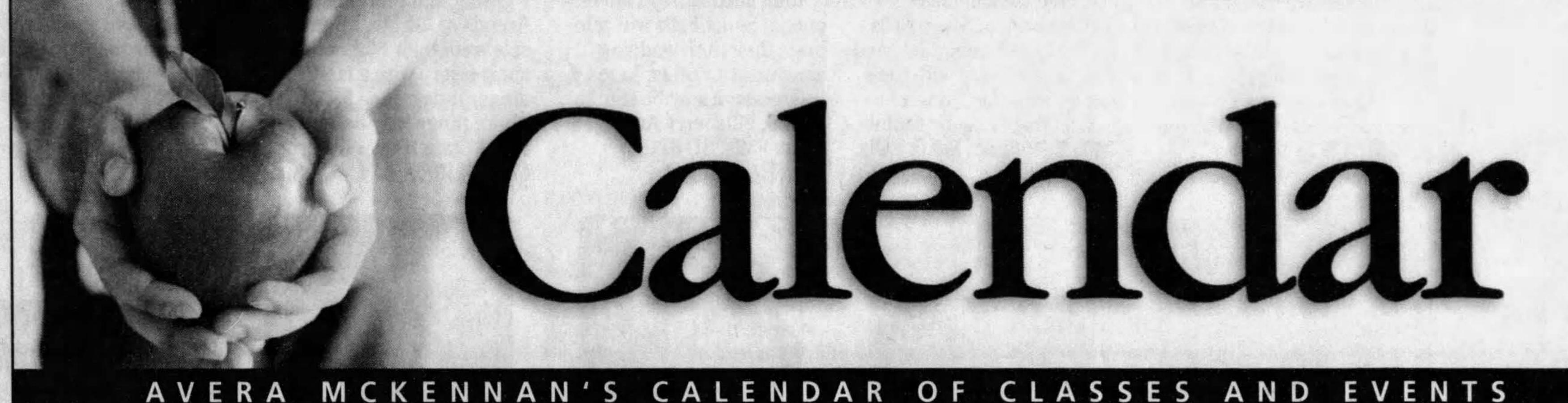
vice to those who come from of the square footage planned for range architects gave officials in two floors and pay three-quarters April. The new amount would At Tuesday's County Commis- of the annual bill to retire the bond reinforce the structure, add a secsion meeting, member Anne debt. The city also would pay ond elevator to serve more floors Hajek questioned whether delay- about three-quarters of the annu- and modify the existing elevator ing the project by a year might al operating costs - utilities, cus- for a taller journey.

Twedt questions whether the county should have to shoulder that responsibility alone, but her nehaha County Auditor Sue Roust the project around. "We don't develop needed spaces. estimates the city's annual share want this deal to fall apart," she

As it stands, the city would be guaranteed a 99-year lease on its 26,947 square feet within the building. The county would occupy 9,602 square feet. The two would share 27,318 square feet of meeting rooms, stairways and lobbies.

The city would be a long-term tenant indoors but own the park-Her clinic receives federal recap of rising construction costs Cost breakdowns from city and group is willing to concede the ing lot. Sioux Falls would pay the grants to serve clients with and Commissioner Bob Kolbe's county officials differ slightly. Min-point if it's the only way to bring full \$1 million to purchase and

The city has another lease to consider. Nine years remain on its rental agreement at the Community Health Center building north of ha portion of Sioux Falls, Buse- would owe about \$753,000 a year. The expansion cost is a matter City Hall. Mayor Dave Munson has In all, Roust's numbers show a separate from the joint project, said the space could provide a know how the county would pay its clinic's options for finding anoth- of 57th Street, the Aberdeen area \$6.97 million construction bill for Roust said. Because the county home for the public works departthe city and a \$2.75 million one for will own the revamped recreation ment, which also is outgrowing its ry that public backlash about the fall through. That's because the Under the latest plan, the county's share center, it later could move other offices. When that contract expires, clinic can't move anywhere that ty would build the 63,867-square- includes \$615,000 to prepare the offices to finished third- and the city has the option to buy the



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■ FertilityCare Services

Tuesdays, June 14, July 12 or August 9 at 5:30 PM Avera McKennan Fitness Center, 3400 S. Southeastern Avenue

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■ Your Hormones: Let's Talk!

Tuesday, June 21 at 6:30 PM Avera McKennan Fitness Center, 3400 S. Southeastern Avenue

Come talk about Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) with Connie Manderscheid, a registered pharmacist who is a nationally certified menopause educator and certified compounding specialist. She can tell you how HRT can be tailored to fit your unique needs. The cost is \$10. For more information or to register, please call Avera McKennan ASK-A-NURSE at (605) 322-6877 or (800) 658-3535.

## Special Events

■ Cooking for Life Patio Cookout

Thursday, June 16 from 5:30 - 8 PM at CJ Callaway's Outdoor Patio

Join us for some summer fun at a buffet-style cookout and enjoy grilled recipes from the Cooking for Life cookbook. A complimentary drink is included in your ticket price of \$25 in advance, \$35 at the door. Space is limited! Please reserve your spot today by calling the Foundation office at (605) 322-8900. The Cooking for Life cookbook is \$19.95. All proceeds from the sale of this cookbook will be donated to the Foundation and used exclusively to benefit patients and families dealing with cancer. To learn more about Cooking for Life, visit the Foundation website at www.averamckennanfoundation.org.

■ American Cancer Society: "I Can Cope" Series Thursday, June 23 (every 4th Thursday) from 6 - 8 PM at Kaladi's, 26th & Minnesota

If you have been diagnosed with cancer and would like information, support and assistance, you are invited to attend this series of free educational courses. Topic is "Communicating Concerns and Feelings." For more information or to register, call (800) 227-2345 or (800) 660-7703.

## To Be Well Series

■ To Be Well: Living With Lymphoma

Saturday, June 11 (every 2nd Saturday) 2 - 3 PM at Café 334, 334 S. Phillips Ave.

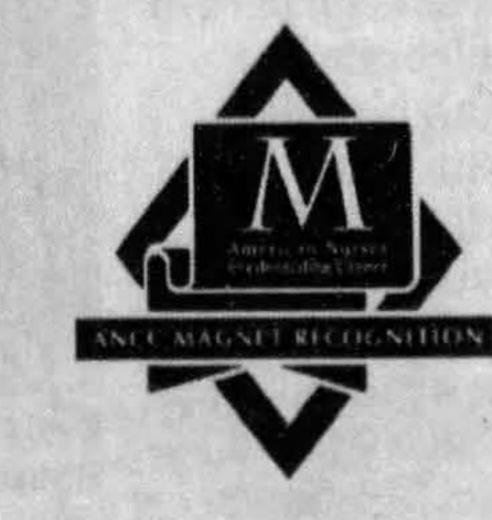
Grab lunch or coffee and join Dr. Vinod Parameswaran of Avera Hematology & Transplant for a discussion about lymphoma, including risk factors, symptoms, diagnosis and treatment options. He will also be available to answer questions about other blood cancers or disorders. To register, please call Avera McKennan ASK-A-NURSE at (605) 322-6877 or (800) 658-3535.

■ To Be Well: Surgical Treatment of Obesity Monday, June 13 from 1 - 3:30 PM

Would you like to lose weight and improve the quality of your life? Learn about the surgical treatment of obesity from a physician who has experienced it himself - Dr. Fred Harris of Dakota Surgical, Ltd. To register for this free program, please call Dakota Surgical at (605) 334-2266.

■ To Be Well: Breast Brachytherapy for Treating Breast Cancer Wednesday, June 15 from 5:30 - 7 PM Avera Cancer Institute, 1000 E. 21st Street on the Avera McKennan Campus

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women and is expected to account for about 30% of new cases of cancer annually. That means 178,700 women diagnosed with breast cancer. An innovative type of radiation therapy may prevent unnecessary radiation exposure to the whole breast in patients undergoing breast conserving treatment for early stage breast cancer. Join Dr. Kathleen Schneekloth of Medical X-Ray Center to learn more about breast brachytherapy. To register, please call Avera McKennan ASK-A-NURSE at (605) 322-6877 or (800) 658-3535.



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## Behavioral Health Summer Programs

■ "ADD" Success Camp (ages 7 - 12 years) June 20 - 24, 8 AM - 4 PM daily

This camp is for any child diagnosed with ADD or ADHD, and is designed to help the child enhance coping and management skills as well as gain insights to meet the daily challenges. Enrollment is limited, please call (605) 322-4307 to register.

■ Camp McMighty (ages 7 - 12 years) June 27 - 29 from 8 AM to 4 PM daily

This program is designed to help your child recognize and build on his or her strengths and positive qualities. The camp is packed with activities and recreation such as swimming and archery to enhance your child's self-esteem. Enrollment is limited to ten participants. Please call (605) 322-4307 to register.

## Support Groups

These groups take place at the Avera Cancer Institute West Conference Room, 1000 E. 21st Street. There is no cost. For more information, please call (605) 322-3000 or (800) 657-4377.

Living with Cancer: Day-to-Day Tuesday, June 7 & June 21 (every 1st and 3rd Tuesday) from 11 AM - Noon

A support group for patients, families, and friends facing the day-to-day struggles of cancer. It provides general information about coping with cancer and cancer treatments.

■ Bone Marrow Transplant Support Group Thursday, June 9 (every 2nd Thursday) from 5:30 - 7 PM

This group is for patients, friends and family members who are considering, or have undergone, a Bone Marrow Transplant.

■ Lymphoma Support Group

Friday, June 10 (every 2nd Friday) at Noon This group is for men and women who have been diagnosed with a form

of Lymphoma.

**■** Grief Support Groups Tuesdays, June 14 - August 2, 2005 at 10 AM or 5:15 PM Avera McKennan Hospice & Palliative Care, 3816 S. Elmwood Avenue

Avera McKennan Hospice & Palliative Care offers this support group for individuals coping with the loss of a loved one. For more information, please call (605) 322-7705.

Living with Cancer: Ask-An-Expert Wednesday, June 15 (every 3rd Wednesday) from 5:30 - 6:30 PM Take advantage of regular opportunities to listen and learn from cancer specialists at the Avera Cancer Institute. Bring your questions about

prevention, diagnosis and treatment options. Topics will vary. For more infor-

## Living With Diabetes

Super Saturday for Kids with Diabetes

mation call the Avera Cancer Institute at (605) 322-3000.

Saturday, July 30 from 11 AM to 1 PM Avera McKennan Fitness Center, 3400 S. Southeastern Avenue

This fun and informative afternoon is for parents and young kids ages birth to 6 years. Lunch is provided, and you'll hear from Dr. Ash Gupta about what's new in diabetes, as well as get information about nutrition, exercise and more. Come meet other kids with diabetes and share experiences and tips about living with diabetes. For more information or to register, please call (605) 322-8995.



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