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fought in the Nebraska Supreme Court to put the question to a public vote.

Supporters say the measure is needed to make up for what they see as lax federal law enforcement. Opponents say it could fuel discrimination.

Trevor McClurg said the measure is fair because it's aimed at people who aren't legally in the U.S.

"I don't think it's right to be able to rent to them or hire them," McClurg said. "They shouldn't be here in the first place."

Clint Walraven, 51, who has lived in Fremont all his life, said the jobs should go to legal residents who are unemployed — something he believes the ordinance would help fix. Discussions on the issue can get heated, he said, particularly if racism is mentioned.

"It has nothing to do with being racist," said. "We all have to play by the same rules. ... If you want to stay here, get legal."

Rachel Fleming said she voted against the measure, noting that the U.S. is a nation of immigrants.

"This country has been founded on waves of immigration," Fleming said. "I just think it's (the ordinance) contrary to the spirit of the country."

From about 165 Hispanics — both legal and illegal — living in Fremont in 1990, the total surged to 1,085 in 2000, according to census expert David Drozd at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He said an estimated 2,060 Hispanics lived there last year.

The measure will require potential renters to apply for a license to rent. The application process will force Fremont officials to check if the renters are in the country legally. If they are found to be illegal, they will not be issued a license allowing them to rent. The ordinance also requires businesses to use the federal E-Verify database to ensure employees are allowed to work.

Communities that have passed such laws have faced costly legal bills and struggled to enforce them because of legal challenges. Hazleton, Pa., passed an ordinance in 2006 to fine landlords who rent to illegal immigrants and deny permits to businesses hiring them. The Dallas suburb of Farmers Branch also has tried for years to enforce a ban on landlords renting to illegal immigrants. Federal judges struck down both ordinances, but both are on appeal.

Even before the Fremont measure passed, the ACLU of Nebraska had said it would sue.

"Our goal would be to bring an action to ensure that there is not even one day that the law can go into effect," said Amy Miller, legal director for the ACLU of Nebraska.

Fremont City Councilman Scott Getzschman said he wasn't sure when the ordinance would take effect if it's not blocked by a judge. Once the Dodge County election commissioner certifies it, the City Council must accept the vote.

Getzschman didn't support the measure but said he expects city leaders will respect the outcome of the election and defend the ordinance in court.

The vote is the latest chapter in the tumult over illegal immigration across the country, including a recently passed Arizona law that will require police investigating another incident or crime to ask people about their immigration status if there's a "reasonable suspicion" they're in the country illegally.

Kansas City, Mo.-based attorney Kris Kobach, who helped write the Arizona law, has been working on the ordinance in Fremont. He is also running for secretary of state in Kansas.

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al election. He will face Republican James Chaney of Platte and independent candidate Oitancan Zephier of Greenwood. Chaney serves as a Charles Mix County deputy sheriff, while Zephier serves as a Yankton Sioux Tribe probation officer.

Meanwhile, the outcome remains in doubt for one of the Vermillion City Council races. Challenger John Grayson leads incumbent Mary Edelen 101-96 for a four-year term as Central Ward alderman.

Under state law, a recount can be held for a city race if the margin comes to five or fewer votes. Edelen requested a recount following the election canvass.

The recount has been set for 1 p.m. today in the first floor conference room of Vermillion City Hall, according to City Finance Officer Mike Carlson. If needed, the recount can be moved to a larger room on the second floor.

Today's process marks the

first Vermillion city recount in at least two decades, Carlson said. No other recount has been requested in his 21 years with city government.

He said he has been studying all applicable laws and rules guiding today's recount. State law prescribes a much more detailed procedure for recounts of county and state races than for municipal races, he said.

"We are well prepared," Carlson said of today's recount. "But if there are some questions, we plan to get the (South Dakota) secretary of state on the phone."

Each candidate is allowed to appoint a member to the recount board. Edelen will be represented by her husband, Joe Edelen. Grayson will be represented by Nicholas Willan.

The third recount board member, mutually agreeable to

both candidates, is Steve Howe, executive director of the Vermillion Area Chamber and Development Company.

When it convenes, the Vermillion recount board will decide whether to count ballots by hand or machine, Carlson said.

"I don't know how long it will take. We hope to get it done in 1 to 3 hours," he said. "It depends on what the board does. There are roughly 200 ballots, so it should proceed fairly quickly."

The Central Ward winner would start the four-year term with the July 6 council meeting, Carlson said. The recount results could be appealed, he said, but he hoped the matter would be settled today.

"Hopefully, we will have it resolved (this afternoon)," he said.

Flood Warnings Issued For Eastern, Southern Nebraska

BY NATE JENKINS
Associated Press Writer

LINCOLN, Neb. — While residents in northeast Nebraska cleaned up following the floodwaters from the now-receding Elkhorn River, high waters struck some southeastern Nebraska towns after heavy rains fell Sunday night and early Monday.

A cluster of communities roughly 20 miles south of Omaha was hit hardest by the latest wave of flooding, as water damaged homes and businesses, closed several roads and deluged a city park. Near the Kansas border, a tornado hit the town of Superior Sunday night and did not cause any injuries but damaged dozens of homes.

Much of the state has been struck by massive rains over the past week, pushing rivers to record or near-record levels and causing damage primarily to roads, bridges and farmland. Hundreds of homes have been damaged, but emergency management officials have said only a

handful have been totaled. One person has died, a Norfolk railroad worker who was standing on a railroad bridge when it collapsed under pressure from the Elkhorn River last week, officials said. No injuries have been reported.

In Weeping Water on Sunday, floodwaters poured into a home, knocked down a wall and temporarily trapped a husband and wife who escaped through a window, said Kay Gerdes, city clerk. The flooded Weeping Water Creek also swept away two camping vehicles parked in a campground along the creek, she said, with one slamming into a pedestrian bridge, knocking it out.

In nearby Union, floodwaters caused the roof and a wall on a commercial building to cave in, closed highways and covered the city park, said John Plahl, owner of Wanda Welding and Auto repair.

Waters had receded by late Monday morning in the area and were expected to do so as long as there wasn't another severe storm.

Roadshow Continues Today in Vermillion!

By Jason DeLong
Treasure Hunters Roadshow
STAFF WRITER

Clean out your attics, closets and lock boxes, because the Roadshow continues today in Vermillion. Roadshow experts will be in town examining antiques, collectibles, gold and silver.

While the Roadshow will accept anything that's old, they will be focusing on gold and silver coins made before 1964, military items, toys and trains, musical instruments, pocket and wrist watches. Scrap gold is expected to be a popular category this week due

"U.S. coins made before 1964 are most sought after by collectors. Coins made before 1964 are 90% silver and valuable because of the silver content or could be worth even more if one happens to be a rare date."

to soaring gold prices. Expert buyers for the Roadshow have noticed a tremendous increase

Got Gold? This week, visitors can cash in on antiques, collectibles, gold, silver, coins or just about anything that is old.

in the amount of gold coming to the Roadshow and for good reason. Record gold prices have Roadshow guests cashing in on broken jewelry or jewelry they don't wear anymore with our "fair and honest" purchase offers.

The Roadshow encourages anyone planning a visit to take a minute and examine their jewelry box or their lock box at the bank and gather anything that's gold. If a guest is not sure if something is gold, bring it anyway and the Roadshow staff will test it for free. Other gold items of interest include gold coins, gold ounces, gold proof sets and dental gold.

Other types of items Roadshow experts hope to see include old toys and train sets. Archie Davis, roadshow toy expert spoke about some of the top toys getting great offers. "Old tin windup toys from the late 1800's through the 1960's are in great demand now," said Davis. "Especially those that are character related. Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, the Flintstones or any character toys are sought. Old Buddy L toys from the 1920's to 1960's are in demand." Basically any toys made before 1965

are wanted. Train sets made by Lionel, American Flyer, Marklin and others have the potential to fetch high prices. Davis also stressed, "Toys with boxes and in mint condition bring sensational prices. Most of the toys that come to the Roadshow are not in perfect shape

but can still bring good prices from collectors."

When expert Tom Fuller was asked what he enjoyed most about working at the Roadshow, he was quick to answer "Old coins and paper currency. For as long as I can remember I have



Above • These guests cashed in large bags of broken and unwanted gold and jewelry at a previous show.

been fascinated with collecting coins. I would go through the change in my parents grocery store looking for rare dates and errors. Once, I found a silver quarter that I sold for \$300.00. Not bad for an 8 year old."

Fuller went on to explain that any U.S. coins made before 1964 are most sought after by collectors. Coins made before 1964 are 90% silver and valuable because of the silver content or could be worth even more if one happens to be a rare date. "We help people sort through their coins for unique dates. We buy all types of coins at the Roadshow from

"If you go to the Roadshow, you can cash-in your items for top dollar. Roadshow representatives will be available to assess and purchase your items at the Holiday Inn Express, Monday through Friday in Vermillion."

wheat pennies to buffalo nickels, which are valuable from one coin to an entire truckload. See you at the Roadshow," said Fuller.

Our International Collectors Association members are looking for the following types of items.

• **COINS** Any and all coins made before 1964. This includes all silver and gold coins, dollars, half dollars, quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies. All conditions wanted!

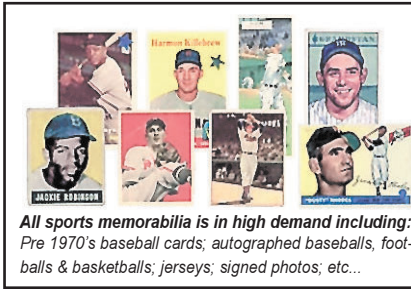
• **GOLD, SILVER & JEWELRY** PRICES AT 40 YEAR HIGHS! for platinum, gold and silver during this event. Broken Jewelry, dental gold, old coins, pocket watches, Kruggerands, Gold Bars Canadian Maple Leaf, Gold, Silver, Platinum, diamonds, rubies, sapphires and all types of stones, metals, etc. Rings, bracelets, necklaces, all others including broken jewelry. Early costume jewelry wanted.

• **WATCHES & POCKET WATCHES** Rolex, Tiffany, Hublot, Omega, Chopard, Cartier, Philippe, Ebel, Waltham, Swatch, Chopard, Elgin, Bunn Special, Railroad, Hamilton, all others.

• **TOYS, TRAINS & DOLLS** All types of toys made before 1965 including: Hot Wheels, Tonka, Buddy L, Smith Miller, Nylint, Robots, battery toys, Mickey Mouse, all other toys - Train sets, all gauges, accessories, individual cars, Marklin, American Flyer, Lionel, Hafner, all other trains - Barbie Dolls, GI Joe, Shirley Temple, Characters, German, all makers accepted.

• **MILITARY ITEMS & SWORDS** Civil, Revolutionary, WWI, WWII, etc. Items of interest include swords, badges, clothes, photos, medals, knives, gear, letters, etc.

• **ADVERTISING ITEMS** Metal and Porcelain signs, gas companies, beer and liquor makers, automobile, implements, etc.



All sports memorabilia is in high demand including: Pre 1970's baseball cards, autographed baseballs, footballs & basketballs, jerseys, signed photos, etc...

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