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Company renews pitch for old hospital



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A Pennsylvania company is seeking a rehearing from a State of Iowa regulatory agency on its plan to buy the vacant former Trinity Medical Center-North Campus property in Davenport and operate it as a long-term, acute-care hospital.

State board mulls rehearing plans for former Trinity North

By **Rachelle Treiber**
QUAD-CITY TIMES

A Pennsylvania-based company hopes to establish a 50-bed, long-term, acute-care hospital on the site of the former Trinity Medical Center-North Campus in Davenport.

The state denied Select Medical Corp. a certificate of need

for the \$10 million project in June, but the company, which operates 83 such facilities in 24 states, is seeking a rehearing of the plan.

Officials with the Iowa State Health Facilities Council said they will meet Monday to decide whether to reconsider the application.

Barb Nervig, administrative support provider for the five-member council, said the project would involve purchasing the existing building at Kimberly Road and Marquette

Street from Trinity Regional Health System, remodeling the building and purchasing equipment.

"They promote it as a facility that offers more specialized treatment for patients whose average length of stay exceeds 25 days," she said, "someone who needs to stay on a ventilator, who has had a stroke, a brain injury or something of that sort."

Records show the state's denial of the long-term, acute-care hospital, or LTACH, was

based on several factors, including the opposing testimony of representatives from Genesis Health System and ManorCare Health Services in Davenport.

Genesis officials testified that the addition of a long-term facility would negatively impact existing hospitals in the Quad-City area.

Records show that Bob Travis, Genesis' vice president of strategic development, told the council that both Trinity at Terrace Park in Bettendorf, as well

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2 dogs attack local woman

Incident thrusts Q-C vet/lawmaker into ironic spot

By **Tory Brecht**
QUAD-CITY TIMES

Sen. Joe Seng, D-Davenport, said Wednesday that he laments the failure of his legislation to hold dog owners criminally responsible for



Seng

having vicious animals even though his daughter faces lesser charges after an incident in which her pair of pit bulls attacked a Davenport woman.

Under the bill written by Seng, which was voted down in 2003, an owner of a dangerous dog who failed to keep the animal under control could have faced up to a year in prison.

Instead, his daughter, Heidi, faces a \$100 fine and the possible banishment of her two dogs from Bettendorf after they were identified as the pair that attacked and bit an unidentified woman Monday while she walked along 6th Street.

Police said she was strolling in the 1100 block of 6th Street about 5 p.m. when the dogs approached her in a threatening manner.

"There were two dogs, and one of them did bite her on the back of each thigh," Police Chief Phil Redington said. "Fortunately, a citizen in a car stopped when he saw she was being attacked and he got out of the car and started yelling at the dogs to distract them."

The woman was treated and released from an area hospital, he added.

Heidi Seng could not be reached for comment Wednesday by the *Quad-City Times*, but her father, who is a long-time area veterinarian as well as a legislator, said she was distraught over the incident.

The two dogs are her pets

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Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg takes time to meet audience members at a speaking engagement Wednesday at Clinton Community College in support of presidential candidate U.S. Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass. She talked about Kerry's education and health-care policies.

JFK's daughter campaigns for Kerry in Iowa

Schlossberg urges women to vote while at Clinton college

By **Kay Luna**
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Clinton Bureau

CLINTON, Iowa — The daughter of the late President John F. Kennedy was only 3 when her father took office, but Charles Krumbain was old enough to vote for him.

That's the first thing the Clinton Community College instructor told Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg as he shook her hand Wednesday during her campaign stop at the college to speak in support of U.S. Sen. John Kerry's presidential bid.

Schlossberg appeared with Gov. Tom Vilsack and Rep. Polly Bukta, D-Clinton, as she urged Iowans — especially women — to vote for the Democratic candidate, who she said will fund education and health care better than President Bush.

She compared this election to the tight race of 1960 when her father became president, and said Kerry is another president who could unite the country.

"This election really is up to

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you," Schlossberg told the students, faculty and community residents. "You really do hold the future of your country in your hands. It couldn't be more important."

About 250 people crowded into the college auditorium to meet Schlossberg, who also stopped in Dubuque on her Iowa tour.

The lawyer, author, wife and

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Early voters casting ballots at record levels

32 states now are offering some form of advance voting

WASHINGTON (AP) — Early voters are casting ballots at a runaway pace in Arizona's biggest county. They've exhausted absentee ballots in some towns in Maine. They're far outpacing 2000 in Florida hot spots.

With 32 states now offering some form of early voting, an AP/Ipsos poll taken last weekend found 11 percent of voters across the United States already had cast ballots, and another 11 percent intended to beat the Election-Day rush as well. Coast to coast, including hotly contested states such as Iowa, Florida, Arizona and Nevada, anecdotal evidence points to increased interest in

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IN BETTENDORF: Election Day still is five days off, but Jason Smithers, left, and Mike Maloney beat the rush Wednesday by taking advantage of the satellite voting option at the Bettendorf Public Library. Satellite voting continues during the day through Saturday there and at the Scott County Humane Society and through Friday at the Scott County Administration Center.

Rock star Jon Bon Jovi to join Edwards in Q-C

STAFF REPORT

Democratic vice presidential nominee U.S. Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., will be joined by rock star and actor Jon Bon Jovi at his scheduled appearance in Davenport today.

The Kerry/Edwards campaign said Wednesday that Bon Jovi, the leader of a band by the same name, will join Edwards at Davenport North High School, 626 W. 53rd St. Doors are scheduled to open for the event at 4:30 p.m.

Edwards' visit is the first of two to the Quad-Cities by vice presidential candidates this week.

Vice President Dick Cheney



Edwards



Cheney

will be in Davenport for a rally Saturday, the Republican National Committee confirmed Wednesday. He is scheduled to make a campaign stop at the RiverCenter.

The precise time of his visit had not been released by Wednesday afternoon, but the doors will open at 3:30 p.m. and last admittance will be at 5 p.m., area Republicans said.



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