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Dumpster purchase OK'd for county trash station

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Tonnage of trash handled by Pottawattamie County's solid-waste transfer station near Hancock has doubled in the past two years, an increase that is expected to continue, County Supervisor Wayne O. Bryant said Monday.

He said Monday the station handled 526 tons of trash in March, which was hauled in 45 loads to the Cass County landfill near Atlantic.

Bryant made his comments at a Board of Supervisors meeting before turning the floor over to transfer station operator Willard Bintz and County Buildings and Grounds Superintendent Tim Adams.

Adams said the station's two transporting dumpsters are worn out. Trash is dumped and compacted in the dumpsters, which are then hauled to the landfill and emptied.

Bintz said the undercarriages of the dumpsters are rusted and breaking apart. Wheels and other parts are also broken or wearing out, he said.

Adams said buying a new dumpster, at a cost of \$4,500 to \$5,000, would allow operators to take one of the old ones out of use and haul it to the county secondary roads shop where it could be rebuilt.

Adams said he did not know how much such repairs would cost, but estimated it would be well below

the cost of a new dumpster. "You have to have two on-line at all times," he said. "One you are always filling, and the other is in transit."

He said the secondary road shop has the equipment needed to sandblast and clean the dumpsters before refabrication.

The supervisors agreed to buy a new dumpster and suggested both old ones be repaired so a reserve would always be available.

Adams also reported that Saturday's auction of surplus county property, held at the secondary roads central shop south of Minden, went "real well." Bryant said the sale, which included heavy machinery, old culverts and office furniture, brought in about \$39,000.

Ross will lobby in Washington for more youth-home funding

From Staff Reports

Andrew L. Ross, president of Children's Square U.S.A., will testify before the U.S. House Appropriations Subcommittee in Washington, D.C., Tuesday on behalf of the National Association of Homes for Children.



Andrew L. Ross

Children's Square public information coordinator Gary Ementow said Ross' testimony would underscore the need for assistance for abused, runaway and homeless children in all areas of the country, not just in large cities.

Ross will address the need for

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development of additional child-care facilities and increased funding for existing programs. Included in his recommendations is increased funding for the 70 percent to 80 percent of troubled youths who receive no mental-health care or inadequate care, and for protective-service investigations.

While in Washington, Ross will also meet with Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, regarding federal funding for human-service providers.

Safe Home program meeting set at Kirm

A Safe Homes meeting for families of sixth-, seventh- and

eighth-grade students will be held at Kirm Junior High School at 6 p.m. Monday.

Safe Homes is a program urging parents to talk to each other and work together to prevent drug and alcohol abuse among youths in kindergarten through 12th grade.

In the program, parents are encouraged to sign a pledge saying they will not allow illegal drug abuse or alcohol use by people under legal age in their homes, and will be at home to supervise youth parties.

The program will be held in the Kirm auditorium and is open to the public. Reservations are required for the sloppy-Joe sandwich dinner which will be served afterward. The Kirm ASTRA Club will provide free baby-sitting during the program.

The meeting is sponsored by the Kirm Drug Free School Parent Committee.

Gill gets 25 years for assaulting ex-wife

Myron L. Gill, 28, 2534 Sixth Ave., was sentenced Monday to 25 years in prison for the October 1989 abduction, beating and sexual assault of his estranged wife.

Gill pleaded guilty in March to charges of third-degree kidnapping, willful injury and assault with intent to commit sexual abuse that resulted in bodily injury. He was originally charged with first-degree kidnapping and third-degree sexual abuse, and if he had been convicted on those charges he would have been sentenced to life in prison.

Gill told Pottawattamie County District Court Judge Leo Connolly this morning that he was "very remorseful" and he realized what he did was "very wrong." Gill said he had an alcohol problem and drinking was a contributing factor in the crime.

Gill's lawyer, Assistant Public Defender Pat Sondag, told the judge Gill was the father of five children, had a steady job before his arrest and had no previous history of violent criminal behavior.

Sondag asked the judge to order

sentences to be served at the same time.

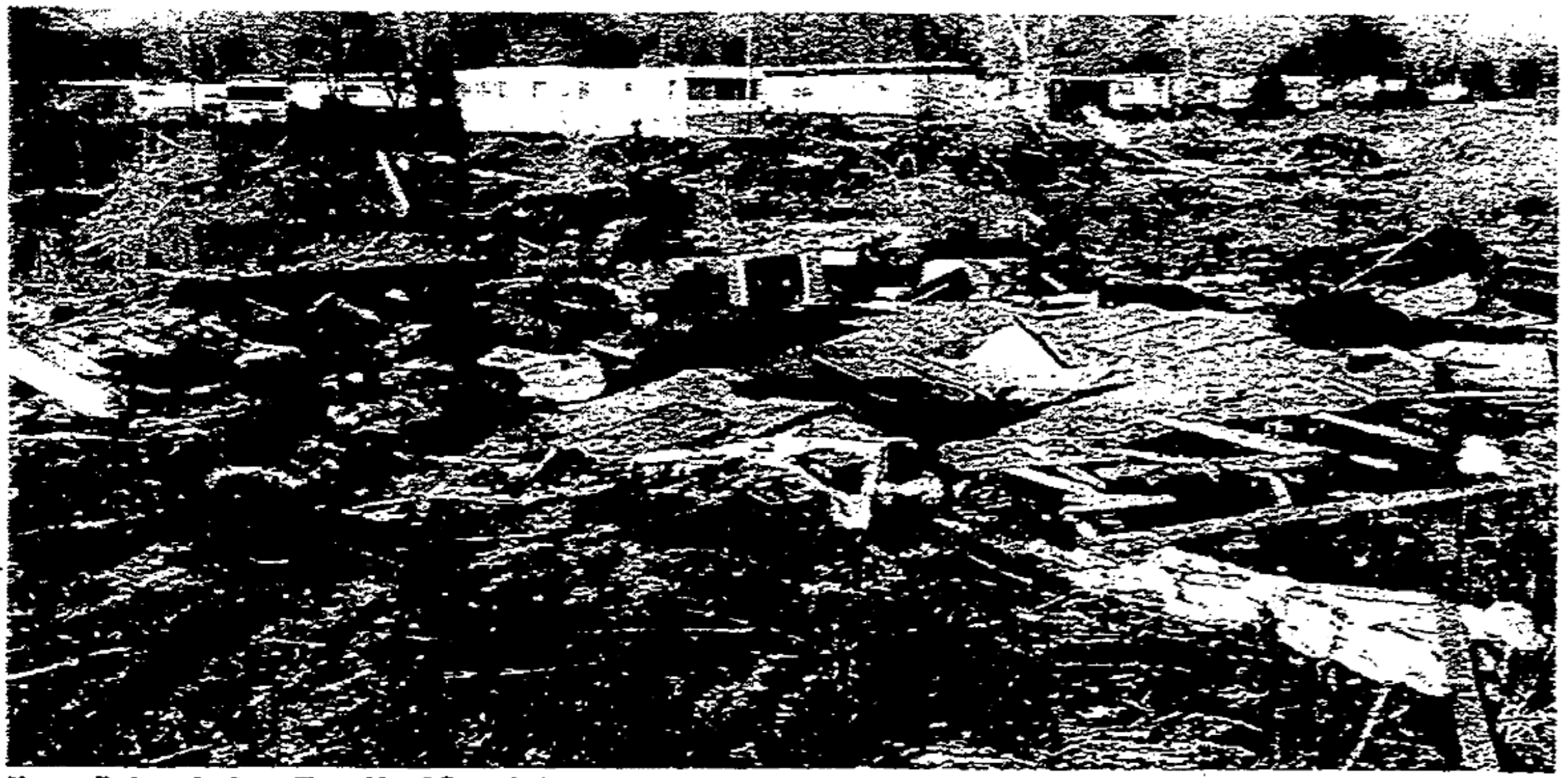
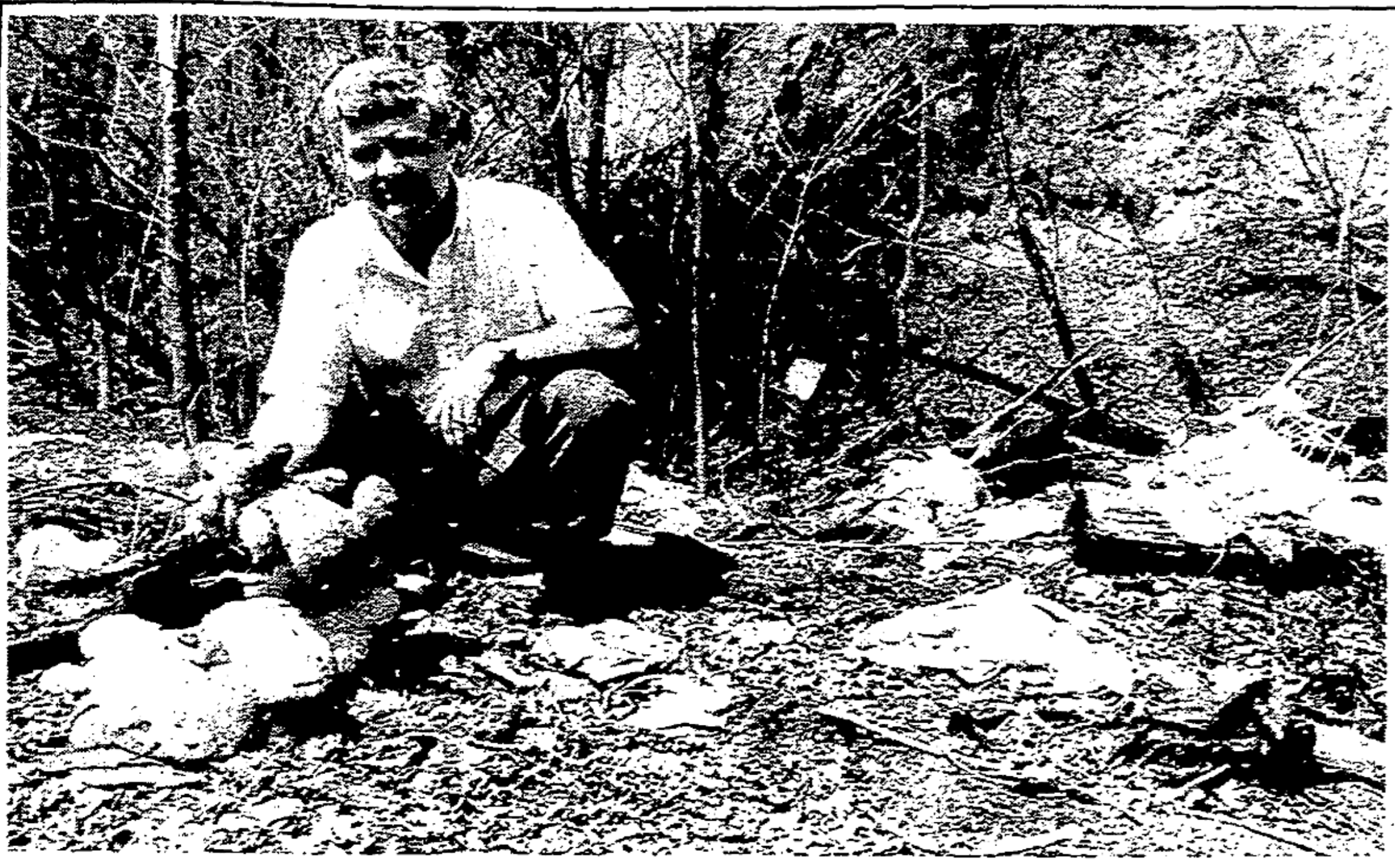
Connolly instead followed the Pottawattamie County attorney's recommendation and sentenced Gill to consecutive terms, 10 years on the kidnapping and willful injury charges and five on the assault charge.

County Attorney E.A. "Penny" Westfall introduced 10 photographs showing the extent of Gill's ex-wife's injuries. She was pregnant at the time of the assault.

Connolly cited the severity of the injuries as his reason for ordering consecutive sentences.

He set bond on appeal at \$100,000 on each charge.

Gill is the brother of Matthew Gill, 22, who was convicted in 1986 of second-degree murder in the clubbing death of an Omaha musician in a West Broadway parking lot.



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Littered roadways targeted for cleanup

The city Public Health Department and one of four groups involved in the Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Council Bluffs project have targeted 16 sites in the city that could use a good cleaning, according to city Sanitarian Donn Dierks. The program will tie in with Earth Day and next month's Pride Week. Sites are on major thoroughfares used by visitors to the city, he said. Last Friday, about 120 St. Albert Junior High School students bagged litter along Franklin, Madison and Gleason avenues. Leadership group leader Billie Aherns said other groups that would like to help clean one of the areas may contact Dierks. The city will provide trash bags and dumpsters for the cleanup, tentatively set for May 12. In the top photo, Dierks holds a discarded teddy bear in an area near Woodbury Avenue that has been used as an illegal dump. Above is a site near Wooded Lake Mobile Home Park in the Lake Manawa area, where old furniture has been dumped. At right, St. Albert student Mindy Morrow, 13, collects trash along a bluff near Franklin Avenue. Below at left, Seth Gruber, 12, also from St. Albert, takes a break after picking up litter along Madison Avenue. The bottom left photo shows a section of road leading to the Lewis and Clark Monument, and a view along the South Expressway is pictured below at right.



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