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## The Gavel Passes - July 1, 2003

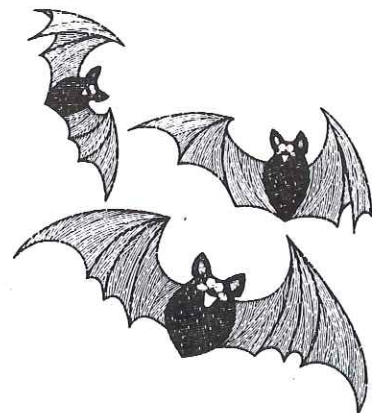


New president Mike Kinney with outgoing president Denise Hill



### First Official Event -Family Night at the Zoo

Pictured are : Daughter-in-law Beth Jensen wife of Todd Kinney (both attorneys at Kutak Rock), President Mike, granddaughter Riley (daughter of son Chad), and wife Rondi. Mike's other children include Kristin Morrison and Michala Kinney



# President's Message

Greetings! Good, you've come this far; don't quit now. Please pour yourself a cup or glass of your preferred beverage and listen up for three minutes while I talk about two things we'd like to focus on this year: (1) membership & attendance and (2) the history of the OBA. If you're like **Robert E. O'Connor**, you're saying, "Wait a minute, Kinney, that's three things." Bob is the chairperson of the Membership & Attendance subcommittee and he considers that to be two assignments. We are humoring him and going along with his observation.

We are hoping people change from leaving the monthly OBA meetings surprised at having had a good time to going to the meetings expecting to have a good time. We would like to attract the zoo-crowd numbers to each of the meetings. We know that's not possible, but we hope to come close.

Nothing really needs to be said about our first fall event, the First National Bank Fall Kick-Off, September 4th, 2003 at FNB West. Those of you who have attended in the past know what a class act it is each year. We have invited **Dennis Carlson** to the upcoming October 2, 2003 evening dinner meeting at The Champions. We anticipate not only an entertaining and informative presentation but, also, a lively Q & A session afterwards. It is our goal to keep it a little less lively than the recent Medical-Legal dinner, however.

Under **Denise Hill's** able leadership last year our membership is up (for the first time in three years). We want to continue that trend this year and we believe we can. It is important for several reasons, not the least of which is the camaraderie enjoyed and friendships made at the different functions. In addition, if we can add members we can supplement our budget to perhaps allow us to participate in or contribute to matters we haven't been able to in the past to the extent we wanted to.

While on the subject of money, we want to again thank the firms who have so generously helped us by underwriting certain costs at some of our past meetings. We can't say thank you enough. We will probably come

knocking again this year with our hand out for a handout or two but we promise to be judicious in our begging. Speaking of debts, perhaps our biggest is to **Ron and Lynda Henningsen** at the **Daily Record**. Those on the Executive Committee know



what great friends they are. Everyone else in the OBA needs to know that too.

Now, on to #2. We need to invest some time and effort into memorializing in some meaningful way the history of our organization. **Judge Lyle Strom** has agreed to again chair that committee and we are hoping he issues a 60 day report deadline to his committee members soon so we can get a handle on what's out there and what's the best way to collect and collate it. This year will probably be one of just examining resources and collecting information, documents, pictures etc. but that would be a great start to what will someday be a great finished product. Maybe we'll even get an answer to the question of how close did one Douglas County lawyer come to throwing one Sarpy County lawyer over the railing at the District Courthouse and had he done so did he really plan on using the defense that he thought the intended victim was a descendent of **Aaron Burr**. This will be a long project but hopefully one people will enjoy for a long time. Should you have time or history to volunteer please contact Judge Strom directly. It has to be worth one continuance.

Speaking of long projects, we haven't forgotten the OBA website. We've already had a planning session with **Dan Morris** and **James O'Connor** and we are confident we will make meaningful progress on that this year.

Okay, Bob, you win. That was

three topics.

In conclusion, while it may sound trite it still rings true. This is your organization. It is what we make it. If you have any suggestions to improve it please call or write the Executive Committee member nearest you. They are:

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# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

Well, here I am back in the "real" world after working out of our lake house for three weeks. . .actually, I put in more office hours (since I didn't have lunches, after work or evenings) than in Omaha. . .but it certainly did not seem like work. To take a coffee break or lunch break and look out at the Lake of the Ozarks made life heaven. Can you blame me for opening mail and writing checks out on the deck where you can see our cove plus the main channel for miles?? Gives the word "work" a new meaning.

Below are pictures of my "workstations." The first ① is in the lower level of our "A" frame where we set up a cozy little office. Had absolutely everything we needed in that corner



and within "reaching" distance. The second ② is our breakfast bar where I could spread out the financials, finished up June, 2003 and work on the budget for 2003-04 while occasionally looking up and out at the lake.



Revitalized, I could go back to work! The third ③ is the deck outside where I worked if it was not too hot or windy.



Finally, the fourth ④ picture is of our dog, **Mindee**, who was absolutely in heaven, too, because I was with her all day. She had her blanket on the Futon and just laid there. Occasionally, she'd open an eye to see if I was still there and then go back to sleep.



Anyway, to make a long story short, I just want to thank everyone for being so understanding and supportive. I will be eternally grateful for the opportunity to be there.

Moving on. . .This year really flew by. **Denise Hill** was such a competent, gracious and "calm" president. As new president **Mike Kinney** said, "A calm president is a calm **Mardee**." Truer words were never spoken. Denise is on the Executive Council for one more year as past-president and I know she will stay deeply involved. She

has a lot of history with the bar association in a number of capacities and we need her input.

**Mike Kinney** took over as president on July 1. He also has a long history of involvement with the bar association. He served as treasurer for three years, one year as president-elect and now president. He brings much knowledge and guidance to his position and will do a super job.

In saying goodbye. . .**Steve Achelpohl** and **Barb Ferguson** leave the Executive Council this year and will be missed. Steve is never far away though, as he has done an awesome job as Law Day Chair and we cannot let him go far! We welcome to the Executive Council **Amy Longo** and **Dick Lydick**. Amy is a new Executive Council member while Dick is treasurer-elect. **Jennifer Petersen** remains as Secretary and **Dan Morris** moves from past-treasurer to an Executive Council position. He is also taking over the Web Page Committee and will work hard to speed things along there.

We have several events already scheduled, so be sure to check the calendar. Another one not on the Calendar is the Family Ice Skating Party scheduled for Sunday, February 8th at Tranquility form 3 to 5. . .many thanks to **Mike Mullin** and **McGrath North** for sponsoring this event!!!!

Hope to see you at the **Fall Kickoff** and October 2nd meeting. At that meeting **Dennis Carlson** will be speaking and we will welcome the new admittees to the NSBA. Walk Through the Court will be held that day at 3:00 also.

Summer was so good for me. . .I hope for all of you, too. . .**Mardee**

Oops. . .forgot this work station ⑤ — our pontoon boat — my favorite spot - (just kidding, this was a set-up!!)



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## CIVIL JURY VERDICTS

**Editor's Note:** Every effort is made to insure accuracy. However, if you note an error in your case, please drop a note to the OBA office.

### Douglas County District Court Jury Verdicts April through June, 2003

Compiled by  
Mary Lee Skaff & Michael D. Havlik

#### April 2003

#### 984-296: John Bender vs. Anton Horvath

Judge: Gerald E. Moran  
Plaintiff's Attorneys: Joseph B. Muller and  
Shayla M. Reed  
Defendant's Attorney: Larry E. Welch, Sr.  
Case Type: P.I., motor-vehicle negligence  
(rear-end collision)  
Special Damages: \$14,257.00 (medical expenses)  
Verdict: Plaintiff, \$174,000.00  
Remarks: Trial judge directed verdict in Plaintiff's  
favor as to Defendant's liability for  
collision

#### 994-222: Deanna M. Mosby vs. Jennifer (Crosley) Kelley

Judge: J Russell Derr  
Plaintiff's Attorney: David J. McCann  
Defendant's Attorney: Donald P. Dworak  
Case Type: P.I., motor-vehicle negligence  
(intersection collision)  
Special Damages: \$14,053.69 (\$6,230.69 medical  
expenses; \$5,700.00 lost  
wages; \$2,123.00 property  
damages)  
Verdict: Plaintiff, For Defendant on Plaintiff's Petition  
For Plaintiff on Defendant's Counterclaim  
Remarks: Plaintiff's vehicle, northbound on 60th  
St., and Defendant's vehicle, westbound  
on Northwest Radial Hwy., collided in  
intersection. Each driver alleged that the  
other driver had failed to yield the right  
of way and had entered intersection  
against red traffic light.

#### 997-393: Ronald D. Weaks vs. Hilda Krommendyk

Judge: John D. Hartigan, Jr.  
Plaintiff's Attorney: Matthew L. McBride III  
Defendant's Attorney: John M. Burns  
Case Type: P.I., motor-vehicle negligence  
(left turn at intersection)  
Special Damages: \$4,787.40 (medical expenses)  
Verdict: Plaintiff, \$17,287.40  
Remarks: Defendant admitted that she had made  
improper left-hand turn in front of  
Plaintiff's vehicle, and trial judge  
directed verdict in Plaintiff's favor as  
to Defendant's liability.

#### 999-227: Suzanne M. & Steven L. Congor vs. Brian J. & James A. Pardi

Judge: Patricia A. Lamberty  
Plaintiff's Attorney: Paul W. Madgett  
Defendant's Attorney: Danene J. Tushar  
Case Type: P.I., motor-vehicle negligence  
(left turn at intersection)  
Special Damages: \$26,875.00 (\$12,875.00  
medical expenses, \$14,000.00  
lost wages)  
Verdict: Plaintiff, \$25,000.00  
Remarks: Defendants (driver and "family-purpose"  
owner of vehicle) admitted liability

#### 1006-378: William Hoscheid vs. Kristin Mandolfo

Judge: Patricia A. Lamberty  
Plaintiffs' Attorney: Matthew G. Miller  
Defendant's Attorney: Waldine H. Olson  
Case Type: P.I., motor-vehicle negligence  
(rear-end collision)  
Special Damages: \$9,508.00 (medical expenses)  
Verdict: Plaintiff, \$18,000.00  
Remarks: Defendants admitted negligence

#### 1007-349: Curtis Pittman vs. Deffenbaugh Industries, Inc.

Judge: Robert V. Burkhard  
Plaintiff's Attorneys: David A. Fournier  
Defendant's Attorney: Lisa M. Meyer  
Case Type: P.I. motor-vehicle negligence  
(right turn between intersections)  
Special Damages: \$3,532.00 (\$1,532.35  
medical expenses; \$2,500.00  
property damage)

Verdict: Defendant

Remarks: Plaintiff alleged that Defendant's  
vehicle, northbound in inside lane of  
North 30th St., made right-hand turn  
across northbound curb lane of traffic  
into alley, striking Plaintiff's vehicle.  
Defendant alleged that Plaintiff was  
contributorily negligent in operating his  
vehicle at excessive rate of speed and  
by improperly attempting to pass  
Defendant's vehicle on the right.

#### May 2003

#### 996-870: James A. Hammeke vs. Jeni Hensler

Judge: J Russell Derr  
Plaintiff's Attorney: David J. Cullan  
Defendant's Attorney: David L. Welch  
Case Type: P.I., motor-vehicle negligence  
(vehicle-pedestrian collision)  
Special Damages: \$15,054.65 (medical expenses)  
Verdict: Defendant (11-1 verdict)  
Remarks: Plaintiff pedestrian alleged that  
Defendant driver was negligent in  
failing to maintain proper lookout and  
control and in failing to provide audible  
warning of her vehicle's presence.  
Defendant alleged that Plaintiff  
pedestrian had also failed to maintain  
proper lookout; had stepped in front of  
Defendant's vehicle in violation of  
Neb. Rev. Stat. § 60-6,153(2) (Reissue  
1998); and had assumed the risk of  
injury.

#### June 2003

#### 981-885: Margo A. Zywiec, Special Administrator vs. Timothy K. Kingston, M.D.

Judge: J Russell Derr  
Plaintiff's Attorney: Richard E. Watts  
(Osceola, NE)  
Defendant's Attorney: Thomas J. Shomaker  
Case Type: Professional (medical) negligence  
Special Damages: Not specified  
Verdict: Defendant  
Remarks: Plaintiff alleged that Defendant  
surgeon, prior to performing  
pancreaticoduodenectomy ("Whipple  
Procedure") on 73-year old male  
patient, failed to perform sufficient  
diagnostic testing to determine and  
confirm whether decedent suffered  
from malignant neoplasm  
necessitating surgery. Plaintiff further  
alleged that decedent developed  
persistent, post-surgical infection which  
eventually caused his death.

#### 991-30: First Nebraska Trust Co., Personal Representative vs. Borders, Inc.

Judge: Thomas A. Otepka  
Plaintiff's Attorney: Tracy A. Oldemeyer  
Defendant's Attorney: Daniel H. Ketcham  
Case Type: P.I., general negligence (slip and fall)  
Special Damages: \$52,397.60 (medical expenses)  
Verdict: Defendant  
Remarks: Plaintiff alleged that, while decedent  
was walking through parking lot to  
retail bookstore operated by Defendant  
Borders, she slipped and fell on  
accumulated ice and snow. Defendant

alleged that decedent (whose death  
was attributed to unrelated causes)  
had been contributorily negligent  
in failing to maintain proper lookout and  
failing to avoid open and obvious  
condition. [Owner of leased premises  
had been dismissed, prior to trial, on  
motion for summary judgment.]

#### 991-299: Lonnie G. Hornbarger, Special Administrator, vs. TMS Design Services, Inc.

Judge: J Russell Derr  
Plaintiff's Attorney: Ronald J. Palagi and  
Joseph B. Muller  
Defendant's Attorney: Robert M. Schartz and  
P. Shawn McCann  
Case Type: General Negligence (wrongful death)  
Special Damages: Not specified with particularity  
Verdict: Defendant  
Remarks: Defendant TMS provided supplemental  
staff personnel, including licensed  
practical nurses (LPNs), to local  
medical facilities. Personal  
representative of deceased surgical  
patient who had undergone tracheotomy  
at Immanuel Hospital, leaving a  
tracheostomy with a trach tube in her  
throat, alleged that Defendant's  
employee had been negligent in  
failing to monitor and secure decedent's  
tracheostomy; in failing to prevent  
spontaneous decannulation of  
decedent's tracheostomy; and in  
failing to restrain decedent so she  
could not have removed the trach.  
Plaintiff further alleged that Defendant  
had been negligent (1) in providing  
inexperienced acute-care nursing  
personnel to Immanuel Hospital;  
(2) in failing to adequately train and  
instruct its personnel; (3) in failing to  
instruct its employee about procedures  
to follow if employee was assigned to  
hospital area beyond the limits of her  
knowledge and training; and (4) in failing  
to warn Immanuel about the skill  
limitations of Defendant's employee.  
Defendant denied that it was negligent  
in any respect.

#### 1013-107: Mary Anne Braymen vs. Liberty Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

Judge: Robert V. Burkhard  
Plaintiff's Attorney: James W. Knowles, Jr.  
Defendant's Attorney: Julie M. Martin  
Case Type: Motor-vehicle negligence (under  
-insured motorist)  
Special Damages: \$47,497.67 (\$41,148.39  
medical expenses, \$6,349.28  
lost wages)

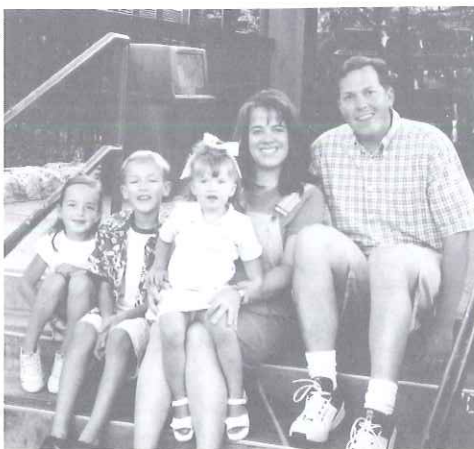
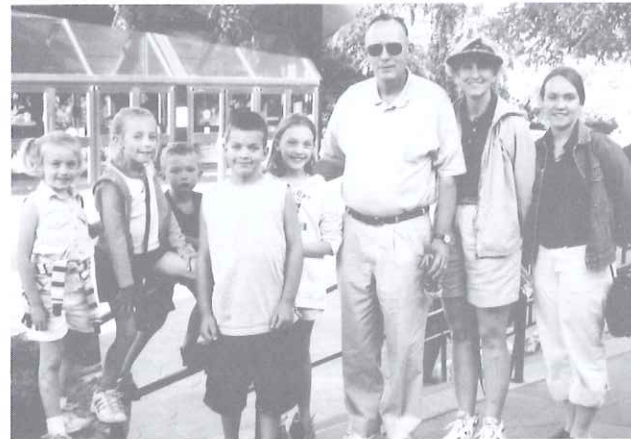
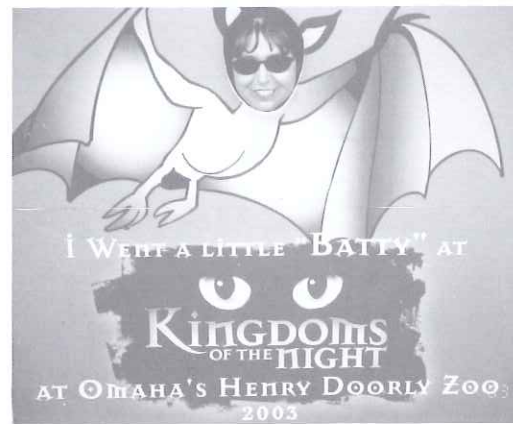
Verdict: Plaintiff, \$280,861.16  
Remarks: Plaintiff alleged that her vehicle,  
southbound in outside lane of 30th St.  
at State St., had been struck by  
northbound vehicle whose driver made  
improper left-hand-turn in front of  
Plaintiff's vehicle. Plaintiff had  
recovered \$100,000.00, the maximum  
policy limits, from the other driver's  
insurer, and Plaintiff now sought to  
recover pursuant to the "under-insured"  
motorist provision of her own liability  
insurance policy. Defendant-insurer  
alleged that Plaintiff suffered from  
pre-existing condition (degenerative  
disc disease).

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# Creatures of the Bar



President Mike Kinney with Henry Doorly Zoo Director Dr. Lee Simmons



## Jury Verdicts Continued from page 5

**1013-401: Thomas Cope vs. Gary A. Green**  
 Judge: Patricia A. Lamberty  
 Plaintiff's Attorneys: W. Patrick Betterman  
 Defendant's Attorney: Eugene L. Hillman  
 Case Type: P.I., motor-vehicle negligence (intersection collision)  
 Special Damages: \$6,386.46 (\$4,673.71 medical expenses, \$1,712.75 lost earnings)

Verdict: Defendant  
 Remarks: Plaintiff alleged that, while eastbound on Sorenson Parkway and attempting to make left-hand turn onto northbound Curtis Avenue, his vehicle was struck by Defendant's westbound vehicle. Plaintiff alleged that Defendant had failed to yield right of way and had violated traffic-control signal. Defendant alleged that Plaintiff had failed to yield right of way and had executed an improper left-hand turn. Jury allocated 50% of negligence to Plaintiff and 50% of negligence to Defendant.

### United States District Court for the District of Nebraska Jury Verdicts April - July, 2003

Compiled by Nancy A. Svoboda

**8:02CV250: Dawn Danaukas vs. U.P.R.R.**  
 Judge: Joseph F. Bataillon  
 Plaintiff's Attorneys: Matthew McBride, III  
 Defendant's Attorney: Henry N. Carnaby  
 Case Type: Job discrimination (pregnancy)  
 Verdict: Plaintiff \$1.00

**8:02CV193: Wanda Costanzo vs. Bryan LGH Medical Center**  
 Judge: Thomas M. Shanahan  
 Plaintiff's Attorney: Pro Se  
 Defendant's Attorney: David R. Buntain  
 Case Type: Employment - Retaliation Case  
 Verdict: Defendant  
 Remarks: Directed verdict on Plaintiff's claim of age discrimination

**8:01CV476: Theresa B. Ogorzaly vs. Timothy Dunning, Douglas County Sheriff**  
 Judge: Thomas D. Thalken  
 Plaintiff's Attorney: Michael L. Smart and Thomas M. White  
 Defendant's Attorney: Jennifer K. Johnson and Tim Dolan  
 Case Type: Employment, Sex Discrimination  
 Verdict: Plaintiff, \$100,000.00  
 Remarks: Issue of attorney fees paid to plaintiff is still pending.

## Judge F.A. Gossett, III Appointed United States Magistrate Judge

By: Carl Bowman

**Judge F.A. Gossett, III** recently began serving as a United States Magistrate Judge for the Nebraska federal court. This "very exciting new challenge" is one Judge Gossett is happy to accept. For Kathy Circo-Gossett, it is coming back home. For Judge Gossett, it is an opportunity to continue doing something he really enjoys.

**Judge Gossett** began his service in the judiciary not long after graduating from law school. He graduated from Creighton Law College in 1972 and was appointed to county judge in 1981. In 1998 Judge Gossett was appointed to the Nebraska District Court. Interestingly,



Judge Gossett was appointed to serve as a county judge by **Governor Thone**, a Republican. His appointment to the Nebraska District Court was made by **Governor Nelson**, a Democrat. This serves as a tribute to his skills in service to the judiciary.

Many of us recent law school graduates learned of Judge Gossett early on. His book, *Judge Gossett's Nebraska Evidence Handbook*, was suggested as a reference if we had questions about rules of evidence. The Judge humbly describes the book as something that just happened. He had initially prepared it for himself as an outline; a reference. Other judges started requesting copies and when the Nebraska Continuing Legal Education corporation was looking for a book, they selected his as the one they wanted to use. However, he quickly cautions that it is a reference source and certainly not intended to be an in-depth analysis of the laws governing the rules of evidence.

In addition to his book, the


Judge suggests that his many years of international service to the "Rule of Law" was somewhat of an accident. He describes his first visit to Russia as one where he was to be accompanied by another individual who had the responsibility to make the contacts for the faculty training. This person, whose responsibility it was to make the contacts, became ill and was forced to return to the states. This left **Judge Gossett** in the position where he had to make contacts. He attributes the fact that he accidentally was placed in a position of having to make these contacts as the impetus to being asked back. The facts are that he has made seven (7) trips to Russia along with additional trips to Armenia, Micronesia and elsewhere. Considering both the publication of a book on evidence and the many requests to have Judge Gossett return overseas to provide training on the "Rule of Law," it is clear that this was not just an accident.

Judge Gossett enjoys being a judge and believes he is very lucky to have the opportunity to do something he so thoroughly enjoys. He likes people and their personalities and doesn't think he would be well suited for working in an environment where he did not have this contact with people. His job as a Magistrate Judge provides a lot of variety and the opportunity to work in a "great place" with a group of very "good people." Nebraska is an especially good place to serve as Magistrate because the Article III judges in this district "allow the magistrates to do everything allowed under the law." He enjoys these opportunities.

The judge believes who we are is defined one case and one person at a time. It is clear from a review of Judge Gossett's accomplishments that this progression demonstrates he is well qualified for his new position and that he has given much to the legal profession. These accomplishments cannot be an accident.

**Judge Gossett** and his wife **Kathy Circo-Gossett** have three children and four grandchildren. The judge is originally from the Fremont area and Kathy is originally from Omaha. They

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## OBA Avoids Coup with Smooth Transition of Power



OBA president Denise Hill receives honorary gavel as her presidency comes to a close



Is he always going to carry on like this?!



Denise knows who to really thank!



OBA presidents: past and present

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have children in Fremont, Omaha and Chicago, two grandchildren in Omaha, and two in Fremont. They recently moved from Fremont to Omaha to establish their residence here. The judge is very happy to be where he is and is enjoying his new position.

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## COURTS COMMITTEE CORNER

Mike Nelson, Mike Nelson and John Wilke are the co-chairs for the Courts Committee again for 2003-2004. They would welcome new members. The purpose of the committee is to serve as a liaison between the bar and the courts. According to Mike Nelson, they will hold meetings with speakers of interest to the bar. One topic which will be addressed is problems incurred by members of the bar who practice before the Douglas County Court in civil and criminal cases. The committee chairs would welcome your thoughts on this topic and any others. They can be reached as follows:

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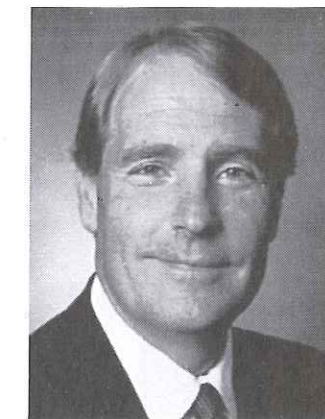
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## Jim Jansen Returns to the Private Sector

By: Alan Thelen

Douglas County Attorney Jim Jansen is leaving his position to return to the private practice of law. Jansen will be practicing with the firm McGrath, North, Mullin and Kratz, effective September 1.

Jansen, who has been Douglas



County Attorney for 12 years, longed to return to private practice.

"It was a career opportunity I didn't think I could pass up," Jansen said. "Due to the nature of the office, the county attorney position was

primarily administrative. I got away from really practicing law.

"When McGrath North approached me, I got excited about getting back into legal work."

Jansen said that the roles he will be filling for his new firm will primarily involve litigation, in a variety of areas.

"They needed somebody to help out with labor and employment litigation," Jansen said. "Another area they need help in is in environmental remediation cases.

"There will be a wide variety of tasks assigned by the firm."

While looking forward to the new position, Jansen has some regrets about leaving the county attorney post. "I'll miss the people I've worked with," Jansen said.

While Jansen has held the county job since he was first elected 12 years ago, the new position marks a return to private practice for him. Prior to his election, Jansen was in the law firm **Stave, Coffey, Swenson, Jansen & Schatz** for 7 years. Before that he practiced with the firm **Naviaux, Kinney, Jansen, & Dosek** for 5 years.

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2. Scott Brown	74
2. Chris Blunk	74
3. Tom Olson	75
4. Dan Guinan	76
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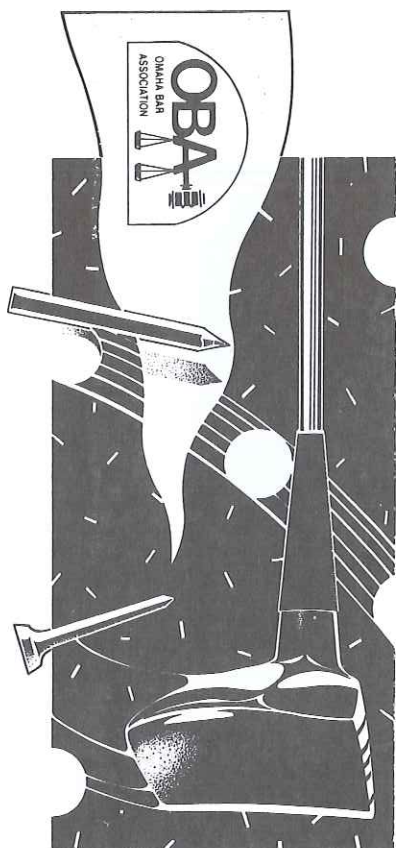
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# 4 Closest to Pin - 2nd Shot	Dennis Thomte
# 5 Closest to Pin From Off Green	Greg Thomas
# 6 Longest Drive in Fairway	Jeff Putnam
# 7 Longest Putt Made	Joe McNamara
# 8 Closest to Pin - 1st Shot	Tom Olson
# 9 Closest to Pin - 2nd Shot	Leo Knowles
# 10 Closest (third shot)	Joe Armstrong
# 11 Longest Putt Made	Rick Spellman
# 12 Closest to Pin - 2nd Shot	Bob Rossiter
# 13 Longest Drive in Fairway	Tom McLeay
# 14 Closest to Pin - 2nd Shot	Marlon Polk
# 15 Closest to Pin - 2nd Shot	Dennis Thomte
# 16 Closest to Pin - 1st Shot	Patrick Straka
# 17 Longest Putt Made	Brenda Beadle
# 18 Longest Drive in Fairway	Dan Guinan



## INDIAN CREEK, 2003 GOLF WINNERS:

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1. Pat Guinan	74
2. Dave Christensen	85

**Low Net:**

1. Roger Shiffermiller	69
2. Mike Sullivan	70

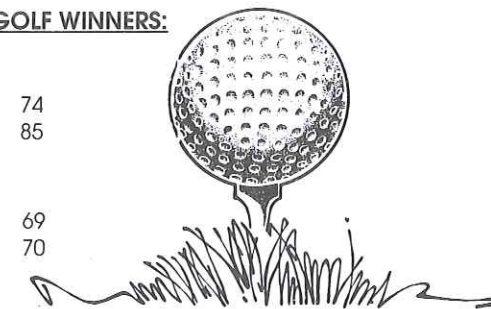
**Flag Prizes:**

**Grey Hawk:**

Longest Drive #2 (Women)	Melany Chesterman
Closest to Pin #4 (Men)	Roger Shiffermiller
Closest to Pin #4 (Women)	Amy Geren
Longest Putt #5 (Men)	Myron Kaplan
Closest to Pin #8 (Men)	Myron Kaplan
Longest Drive #6 (Men)	David Wilson
Longest Putt #9 (Women)	Aimee Haley

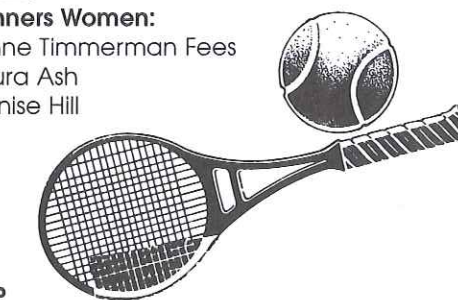
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Longest Putt #2 (Men)	Dick DeWitt
Longest Drive #3 (Men)	Bill Garbina
Closest to Pin #5 (Women)	Mary Donovan
Closest to Pin #5 (Men)	Mike Sullivan
Longest Drive #6 (Women)	Michelle Epstein
Closest to Pin #8 (Men)	Bob Gonderinger
Longest Putt #9 (Women)	Melany Chesterman



## FIELD DAY, 2003 - TENNIS:

<b>Winners Men:</b>	<b>Winners Women:</b>
John Kohl	Lynne Timmerman Fees
Ken Weiner	Laura Ash
Mike Nelson	Denise Hill



## FIELD DAY, 2003 - TRAP

High Lady	- Barbara Medbery
High 16's	- Dave Lathrop
High Rookie	- Terry Haddock



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## COCKTAILS FOR THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE

By: Mary Lee Skaff

The First National Bank of Omaha will again sponsor our annual **Fall Kickoff** meeting on Thursday, September 4. For the third year, they will welcome us at 14010 First National Bank Parkway, just off 140th and Dodge.

Cocktails start at 5:30 on the terrace, with the Dixieland music of the **Platte Valley Ramblers**, followed by a buffet dinner inside at 6:30. **Hap Abrahams** will again cater everyone's favorite Bar-B-Que. Last year's absence may wet your appetite for the reappearance of the roasted whole pig. The menu also includes chicken, beef, and Bar-B-Qued pork ribs--and that's just the entrees.

**Tom Gaughen**, of FNBO, has helped produce this shindig for the last 20 years. He explained why they haven't moved our Fall Kickoff to their stunning new downtown location. They are expecting 375 attorneys and would have to put us on several floors downtown. The roving reporters among us appreciate being able to see everyone all the time, to say nothing of the best evidence rule.

Calorie-counting is off the record at this members-only meeting. Oral argument is limited to how long anyone can hold an audience surrounded by culinary temptation.

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**James Garriott** has become a partner at Cassen, Tierney. . .**Michael Schirber** and **Jeffrey Wagner** have formed a partnership for the practice of law in Papillion, Nebraska under the firm name of Schirber & Wagner, L.L.P. . . .

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**Susan Fieber** elected to membership in American Board of Trial Advocates 2003. . .she is the first woman member in Nebraska. . .**Hon. Gary Randall** named District Court Presiding Judge. . .**Jerry Slusky** first in eighteen years to be named to American College of Real Estate Lawyers. . .**David Gardels** elected president of Opera Omaha. . .



## Public Service Committee Corner

By: Craig F. Martin

The Public Service Committee anticipates undertaking a number of projects this year including the Lawyers in the Schools, both the Reaching the Age of Majority high school and elementary school presentations, the weekly Ask-A-Lawyer radio show and the presentation of the Robert M. Spire Public Service Awards. If you would like to participate in any of these projects, or have other projects in mind that you would like the Public Service Committee to consider, please join the Public Service Committee or contact **Craig Martin**, this year's Public Service Committee Chair, at Lamson, Dugan & Murray to discuss your ideas.

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# Barrister's Steak Fry



## Bare Bones

By: Kathy Reichs

Review By: Jill Harker

The "detective" or murder mystery genre in literature is chock full of very tough guys handling guns, fighting criminals, lurking in unsafe locations, and oogling women. When reading a murder mystery written by a female, it is always interesting to see how she will handle sex. In the last century, female murder mystery writers tended to draw their detective heroines in seemingly harmless, but competent, guises like that of the elderly "deductress," mirrored by **Angela Lansbury** in the television production of "Murder She Wrote." In the past thirty or so years, female writers in this genre have taken a more feminist approach to characterization. They draw characters with intelligence and competence, to give the story substance and girth, who also have a yen for the lustier side of life, to give the story spice. **Kathy Reichs's** book, *Bare Bones*, is a perfect example.

Kathy Reichs has written six books with her heroine, **Temperance Brennan**, at the helm. Her last book, *Grave Secrets*, became a New York Times bestseller. Ms. Reichs, is, by profession, a forensic anthropologist for the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in the state of North Carolina and for the Laboratoire de Sciences Judiciaires et de Medecine Legale for the province of Quebec. Obviously competent. She also has a doctorate and teaches anthropology at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Obviously intelligent. She has drawn Temperance Brennan in her own image in these respects. In addition, Temperance Brennan has a yen for the lustier side of life, and she appreciates a good "specimen" when she sees one. Her developing involvement with visiting homicide detective **Andrew Ryan** is featured in this book at the ratio of about one chapter of whoopee to every three or four chapters of mystery. The mystery story is much much better.

The "relationship" parts are dotted with observations and ruminations that have a hollow, adolescent ring. For example, just after Ryan first arrives at "Tempe's" house, Temper reflects on his image with corresponding responses from her stomach.

Now Detective Don Juan had his

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buns parked on the couch

In my study.

Nice buns.

Flip. (This is the stomach part-ed.)

Tight. With all the curves in the right places.

Major flip. (Again, the stomach.-ed.)

There are junior high school students writing comparable notes to each other in math class even as we speak. Presumably, the qualitative remarks are to lend that tough guy quality to the heroine and boost her credibility as a worldly wise crime-buster. Unfortunately, the rhetoric Reichs uses in all of these scenes makes Tempe sound more like a woman trying to be one of the guys. It is not true that women express these types of sentiments only in colloquy typically used by men. It is just the easy way to do it. Fortunately, this weakness does not substantially affect the mystery.

This mystery is solved using the information the forensic medical examiner is able to obtain from skeletal remains. No flesh. No hair. No organs. Just bones. Even with the

additional fleshed out bodies that appear intermittently in the story, keeping an investigation (and story) going with the information the investigator obtains from the skeletal remains presents a challenge. The author is really at this.

Tempe Brennan is called upon specifically for examining bones. With the help of modern science, she tries to determine the identity of the person or animal to which the bone or bones belonged. Not just what it was. Who it was. The mystery involves a number of individual bones and sets of bones that are found in very different places and circumstances which, upon examination, suggest links to each other and to terrible crimes. The story opens as Tempe is about to inform a grandfather of the death of his newborn granddaughter and the police's suspicion that his daughter may have killed her. The infant's bones were found in a woodstove.

The next bones appear from a crash of a small airplane, in which the passengers were burned beyond recognition. The cargo of the plane appeared to be contraband. Tempe's

analysis of the passengers' bones links them to the father of the dead baby and, later, to the bones of animals and humans found buried by Tempe's dog near a party she attends. Little by little, the collective information from the bones tells a tale of crimes against persons and the environment that had been going on for years.

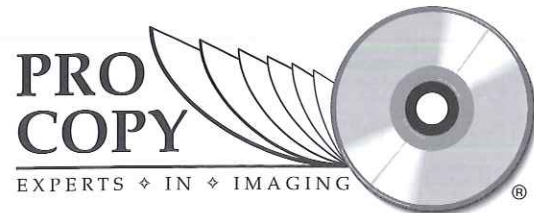
Reich is able to unfold the story slowly enough to maintain a fairly high degree of suspense throughout the book, without hiding the ball so much that the reader loses interest. Because the science involved in forensics with bones is complex, Reich also educates the reader without losing him or her in a morass of technical terms. She accomplishes this admirably.

The only element missing in this story, if one had to be identified, is violence. The chases are short and successful. The bad guys get their due in an efficient and reasonable manner. The heroine is not required to perform great feats or death defying acts. The absence of the typical action-adventure violence would be unsatisfying if it were not for the rescue. While this reader would have enjoyed being strung along a little more in the last two chapters, the ending was neat, and not too tidy. If you have a few hours, this book is an entertaining read.

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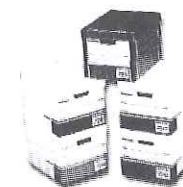
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# WI-FI?

By: H. Daniel Smith

Wi indeed? You no doubt are aware that Wi-Fi is sweeping the country. I don't Wi-Fi personally, but I see it coming to a computer near you. My son has a laptop with Wi-Fi and his school campus is covered with the signals, so that every upper school student is connected to the school network, no matter where they are. OK, way cool and all that, but what is it?

Wi-fi (Wireless Fidelity) is simply a standard agreed to such that any device equipped with the correct stuff can talk to any network properly enabled using radio signals. Either the device has Wi-Fi built in, which is increasing common, or the user can plug in a Wi-Fi card. The network in question has Access Points (APs) which are essentially antennae which broadcast the network signal and receive signals from the laptop (or other Wi-Fi device.). The portable should simply "see" the Wi-Fi signal and connect, and off you go. What is happening is that these networks are proliferating, both in private networks and in networks intentionally set up to accommodate users in public places—such as Starbucks, hotels, you name it. My guess is that the trend will accelerate so that hotels and other public places will offer Wi-Fi Internet access as an amenity that is just there, like the avocado beauty bar in the shower.

In other words, if you are a portable kind of practitioner at all, your going to want to use this at some point, and even if you don't want to, it will be imposed upon you, like the fax machine or E-mail. Even if you are not very portable most of the time, Wi-Fi will begin to appeal to you through time. This is because of several things. One is the convergence of power between portables and desktops. I believe we will see dockable portables increasingly used as desktops, because the performance is becoming so close as to be irrelevant in the choice. Another is that it's just plain convenient to be able to access all of your office network tools no matter where you are - in the office (conference room - war room), at home (by the pool cranking out documents - an idea that I hate, but I know some of you are going to do this

no matter what I say), at the Starbucks ("I just had to get out of the office"), at court (like electronic filing in federal court, how long before the courts start sending out show cause orders for those who don't bring their laptops to trials?), and on and on. Another is that is is cheap. It is a heckuva lot cheaper than wiring a facility. It allows you to put a high-speed network anywhere you want for a few hundred dollars. People are doing this in their homes on a grand scale. It is a technology, like E-mail and cell phones, which is convenient, fearsome and inevitable all at the same time.

As lawyers, the first thought that jumps to mind is, whose going to pay for this? No, that's just a jest. The first thought of course, is, is this secure? Remember, this is the same question we were wringing our hands over with respect to E-mail, and networks connected to the Internet. What we are honor bound to do is maintain *reasonable* security for our clients. We are also honor bound to use the tools available in our world to deliver efficient, timely, quality, cost-effective services to our clients. A determined bad guy can break into your office tonight and steal files. The least secure moment for E-mail is after you have printed it out and laid it on your desk. Firewall or no, a determined hacker may be able to get into your network. There is no absolute security. But that doesn't mean we get to be casual about it. We have got to pay attention.

Wi-Fi was designed with ease of use and interoperability in mind. Interoperability simple means that it works easily on any machine (Windows, Mac, Linux) and any network. Wi-Fi was created and has grown as something of a maverick movement within the tech community, and security was not the first issue in the early design. Wi-Fi is very much moving into the mainstream, with Cisco and Intel all over it, and to move to the big time, security is a vital issue.

Before you read on, if you have Wi-Fi network right now in your office, review your security with a professional. I have seen articles where the writer has just walked around probing for unprotected Wi-Fi networks and found them easily. This means that

such a person could enter your network, roam around among your documents, and do malicious mischief. Do not take this lightly. We got a wake-up call around here when some wacko "dumpster diver" retrieved a document from our dumpster and mailed it to us with a generous offer to protect us from future such problems for a small payment. Got our attention. And that of the county attorney. Our bags of shredded documents every day now look like the Michelin Man on steroids. So pay attention. Go find this article: "Ten Steps to a Secure Wireless Network," at PC Magazine online (pcmag.com) - you can find it with Google. As with the early days of computing on every topic, it is dauntingly technical and way more than you want to know in order to just run the damn network. But for now it is what you have to do.

But of good cheer! Help is on the way. A new standard is emerging, and the devices that deploy it are coming on the market. It is known as WPA or "Wi-Fi Protected Access." Do not confuse it with WEP which is "Wired Equivalent Privacy," an element of security in the current Wi-Fi scheme, but not sufficient on its own. The theory of WPA is to make security on Wi-Fi networks easy to implement and truly secure. It will, I humbly predict (and I am shockingly good at this), become the standard of the industry. It will take a while, but keep your eye on it. I think it will go a long way toward making Wi-Fi in your office a reality.

One last thing. Wi-Fi at home is just as much of a security issue if client information is flowing through that network. Pay attention to that security just as you would your office security. You may want to require your lawyers and staff who access the office network via (cable) modem or DSL to review their security plan with your consultant or internal network people. You may wish to consider a unified approach to security which extend to home or other use.

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## 2003 Director's Award Recognizes Excellence in Court Operations in District of Nebraska

The 13-member Project Team implementing the Case Management/Electronic Case Files System (CM/ECF) in the District Court for the District of Nebraska has received the 2003 Director's Award for Excellence in Court Operations. The award—one of the federal court's highest awards for Judiciary employees—specifically recognizes excellence in court technology. The Team was responsible for the successful implementation of and innovations to CM/ECF in the district. Nebraska is the first district court in the country to implement CM/ECF for criminal cases and the first to convert all of its civil and criminal cases to CM/ECF.

The Director's Award for Excellence in Court Operations recognizes Judiciary employees who have contributed to excellence in court operations by promoting economy and efficiency; providing innovations that improve service with Judiciary-wide or tangible local impact; and establishing community outreach programs, or enhancing the public's awareness and image of the federal Judiciary. The four categories within this award are: excellence in court administration, excellence in court technology, excellence in court support, and excellence in mission requirements.

Award recipients were nominated by the courts, and a short list of recipients were recommended by a panel composed of **Chief Judge Thomas F. Hogan** (D.D.C.), **Judge Lourdes G. Baird** (C.D. Calif.) and Acting Assistant Director of the Office of Human Resources and Statistics at the Administrative Office, **R. Townsend Robinson**. Final award winners were named by Administrative Office Director **Leonidas Ralph Mecham**.

"It gives me great pleasure," said Mecham. "to recognize the individuals who bring innovation and excellence to the courts. They have helped make the federal court system a model for other courts around the world."

The award-winning members of the Project Team are (in alphabetical order): Law Clerk **Therese Bollerup**, Assistant Systems Manager **Kelly Brewer**, Financial Technician **Gail Carlson**, Unit Head Secretary **Susie Cordero**, Courtroom Deputy **Edward Champion**, Automation Specialist **Tracey Couling**, Supervisor of Courtroom Operations **Kathy Griess**, Docket Clerk Specialist **Beth Hansen**, Deputy-In-Charge **Pat Merritt**, Help Desk/Software Trainer **Luta Pleiss**, Docket Clerk Supervisor

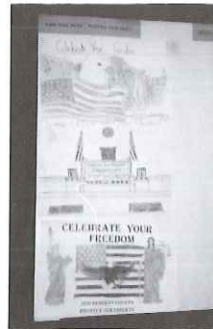
**Jennifer Stone**, Magistrate Judge Secretary **Patricia Vansteenburgh**, and Chief Information Officer **Thomas Wisinski**.

"I have never come across a group of Judiciary employees as clearly deserving of recognition as the folks who comprise Nebraska's CM/ECF Project Team," said Chief Judge **Richard G. Kopf** (D.Neb.) "Realizing that the District of Nebraska was the first court in the nation to implement CM/ECF for criminal cases, it is impossible to overstate the significance of the Team's work on both a local and national level."

The Project Team began work on CM/ECF in 1999, even though the preliminary phase of implementation for the court was not scheduled until 2001. Their work helped deliver a high-quality system that has reduced copying and mailing costs for the court and attorneys. The work of the Project Team, including innovations they have brought to CM/ECF, is being shared on a national basis and they currently mentor four courts as they implement their own CM/ECF systems. The Team also has an extensive training and outreach program, and since February 2002 has trained more than 1,000 attorneys and their staff in eight cities throughout the state. The Team improved customer service by establishing a help desk, writing clear Administrative Procedures, posting frequently asked questions on the court's external web site, answering attorney's questions via e-mail, and holding debriefing meetings with the clerk's office and chambers' staff to problem solve and discuss improvements.

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# Field Day Frolics





# What is An American

(Circulated on E-Mail; The American Internet)

You probably missed it in the rush of news last week, but there was actually a report that someone in Pakistan had published in a newspaper an offer of a reward to anyone who killed an American, any American.

So an Australian dentist wrote the following to let everyone know what an American is, so they would know when they found one.

An American is English, or French, or Italian, Irish, German, Spanish, Polish, Russian or Greek. An American may also be Canadian, Mexican, African, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Australian, Iranian, Asian, or Arab, or Pakistani, or Afghan. An American may also be a Cherokee, Osage, Blackfoot, Navaho, Apache, Seminole or one of the many other tribes known as native Americans.

An American is Christian, or he could be Jewish, or Buddhist, or Muslim. In fact, there are more Muslims in America than in Afghanistan. The only difference is that in America they are free to worship as each of them chooses.

An American is also free to believe in no religion. For that he will answer only to God, not to the government, or to armed thugs claiming to speak for the government and for God.

An American is from the most prosperous land in the history of the world. The root of that prosperity can be found in the Declaration of Independence, which recognizes the God given right of each person to the pursuit of happiness.

An American is generous.

Americans have helped out just about every other nation in the world in their time of need. When Afghanistan was overrun by the Soviet army 20 years ago, Americans came with arms and supplies to enable the people to win back their country. As of the morning of September 11, Americans had given more than any other nation to the poor in Afghanistan.

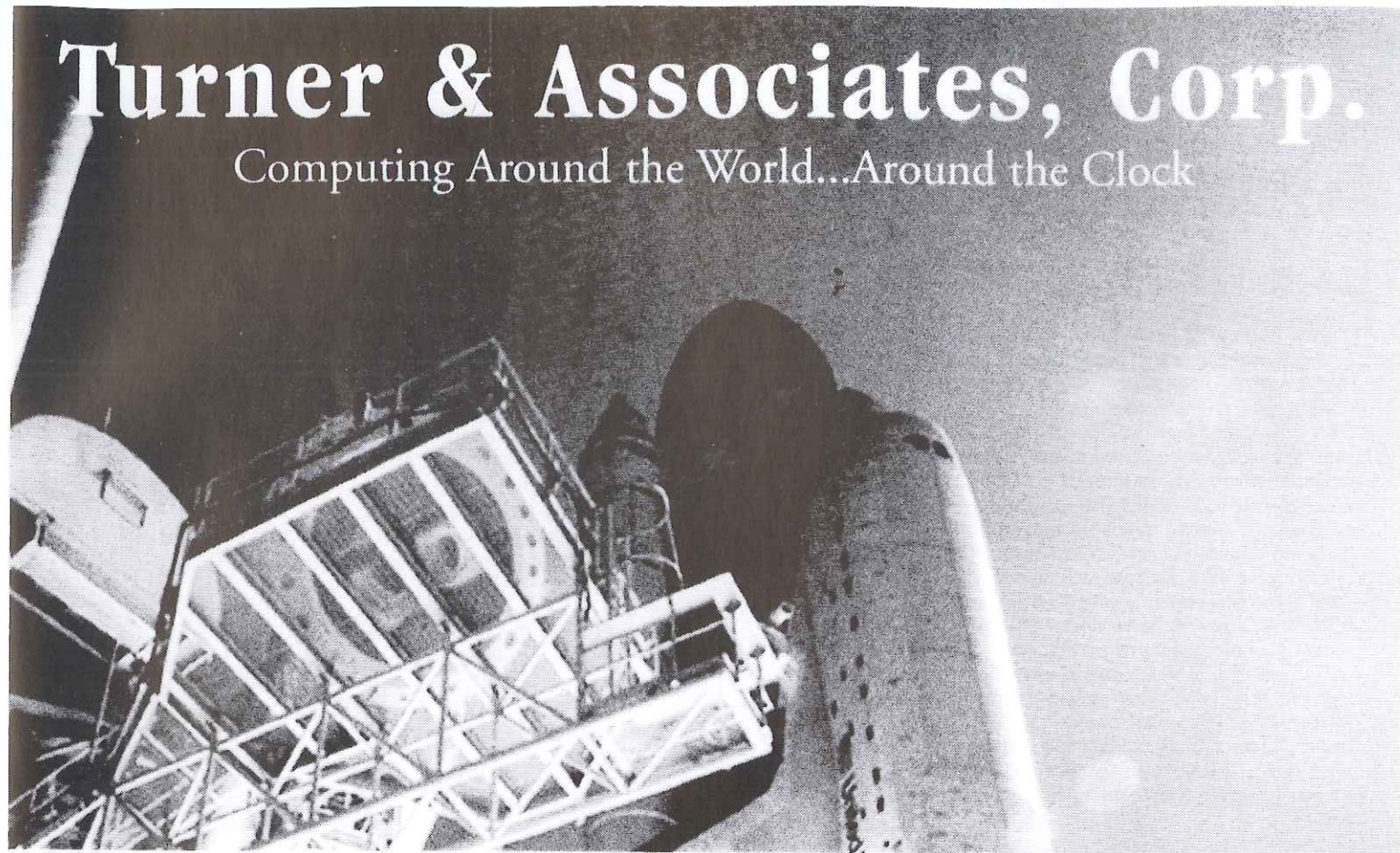
Americans welcome the best, the best products, the best books, the best music, the best food, the best athletes. But they also welcome the least.

The national symbol of America, The Statue of Liberty, welcomes your tired and your poor, the wretched refuse of your teeming shores, the homeless, tempest tossed. These in fact are the people who built America. Some of them were working in the Twin Towers the morning of September 11, 2001 earning a better life for their families. I've been told that the World Trade Center victims were from at least 30 other countries, cultures, and first languages, including those that aided and abetted the terrorists.

So you can try to kill an American if you must. Hitler did. So did General Tojo, and Stalin, and Mao Tse-Tung, and every bloodthirsty tyrant in the history of the modern world. But, in doing so you would just be killing yourself. Because Americans are not a particular people from a particular place. They are the embodiment of the human spirit of freedom. Everyone who holds to that spirit, everywhere, is an American.

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# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES MID-AMERICA COUNCIL JUVENILE DIVERSION PROGRAM

The Mid-American Council Juvenile Diversion Program is a pre-trial program for minors, conducted through the joint efforts of the Omaha Bar Association and the Boy Scouts. The program provides first-time misdemeanor offenders a positive alternative to Juvenile Court. Young offenders facing criminal charges will have the opportunity to participate in the program which uses structured activities to improve attitudes about the legal system, improve self-image, teach better methods of communication and conflict resolution, and improve their decision making skills. The goal of the program is to divert youth away from the court system and to reduce recidivism amongst these participants.

The use of volunteers is essential to this program. An adult group leader is responsible for arranging speakers, activities and tours; facilitating program meetings; providing guidance and encouragement; and serving as a positive role model.

The following volunteer opportunities are available:

- **Juvenile Diversion Adult Group Leaders** must be over the age of 21 and will facilitate bi-monthly meetings for the diversion program available to first-time offenders. No experience is necessary. Training will be provided.

- **Speakers** to provide educational presentations to diversion participants.

- **Program Committee Members** to assist the director in maintaining contact with participant groups, provide reports to director, identify and recruit potential adult leaders and speakers, assist in marketing the program and producing support materials.

For more information please contact **Stephanie Rall** at (402) 431-9272.

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### September:

2	Tues.	<b>District Court</b> Jury Session
4	Thurs.	<b>THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL FALL KICKOFF - FIRST NATIONAL BANK</b>
9	Tues.	<b>County Court</b> Jury Session
15	Mon.	<b>District Court</b> Jury Session
29	Mon.	<b>District Court</b> Jury Session for October

### October:

2	Thurs.	<b>Walk Through The Courts</b> - 3:00 p.m. The Champions Club <b>OBA Monthly Meeting</b> - Cocktails 5:30 p.m. / Dinner 6:30 p.m. - The Champions Club <b>Speaker: Dennis Carlson, Nebraska Counsel for Discipline</b>
7	Tues.	<b>County Court</b> Jury Session
14	Tues.	<b>District Court</b> Jury Session
27	Mon.	<b>District Court</b> Jury Session for November

### November:

4	Tues.	<b>County Court</b> Jury Session
10	Mon.	<b>District Court</b> Jury Session

### December:

1	Mon.	<b>District Court</b> Jury Session - Three Weeks
2	Tues.	<b>County Court</b> Jury Session
18	Thurs.	<b>Barristers' Christmas Party</b>

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