Hagel gets campaign boost from Sen.



By MATTHEW WAITE Senior Reporter

OMAHA - Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott said Nebraska's open Senate seat is one of the three most important races for the GOP's bid to keep its majority in Congress.

"If we're to hold our majority or

and Norfolk Wednesday. The Mississippi Republican is the ninth U.S. senator to appear for Hagel's campaign.

If we're to hold our majority or pick up a few seats, Nebraska is where it's got to happen."

> TRENT LOTT Senate Majority Leader

In many races across the nation, the claims a 13-point lead; Hagel's camp pick up a few seats, Nebraska is where it's got to happen," Lott said.

Lott was campaigning for Repub-

lican Chuck Hagel in Omaha, Sidney until the election, Lott's appearance credible, and he shares a fundamental comes at a time when polls released by the campaigns are at odds with each other. Democratic Gov. Ben Nelson government spending.

says Nelson leads by only one point.

With a little less than two weeks two things about his campaign: He is organization will be crucial to that effocus with the Republican party - including cutting taxes, regulation and esting," he said, "but you have to get

Nelson, who has not had a senator campaign for him, is out of step with his party, Hagel said. He said Nelson doesn't believe in his party's philoso-

"What else can he do but do what he's doing by not bringing anyone in?" Hagel said. "I am not ashamed of my party. I don't run from my party."

By using big names like Lott, the Hagel campaign aims to get out the message that Hagel can continue the progress of the Republican Congress.

Hagel has two weeks to do that, and Hagel said the endorsements show luring voters to the polls, and party fort, he said.

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Man dies hunting down runaway bull

FREMONT (AP) — A man helping to hunt down a runaway rodeo bull accidentally shot himself. An area farmer Wednesday killed the bull, which had been on the loose for three days.

John Lovitt, 54, of Ames died in an accidental shooting Monday night while hunting for one of two bulls that escaped Saturday night from a Fremont rodeo, Dean Skokan, Dodge County attorney, said. Sheriff Dan Weddle said Lovitt was one of the organizers of the ro-

Rodeo workers caught one of

the bulls Sunday night, but did not find the other.

A farmer killed the second bull

at 1 a.m. Wednesday, Skokan said. The bull apparently was shot near Ames, about six miles west of Fremont in east-central Nebraska.

Lovitt was looking for the bull in a farm field northwest of Fremont when his shotgun accidentally went off as he entered his vehicle, Skokan said. Autopsy results showed no sign that Lovitt had been in contact with the bull.

Residents in nearby Fremont were not told about the loose bull.

City Administrator Jack Sutton said the bull was not considered a danger to them because the animal was heading away from the eastern Nebraska community. Fremont, approximately 30 miles west of Omaha, has a population of about

"The initial reports were that the bulls were near the edge of town, but all the sightings after that were four to five miles west of Fremont, so we weren't concerned," Sutton said. "But then again, you don't know which direction those critters will be going."

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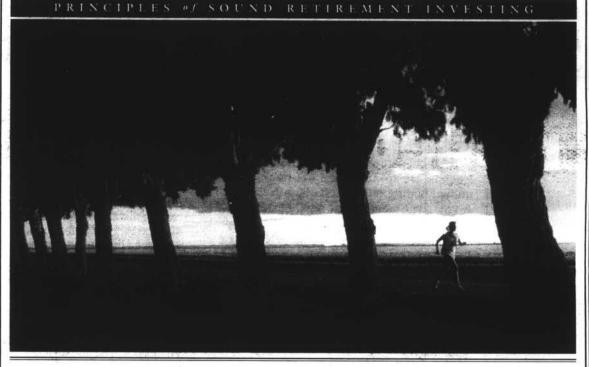
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