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Dr. Dan Johnson explains how a fragment set is used to stabilize and help set broken bones. Three of the kits were donated for use by a medical group of Johnson, Trenton Heinz, Mike Campbell, Steve Bunkers, Matt Dvorak, Jim Frerk and Dr. Tom Gilmore at the Haitian hospital Albert Schweitzer.

## HAITI

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be told that we would not be going," Johnson said. "At first, they just didn't have a place for us to work; the medical tents and medical ships were not there yet. Now, we are going down to replace a team that has been there and is heading home."

The request for their services officially came on Feb. 6, and the group left Thursday.

"We got the call and then the real work came — figuring out how we were going to get there," Johnson said. "We were finding it impossible to work out the arrangements to get down there, so I called Ruppier Travel and (they were) miracle worker(s) and got the plans all set for us."

Because the group is not able to fly directly into Port-au-Prince airport, the team members will be flying to the Dominican Republic, where they will then bus to Port-au-Prince and Deschapelles.

The group members have found that their expenses are averaging about twice what they normally would and because it is a mission trip they are covering those costs themselves. They will also be bringing the supplies they will need while there.

In order to provide the best care possible, Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Lewis and Clark Specialty Hospital, the HyVee Pharmacy and others have donated many of the supplies not only to use while there, but also to leave behind at Albert Schweitzer Hospital. In addition, they have made it possible for the group to miss work here in Yankton.

"We just can't say enough about how everyone has come together to make this trip possible for us," Johnson said. "If our colleagues were not so willing to help cover shifts and rearrange their schedules, this would not be possible."

A few of the items the group is taking with them include fragment sets for setting broken bones, as well as masks, gloves, and sterile protective gear.

"Because AIDS is so prevalent in Haiti, we are going to be taking extra precautions in order to protect ourselves from infection," Johnson said. "It would be terrible to accidentally infect a team member because we were not careful."

The group which is scheduled to return to Yankton Feb. 19, expects to put in long days, but the members are excited about the opportunity to help anyway they can.

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## HOCKEY

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"There's a lot of people that put in a lot of hours. It's unbelievable the amount of hours some people put in," he said. "I do this because I enjoy it."

Olesak puts in his 10 hours before the season starts. He helps set up the rink for the new season, a month-long process. He also one of 12 Zamboni drivers, is a time and scorekeeper, and mans the penalty box. He said he does about anything that needs to be done.

One of Olesak's favorite jobs is running the penalty box.

"It's like driving in a convertible with the wind going through your hair, it's just so open," he said, smiling. "There's no glass. You are closer to the game and there's a lot of things that are said and that you see because of that."

Olesak also enjoys driving the Zamboni ice-grooming machine. This needs to be done after open skate, before the hockey games, after each period of the games and at the end of the games.

At first, Olesak was nervous driving the Zamboni, but after a while, it became like driving a car, he said.

"Once you start getting comfortable with it, the easier it is to do it," he said. "The hardest part to do is to do it in between peri-

ods because you have to get it done fast. But now I can get it done in 10 minutes and not even worry about it."

Mike Stoll also drives the Zamboni and is one of the people who keep the machine in running shape.

Stoll is also one of the coaches, all of whom are also volunteers. His duties are the same as about any other coach in other sports, he said.

"You get the team conditioned and get them prepared for the team they are going to go against," he said. "It's just like football and you go through situations of what you think is going to happen in the game."

But the one difference for Yankton hockey is that, since the game hasn't been here that long, the coaches work to teach their players the basics of the game.

With some of the younger kids now grasping the skills earlier, Stoll said the program is making great strides forward.

"They didn't know all the skills right away since they haven't been in the sport, but now they are learning all the skills earlier like you do in other sports," he said. "We are starting to see that at some of the higher levels."

As Yankton's hockey program continues to grow, the volunteers also see it as a way to grow their family and to make the sport a staple of the local winter.

"Like Dave (Spencer) said, we are one, big, happy family," Olesak said.

## Administration May Abandon Civilian 9/11 Trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration, after weeks of controversy over its proposal to hold a civilian terror trial in New York, gave ground Friday and revived the possibility of using a military tribunal to try processed Sept. 11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed.

Both Attorney General Eric Holder and White House spokesman Robert Gibbs did not rule out a military trial when asked about the Obama administration's options.

Trying Mohammed in military court would mark a further political retreat from Holder's announcement last year that the Sept. 11 suspects now held at the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, would be tried in federal court in New York.

The Obama administration is trying to head off a possible vote in the Senate that could stop any terror suspects currently held at Guantanamo from being brought to the United States to face a civilian trial. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., is offering such legislation, after losing a vote last year on the issue.

At stake is the public's perception of the administration's handling of national security, already shaken last year by strong congressional opposition to transferring any Guantanamo detainees to American soil. A Hill defeat over the trial issue could embolden the GOP minority to raise national security concerns in the midterm elections later this year.

The prospect of such a vote could test of how many moderate Democrats have aban-

doned Obama on the issue.

White House officials said Friday that Obama and his top advisers will play a direct role in ultimately deciding how to prosecute Mohammed. The administration initially decided to try the five terror defendants in New York but have since appeared to backtrack.

As a result of Holder's decision to seek a civilian prosecution, Bush-era military charges that had been pending against the five suspects were dismissed last month. Those military charges could now be revived.

The administration is reconsidering Holder's plan to put the five men on trial in a federal court in Manhattan, after local officials there balked at security and logistics complications.



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