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WEATHER:

Today - *Becoming mostly sunny. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph.*

Tonight - *Partly cloudy, low in the lower 20's*

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Melissa Landis, a part-time environmental studies major, speaks to a small crowd in the Crib on Thursday during National Day without Violence. The activities in the Nebraska Union were sponsored by Nebraskans for Peace.

'Heads and hearts'

Groups come together to promote peace

By Erin Schulte and Michaela Pieler
Staff Reporters

"Peace in the Home" is an ironic name for one of Laurie McClain's songs.

The lyrics describe a situation familiar to McClain and women all across the country: creeping around one's home and emotions to avoid physical or mental abuse from a husband.

McClain brought her songs to the Crib in the Nebraska Union on Thursday as part of the National Day without Violence celebration.

The celebration lands on the anniversary of the death of Martin Luther King Jr., said Greg Rosenboom, a member of Nebraskans for Peace. Universities around the country planned activities for the day, he said.

McClain said abused women often needed encouragement to leave abusive relationships.

"Songs offer women a gentle way to step outside of the situation," McClain said. "They see

themselves in the songs."

And individual peace is the beginning of world peace, she said.

"World leaders' lives are a mess," McClain said. "Peace needs to start with each of them."

Government legislation on crime will not prevent violence, and that's why National Day without Violence was created, Rosenboom said.

Only education and understanding achieved through such events will stop society's problems, he said.

"If I raise my hand to hit you, legislation isn't going to stop me," Rosenboom said. "You have to get into peoples' heads and hearts."

That's what organizers of the celebration wanted to accomplish, he said. Nebraskans for Peace joined Amnesty International, Ecology Now and the Women's Studies Association in setting up exhibits and giving presentations.

Rosenboom said the day brought many different student groups together.

"Violence touches any group of

people," Rosenboom said. "There are alternatives to the way the world goes. We want to promote such issues as conflict resolution and nonviolent conflicts."

Scott Wesely, state coordinator for Nebraskans Against the Death Penalty, said the press promoted executions.

"The press was all over the Otey execution," Wesely said. "They were coming at it as if it were a football game."

He said alternatives to the death penalty should be researched.

Crime prevention, education and teaching children how to solve conflicts without violence are all viable options to the death penalty, he said.

"We're thirsty for blood, thirsty for revenge, and we haven't really even tried anything else," Wesely said.

Gregg Williams, education specialist at Multi-Cultural Affairs, said violence served only to divide people.

"We have nothing to talk about as long as we live in anger," he said. "I hope we can move this day without violence to a month, to a year and to a life without violence."

Suspect charged with possessing bomb components

By Nicholas K. Geranios
The Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. — Investigators found a partially assembled pipe bomb, chemicals and meticulous notes on making explosives in the mountain cabin of the former Berkeley math professor suspected of being the Unabomber, federal officials said Thursday.

Theodore John Kaczynski, 53, was charged Thursday with possessing the bomb components and was held without bail. Appearing before a judge, Kaczynski, bearded and thin, said he was mentally competent and couldn't afford his own lawyer.

The charge made no mention of the Unabomber's string of bombing attacks, which killed three people and injured 23 in 18 years. Federal officials said the charge was designed to hold Kaczynski while agents build a case.

The FBI again searched Kaczynski's hand-built, 10-by-12-foot

cabin Thursday. Federal officials said the search could last several days.

"It's going very slowly because we're not sure if it's booby-trapped," said a federal agent speaking on condition of anonymity. "We have an explosives ordnance team X-raying everything before we touch it."

The cabin has no electricity or running water, which would appear to match the Unabomber's aversion to modern society and technology.

FBI agents had been staking out Kaczynski's cabin near the Continental Divide for several weeks, ever since his mother and brother in the Chicago area notified authorities that they had stumbled across some of his old writings.

Kaczynski was taken into custody by federal agents Wednesday so they could search his cabin in the wilderness 50 miles northwest of Helena.

A key question went unanswered: How could Kaczynski, described by

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Washington grieves the death of Brown

By John Diamond
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A stunned capital was in mourning Thursday. Flags flew at half-staff and grief hung over the Commerce Department on a sunny spring day that should have held the promise of new life.

The bodies of Commerce Secretary Ron Brown and his entire entourage had been found, recovered from a Wednesday plane crash in Croatia.

A grieving President Clinton, whom Brown helped win the White House in 1992, ordered flags flown at half-staff in the nation's capital. On Wall Street, the New York Stock Exchange observed a moment of silence.

Clinton called Brown's widow early Thursday to notify her the secretary's body had been identified, said presidential spokesman Mike McCurry.

The president and first lady joined other administration officials at a brief memorial service at nearby St. John's Episcopal Church. The ceremony was closed to the public, and police blocked off nearby streets as passersby stopped to watch.

Afterward, Clinton said it was "a very moving memorial service, not only to grieve but also to celebrate the

life" of Brown and the other victims. "We thank God for their life, we pray for their families and we came together in our grief and rededication."

At the Pentagon, Air Force Lt. Gen. Howell Estes III said search crews were trying to determine the number of people on the plane. A passenger list for the flight showed 33 Americans and two Croatians but, as of Thursday, only 33 bodies had been recovered.

Contrary to reports from Croatia, Estes said he did not believe the Air Force passenger plane carried a voice or data recorder. He also defended the relatively old technology used to guide the plane toward the Dubrovnik airport before the crash.

"It is a kind of an approach that's been around for a while, there's no question about that, but it's still a very valid approach," Estes said. "Many aircraft have landed at the airport there at Dubrovnik with no difficulty. If we thought it wasn't a safe approach, we wouldn't allow our aircraft to use it."

The Air Force and the National Transportation Safety Board dispatched a team to Dubrovnik to investigate Wednesday's crash near the Adriatic coast.

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Lied director Marquis wants to keep UNL job

By Julie Sobczyk
Senior Reporter

The executive director of the Lied Center for Performing Arts has had a change of heart.

In January, C. Bruce Marquis announced he would resign as director, but now he says he'd like to stay — even though the university is wrapping up a search for his replacement.

"I have been greatly heartened by the enthusiasm that has been shown by audiences at the spring events," Marquis said. "I was encouraged that there

was indeed support for the artistic vision I sought to bring to the Lied."

Marquis had said he was resigning because his artistic vision for the Lied Center differed from that of the university's.

But the past season has excited him, he said, and he'd like to continue working on his vision for the Lied Center.

His vision, Marquis said, is bringing cultural diversity to performances and broadening the audience's horizons.

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Spirit plates bill cruises on

By Ted Taylor
Senior Reporter

A bill that would make Cornhusker spirit plates available to Husker fans in Nebraska sailed through another easy victory Thursday in the Legislature.

But senators adopted two major amendments before the quiet chorus of "ayes" advanced LB1264, sponsored by Omaha Sen. Kermit Brashear.

A one-word change to the bill by

Sens. David Bernard-Stevens of North Platte and Chris Beutler of Lincoln will allow all state college and university facilities to receive money for improvement and repair.

Initially, additional funds after the first \$5 million would have been divided equally among the campuses for athletic facilities only.

"At least now it's dealing more with education," Bernard-Stevens said. "It sends a good message that we're trying to help all education."

Brashear has said the \$70 plates would have the potential to gener-

ate more than \$1.2 million in the first year alone.

Thirty dollars of the plate costs will go to the Department of Motor Vehicles cash fund, while the remaining \$40 will go to a Spirit Plate Proceeds fund.

Those funds would be distributed in three ways.

— The first \$3 million would go to a scholarship fund that will help former athletes pursue postgraduate or graduate studies at any university system campus.

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