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Multi-Sport Complex plans grow, as do hopes

Backers say the proposed facility could attract 1.2 million visitors a year

By ERIN GOLDEN

WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

Organizers of a proposed swimming-tennis-soccer complex in northwest Omaha say their facility could become one of the city's top destinations — attracting more than 1 million people a year.

Plans for the Omaha Multi-Sport Complex at 120th Street and West Maple Road have expanded since the project was announced last summer. Initially, the complex was to house a 50-meter pool used in the 2012 U.S. Olympic Swim Trials, along with a second, smaller warm-up pool and indoor and outdoor tennis courts.

After months of meetings with local sports clubs, organizers expanded the project to include five pools: the indoor 50-meter pool, a warm-up pool and diving well, a therapy pool, a "learn-to-swim" pool and a second, outdoor 50-meter competition pool.

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Memoirist and poet Maya Angelou died Wednesday at 86. She came to public renown in 1969 with "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings."

Angelou wrote of racism and sexism at level of individual

She was a link from the Jim Crow South to the civil rights movement

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Maya Angelou, the memoirist and poet, died Wednesday at her home in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, at age 86. Her landmark book of 1969, "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" — which describes in lyrical, unsparring prose her childhood in the Jim Crow South — was among the first autobiographies by a 20th century black woman to reach a wide general readership.

The cause of death was not immediately known. But her longtime literary agent, Helen Brann, said Angelou had been frail for some time and had heart problems.

President Barack Obama said, "Today, Michelle and I join millions around the world in remembering one of the brightest lights of our time — a brilliant writer, a fierce friend and a truly phenomenal woman," adding, "She inspired my own mother to

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Speaking at the State Capitol on Wednesday, Gov. Dave Heineman announced his intention to apply to be the next president of the University of Nebraska. He said he didn't believe his entry would dissuade other qualified candidates from applying. Others, including Board of Regents Chairman Howard Hawks, disagreed.

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

Heineman casts big shadow in NU search

Governor's connections and name recognition could prompt other would-be leaders to back off

By KATE HOWARD PERRY AND PAUL HAMMEL
WORLD-HERALD BUREAU

LINCOLN — When Gov. Dave Heineman went public Wednesday with his application to become University of Nebraska president, many other potential candidates probably tossed theirs in the trash.

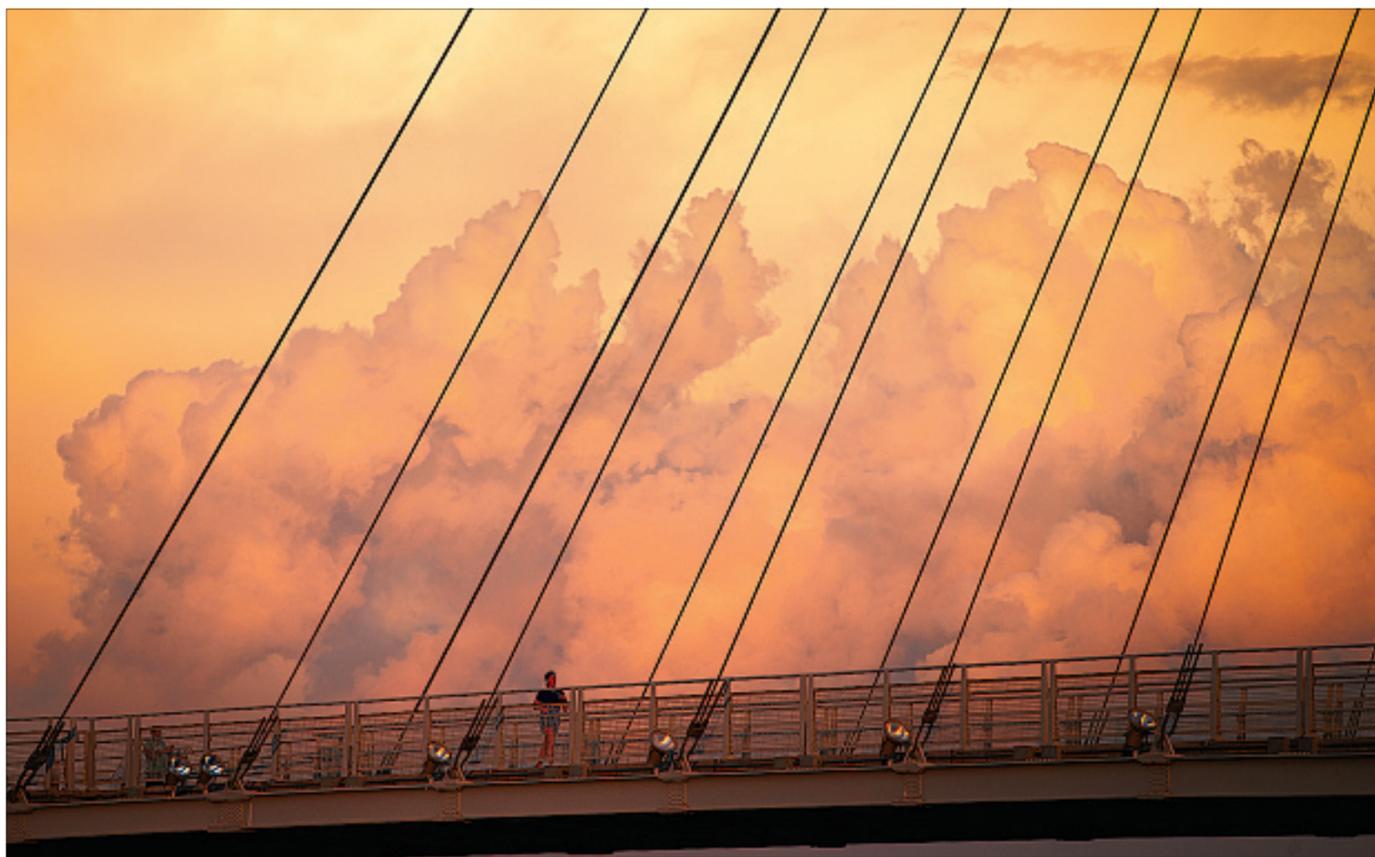
The term-limited governor launched his campaign with the NU Board of Regents on Tuesday, emailing them a

letter on his official letterhead about his intent to seek the university presidency. He followed that with a Wednesday press conference in the governor's hearing room, where he discussed his qualifications.

Big names like Heineman bring big spheres of influence, experts in leadership searches say, and that can dissuade potential candidates who don't want to go up against a popular politician.

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The treadmill at the gym can't match this



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As storm clouds roiled Tuesday evening, a runner crossed the Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge into Iowa. Isolated storms have popped up across the region for several days, and more are in the forecast. Officially, Tuesday's storm about 7 p.m. didn't bring Omaha any rain, based upon measurements at Eppley Airfield. However, some backyard gauges recorded a few tenths of an inch of rain, up to a third of an inch or more, according to the National Weather Service. The forecast through next week includes a chance of rain. See today's forecast on Page 6B.

New proposal: Music school would occupy former temple

The compromise plan also reduces by about 180 the number of apartments to be built near 70th and Cass

By CHRISTOPHER BURBACH
WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

Cue the violins, and can the cannons, at least for now.

A compromise proposal for Omaha's former Temple Israel site emerged Wednesday, forestalling a City Council debate that promised to be worthy of Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture."

The new proposal would renovate the old synagogue, at 70th and Cass Streets, into a new home for the Omaha Conservatory of Music and build 240 to 250 apartments next door.

The proposal replaces a controversial plan to demolish the synagogue and build more than 430 apartments.

Officials of Bluestone Development, which proposed the apartments, and the Omaha Conservatory of Music met Wednesday afternoon with Omaha City Council members Ben Gray, Garry Gernandt and Chris Jerram to request that the council's public hearing and vote on the original apartment proposal be postponed.

Jerram said they asked for a lengthy postponement for the new proposal to be worked out, discussed with neighbors and then brought back to city planners, the Omaha Planning Board and the City Council.

Jerram, Gray and Gernandt issued a joint statement saying that they remained committed to

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Somebody else's junk may be your treasure

A Norfolk boutique owner knows the furniture she found at Junkstock last fall was not junk. So she'll be back for the summer version of the west Omaha festival of antique, vintage and repurposed stuff. **Money**

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