

## Our threat may be from within

At a time when we claim to embrace Christian values and the "shepherd" philosophy, the 2007 budget seems to scream of authoritarian solutions and an "each for their own" attitude. To be sure, the 9/11 attacks have changed the course of defense, but in our effort to protect ourselves we must not forget our greatest threat may be from within, i.e. lack of education, no health coverage and the "working poor."

The *Washington Post* notes the "\$439.3 billion the plan devotes to the military is 45 percent greater than the Pentagon budget when Bush took office five years ago."\* The increase in military spending is one of the largest, but does not include the funding of the wars in Iraq or Afghanistan. Nor does it include much of a monetary benefit for our military personnel salaries. I guess one can argue we can at least see where we are spending our money — airplanes, unmanned flying aircraft and other equipment. Of course, none of this spending has Iran's name on it, should the occasion arise.

The budget has been delivered to Congress and now the hammering begins. At least we hope so. Some spending has increased and some has been cut, for instance — education. I am trying to understand cuts to education when we have been ordered to implement the "No Child Left Behind" plan. The logic in that evades me.

Next on the list is Medicare. Just as baby boomers are reaching retirement age Medicare has been ordered to slim down. I'm not quite sure how this plays out with the recently installed Medicare drug program, but I am quite sure

### Phase II Mary Kay Woodyard



the loser in this will not be the drug companies.

In our effort to be "safe" we must not become so engulfed with fear we lose sight of our belief in helping each other. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and I agree on very few things. But one statement he made I do agree with: "No nation, no matter how powerful, has the resources or capability to defend everywhere, at every moment of the day or night, against every conceivable type of attack."\*\*

At this point we part company, he says the increases in military will make for a more "flexible fighting force" and I say at what or whose expense? In our Christian heritage, have we forgotten the Beatitudes or is that part of the Bible that isn't relevant to the zealous in today's environment?

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### NORTON Senior High:

**February 19-25 FFA Week**  
Monday — Jay Singers, a.p.; Girls C Team Basketball at Oberlin, 6 p.m.

Tuesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; Cheer, a.p.; Football Meeting, a.p.; Girls C, Junior Varsity and Varsity Basketball vs. Colby, Here, Senior Night, 4:15 p.m.

Wednesday — No School  
Thursday — FFA, a.p.; FCCLA, a.p.; KSPA Regional at Hays, 9 a.m.

Friday — KMEA at Wichita; State Wrestling at Hays, 10 a.m.

Saturday — KMEA at Wichita; State Wrestling at Hays, 10 a.m.

Next Monday — Jay Singers, a.p.; Wrestling Team Pictures, 3 p.m.; Sub-State Boys Basketball Quarter Finals, 7 p.m.

### Junior High:

Wednesday — MCEL Music Festival, No School; Site Council, 5 p.m.

Thursday — Wrestling vs. Ellis/Phillipsburg at Ellis, 4:30 p.m.

Next Monday — Wrestling Team Pictures, 3 p.m.; Scholars Bowl at Stockton, 4 p.m.

### Eisenhower:

Monday — Grade 5 and 6 Vocal Concert, Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Wednesday — Parent/Teacher Conferences, No School

Next Monday — Site Council, 7 p.m.

### All Schools:

Next Monday — Professional Development Council, Alice Tweed Center, 4 p.m.

### High School Menus:

Monday — Breakfast: Waffle stix, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Mr. Rib sandwich, lettuce, sliced tomato, green peas,

Jell-O with whipped topping or chef salad, milk

Tuesday — Breakfast: Breakfast quesadilla, tater wedge, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Monte Cristo with ham sandwich, corn, pasta salad, applesauce, or chef salad, milk

Wednesday — No School  
Thursday — Breakfast: Cherry bread, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Lasagna, combo salad, hot roll, fruit cocktail or chef salad, milk

Friday — Breakfast: Yogurt, bagel with cream cheese, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Chicken fry patty, whipped potatoes and country style gravy, carrots, hot roll, pineapple or chef salad, milk

**Eisenhower Menus:**  
Monday — Breakfast: Monkey bread, grape juice, milk; Lunch: Spaghetti, tossed salad, peaches, garlic bread, milk

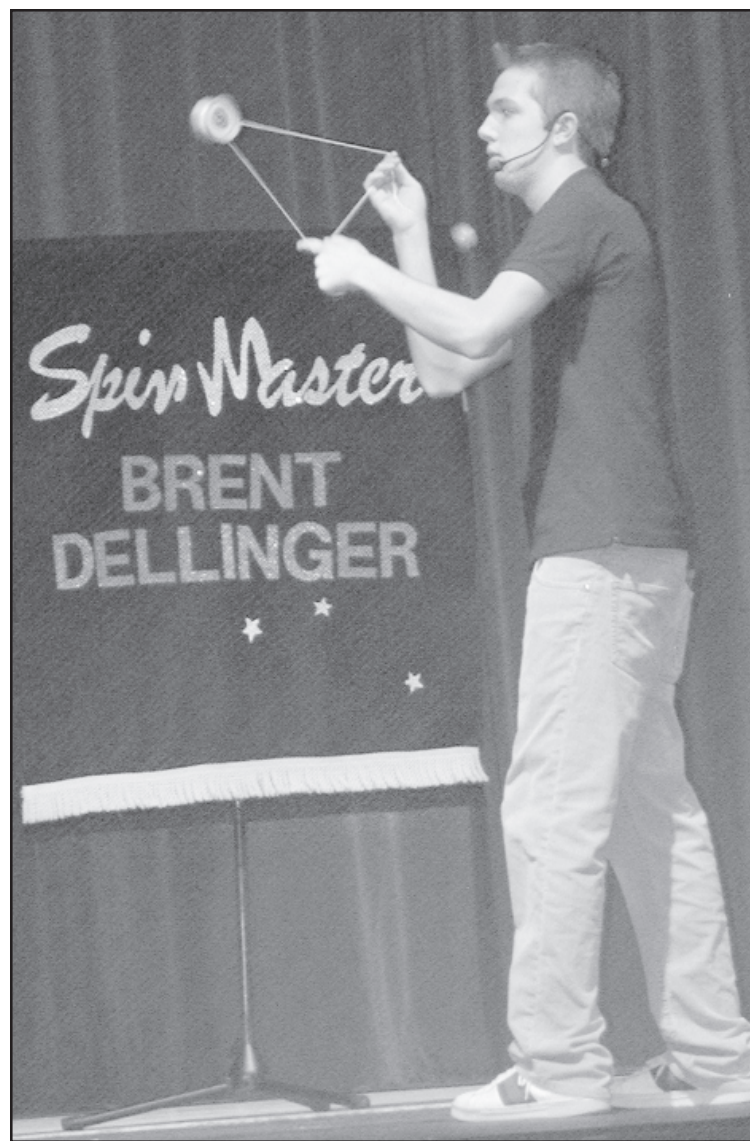
Tuesday — Breakfast: Sausage gravy, biscuit, orange juice, milk; Lunch: Corn dog, tater tots, baby carrots, fruit cocktail, cookie, milk

Wednesday — No School  
Thursday — Breakfast: Sausage patty with biscuit, apple juice, milk; Lunch: chicken enchilada, broccoli, cauliflower, blonde browies, orange half, milk

Friday — Breakfast: French toast, pears, milk; Lunch: Beef and noodles, whipped potatoes, green beans, mandarin oranges, cheese rolls, milk

**NORTHERN VALLEY**  
National FFA Week, February 19-25

Monday — High School Dance Practice; No School, President's Day; High School Regional Basketball, Northern Valley Boys vs.



Yo-yo champion, Brent "King of the Strings" Dellinger, wowed fourth through eighth graders during his exhibition Thursday afternoon in East Campus Auditorium.

— Telegram photo by Carlyn Plotts

## Norton man changes plea to guilty

By VERONICA MONIER

A Norton County man changed his plea to guilty on two counts involving sexual misconduct with an underage boy, but maintains his innocence on one of the counts.

On Thursday, Jay Holste pled guilty on a count of lewd and lascivious behavior and entered an Alford guilty plea on a count of sexual battery as part of a plea agreement.

County Counselor Doug Sebelius said the Alford plea is a guilty plea without acknowledging the guilt and is used when someone must plead guilty but wants to maintain their innocence.

Mr. Holste was arrested in October and charged with two counts of sexual battery and one count of lewd and lascivious behavior after a Norton boy accused him of "unlawfully and intentionally touching" the youth without his consent with "the intent to arouse or satisfy the sexual desires of the offender" on July 19 and Aug. 5.

Each count of sexual battery, which are class A misdemeanors, carry a jail sentence of up to 12

months and a fine of up to \$2,500, while the count of lewd and lascivious behavior, a class B misdemeanor, carries a jail sentence of up to six months and a fine of up to \$1,500.

Mr. Sebelius told the court that in exchange for a guilty plea on count two, lewd and lascivious behavior, and count three, sexual battery, the state will dismiss count one, also sexual battery. And, he said, Mr. Holste will be registered as a sex offender.

Calvin Williams, Mr. Holste's attorney, also turned in a psychological evaluation, which was reviewed by the judge along with the victim's statement.

Judge Barbara Stites, who is from Hill City and was filling in for Judge Debra Anderson who was ill, said she was concerned that not having two absolute guilty pleas might interfere with therapy.

After reviewing the information of the case, she said the court would agree to the dismissal of count one and would accept the guilty plea to the charge of lewd and lascivious behavior, but was not willing to take the Alford guilty plea on count three.

## Yo-yo champion shows off his talent

World champion yo-yo artist Brent Dellinger, Salina, entertained students from Eisenhower Elementary and Norton Junior High School Thursday afternoon. Mr. Dellinger, 18, of Salina, gave a dramatic yo-yo demonstration on stage at the East Campus auditorium using different types of yo-yos and a light show.

He demonstrated yo-yos he helped develop and a new type of

toy that looks more like a stick. He also performed with a yo-yo that was not connected to a string.

He impressed his audience when he told them he began competing at age 12 and bought his dream car, a Porsche, with his yo-yo earnings. He told the students that now he travels the world because of his yo-yo talent. He encouraged them to try hard at whatever they do and practice.

## Man getting better

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Mr. Harting is doing well and is in good spirits, she said. He has upper mobility and has used a walker, crutches and a wheel chair to get around. For a treat, she said, he got to slide into an old Buick car.

Ms. Sanders said Mr. Harting enjoys getting cards and phone calls.

"We think people praying for him has helped," she said. "The doctor said people must be pray-

ing a lot for him to be where he is."

She said he likes to hear from people back home and hopes that people will continue to stay in contact with him.

Greetings and get-well wishes may be sent to Mr. Harting at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital, 5401 South Street, Room 109, Lincoln, Neb. 68506-2134. Telephone calls can reach him at 402-486-8109.

A request by Mr. Sebelius to speak to Judge Stites in chambers was granted and when court reconvened, she accepted the Alford plea.

When asked, Mr. Holste said he had been fairly represented and was aware that he would have to serve any sentence and pay all fines and fees.

Before sentencing, Mr. Holste read a statement, saying he was guilty of lewd and lascivious behavior and was truly sorry and ashamed of his conduct. He promised the court and community that nothing like that would happen again.

"Sometimes in life, we have to face the truth," he said.

But as for the sexual battery charge, he said, he never touched the young man nor had the young man touched him to arouse or satisfy his sexual desires. But, he said, even though he would have to be registered as a sex offender, a guilty plea was needed to ensure closure for everyone involved and to prevent the embarrassment of a trial for his family and the victim's family.

He apologized for his actions.

Judge Stites said for count two, the charge of lewd and lascivious behavior, Mr. Holste would be fined \$1,000 and was sentenced to six months in the Norton County Jail. The sentence was suspended to three years of supervised probation with court services after serving 10 days in jail.

For count three, the charge of sexual battery, she said, Mr. Holste would be fined \$2,500 and was sentenced to one year in the Norton County Jail to be served consecutive to the six months. That sentence was suspended to three years of supervised probation to run concurrently with the other count after serving 30 days in jail.

She said Mr. Holste also had to register as a sex offender as soon as court adjourned and had to check into a therapy program with a state licensed therapist and have a therapy plan turned into her within 60 days.

Mr. Holste will pay a total of \$3,500 in fines, plus \$117 for court costs, a \$45 booking fee, \$25 probation fee, and \$25 for testing. He will serve 40 days in the Norton County Jail and will have three years of supervised probation.

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