



The Associated Press

**AFTERMATH:** A couple walk along the rubble at a residential area Sunday vvin Onagawa, Miyagi Prefecture, northern Japan, two days after a powerful earthquake-triggered tsunami hit the country's east coast.

# 10,000 dead in Japan amid fears of nuclear meltdowns

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AND TODD PITMAN

The Associated Press

SENDAI, Japan — The estimated death toll from Japan's disasters climbed

past 10,000 Sunday as authorities raced to combat the threat of multiple nuclear reactor meltdowns and hundreds of thousands of people struggled to find food and water. The prime minister

said it was the nation's worst crisis since World War II.

Nuclear plant operators worked frantically to try to keep temperatures down in **JAPAN, PAGE 4A**

# UA fires basketball coach Pelphrey

NATE ALLEN

Special to The Sentinel-Record

FAYETTEVILLE —Three consecutive losing Southeastern Conference seasons, three straight SEC tournament one-and-dones and three straight years of dwindling Walton Arena crowds caught up to fourth-year Arkansas men's basketball coach John Pelphrey.

Pelphrey was dismissed Sunday as the Razorbacks' head coach, Arkansas athletics director Jeff Long announced. A national search for a new coach "begins immediately," Long said.

In the meantime, veteran assistant coach Rob Evans, the former head coach at Ole Miss and Arizona State, serves as **PELPHREY, PAGE 3A**

# Man wants county to extend barrier

JIM NEWSOM

The Sentinel-Record

John Grise doesn't want Garland County to "hedge" on what it started.

Former Garland County Judge Larry Williams issued a county court order in July 2009 that Grise's property on South Moore Road was not in compliance with a county ordinance requiring "junkyards, salvage yards, automobile graveyards or similar type operations be properly screened so as not to be visible from highways and roadways in Garland County."

Williams' order stated that the county would construct at the county's expense a suitable screen or fence to bring the property into compliance with the ordinance.

Garland County Judge Ralph Ohm stated in a Feb. 3 letter to Grise, in an apparent reference to Grise's complaint to Garland County Judge Rick Davis that the county has not com- **BARRIER, PAGE 3A**

## ENDURANCE RACE



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Participants in the USA Cycling Ultra Endurance National Race held at Cedar Glades Park begin the race on Saturday.

# Board eyes road expansion issue

DON THOMASON

The Sentinel-Record

The second phase of a project to widen Higdon Ferry Road to a five-lane thoroughfare will require the Hot Springs Board of Directors to first approve the purchase of property and easements worth more than \$900,000.

The directors will consider the issue at 7 p.m. Tuesday in City Hall, 133 Convention Blvd.

The first phase of the widening project, which is nearing completion, extends from the King Expressway south to Central Avenue.

The second phase will begin near the King Expressway and proceed north to Printers Place, adjacent to Carmike Central City 10 Cinemas. This phase also includes reconfiguring the Higdon Ferry/Lakeshore Drive intersection and installing a

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## EXTRA



in today's  
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Do you know me ?

I was born in Warren and I've lived in Hot Springs for 26 years. I'm married, and my wife and I have one child. We're expecting a grandchild in June.

Most people know I'm an avid deer hunter, but something people may not know is that I played keyboard in a rock band in high school.

See Page 2A in Tuesday's edition for the answer.

# Committee to mull possible jail locations

JIM NEWSOM

The Sentinel-Record

Some 20 properties have been submitted to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee to consider as possible locations for a new Garland County Detention Center, but they won't be identified to avoid spurring neighborhood conflicts, County Judge Rick Davis said Wednesday.

"Most of them probably won't make the final cut anyway and we're just going to stir neighbors up against neighbors if we're not careful," Davis said. "I'd rather wait until committee members finish all of their evaluations and get this down to a final four and then we'll release them."

He said a CJCC facilities' subcommittee has not finished evaluating the 20 proposed sites, some turned in by property owners, but most by local Realtors. "On some of these, we don't even have property owners' names, a real estate company dropped it off."

The county judge said the evaluation process should be completed by the end of March and he won't "mind at all" identifying the final four or five proposed locations.

CJCC Chairman Bud West said

Thursday that "most of the property owners don't know that we've had their site up on our screen," referring to the CJCC's evaluation process.

"Basically, all we've done is put it up on the screen and tried to score the sites based on our criteria," he said. "A big part of them may never know because they don't qualify anyway."

West said once the subcommittee's scores are tabulated, the top sites will be obvious and they will be ranked according to established criteria. "Then we'll concentrate on those, contact the property owners, walk the properties," he said.

Davis pointed out that while Hot Springs Realtor Todd Woerpel, a member of the CCJC, submitted one of the 20 properties on the committee's list, he has "excluded himself from all his voting rights" related to that site.

Woerpel is, however, one of several committee members who are assessing the various properties. The other evaluators are West, Garland County Sheriff Larry Sanders, GCSD Chief Deputy Ray Shoptaw, Hot Springs Police Capt. Mike McCormick, Hot Springs City Manager

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# Powerful local politician marries Frank and Frances

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The second installment in the story of holdup man Frank "Jelly" Nash and his criminal cohorts continues today as part of The Sentinel-Record's random feature series, "Hot Springs' Storied Past."

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Special to The Sentinel-Record

Herb and Esther Farmer were also there in Hot Springs. Within a few days Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, and Fred's mother, "Ma" Barker, came in. They were followed shortly by Verne

Miller and his girlfriend, Vi. Frances Luce enjoyed seeing Esther, Vi, and Marge again. Everyone seemed flush with money, and the girls went shopping while their boyfriends and husbands shot pool or placed bets at some of the horse books.

By the first of May, 1932, Frank and Frances had returned to Chicago,

and Frank worked on getting his new slot machines set up in two clubs. On May 3, Frances' birthday, he surprised her with a party. Frances was appreciative of the party and all the attention Frank was showing her, but she still wanted Frank to marry her. The couple stayed in Chicago only a short time,

and then moved with her four-year-old daughter to an apartment in Kansas City. On July 7, 1932, Frank ordered her to quickly pack. Within an hour they were heading to St. Paul. Nash had learned that U. S. Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agents had arrested Thomas Holden, Francis Keating, and Harvey Baile at the Old Mission Golf Course in Kansas City.

While Nash tried to organize an escape for Harvey Bailey and some of

his other friends who were in prison, Frances suddenly left him. Try as she might, she had not been able to get Frank to commit to marriage. (It is quite apparent that Frank Nash had never confided to Frances that he was already married. He had left a wife in Mexico years before. He also had a wife named Blanche Platt Nash, who lived with her mother, Mrs. Ollie Platt (the operator of

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**CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF SHOWERS. HIGHS IN THE MID 50S. LOWS IN THE HIGH 30S.**

SUNRISE: 7:25 A.M.  
SUNSET: 7:18 P.M.

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## Weather

**TUESDAY:**  
HIGH 61° LOW 44°  
**WEDNESDAY:**  
HIGH 71° LOW 52°

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## Quote of the day

Achieving life is not the equivalent of avoiding death.  
- Ayn Rand, American author (1905-1982).