

‘Booked for Lunch’ begins next week

I am going to assume that by the time you are reading this column, you have already celebrated the start of 2003.

All of us at the Library wish you a prosperous and happy new year and hope that you will make Pioneer Memorial Library a big part of it.

In fact, I want to invite you to attend our first “Booked For Lunch” book review of this new year which will be on Wednesday, Jan. 8.

The Friends of the Library will be serving a light lunch beginning at noon on that day and at 12:15 p.m., Linda Goossen will review two great new books by the well-known author Philip Gulley. She will review *Home to Harmony* and *Just Shy of Harmony*.

The review will be over in time for everyone to get back to work by 1 pm. Now wouldn’t that be a great way to spend your noon hour and a great way to start the new year? We invite everyone to attend.

It is free - but if you are so inclined, a donation basket will be available to help defray the cost of the lunch. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us at the Library at noon on January 8th. We’ll save a seat for you!

How about some good books to read that will start the year off right too? Many of you became fans of author Jodi Picoult after reading



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Plain Truth, or Perfect Match or one of her other books.

Her latest book *The Pact* is a love story that is soon to be a Lifetime Original Movie.

The story is about the Hartes and the Golds who have lived next door to each other for 18 years and shared everything from chicken pox to Chinese food.

Both the parents and the children were best friends so it was no surprise when Chris and Emily started dating.

But when the hospital notified the parents that Emily was dead at 17 as the result of a gunshot wound to the head, they could hardly believe it.

Chris had only a superficial wound which wasn’t life-threatening and was talking about some sort of suicide pact that had gone wrong.

How did this happen? And what did Chris mean?

The parents were suddenly facing their worst fear: Did they really know their children after all? *The*

Pact paints an indelible portrait of families in anguish, culminating in an astonishing suspenseful courtroom drama where Chris finds himself on trail for murder.

Since successful business is a big part of nearly everyone’s New Year goals, why not check out one of the new business-related books we have on the shelf. For instance, *Blue’s Clues for Success* by Diane Tracy gives the eight secrets behind a phenomenal business.

Millions of children have been inspired by the lessons of Blues Clues on TV. Not only has it become one of the most popular and successful shows for preschoolers in television history, it also has changed the way children watch television with its interactive approach.

The author attempts to take these same principles into the business world. She offers clues that are fundamental to business success and then suggests ways to apply them. This is probably the most unique business book we have heard of

lately. It’s worth giving a try.

Finally, *Magnolia Creek* by Jill Landis is a novel set just after the Civil War ended.

On the eve of the Civil War Sara Coulter married the dashing Dru Talbot only to see him ride off to join the Confederate army on the day after the wedding. Then soon after, she received word from one of his friends that Dru had died tragically in battle.

Overcome with grief, she nearly becomes a recluse like her sister-in-law but refusing to live her life that way, she takes a different path - one that turns tragically wrong.

Just as she comes back home in disgrace to Magnolia Creek right after the war ends, the reader surprisingly learns that Dru did not die after all and is on his way back to Magnolia Creek to reclaim his bride.

Little does he know... *Magnolia Creek* is a gentle read much like LaVyrle Spencer’s novels.

Be sure to stop by Pioneer Memorial Library soon. We are located at 375 West 4th and are open 7 days a week as follows: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. - 8p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. For more information contact the Library at 462-4470. We look forward to serving you.

Student News

Scholtz and Schroeder

Two Colby residents were among 1,300 students to receive degrees from the University of Nebraska during the latter part of December, 2002.

D’Ette Scholtz and Scott Schroeder both received a master of science degree at commencement ceremonies in Lincoln, Neb.

Harold Andersen, retired publisher and chief executive officer of the Omaha World-Herald gave the address and Marian Andersen received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree.

Graduates came from 34 states and 37 countries, said Tom Simons, university communications.

Osage City police request help in locating missing man

The Osage City Police Department and Kansas Bureau of Investigation are asking for the public’s assistance in locating Kerry Lynn Thompson, who was reported missing Monday, Dec. 30.

Police officials in Osage City said Thompson was last seen driving a 1996 green Ford Ranger pick up with an extended cab. The license plate number is RAF 910 and an “Osage Indians” red and white bumper sticker



Thompson

is visible.

Thompson, 48, is about 5’8” tall, 160 lbs., hazel eyes and wears glasses and has a mustache, authorities said.

“He was last seen wearing a gray or silver short sleeve button-up shirt, black shoes with silver buckles, unknown pants description, a zip-up coat, unknown color,” a police spokesperson said today.

Anyone with information about Thompson is urged to call the KBI toll-free at 1-800-572-7463 or Osage City Police at 1-785-528-3131.

Osage City is located about 60 miles south of Topeka and authorities had no other details available as of press time, other than to say that Thompson was still missing.

New Year’s celebrations have few problems, but terrorism fears hurt mood

By The Associated Press

New Year’s Day crowds in Pasadena, Calif., screamed and cheered Wednesday as a trio of military stealth planes streaked overhead for the Tournament of Roses Parade.

Nearly a continent away, rain forced the postponement of another new year tradition, Philadelphia’s colorful Mummers Parade.

Earlier, as midnight chimed, revelers rang in 2003 at boisterous bashes in New York, Las Vegas and other cities, but the sour economy and fears of terrorism dampened some of the excitement.

Money and safety jitters also put a small dent in turnout for the 114th annual Rose Parade, said Pasadena police who tightened security for

the 54-float spectacle. Still, hundreds of thousands turned out, cheering as a B-2 stealth bomber and a pair of F-117A Nighthawk stealth fighters zoomed over the parade route.

“It’s good to see the stealth bomber,” said Rick Fidler, 50, of Tulsa, Okla., acknowledging his concerns about security.

For the first time in 13 years, the Mummers Parade was postponed because of the weather. Rain and wind can damage the feathers, sequins and fabric that make up the elaborate costumes worn by thousands of participants. They’ll get their chance to strut on Saturday, instead.

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ative at midnight in Manhattan, where an estimated 750,000 people gathered to watch the Times Square ball drop. Actor Christopher Reeve joined Mayor Michael Bloomberg to signal the descent of the 1,070-pound Waterford crystal ball.

“In the 23 years of my life, this has been the best time I’ve ever had,” said Lee Clark, who was vis-

iting from London. “The atmosphere, the people—it’s all great.”

Tens of thousands of people crowded the Las Vegas Strip for a midnight fireworks show launched from the roofs of 10 casinos. Many had been partying hard well in advance of the new year.

“This is the warmup stage,” said David Douglas, across the Strip

from a faux volcano that erupts four times an hour. “We’ll be yelling ‘happy New Year’ for the next three hours. After that we’ll be too inebriated.”

Police officers were in full force at the gatherings, but few disturbances were reported. In New York, sharpshooters were stationed on roofs, and undercover officers mixed with the crowd.

Security was heightened at New York Harbor after the Department of Homeland Security issued a low-level alert for the city’s ports.

The possibility of a terrorist attack was enough to keep Joy Koehl away from the Vegas party. The American Airlines flight attendant headed to bed early, partly because

she was “a little worried about terrorism.”

“It’s a high-profile place and there’s a lot of people here,” said Koehl, 45, of Palmetto, Ga.

Several communities put their own spins on New York’s ball-dropping. In Pennsylvania, a 9-foot wooden lollipop dropped at Hummelstown, a 100-pound slab of Bologna was lowered in Lebanon, and a giant green pickle mascot took a plunge into a barrel in Dillsburg.

In New York, many partygoers who stood for hours to be in Times Square at the stroke of midnight said the spectacle was worth it.

Lauren Scott, 12, had one New Year’s resolution: “Come next year.”



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