

Ag economist to discuss farm debt during Nebraska Media News Day

Noted agricultural economist Michael Boehlje will present his solutions to farm debt problems at Nebraska Media News Day, Thursday in the East Campus Union. Boehlje, a professor at Iowa State University, has done extensive research in production economy, farm management and agricultural policy. He researches new ways of financing farm debt, considered by many the No. 1 problem in agriculture today.

Four panelists will discuss Boehlje's ideas immediately after

his speech. The panelists are Mark Drabbenstott, senior economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City; Richard Gady, vice president, economic and commodity research, Conagra, Inc.; Bryce Neidig, president, Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation, crop and livestock farmer; and Martin Strange, co-director, center for Rural Affairs, Walthill.

Terry Meisenbach, promotion coordinator for Nebraska Media News Day, said media representatives will be given a tour and a

chance to interview researchers of selected departments on East Campus, including the tractor testing laboratory, and a biotechnology lab.

Nebraska Media News Day is annually sponsored by the UNL department of agricultural communications. The event offers Nebraska media the opportunity to visit the university for interviews and discussions on research and current events in agriculture. Boehlje's speech is open to the public.

Banquet offers taste of foreign countries

"A taste of the foreign countries" is what International Student Organization President Saeed Bahramzad said participants can expect from the Third International Banquet and Cultural Show this Saturday evening.

Foods from all over the world will be served in a buffet beginning at 6 p.m. in the Centennial Room and Ballroom of the Nebraska Union.

After the banquet, Bahramzad said, people also can get acquainted with the cultures of approximately eight foreign countries through native dance, song and costume during the Cultural Show.

Tickets for the banquet are on sale until Thursday. Adult/student tickets are available for \$8 and children's tickets are \$4. Tickets will be sold at the infor-

mation desks of the Nebraska and East unions. In the Nebraska Union, tickets also can be purchased at student booths in the Main Lobby and in the International Educational Services Office, Nebraska Union 345.

As in past years, about 500 to 600 people are expected to attend, according to Judy Wendorff, international student adviser of UNL international education services.

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Police Report

The following incidents were reported to the UNL police between 12:12 a.m. and 8:44 p.m. Sunday.

4:33 a.m. — Stereo speakers and cassette tapes reported stolen from a vehicle in parking area 23 west of Harper-Schramm-Smith residence halls.

8:54 a.m. — Necklace reported stolen from a vehicle in Parking Area 1 north of Abel Hall. Necklace later was recovered.

12:31 p.m. — Alleged vandalism reported to a vehicle in Parking Area 10 near the Engineering Building.

8:44 p.m. — People reported tampering with the emergency phone in Parking Area 3 near 14th and New Hampshire streets.

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Wire Report

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Duarte, leftists adjourn, agree to keep talking

LA PALMA, El Salvador — President Jose Napoleon Duarte and left-wing guerrilla chiefs ended a historic meeting here Monday with agreement to continue a dialogue on how to end El Salvador's civil war, San Salvador Archbishop Arturo Rivera y Damas said in a statement.

The agreement was announced by the Roman Catholic archbishop after four and a half hours of talks, the first between government leaders and guerrilla chiefs since civil war broke out in El Salvador almost five years ago. The archbishop, who attended the conference as a witness, read a communique saying the two sides had agreed to set up a commission composed of four delegates chosen by Duarte and four selected by the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front and its political wing, the Revolutionary Democratic Alliance. The commission's work, Rivery y Damas said, would be supervised by a delegate chosen by the archbishop's office.

"It added that the meeting had been held in an atmosphere of seriousness and mutual respect" and stressed that both sides would be looking for ways to "humanize the conflict" here. The communique made no mention of ceasefire in the fighting between the 42,000 strong U.S.-backed army and an estimated 6,000 to 8,000 guerrillas fighting under the umbrella of the FMLN.

Drunk driving crackdown urged

WASHINGTON — The chairman of a federal safety agency Monday urged states to take stronger action against drunk drivers, especially repeat offenders. The National Transportation Safety Board said a study it made of fatal car accidents found 65 percent of them involved alcohol. It said 30 percent of drunk driving convictions each year involved repeat offenders.

Board Chairman James Burnett said at a news conference judges in drunk driving cases often did not have prior arrest records available. He said in many cases the charges were reduced if the driver agreed to enter a treatment program for alcohol problems. "We are asking governors to take steps to ensure that states do not allow treatment programs to be used in place of license revocation or suspension," he said. States also should make sure judges have records on hand of alcohol-related traffic offenses before sentencing and records of juvenile offenders be kept when they become adults, he said. Burnett said police should be better trained to spot drunk drivers through preliminary breath tests and observation.

In a related effort to reduce drunk driving, Congress this year passed a law cutting highway funds for states that do not have a minimum drinking age of 21. About one-half of the 50 states allow drinking at the ages of 18, 19 or 20. Private groups also have urged many states to increase arrests and penalties for drunk drivers.

Mother Teresa attacks abortion

NEW YORK — Moments before Archbishop of New York John J. O'Connor delivered his latest attack on abortion Monday, Mother Teresa — unexpected, but immediately recognized by the audience — stepped out on stage. O'Connor's major address on abortion, which traced the traditional Roman Catholic church doctrine on abortion and repeated political statements about the issue that have resonated during this presidential campaign, had been well publicized in advance. But the appearance of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, a Nobel Peace laureate, came as a surprise to the audience in the gymnasium of Cathedral High School. To a warm greeting from the audience, she condemned abortion unequivocally as "murder" and spoke of the importance of Christ as "the little unborn child."

In an address called "Human Lives, Human Rights," the archbishop elaborated on his criticisms of abortion, and restated his disagreement with all politicians who state they privately oppose abortion but do not seek to impose their views on others. The archbishop did not name Democratic Vice presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro, a Catholic, but his comments echoed his earlier public criticisms of her pro-choice stance. Throughout his 30-page speech, portions of which he read for more than an hour, O'Connor sought to portray abortion, which he called destruction of life, as a question of public, not private, morality, and one of concern to people of all religions and to atheists.

Suspected neo-Nazis skip trial

WEST BERLIN — Two of nine suspected West German extremists accused of setting up an illegal neo-Nazi organization in West Berlin failed to appear for the start of their trial Monday. The court issued an arrest warrant for one of the missing men, Kerstin Sydov, 21, but gave the second man time to explain his absence. The seven others refused to answer the charges.

The defendants, aged 20 to 28, are accused of forming the paramilitary German Workers Youth Group in 1982 with the aim of establishing a racist dictatorship and restoring the German Reich within 1914 borders. Under West German law and Allied regulations, in force in West Berlin since the end of World War II, it is illegal to set up extremist organizations. Britain and the United States had to give their permission before legal proceedings against the suspected neo-Nazis could begin.

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