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IN THE NEWS



**Hillary Clinton Addresses Democrats**

**DENVER** — Former presidential hopeful Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., took to the convention stage in Denver and threw her support behind presumptive nominee Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill.  
**FULL COVERAGE, 1B**

**Live From The Convention**

The Morning News' Aaron Sadler is blogging live from the convention. For the latest, visit [www.nwavote.com](http://www.nwavote.com).



**Colleges Fight Shooting With Survival Training**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** — Hundreds of colleges across the nation have purchased a training program that teaches professors and students not to take campus threats lying down but to fight back with any "improvised weapon," from a backpack to a laptop computer.  
**FULL STORY, 6B**



**'Hungry Girl' Reaches Out To Others**

When Lisa Lillien lost about 30 pounds seven years ago, she did it by giving up "everything good." But she knew she couldn't maintain such a strict diet. So instead she worked to control her weight through smaller adjustments that were more likely to last.  
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ROGERS FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Station's Fate On Hold

COMMITTEE TO DECIDE FRIDAY ON PROPOSAL TO DEMOLISH SITE

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**ROGERS** — A decision about whether to demolish a Rogers fire station will have to wait until Friday.  
The Rogers City Council on Tuesday decided to wait until Friday to decide what to do with

Rogers Fire Station 5, 2525 Pinnacle Hills Parkway.  
However, Mayor Steve Womack asked the council to consider demolishing the whole structure and raze the foundation before rebuilding.  
The plan previously presented to the council called for the bays to remain and a new station to be built around them.

The council will convene at Station 5 at 4:30 p.m. on Friday at Station 5 to consider what should be done to the station.  
Don Spann told council members the apparatus bays were four inches below the foundation of the rest of the building.  
Spann is a Rogers architect and a Rogers planning commissioner.

Spann said Rogers firefighters told him they have on occasion opened the bay doors and had six inches of water rush into the bays.  
"We're about to spend a significant amount of money to rebuild 75 percent of that building and we'll still have drainage problems there," Womack said.  
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## BELLA VISTA COMPLAINTS



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**Grass and weeds grow unchecked** around the home at 11 Eppington Lane in Bella Vista on Tuesday. Bella Vista Mayor Frank Anderson said residents have complained about 50 to 60 properties that are becoming nuisances, and the City Council will consider an ordinance to regulate them.

## Officials Eye Nuisance Structures

**ORDINANCE WOULD ENABLE REMOVAL**

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**BELLA VISTA** — Like many Americans, Stephanie LeBouff's husband sends his son out to mow the lawn. But, it's not his own. Stephanie LeBouff's son mows

**"I think it makes our neighborhood look unattractive."**

STEPHANIE LEBOUFF  
Bella Vista resident

the yard of an unfinished house that sits across Cresswell Drive from the family's home. No work has been done on the house, or on another one down the

street, since December, LeBouff said.  
The unfinished houses have walls and roofs but are missing doors and siding.  
"I think it makes our neighborhood look unattractive," said LeBouff, who isn't among those who have complained to the city.  
Other residents have complained to the city about the two unfinished structures, as well as many others, Mayor

Frank Anderson said. Damaged homes that aren't demolished or fixed are also a problem, he said. He estimates residents have complained to the city about 50 to 60 properties.  
Alderman Arline Hutchinson said a resident has called her several times about an uninhabited house next door that was burned in a fire last November. The resident is trying to sell his house and the damaged house  
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## Bentonville Sign Proposal Gains Support From Council



COURTESY OF THE BENTONVILLE TREE AND LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

**This artist's rendering** shows what a gateway to Bentonville might look like northeast of Southeast Walton Boulevard and Moberly Lane.

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**BENTONVILLE** — Bentonville has earmarked \$300,000 to build gateways at key entry points into the city. Of this amount, about \$180,000 could be used to create a 200-foot sign emerging from the ground among several berms at the corner of Southeast Walton Boulevard and Moberly Lane.  
"It's the juncture of Rogers and Bentonville, and probably the most prominent because it's the most traveled," said Tim Mason, a member of the city's Tree and Landscape Advisory Committee.  
The city's name in bold capital

**MEETING INFORMATION  
BENTONVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

- Officials approved Tuesday:
- Rezoning 7.75 acres at 334 Greenhouse Road from agricultural to neighborhood-commercial, allowing for an 8,000-square-foot shop for dive equipment and instruction.
  - Rezoning 3 acres at 800 and 802 McCollum Road, near the intersection of Arkansas 72, from medium-density residential to residential office.
  - Waiver of impact fees for a Habitat for Humanity home at 705 N.W. 14th St. in Bentonville.
  - Various bids totaling \$222,403 for the expansion of the Bentonville Police Department.

SOURCE: STAFF REPORT

letters would grace the structure at one end and create a "sense of place," Mason added.  
Mason, also a project manager for CEI Engineering, helped create  
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