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Haymarket Heydays:

The annual festival serves as a boon to downtown businesses. But for some that come out -- the vendors -- the Heydays is a time to show their wares.
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Crime:

Reading between the lines:

The words of Gregory Gabel, accused of the 1995 murder of UNL student Tina McMenamin, may reveal some of his inner thoughts, a Lincoln psychologist said. Page 6

In his own words:

Gregory Gabel had some work published in 1993 in a Lincoln literary review. Now read them here. Page 6

Crime:

Asking for a date:

The attorney general is asking the Nebraska Supreme Court for a new execution date. They think it may be as soon as the end of the month.
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Athletics:

Rolling on:

The U.S. Women's Paralympic Basketball team was in town over the weekend, but they didn't see many of the sights. They had their eyes set on Atlanta gold. Page 3

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Closure or revenge?

Whenever the execution of a murderer appears imminent, we tend to hear many enthused supporters suggest that, at long last, there will be "closure" for the victim's family members, and that they will finally be able to "get on with their lives."
 I often find myself wondering what this is supposed to mean in concrete terms. Does such "closure" come in the form of a warm feeling inside, at the thought of the termination of some morally misguided individual's life? Does it come in the form of satisfaction in the

knowledge that now the members of someone else's family will be mourning the loss of a loved one?

And in what sense, exactly, is "getting on with one's life" impeded so long as an incarcerated killer is still drawing breaths somewhere in the recesses of the state penitentiary? Fortunately, I've never had a loved one murdered; but were I psychologically unable, in such circumstances, to live my life comfortably without a further spilling of blood, I like to think that I would seek some sort of counseling rather than seeking another person's death.

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