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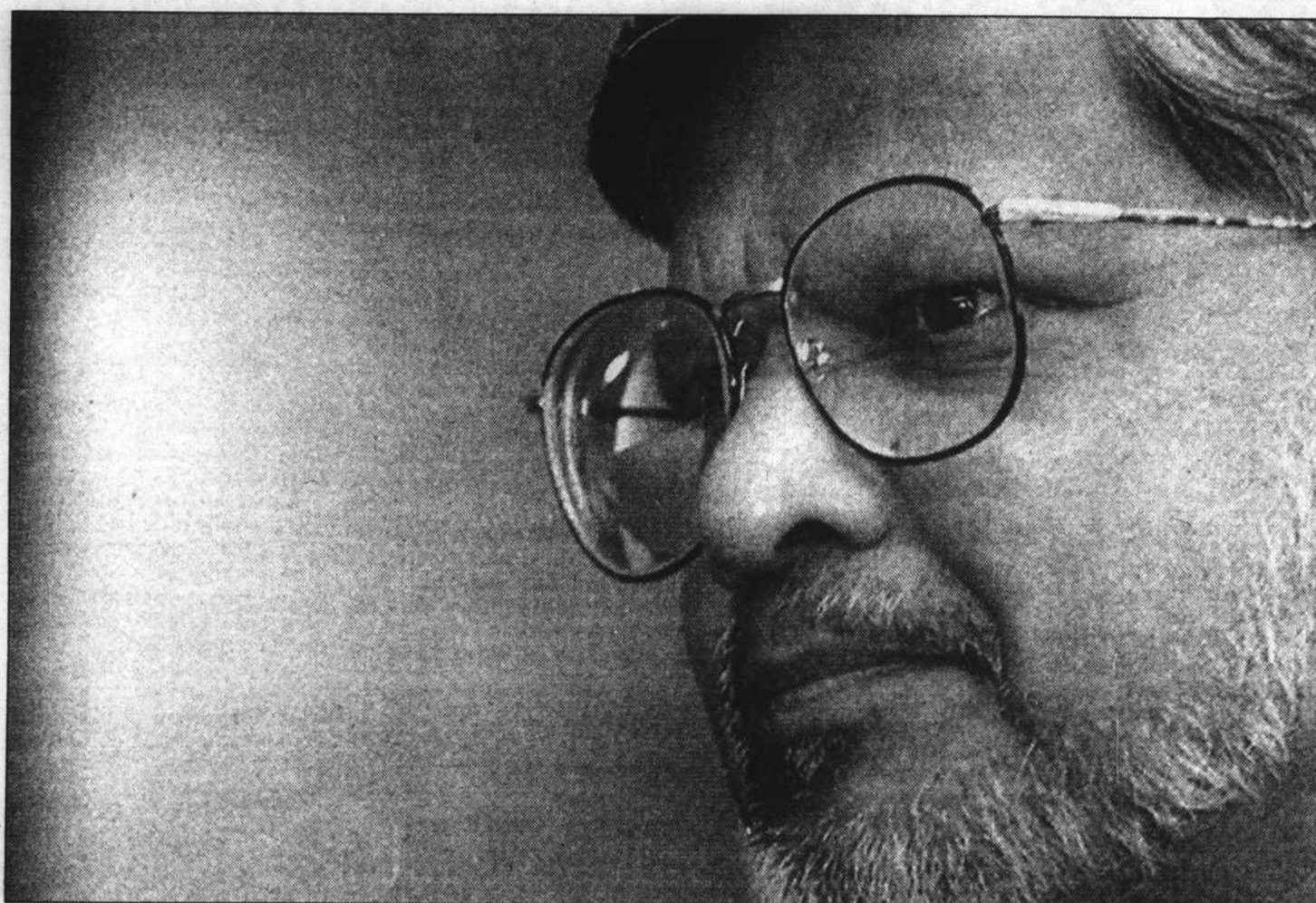
WEATHER:

Today - Mostly sunny & mild. Northwest wind 5 to 15 mph.

Tonight - Partly cloudy. Low 20 to 25.



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Arun Gandhi, grandson of the late Indian leader "Mahatma" Gandhi, speaks Sunday night at the Vine Congregational Church.

Marni Speck/DN

Stop the violence Gandhi's grandson calls for peace

By Todd Anderson
Staff Reporter

The grandson of the late "Mahatma" Gandhi urged more than 250 people gathered in a Lincoln church Sunday night to cooperate and get involved in their communities.

Arun Gandhi, whose grandfather was the Indian spiritual leader Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, spoke at the Vine Congregational Church, 1800 Twin Ridge Road, as part of a 10-week series on India.

"Find out what you can change in yourself and in other people," said Gandhi, author of four books and co-founder of the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence in Memphis, Tenn.

He talked about the importance of getting involved to solve problems, instead of simply being charitable.

"They (problems) are all aggravated be-

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ARUN GANDHI

grandson of "Mahatma" Gandhi

cause none of us have the time to devote," he said.

Echoing the philosophy of his grandfather, Gandhi said people should use nonviolent methods to reach their goals.

"To understand the philosophy of nonviolence, you need to understand the ramifications of violence first," he said. "We all need to be more considerate, compassionate and giving.

"Physical violence is the cumulative effect of all passive violence suffered for years. We must get rid of passive violence."

Gandhi, editor of "World Without Violence: Can Gandhi's Dream Become Reality?", said the philosophy of nonviolence was not just a strategy used for protests.

"Nonviolence has to begin with us. We must practice it with our own children and create a relationship based on mutual respect," he said.

"We must ask ourselves, are we progressing toward civilization, and if so, why are we becoming so violent?" Gandhi said.

"The blame ultimately lies with us," he said. "Don't ever aspire to change the whole world. We don't have the capacity.

"Instead, be content to change yourself, your family, and your neighborhood. We need to understand our limitations."

Fire leaves 89-year-old in hospital

By Chad Lorenz
Senior Reporter

A major explosion caused by a leak in a gas stove Saturday morning blew off the front of a two-story house and severely burned a Lincoln resident.

James J. Walsh, 89, was in critical condition Sunday night with third-degree burns on 80 percent of his body. He is being treated at the burn unit of St. Elizabeth Community Health Center.

Walsh, who was conscious when help arrived, told fire officials he had been trying to light a gas stove when his house at 3121 N. 47th St. exploded, Lincoln Fire Investigator Bill Moody said.

A gas line connected to the kitchen range had been leaking overnight and had filled the house with gas, Moody said.

The gas spread flames throughout the house, which caught entirely on fire, Moody said. Firefighters worked for almost three hours to contain the blaze, he said.

The house and its contents were destroyed, and the loss was estimated at \$83,000, Moody said.

"Obviously there was nothing salvageable," Moody said.

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Papillion plant forced to dump sewage in river

OMAHA (AP) — It is revolting but legal. Some 216 million gallons of raw sewage from Nebraska's largest city will pour directly into the Missouri River this week as the Papillion Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant works on its chlorine system and repairs sluice gates.

Over four days beginning Tuesday morning, when people in and around the city flush their toilets, there is a chance it will go directly into the river.

Apparently it will not make any measurable difference to the environment or public health; it is less than a dirty drop in the bucket.

"The dilution power of the river is enormous, though it is extremely difficult to measure and document changes in the Missouri over time because the river itself is so variable," said Allen Schlesinger, a biology professor at Creighton University who has studied the river for years.

"There are certainly conceptual concerns, but

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Candidates vie for votes in Iowa caucuses

By Tom Raum
The Associated Press

SIoux CITY, Iowa — On the eve of the Iowa caucuses, GOP candidates hopped the state Sunday, courting the one-out-of-five Republicans that polls suggest are undecided.

With Bob Dole's lead appearing to have stabilized, the real battle formed around who would be second.

As the rivals moved from town meetings and rallies to TV talk shows, publishing heir Steve Forbes emerged as everyone else's favorite target.

"Forbes is falling, despite his massive amount of negative ads," asserted former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander, who hoped to benefit from any Forbes decline.

Texas Sen. Phil Gramm, trailing in

the single digits but insisting he not be counted out, ridiculed Forbes for complaining about anonymous phone calls against him. "He can dish it out, but he can't take it."

Dole tried to take the high road, declining to criticize Forbes directly. But his campaign continued to air ads on Sunday calling the publisher "untested ... and more liberal than you think."

The Senate majority leader said he was content with polls showing him with a lead in the high 20s, far behind the 37 percent he finished with in 1988, when there were more candidates in the race.

"I want to finish first. We hope it's a strong first," he said during a visit to a Des Moines diner. "And some-

body else will finish second, and then we'll go on to New Hampshire where somebody will finish second."

Despite personal appearances, the candidates spent the pre-caucus day fighting over the airwaves — both on live television interview shows and with a blizzard of radio and TV advertising.

Forbes, who has spent about \$4 million in Iowa, even bought 30-minute spots that were running on TV stations on Sunday around the state. The "infomercial," called "Steve Forbes: A True Vision and an Honest Voice," included testimonials from prominent Americans, clips of him as a child and a taped 3-year-old tribute

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Caucus voters undecided

By Ted Taylor
Senior Reporter

After turning into a "non-event" in 1992, this year's Iowa caucus will be — at the very least — interesting, Political Science Professor Robert Sittig said Sunday.

Sittig said that while today's caucus may not clearly indicate who will run against President Clinton, it could send a couple of candidates reeling.

"In the past, it has put a whole bevy of candidates in a tailspin of which they couldn't recover," he said.

"If you go there and make the effort and still get low points, you can imagine how hard that is to explain to the next set of voters."

Sittig cited Texas Sen. Phil Gramm as one who could be hurt the most if he doesn't do well.

"He is going from contender to hanger-on," Sittig said. "He may be history after Monday night."

"It will put two or three of them right behind the eight ball, and you won't hear much from them anymore."

More than 130,000 Iowans are

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