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Neu speaks out against tax, spending limits

WHO Radio, IPTV appearances slated

Former Lt. Gov. and State Sen. Art Neu of Carroll recalls serving in the Legislature with David Stanley in the late 1960s when both were moderate Republicans.

Their political philosophies — at least in matters of taxes and spending — have grown considerably apart since then. So far apart that Neu and Stanley are going head-to-head these days in debates over two proposed amendments to the Iowa Constitution to limit spending and make it more difficult to raise certain taxes.

Stanley is chairman of Iowans for Tax Relief, which is championing the proposed amendments.

Neu, an attorney in Carroll, says of the proposals, "I think they're going to be very bad for Iowa economically."

Neu and Stanley will argue their positions in various appearances before the Tuesday, June 29, vote on the amendments.

Neu will be on the Jan Mickelson program on WHO Radio (1040 AM) on Wednesday morning, June 23. On Thursday, June 17, Neu and Stanley will speak at the Des Moines Rotary Club and tape the Iowa Public Television "Iowa Press" program that will be broadcast at noon and 7 p.m. Sunday, June 27.

Neu and Stanley earlier appeared before an Iowa League of Cities meeting in Ames.

One of the amendments would require a 60 percent vote in the Legislature to increase income, sales or use taxes, as well as to enact new taxes.

The other amendment would limit spending each year to 99 percent of the revenue projections by the state Revenue Council, which is made up of the director of Department of Management, director of the Legislative Fiscal Bureau and a third person selected by those two. The 99-percent spending limit has already been a state law since the early 1990s, but an amendment would make it more ironclad.

Neu says the proposals have drawn opposition from church organizations, the Iowa State Education Association, the Iowa Association of School Boards, cities, counties, school districts, labor organizations, current Gov. Tom Vilsack and former Govs. Robert Ray and Robert Fulton.

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Michael Hall, former county supervisor, dies

By BUTCH HEMAN

Times Herald Staff Writer Dr. Michael J. Hall, a former Carroll County supervisor and local dentist, died Sunday at St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll. He was 74.

Hall served the county's 5th District for two terms, between 1982 and 1990, and was the lone Republican on the five-person board during that time.

The district was mostly made up of a couple of wards in the city of Carroll. Hall chose not to seek reelection in 1990 and was succeeded by Democrat Neil Trobak of Carroll, who continues to serve on the board.

Hall's former colleagues recall him as bright, staunch and effective in representing his people.

"I really enjoyed working with him," commented Arden Hinners, D-Arcadia, who is also still a supervisor. "Doc was a very intelligent supervisor."

Hinners said it was Hall who pushed to have the Carroll County Care Facility, which housed indigents, privately managed in 1989.

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Delores Herbers (left) and Leona Riesberg, riding on a family float, squeeze out tunes on accordions during the Holy Angels Par-

ish quasicentennial celebration in Roselle. Thousands attended the parade, which had over 120 entries.

Folks in Roselle prove we need more parades

By BUTCH HEMAN

ROSELLE — The quasicentennial at Holy Angels Parish over the weekend yielded me eight rolls of frolicky photos, a full stomach and many memories, but the thought on my mind as I was driving home was "We don't have nearly enough parades around here."

I'd estimate the audience for the Catholic congregation's 125th birthday bash at several thousand for the Saturday afternoon parade. All you could see along the few curbs that make up this unincorporated village were blankets, lawn chairs, coolers, shorts, sunglasses and sandals.

Commentary

Leo Sibenaller laughingly said that in planning the celebration Holy Angels had a committee for everything except the weather. Well, Leo and the other folks that coordinated the party must've come up with one because Saturday was parade-perfect. Temps in the 70s and slightly overcast skies compensated for the mugginess that had been hanging around for several days.

Many of the older and wiser parade goers had prepared for any sun breakthroughs by positioning themselves in tree shade west of the 95-year-old church, directly across from boisterous parade marshal Gary Rupiper and the reviewing stand. The youngest watchers, however, had only two things on their mind: candy and a bag big enough to hold it all.

Of the 120 floats, antique tractors, classic cars and humorous entries that rolled by on the high-crowned roads, nearly all chucked sweets onto the streets, sending kids scurrying. The competition was amicable, however, because no one went home empty-handed. Dozens of youngsters made sugar hauls I guessed to weigh a pound or more, and toward the end of the 90-minute parade, the sheer volume of candy



Members of Annunciation Parish in Coon Rapids brought their Sister Act float to the Roselle parade. There was also a 125th anniversary Mass with retired Bishop Lawrence Soens, an auction that raised about \$6,000, food and game stands and other attractions. More photos from Saturday's festivities appear on Page 12.

had caused so many children to lose interest that pieces could sit up to a minute before being claimed.

I was constantly dodging Tootsie

Rolls and chunks of plastic-wrapped taffy, and I had to catch an

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Marines begin entering Kosovo

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — More than 1,200 U.S. Marines began moving into Kosovo today to take up positions in what will become the U.S.-controlled zone of the Yugoslav province. Diplomats struggled to find a compromise with Russia over its role in the peacekeeping operation.

NATO said more than 14,300 allied troops have entered Kosovo in the three days since the international peace mission began, with up to 200 flowing in every hour. The allied forces fanning out across the province began to uncover evidence of atrocities.

President Slobodan Milosevic, in his first public appearance since he agreed to a peace plan last week, said today that the worst was over for Yugoslavia and that it was time to start rebuilding.

"The most difficult 11 weeks in our history are behind us," the state-run Tanjug news agency quoted him as saying at a ceremony to launch the rebuilding of a Danube River bridge destroyed by NATO missiles in the northern Serbian town of Beska.

NATO played down the standoff with Russian soldiers who have taken control of the airport in Pristina, the provincial capital of

Kosovo.

NATO's spokesman said British commander Lt. Gen. Michael Jackson, who helped negotiate the peace deal with Yugoslavia, would hold talks today with the leader of the Russian troops in Pristina.

"There is no friction at all," Jamie Shea said, denying Russia's control of the airport was hindering NATO's deployment. "For NATO, the airport is not needed at this stage."

NATO said the allies would set up its forward tactical headquarters south of Pristina.

Jackson told reporters today in Pristina that a "relatively small force ... an advance party" of Russians made up the Pristina airport contingent and said he had no fear the situation would worsen. Russians will be "part of KFOR operations," he said of the allied peace mission.

Shea said NATO troops already in Kosovo included 4,300 British, 2,800 French, 2,500 Germans, 2,300 Italians and 2,100 Americans.

He confirmed NATO soldiers shot to death two Serbs who threatened them Sunday, while the weekly newsmagazine Stern identi-

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U.S. fears Russia could harm efforts

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton talked with Boris Yeltsin today to try to clear up the confusion over Russia's role in postwar Kosovo after Moscow's surprise decision to send in troops without coordinating with NATO.

The two leaders talked by telephone in a follow-up to an hourlong conversation on Sunday. In addition, Vice President Al Gore talked with Russian Prime Minister Sergei Stepashin, and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright planned to talk with Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov.

U.S. officials are concerned Russia's move could undermine NATO's effort to take an evenhanded approach to emptying the province of Serb troops and securing the return of ethnic Albanian refugees to their shattered villages.

White House press secretary Joe Lockhart said Russian forces "jumped the gun" and deployed earlier than expected after Yeltsin issued a general deployment order. Lockhart played down the incident, saying, "It's easy to make more of this than you should. ... This is not a militarily significant event."

NATO's plan, based on Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic's agreement to withdraw his military

and allow an international force into Kosovo as peacekeepers, now must be adjusted to account for Russia's deployment.

"We have to make sure that this agreement stands, and it cannot stand if there is going to be a posture struck by the Russians that they are there to defend the Serb population against the Kosovars," Defense Secretary William Cohen said Sunday.

Russia has traditional ties to the Serbs, who are a minority in Kosovo. The ethnic Albanians in the province endured months of violent expulsions by Serb army troops and special police, resulting in hundreds of thousands fleeing into neighboring Macedonia and Albania, where they await NATO's signal to return.

Cohen and other Clinton administration officials said they welcome Russian participation in the peacekeeping force for Kosovo, known as KFOR, but they stressed that the Russians must not act unilaterally.

"If they are part of ... (KFOR), then we can manage whatever their affections or affiliations might be

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More than 500,000 serving punishment for drunken driving

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of Americans behind bars or on probation for drunken driving nearly doubled between 1986 and 1997, the government reports.

While the severity of punishment increased, arrests for drunken driving dropped during the same period — from 1.8 million in 1986 to 1.5 million in 1997 — said a Justice Department study released Sunday. All this occurred as the number of licensed drivers increased nearly 15 percent to 183 million.

The department's Bureau of Justice Statistics attributed the decline in arrests in part to the aging of motorists, since younger drivers are more prone to drink and drive. In 1997, 54 percent of licensed drivers were age 40 or older, up from 46 percent in 1986.

Of those convicted of driving while intoxicated in 1997, 454,500 were on probation, 41,100 were in local jails and 17,600 were in state

prisons. In 1986, 270,000 people were behind bars or on probation for DWI.

One expert said the figures reflect both success in getting "social drinkers" to become more responsible and failure in dealing with the hardest-core group of drunken drivers: those who have a serious problem with alcohol.

Without alcohol treatment programs, "these are just drunk drivers waiting to get back on the road," said Terry Schiavone, president of the National Commission Against Drunk Driving, a private group. "Jail and probation have never cured the drunken driving problem."

Forty-six percent of DWI offenders on probation were in alcohol treatment programs in 1997, according to the government study.

Support for Schiavone's view

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