

# OPINION PACKETS

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## Our VIEW

**"Most 10-year-olds looking at them could tell they were forgeries."**

Gary Hergert, the interim director of the West Central Extension Center in North Platte, on some checks used in a alleged embezzlement scheme

**"I have no social life. I have no friends."**

Lt. Gov. Kim Robak, on how her work as a mother of two and as lieutenant governor kept her from the gubernatorial race

**"I am probably one of the proudest grandfathers in the country at this moment."**

Bob Hepworth, who was given the honor to announce the births of his seven grandchildren to Bobbi McCaughey, of Carlisle, Iowa

**"Pulped beyond recognition."**

The government's description of the inadvertent destruction of Naval records by the National Archives

**"He's a funny, short little guy, and very energetic. I really enjoyed him."**

Senior nursing major Page Baumbach, on Pat Sajak. Baumbach appeared on Wheel of Fortune this week.

**"They like it really hot in there. If they get a little cool, they want to pile up, and they'll die."**

Scott Felber, who works on the Felber turkey farm near Goehner, on why the temperature is 95 degrees in the turkey pen

**"Sometimes in a game like that, you're not trying to run the score up, you're trying to get players in. I guess I'd rather have a tight game in some ways."**

Nebraska Head Football Coach Tom Osborne after the Huskers pummeled Iowa State 77-14 Saturday

**"They kicked our ass."**

Iowa State Quarterback Todd Bandhauer on his team's loss to the Huskers

**"As actors, we're the chroniclers of time. We're blessed with the opportunity to say something about the events of the day."**

Actor Christopher Lloyd, during a panel discussion at the Howell Theatre this week

**"My personal goal is to make it come to life."**

Robert Freriks, on his work as a tattoo artist

**"I'd really like to try Armenian Goat Herding music."**

Billy Bacon, of Billy Bacon and the Forbidden Pigs, who will be playing at the Zoo Bar this weekend

## CORRECTION

In Thursday's staff editorial, it was incorrectly stated that another show could not be added of Hal Holbrook's "Mark Twain Tonight," in addition to the sold-out April 21 show. Another show has been added for April 22nd.

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## Haney's VIEW



## DN LETTERS

### We will be there

I am writing in response to the Page One article in the Thursday issue regarding Robert Williams' upcoming execution. I think the article presented a misrepresentation of death penalty protesters that needs to be noted and corrected.

The article gives the image of the death penalty protester as a drunk, unruly individual looking for a party. I can promise that this is not what a protester goes to an execution to do. Most protesters do not go to enjoy the experience or drink. Many are there to sing and to pray.

This is not to say that there are not people who stand outside the prison and are drunk and unruly, but these are not the protesters. These are the supporters who often go and treat the event as if it were a football game, having tailgate parties and waving banners.

To say that the execution time of Williams was changed to thwart obnoxious drunk protesters is offensive and wrong. If the change in time was to get rid of protesters, prison officials will be surprised. There will be people there to protest no matter what time it is. This is something that is important to them that they need to do, not something they want to do for fun.

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### Eye for an eye

Can our society get any more out of control than it already is? The answer is yes. Just as soon as we stop executing criminals for the horrible crimes they commit on us.

I think Lane Hickenbottom has a hard time telling the difference between executing someone and spanking them. I think that spanking should be used in all schools. My dad spanked the crap out of me when I did something real bad. I thank him for it

now because of how I turned out going to school here at a great university.

Then there are the people who are not doing anything in their lives and can't stay out of trouble because they never had someone to discipline them. It all starts when you are young. Sure, the discipline should be at home, but now we live in a society where it is a sin to lay a finger on your own child. We must then punish them when they are older and committing violent crimes.

It is easy for anti-capital punishment believers to act out against it. Lane, you can't honestly tell me that if someone came and slaughtered your entire family you would ask the court to give them the choice, spanking or detention?

As soon as people can stop committing violent crimes against innocent people, we can stop killing them as punishment.

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### We pick Picard

One must admire the task that Todd Munson took on in his column on Monday entitled "Clash of the Titans." Comparing "Star Wars" with "Star Trek."

Wow! That's tough. Most of the comparisons that were made had reasonable arguments. But, the comparison between Jean Luc Picard and Obi Wan Kenobi just didn't do Picard any justice.

First of all, comparing Picard with Obi Wan and saying that Obi Wan is better because his name is a beer? If Obi Wan was assimilated by the Borg, could he escape just like Picard did? I think not.

Obi Wan was just a passenger on a starship while Picard is a captain of one. Not only is this just any starship that Picard is captain of, it is the Enterprise.

If Obi Wan were bald, do you really think he'd get women like Picard does? I think not.

We're sorry to say it, even though we are "Star Wars" fans, but Jean-Luc Picard wins hands down.

For whatever it's worth: If we had to be bald, we would want to be just like Picard. We love you man!

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### A matter of choice

In response to Cliff Hick's column on Megan's law (DN, Tuesday): Megan's law is not wrong; there are no flaws in its structure. The flaw lies in human behavior and how people respond to the information of a sex offender in the neighborhood.

Children are not the only victims in this kind of crime. Being a 19-year-old, 5-foot-2-inch female, I would like to know if my neighbor across the hall was a sex offender released on parole - especially if I had no roommates.

Maybe Mr. Hicks, being a healthy male between the ages of 20 and 25, has never felt the fear when walking to his car by himself after a night class. Victims of rape attempt to continue with their lives, but nothing remains the same. Always feeling the need to look over your shoulder coupled with mild to severe psychological problems ruins any chance for a rape victim to lead a normal life again.

If sex offenders feel their rights are violated, how do you think the victims felt when they were raped? The criminals had a choice; the victims did not.

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