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Sports reporter for Clay County News dies in car-semi collision.

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NU-CU matchup a Thanksgiving staple.

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Hawk of the Town

St. Cecilia wins Class C-1 state championship
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St. Cecilia players celebrate their Class C-1 state championship Tuesday evening at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln. The Bluehawks beat Norfolk Catholic 26-18.

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LINCOLN — The hard work finally paid off. What began back in the summer — well, maybe even before that — all came to fruition Tuesday at Memorial Stadium when the Bluehawks held on for a 26-18 win over Norfolk Catholic to capture the Class C-1 state title. "It feels great," senior fullback Ben Konen said. "This is what we've been working for. It's what I thought about my whole career,

and it's finally here.

"We're finally getting done what we set out to do. It's great that it happened our senior year."

Inside

See game coverage and photo page of St. Cecilia's perfect ending. — Page B4, C1

Schwenka.

The seniors came up big for St. Cecilia on the biggest stage Tuesday.

They scored all four of the Bluehawks' touchdowns — two by running back Dalton Sealey and two by quarterback Beau

They had both of St. Cecilia's interceptions — one by Joe Ryan and one by Wade Dykeman's.

Dykeman's late interception, with Norfolk Catholic driving and looking to tie the game, is what finally sealed the deal for the Bluehawks.

"Gosh, wasn't that beautiful?" STC coach Carl Tesmer said. "That was a hard, tough game."

Said Dykeman: "Two years of work for this season class; we stuck together through everything."

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Dog laws fail to take bite out of crimes

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While in his backyard with his dog, John Richards of 1306 Webster Ave. was shocked to see five large breed dogs crash through the chain link fence.

One of the dogs attacked Richards' dog. When Richards pulled the attacking dog off, it turned on Richards and bit his right hand before Richards was able to drive the pack off.

The attack was one of a rash of attacks occurring in Hastings.

Patricia Burns, co-owner of Kingswood Plaza, where two reported attacks occurred, said owners made a community rule against dogs being tied up outside to prevent them from being attacked by stray dogs.

"We have a lot of residents who are really upset," she said.

Teri Johnson, lead animal control officer for the city, confirmed that residents at Kingswood Plaza are currently having more dog bites than the rest of the town, but it easily happens in any part of town.

"This is unusual," Johnson said. "We don't usually have this type of thing going on."

Just like Burns, Richards contacted police about the problem.

The owner of the attacking dog, Josh Yates of 1307 N. Briggs Ave., was charged with having an animal at large, harboring a vicious animal and failing to get a rabies vaccination. Yates pleaded no contest to the first two charges and the third was dismissed. He will be sentenced Dec. 4, facing a maximum penalty of \$200 in fines.

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Triblanders give thanks

AREA NEWSMAKERS REFLECT ON WHAT'S GOOD IN THEIR LIVES, CAREERS, COMMUNITIES

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Healthy families and good jobs topped the list of what area public officials and business owners are thankful for in 2009.

"Obviously, first of all a healthy family," Geneva City Administrator Kyle Svec said. "I think that's always important: wife, kids, parents. There are a lot of people who aren't so lucky, so if you're healthy it's definitely something to be thankful for."

Svec, who took over as city administrator in October when his predecessor Robert Higel retired, said he also is thankful he has a job he loves during such tight economic times.

"I'm thankful to have a job I love doing," he said. "I work with very good people, which is another thing I'm thankful for."

He said Geneva, and Fillmore County in general, is full of good people.

"I feel very lucky to live where I live and work where I work," he said.

Like Svec, Jeremy Furman, manager of Big Daddy's Diner in Clay Center, said he's thankful for professional success in spite of lean financial times.

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Hot toys for a cool Yule

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With the busiest shopping day of the year less than two days away, shoppers are scrambling to finish up their holiday shopping lists.

For retailers, the day after Thanksgiving is a time to make sure their shelves are stocked full with the top electronics, toys and

other hot selling items.

And toys are the hot item this year, at least according to the National Retail Federation.

In fact, a holiday survey conducted by the federation indicated 42.2 percent of shoppers plan to purchase toys. That's up from 41.6 percent last year.

And likely the toy on many of

those lists is the Zhu Zhu Pet, an interactive plush and artificially intelligent hamster that talks and moves.

Unlike a real hamster, this cuddly creature doesn't make a mess, leave an odor or die. But they do come in natural colors like tan, gray, white and cream.

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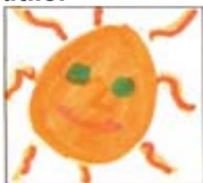


Zhu Zhu Pets are among the hot toys of 2009.

Weather

Lo: 22
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Clear tonight. Sunny Thanksgiving Day.



Art by Shyann Chitty, 9, Doniphan-Trumbull School



Happy Thanksgiving

The Tribune business office will be closed Thursday and no paper will be published.

Normal publication resumes Friday. Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

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Obituaries

ANNA P. HOAGLAND

Hastings resident, Anna P. Hoagland 97, passed away Sunday, November 22, 2009, at Perkins Pavilion, Good Samaritan Society, Hastings-Village.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday, November 28, 2009, at First St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hastings with the Rev. Joel Remmers officiating. Visitation is noon to 9 p.m. Friday at Brand-Wilson Funeral Home in Hastings. Burial will be in Parkview Cemetery in Hastings.



Hoagland

Memorials may be given to the First St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hastings.

Condolences may be sent to www.brandwilson.com.

Anna was born May 25, 1912, to the Rev. Rudolph and Anna M. (Duesing) Moehring in Sutton, NE. She attended elementary school in Otoe, NE, and graduated from High School in Ellis, KS. She attended Midland College in Fremont, NE, the Hastings Presbyterian College in Hastings, NE,

and Kearney College in Kearney, NE, where she received her master's degree. She married Fred Lacalli in 1950, he passed away in 1965. In 1967, she married Harry G. Wilson, he passed away in 1987. She married Louis Hoagland in 1993, and he passed away in 1999.

Anna taught school in rural schools for three years, and then high schools in Sutton, Cambridge, Norfolk and at Hastings Senior High, in Nebraska and Kansas for 16 years.

She was a member of the First St. Paul's Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Church Women, was past president of the WWI Auxiliary, a member of the MTU Railroad Auxiliary, the Eastern Star Kensington and the American Legion Auxiliary.

She is survived by many stepchildren; stepgrandchildren; stepgreat-grandchildren; and stepgreat-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews; one sister-in-law, Joreen Moehring of Pittsburg, PA; and one brother-in-law, Lowell Gross of Salina, KS.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three husbands; two sisters; and two brothers.

EUGENE H. AUTEN

Former area resident Eugene Harold Auten, 77, of Phoenix, AZ, passed away Sunday, November 22, 2009, at Hospice of the Valley in Tempe, AZ.

Memorial services are 11 a.m. MST, Monday, December 7, 2009, at Mountain View Lutheran Church in Phoenix.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Hospice of the Valley, 2525 East Southern Avenue, Tempe, AZ 85282 or Banner Alzheimers Institute, 910 East Willea Street, Phoenix, AZ 85006.

Eugene Harold Auten was born May 6, 1932, to Henry Omer and Hilda (Kort) Auten in Ayr. He attended Roseland High School. He served in the U.S. Army as a sergeant during

the Korean War from 1952-1954. Eugene was an excellent farmer and served on many church boards and various other committees. He enjoyed family very much.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his brothers, Donald and William.

Survivors include his wife, LaVelle; sons and daughters-in-law, Ken and Sherri Auten of Ayr, NE, and Greg and Ann Auten of Blue Hill, NE; and daughter and son-in-law, Deb and Bill Schreck of Hampton, IA. Other survivors include stepchildren, Lynette and Rick LaFond, Mitch and Anne Krueger, Dave and Jackie Krueger, Crissa and Tom Snider; 14 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

PAUL S. PITZ

Former Juniata resident Paul S. Pitz, 81, of Memphis, Tenn., passed away Monday, November 23, 2009, at St. Francis Hospital in Memphis.

Graveside services are 11 a.m. Saturday, November 28, 2009, in Memorial Park Cemetery at Memphis. The family will be receiving friends 6-8 p.m. Friday at Memorial Park Funeral Home in Memphis.

Paul was born on July 30, 1928, in Juniata, NE, the son of Leo and Gertrude Pitz. Paul was a U.S. Army veteran and retired from the Defense Depot of Memphis after 36 years of service. He enjoyed many hobbies such as hunting, fishing, golf and traveling. Paul was an avid Nebraska Cornhusker,

University of Memphis and St. Louis Cardinal fan.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Jerome Pitz and Marvin Pitz; sisters, Irene Fox and Maryanne Gollie; and stepson, Steve Burkett.

Paul is survived by his wife of 42 years, Bonnie R. Pitz; daughter, Patricia Dunning (Rick); stepson, Donald Burkett; and sisters, Ruth Poore and Darlene Wilson (Gene). He is also survived by five grandsons, Ricky Dunning (Christy), Scott Dunning (Becky), Shawnee Burkett, Brad Hollis, and Jon Hollis; one granddaughter, Jenny Burkett; and seven great-grandchildren, Garrett, Chandler, Drew, Molly, Sophia, Hudson and Mason.

LINDA D. HAMMOND

Former Hastings resident Linda Diane Hammond, 53, of Orlando, Calif., passed away Sunday, November 22, 2009, at her home, from Stage 4 Breast Cancer.



Hammond

Funeral services are 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Reichmuth Funeral Home, in Omaha, with Chaplain Will Prusia officiating. Burial will be in Prospect Hill Cemetery at Elkhorn. Visitation is noon to 8 p.m. Friday with family receiving friends from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be given to Breast Cancer Research Fund.

GRACE CHRISTENSEN

Sutton resident Grace Christensen, 94, died Tuesday, November 24, 2009, at her home.

Services are 10 a.m. Saturday, November 28, 2009, at Zion Lutheran Church in Clay Center with the Rev. Scot McCluskey officiating. Burial will be in

Spring Creek Cemetery near Ruskin. Visitation with family present is 4-8 p.m. Friday at McLaughlin Funeral Home chapel in Clay Center.

Memorials may be given to the family or donor's choice.

MARY E. SCHUMM

Harvard resident Mary E. Schumm, 69, passed away Tuesday, November 24, 2009, at Bryan LGH East in Lincoln.

Services are pending at Alberding-Wilson Funeral Home in Harvard.

Births

◆ Jaycee Lynn Vogel, a 6-pound, 6-ounce girl, was born to Christina Grant and Christopher Vogel, both of Grand Island Nov. 2.

◆ Liam Daniel Fitzke, an 8-pound, 10-ounce boy, was born to Amanda (Heidtbrink) and Daniel Fitzke of Juniata Nov. 4.

◆ Charles Jacob Ratzlaff, an 8-pound, 8-ounce boy, was born to Leah (Hoff) and Tom Ratzlaff of Hastings Nov. 4.

◆ Ashlyn Ann Kopecky, a 7-pound, 14-ounce girl, was born to Brook (Newman) and Ryan Kopecky of 126 E. Paul St. Nov. 5.

RED-ZONE PARKING

LOS ANGELES — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger says photographs of his Porsche illegally parked in a Beverly Hills red zone are proof that even he makes mistakes.

The Republican governor said Tuesday his Saturday violation shows "no one is perfect — not even me."

The photos displayed Monday on celebrity Web site TMZ.com show Schwarzenegger getting into the silver convertible.

The photos were snapped just weeks after his wife, first lady Maria Shriver, apologized for parking her Cadillac Escalade in a red zone and was caught holding a cell phone while driving.

ANDREWS TO SING

LONDON — Julie Andrews is to perform in London, 30 years after her last appearance on the British stage.

Concert promoters AEG Europe said Wednesday the star of such musicals as "Mary Poppins" and "The Sound of Music" will appear at London's O2 Arena on May 8.

Andrews had non-cancerous throat nodules removed in 1997. The operation initially left her unable to sing.

Andrews has since starred in "The Princess Diaries" and was the voice of Queen Lillian in the "Shrek" film series.

Tickets go on sale Thursday.

Andrews says in a statement "to perform once again in my homeland on the London stage will be a wonderful moment — it is where it all began for me."

WOODY FILM PROPOSAL

PARIS — Woody Allen has successfully courted France's first lady, Carla Bruni-Sarkozy.

The former supermodel and wife of President Nicolas Sarkozy says she's agreed to be in the famed director's next film, but doesn't know what role he has in store for her and admits she could be a terrible actress.

Allen "asked me to be in his next film," she said Monday on Canal Plus television, where she appeared for an interview and duet with crooner Harry Connick Jr.

Asked if he had told her what part she would play, Bruni-Sarkozy replied: "No. But I said 'yes'... I do everything a little bit blindly. If I don't, I won't do anything."

"I'm not at all an actress. Maybe I'll be absolutely terrible," she added.

"I'd like to — you know — when I'm a grandmother, to have done a Woody Allen film," said Bruni-Sarkozy, who has a son from a relationship before Sarkozy. "I cannot in my life miss an opportunity like this."

The bespectacled cinematic legend asked Bruni-Sarkozy not to make another film before his, she said.

"If this ever comes about, it'll be a great experience," she said.

'ROCKSTAR OF THE YEAR'

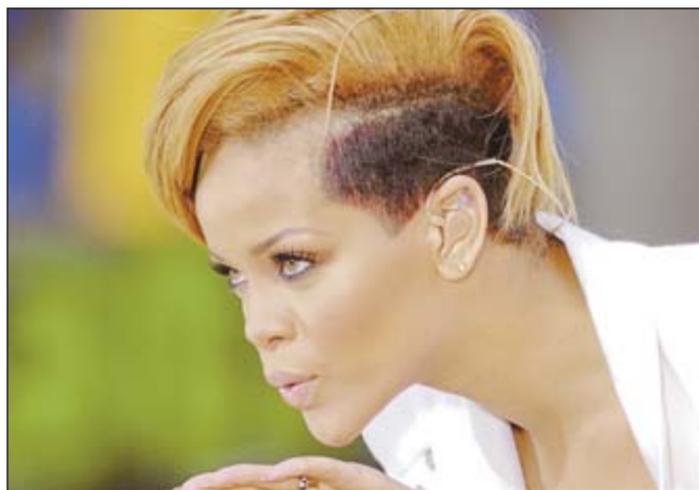
ROME — He's Italian premier, media mogul and one of the country's richest men. Now Silvio Berlusconi can add "Rockstar of the Year" to his caps.

The Italian edition of Rolling Stone magazine said it named Berlusconi for a "lifestyle worthy of the greatest rock stars." The magazine dedicated the cover of its December issue to a smiling Berlusconi, the red, white and green colors of the Italian flag in the backdrop.

The 73-year-old premier has been entangled in a sex scandal this year, with several young women saying they attended parties at his residences. One prostitute says she spent one night with Berlusconi

NewsMakers

A kiss for the audience



EVAN AGOSTINI/AP

Singer Rihanna performs on ABC's "Good Morning America" in Times Square on Tuesday in New York.

in Rome but wasn't paid.

The premier has denied ever paying for sex, though he said he is "no saint."

Last year, Roberto Saviano — author of the book "Gomorra," a crime expose on Neapolitan organized crime — became the first person to be named Rolling Stone's "Rockstar of the Year."

EX-ROYAL AIDE IN CUSTODY

LONDON — Police say a convicted murderer who once served as the personal assistant to the duchess of York is back in custody after she escaped from a low-security British prison.

Police say Jane Andrews was located early Wednesday near the minimum security prison in southeast England where she had been held. The facility is 45 miles southeast of central London.

The 42-year-old former aide disappeared from the prison late Sunday. She was jailed for life in May 2002 after a jury found her guilty of killing her millionaire partner Thomas Cressman.

Andrews was a travel companion and accounts manager for nine years for the duchess, Sarah Ferguson, who was formerly married to Prince Andrew. Andrews left the duchess' service three years before the murder.

GRAMMY HALL OF FAME

LOS ANGELES — The Doors' "Riders On The Storm" and the Beach Boys' "California Girls" are among 25 recordings being inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame.

The Recording Academy said Tuesday that the hall of fame now includes a total of 851 titles that were selected to represent the triumphs and achievements of the recording arts. The inductees were drawn from all categories of music.

Other recordings selected this year include: James Brown's "It's A Man's Man's World;" Jose Feliciano's "Feliz Navidad;" Janis Joplin's "Pearl;" the Isley Brothers' "Twist and Shout;" Louis Armstrong's "Lazy River;" and Muddy Waters' "I Feel Like Going Home."

PETA'S THANKSGIVING AD

RALEIGH, N.C. — Four NBC affiliates broadcasting the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade are banning a commercial promoting veganism sponsored by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

PETA spokesman Michael Lyubinsky

said Tuesday the organization wanted to air the commercial during the parade but stations in Raleigh, N.C., Columbia, S.C., Savannah, Ga., and Little Rock, Ark., had banned it.

The commercial depicts a young girl saying grace at Thanksgiving, giving thanks for "the turkey farms where they pack them into dark, tiny little sheds for their whole lives."

The ad encourages viewers to "Go vegan." Brad Moses, general manager of Raleigh's WNCN, said he decided to ban the ad in Raleigh and Savannah because it's not appropriate for the spirit of the parade.

BIRTHDAYS

Actress Noel Neill is 89. Playwright Murray Schisgal is 83. Actress Kathryn Crosby is 76. Actor Matt Clark is 73. Playwright Shelagh Delaney is 70. Singer Percy Sledge is 69. NFL Hall of Fame coach and NASCAR owner Joe Gibbs is 69. Author, actor and game show host Ben Stein is 65. Singer Bob Lind is 65. Actor John Larroquette is 62. Actor Tracey Walter is 62. Movie director Jonathan Kaplan is 62. Author Charlene Harris is 58. Retired baseball All-Star Bucky Dent is 58. Singer Amy Grant is 49. Rock musician Eric Grossman (K's Choice) is 45. Rock singer Mark Lanegan is 45. Rock singer-musician Tim Armstrong is 44. Singer Stacy Lattisaw is 43. Rock musician Rodney Sheppard (Sugar Ray) is 43. Rapper-producer Erick Sermon is 41. Actress Jill Hennessy is 40. Actress Christina Applegate is 38. Actor Eddie Steeples ("My Name Is Earl") is 36. Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb is 33. Former first daughter Barbara Bush is 28. Former first daughter Jenna Hager is 28. Actress Katie Cassidy is 23.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Self is the only prison that can ever bind the soul."

— Henry van Dyke, American clergyman (1852-1933)

The Associated Press

FACT OF THE DAY

Augusto Pinochet came to power in 1973 in a violent coup that deposed Salvador Allende, the first elected Socialist president of Chile.

NUMBER OF THE DAY

225,000 — number of employees overseen by the Department of Homeland Security.

Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

Tribland

Adams County Judge Jack Ott Monday sentenced Cory F. Gould, 20, of Doniphan to 10 days in jail for third-degree assault on Aug. 19. Gould pleaded no contest Sept. 3. Third-degree assault is a Class 1 misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Hastings College presents "Amahl and the Night Visitors" December 4, 5, Masonic Center. Tickets at local banks and Hastings College Music Department. -Adv.

Vehicles reportedly driven by James L. Randall of Harvard and Laura J. Blackford of Juniata collided Monday at 3803 Osborne Drive West.

VFW bingo Friday, 7:00, \$400/\$100 pigs, 59 bonanza. Fish dinner \$5.00. All welcome -Adv.

A vehicle reportedly driven by Jordyn R. Nikkila of 608 S. Kansas Ave. Monday struck a parked vehicle owned by Mecala Gerloff of Ayr on Ross Avenue near E Street.

Christmas Open House, Friday-Sunday, Hometown Variety, Downtown Hastings. Specials, refreshments all weekend -Adv.

Hey, sports fans! You'll find results of local and area games first at hastingstribune.com -Adv.

A vehicle reportedly driven by Sharon K. Breckner of 315 S. Delaware Ave. Nov. 19 struck a deer on 26th Street near Elm Avenue.

Front row seat is yours Friday at Hastings Keno Sports Bar to see the Huskers and all your favorite teams on the most HD TVs in town! \$2.50 24-ounce Big Cans of Beer all day. Lunch Special: New York Steak Sandwich, Dinner Special: Prime Rib. Closed Thanksgiving. -Adv.

It was reported Monday that a snow blower and weed whip owned by Victoriano R. Panganiban of 614 S. Kansas Ave. were taken from a garage in the 600 block of South Kansas Ave.

30% off all Christmas trees, wreaths, holiday flowers now at Sweet Peas, 615 West 2nd Street, downtown Hastings. -Adv.

It was reported Monday that money and electronic items owned by YWCA of Adams County, 604 S. St. Joseph Ave., were taken from the organization.

For your convenience, the Hastings Tribune has a drive-up payment box in our north parking lot. This may be used for subscription and advertising payments. -Adv.

Adams County Judge Robert Ide Tuesday sentenced Jason D. Shockey, 29, of 406 S. Chicago Ave. No. 1/2 to 21 days in jail, a \$300 fine and \$300 in restitution for third-degree assault on Jan. 1. Shockey was found guilty by a jury on Sept. 14. Third-degree assault is a Class 1 misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Ladies, ladies, ladies...Second Street Slammer presents "The Hunks" male dance revue tonight, 8:00 to 10:30 p.m. -Adv.

A vehicle reportedly driven by Michael S. Duensing of 1230 N. Lexington Ave. Sunday struck a parked vehicle owned by Vicky L. Treadway of 804 N. Richmond Ave. and a parked vehicle owned by Zachary J. Treadway of 804 N. Richmond Ave. on Richmond Avenue near Seventh Street. Duensing, 26, reportedly was injured, but his condition was not available from the hospital.

Hogan's Retro Collectibles & Sports...we've moved to Imperial Mall. Come in...great savings you won't want to miss! -Adv.

DAV Friday night: chicken fried steak. 302 South Elm. -Adv.

VFW will be closed Thursday, Thanksgiving Day. -Adv.

Vehicles reportedly driven by Denise A. Snow of 2640 S. Ridge Road and Jana M. Mousel of 3303 W. Village Drive collided Friday on J Street near Baltimore Avenue. Mousel, 18, reportedly was injured, but her condition was not available from the hospital.

Kensington's Annual Christmas Shopping Mall December 3, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Free space still available for vendors, crafters. Call Wendy, 461-3149 -Adv.

Hastings Tribune has several open routes in Superior available immediately. There is a sign on bonus. Contact the Circulation Department at 800-742-6397. -Adv.

Santa at 2nd and Hastings this Saturday, 11:00 to 2:00. -Adv.

Area funerals

Friday

◆ Laurie Avers, 49, of Oklahoma, City, Okla., 11 a.m. at the United Church of Christ in Belvidere.

◆ Carol Felton, 86, of Guide Rock, 10:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Guide Rock.

Saturday

◆ Grace Christensen, 94, of Sutton, 10 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Clay Center.

◆ Anna Hoagland, 97, of Hastings, 10:30 a.m. at First St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hastings.

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SUBWAY RUNAWAY

NEW YORK — The mother of a 13-year-old boy with Asperger's syndrome who was missing in New York City for 11 days says her son spent the entire time in the subway system.

The boy's mother, Marisela Garcia, feels police were slow to make the case a priority because she's a Mexican immigrant. But police say they contacted the school immediately and leafleted most of the city.

Garcia wants to know how her son went unnoticed for so long despite surveillance cameras and a police search. He has Asperger's syndrome, a form of autism.

Police found Francisco Hernandez Jr. on Oct. 26 in a Coney Island subway station. He says he took refuge in the subway after getting in trouble at school and feared a scolding at home.

He rode trains and used station bathrooms. He says he mostly slept and lived on snacks and water.

SEATTLE STABBING

SEATTLE — A Seattle woman who was convicted of killing a romantic rival is accused of trying to kill again in a jealous rage over a man.

Patricia Crowl was charged with attempted first-degree murder last week. Police say she used text messages to lure her new boyfriend's ex to a parking garage and attacked her. The woman called 911 with her cell phone to say she had been "stabbed everywhere"; she survived after being rushed to a hospital.

Crowl, 50, was freed from prison in 2006 after serving time for second-degree murder for using a wrench to kill a woman named Shawn Beatrice Wallace who had been dating Crowl's then-boyfriend. Crowl hid Wallace's body under her house then dumped it in a ravine.

Crowl is being held on \$3 million bail.

GIRLFRIEND KILLING

LONG BEACH, Calif. — A judge has sentenced a California man to death for murdering a girlfriend who refused to help him dispose of another girlfriend's body.

Santiago Martinez of Long Beach was sentenced Tuesday in Superior Court to die by lethal injection.

A jury last month recommended death for the 28-year-old Martinez, who was convicted for the 2003 killing of Myra Orozco. A previous jury deadlocked over the penalty.

Orozco, a 24-year-old Long Beach resident, was stabbed and slashed nearly 30 times, pushed from a car and run over. Prosecutors say she was killed because she refused to help Martinez dump the body of a woman he had killed two weeks earlier.

Martinez already is serving 52 years to life for the murder of Christina Wilkerson, who was stabbed 20 times and shot.

FIREFIGHTERS SUIT

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — A federal judge has ordered Connecticut officials to promote 14 firefighters who won a reverse discrimination case that was decided by the U.S. Supreme Court.

U.S. District Judge Janet Bond Arterton ruled Tuesday that the civil rights of white New Haven firefighters were violated when city officials threw out the results of a 2003 promotion exam when too few minorities did well.

Her ruling followed the Supreme Court's instructions. In 2006, Arterton had thrown out the white firefighters' lawsuit. A federal appeals court upheld her decision before the Supreme Court overturned both rulings in June.

City spokeswoman Jessica Mayorga said Tuesday that New Haven intends to promote the firefighters "as soon as practicable."

Six firefighters are set to be promoted to captain and eight to lieutenant.

The Associated Press

Authorities: Hanged Ky. census worker killed self

BRUCE SCHREINER AND ROGER ALFORD
The Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. — When an eastern Kentucky census worker was found naked, bound with duct tape and hanging from a tree with "fed" scrawled on his chest, suspicion fell on the hardscrabble Appalachian area where bad news seems like a way of life.

Perhaps Bill Sparkman had been a victim of violent anti-government sentiment in an area known for a rampant drug trade and where "revenue" is still a dirty word.

That speculation was doused Tuesday when authorities said that Sparkman killed himself but staged his death to make it look like a homicide. The conclusion that Sparkman died by his own hands, and not by those of anti-government zealots, was seen by Clay County community activist Doug Abner as a vindication for the area.

"That's a horrible thing that's happened to that fellow," Abner, senior pastor at the non-denominational Community Church in Manchester, said in a phone interview. "But like most Clay countians, I feel like we get a bad rap. It's just a stereotypical thing."

Abner was always skeptical of the speculation that Sparkman may have been a victim of anti-government sentiment, saying "We're really not that bad."

"We're not asking for an apology," he added. "We just want people to start looking at us different."

Sparkman, 51, was found strangled Sept. 12 with a rope around his neck near a cemetery in a heavily wooded area of the Daniel Boone National Forest in southeastern Kentucky.

On Tuesday, authorities for the first time released key details such as Sparkman's wrists being bound so loosely that he could have done the taping himself. Kentucky State Police Capt. Lisa Rudzinski said an analysis found that the "fed" on his chest was written "from the bottom up."

He was touching the ground almost to his knees, and to survive "all Mr. Sparkman had to do at any time was stand up," she said.



BRIAN BOHANNON/AP

Kentucky State Police Capt. Lisa Rudzinski shows how "fed" was written from the bottom up as she answers questions regarding the death of Kentucky census worker Bill Sparkman Tuesday at the Kentucky State Police Central Forensic Laboratory in Frankfort, Ky.

Americans search for cheaper Thanksgiving trips

MICHAEL TARM
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Miles family is changing it up this year in the annual American race to make it to the table for Thanksgiving dinner. Instead of booking plane tickets, they opted to take the 1,100-mile trip by train.

Airline tickets seemed too pricey, so they paid \$800 for the five of them to travel roundtrip by train from their Syracuse, N.Y., home to Omaha, Neb. to see family. Airfare would have totaled more than \$2,500, the family said.

"Economic considerations topped the list for us," Maureen Miles, 44, a doctor's office receptionist, said while sitting with her husband and three kids at a crowded Union Station in Chicago before their train departed Tuesday afternoon.

"If the price was right, we would have considered flying," she said.

With economic pressures still hitting household budgets hard, many Americans are forgoing air travel for the Thanksgiving holiday and opting for cheaper alternatives.

Others are staying home completely — partly to avoid traffic and airport lines, partly to save a buck.

Thanksgiving travel plummeted a staggering 25 percent between 2007 and 2008, and many of those habits seem to be sticking this year. The number of people traveling is likely to stay about the same, inching up only by about 1.4 percent, according to an AAA prediction based on a survey of 1,300 households.

About 38 million domestic travelers are expected to go somewhere this holiday — a far cry from the roughly 58 million who made holiday journeys in 2005 when the economy was better.

Traveling for Thanksgiving at any cost was too much for Julie Bennink, 26, who works in pub-

lic relations in Chicago. Unexpected medical and other bills meant she couldn't afford paying what would have been at least \$400 for a rental car and gas to drive the three hours to Grand Rapids, Mich., for Thanksgiving dinner with her family.

"My mom was not really thrilled with me when I told her," Bennink said.

Her plan B for Thanksgiving was to take a 15-minute city bus ride to a friend's house and bring a cornbread casserole.

Most people have calculated that travel by car often makes the most financial sense, said Alan Pisarski, a leading transportation analyst. About 33 million people are expected to travel by car this Thanksgiving, according to AAA.

That was how travelers who stopped at a service plaza along

Interstate 75 in southwest Ohio saw it.

Because of the economy, John and Janet Lawson of Elizabethtown, Ky., opted to drive 350 miles to Dearborn Heights, Mich., to make dinner for one of her sisters rather than spend the holiday with her other siblings in Minnesota.

"It affected us as far as the distance we would travel," Janet Lawson said. "We didn't want to do any flying."

The Lawsons left home at 4 a.m. Wednesday, hoping to beat traffic. Their SUV was loaded with turkey, gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes and pies.

Tribland five-day forecast

Art by Shyann Chitty, 9, Doniphan-Trumbull School



WINDY TODAY

High: 45 Low: 22
Wind: Northwest 20-30 with gusts to around 40 mph



SUNNY THURSDAY

High: 52 Low: 28
Wind: Southwest 10
Clear Thursday night.



SUNNY FRIDAY

High: 58 Low: 29
Clear Friday night.



SUNNY SATURDAY

High: 48 Low: 27
Partly cloudy Saturday night.



PARTLY CLOUDY SUNDAY

High: 40 Low: 22
Partly cloudy at night.

Today's weather records

High: 76 in 1960
Low: 1 in 1993

Local weather

From 7 a.m. Nov. 24 to 7 a.m. Nov. 25

High Tuesday	50
High in 2008	53
Overnight low	29
Overnight low in 2008	23
Precipitation last 24 hours	.03
November precipitation	.21
November 2008 precipitation	.97
Year to date precipitation	22.82
Jan. to Nov. '08 precipitation	33.34
Snowfall last 24 hours	.00
November snowfall	trace
November 2008 snowfall	trace
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Egos a factor in EU leadership

Scripps Howard News Service

The European Union can't be accused of being dazzled by celebrity and star power in its choices for its first president and first foreign minister under the recently ratified Lisbon Treaty.

The 27 nations bypassed America's favorite Brit, Tony Blair, in favor of little-known Belgian Prime Minister Herman Van Rompuy and the even-more-obscure Catherine Ashton, currently the EU trade commissioner.

Ashton seemed as surprised as everybody else by her selection. The Briton has never before held elected office, and she has no foreign-policy experience, even though she will now head the EU's 3,000-person diplomatic corps. The Associated Press began its story on her new job by describing her as "an international woman of mystery."

Neither one has much experience in their current jobs, for that matter. Van Rompuy, a last-minute compromise candidate for the job, has been prime minister only 11 months. Ashton — the baroness is a member of the House of Lords — has been trade commissioner for only 13 months.

Fatal to Blair's chances were his close identification with the United States and his early and unswerving support for the Iraq war. The impasse over the presidency was broken only when Blair's successor as prime minister, Gordon Brown, dropped his support for his predecessor.

There were likely other factors, as well. The duties of the two offices are still undefined — indeed, many believe the foreign-policy post may be the more powerful position — and the EU likely did not want a strong personality like Blair defining it.

Then, too, Blair, a gifted orator and politician, might have outshone some of the large egos that are Western European heads of government. With Van Rompuy and Ashton in place, there seems little danger of that happening.

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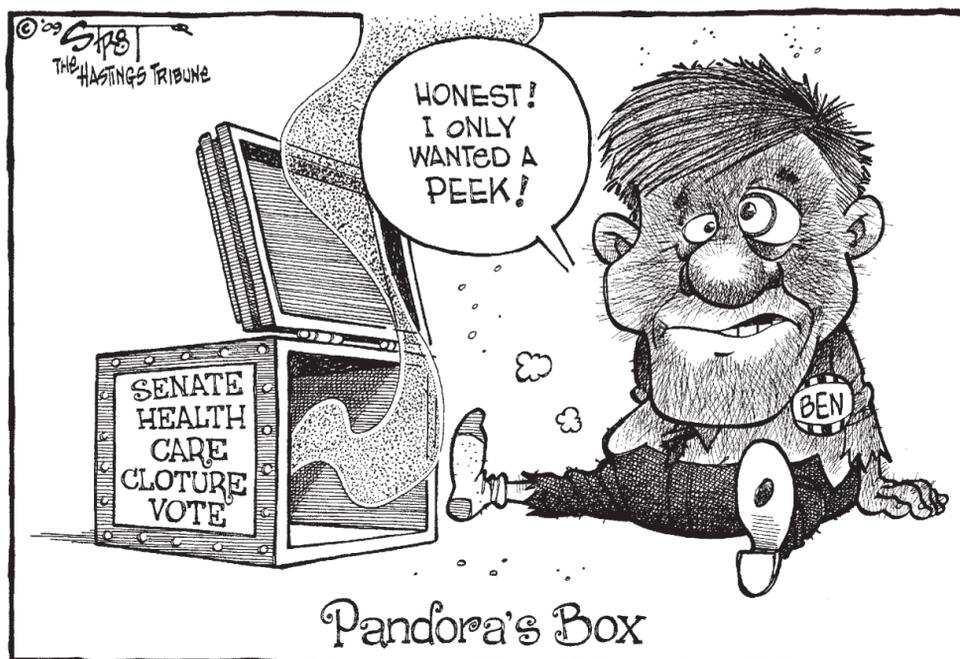
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Share abundance so no one's hungry

As jobs disappear and families struggle to make ends meet in this recession, we're spending less, especially on luxuries. But according to a new report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, a record number of American families not only can't afford luxuries — they can't even afford food.

"These numbers are a wake-up call for the country," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack in response to the USDA's report that found "the number of Americans who lived in households that lacked consistent access to adequate food soared last year, to 49 million, the highest since the government began tracking what it calls 'food insecurity' 14 years ago."

We need to attack poverty in America not only with funds provided by our tax dollars but also with increased donations to local food banks and soup kitchens.

Belts should be tighter because we've voluntarily pulled back on excessive spending, not because parents can't afford to feed their children. In reporting on the study, the Washington Post noted that 17 million children live in homes in which food was scarce during the year.

Last year, the number of kids actually going hungry every day jumped from 700,000 children to 1.1 million. I repeat, more than one million children — babies, toddlers, young kids and teenagers — wake up and go to sleep hungry in the United States of America. Hunger experts told The Washington Post that, given the economy, they knew things were going to be bad, but not this bad and certainly not record-breaking bad.



Donna Brazile

Which brings me back to that belt-tightening. There's a potential double whammy at work here. With more help needed, there's a real fear that less help will be available. Though the number of people struggling to get enough to eat is increasing by hundreds of thousands a year, millions more of us face increasing struggles to escape the same fate.

This societal tempest hasn't hit just some isolated coastal town; it has flooded every corner of our nation, including our once-prosperous suburbs peopled by the middle class. None of us should feel safe from it. "This trend was already painfully clear in many communities across our nation," noted President Obama, "where food stamp applications are surging and food pantry shelves are emptying."

I happen to believe that we, as Americans, are up to the challenge of stemming this tide of suffering. I am forever astonished by our nation's ability to rally. Throughout our history we have witnessed this strength in the aftermath of disasters both at home and abroad. We are a nation of communities who believe they are connected by far more than a ZIP code.

Helping others when you think you have little to spare may not be the easiest thing to do, but my mother always said that we could probably take that as a sign that it was the right thing to do.

As our families prepare to give thanks, it is my hopeful prayer that we become more

mindful of the crisis around us — quite possibly, right next door to us — and that we decide to give true thanks for what we have by giving a generous portion of our time, money and support to our local soup kitchen or food bank. We can also look inside our pantries and decide that we can spare those extra cans of vegetables or jars of tomato sauce and donate them. We can make a difference. Learn how at www.feedingamerica.org.

I'm reminded of a simple prayer, the prayer of forgiveness for our sins, in which we seek forgiveness for the things we've done and those we've left undone. Of the things I've left undone, well,

I suspect that I'll never come remotely close to completing that list. But this year, in these next weeks and months, let's do what we can to at least cross one thing off that list: volunteer to help feed others. Act now. Do not wait for another child to go to bed hungry.

As I celebrate Thanksgiving this year, I will be giving thanks for you and the millions of other Americans who look beyond their own family during the holiday season and see their family of fellow Americans — sons and daughters, mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews — in need. Let us give thanks by giving just a little bit of what we might have in abundance. And if you find yourself with coats, hats, gloves or socks, donate that to charity as well.

Thank you. Enjoy the blessings of Thanksgiving.

Donna Brazile is a political commentator on CNN, ABC and NPR.

Door open for third party to step up

"The mood of America is glum. Two-thirds of the public is dissatisfied with the way things are going in the country" and voters' anti-incumbent mood is approaching 1994 and 2006 levels, when control of Congress changed hands.

So reported the Pew Research Center on Nov. 11, summarizing its latest poll.

I think there's reason to believe that the public's anger is even deeper than Pew's estimate because voters believe — correctly — that "the way things are going" is not getting better.

If so, and with Republicans and Democrats fighting all the time and improving nothing, there's an opening for a third-party challenge as strong as Ross Perot's in 1992.

Running against deficits, free trade and the inadequacies of the two major parties, the quirky industrialist led the field with 39 percent of the vote in June 1992, dropping to just 18.9 percent in November because he torpedoed his own campaign.

The likeliest figure to seize upon this opening is populist demagogue (and self-styled "Mr. Independent") Lou Dobbs, formerly of CNN, so let's hope a better alternative appears — or the direction of the country improves.

But, right now, the prospects are dismal. My favorite economic guru, David Smick, editor of International Economy magazine, summarized them in a speech last week at the Colony Club of New York, soon to be excerpted in Commentary magazine.

"Americans are worried," he said, "about a pending national fiscal nightmare that could doom the U.S. economy to slow growth and second-rate status."

"They instinctively sense we may be becoming like Britain after the Second World War, quickly fading in relevance, our curren-



Morton Kondracke

cy losing credibility, our industrial and entrepreneurial edge dulled, our people deeply frustrated."

For one thing, he said, for unemployment to fall from 10.2 percent to 5 percent, the economy would have to produce 250,000 jobs a month for the next five years, whereas the average monthly job growth rate over the past 20 years has been 90,000.

"Reducing unemployment to where it was before the (current) crisis may be impossible," he said. "So get ready for an American workforce full of long-term anxiety — and anger."

Smick, once chief of staff to the late Rep. Jack Kemp (R-N.Y.) and a 1996 presidential campaign adviser to Democratic Sen. Bill Bradley (N.J.), added that the barely recovering economy is burdened by "a 300-pound backpack of personal and public debt." "Within a decade," he said, "the U.S. will be borrowing \$722 billion a year just to pay interest" on the national debt.

"We're about to enter a fiscal trap, chasing our tail just to pay off our creditors. That's the experience of Third World regimes. Their currencies lose all credibility. They suffer from high and crushing interest rates, ending up as wards of the International Monetary Fund."

Smick is an expert on all this. He's made a fortune as an international trader and he wrote a best-selling book, "The World Is Curved," on the dangers of the unregulated world financial system.

Both George W. Bush and Barack Obama ("George W. Obama") have made matters worse, he said.

"Both proposed huge new entitlements with no way of paying for them. Both are at a loss at understanding the means of creat-

ing new private sector employment opportunities. ...

"Both offered the big Wall Street banks an incredible \$700 billion in taxpayer funding with no stipulation that the banks lend the money, which today they are not doing."

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, Smick says, is trying to keep the economy afloat by holding down interest rates — but all that means is that big banks borrow at zero, invest (often overseas) at 3 percent or 4 percent, make huge profits and refuse to lend to small U.S. businesses, which create 70 percent of new jobs.

Smick thinks the Obama administration should have forced banks to lend their bailout money before paying it back and included an investment tax credit for business in its stimulus package.

"What Washington can provide is a climate conducive to innovative risk," he said. "But that's not today's climate, where the tax, regulatory and financial future are as terrifyingly uncertain as at any time in postwar history."

Smick agrees that the moment is ripe for a third-party candidate — "a problem-solving, no-nonsense leader who can come to Washington to clean out the swamp created by both political parties."

"We need to reignite America's fires of innovation, daring and confidence. If the current crowd in Washington lacks this vision, the American people, I can assure you, will find someone who has it."

He's not talking about Lou Dobbs here. Or former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin (R). And unfortunately, New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg (I) and Gen. David Petraeus don't seem to be running. But there is an opening. Help wanted.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

The following area students recently received scholarships for the 2009-10 academic year from Kansas State University:
◆ Burr Oak, Kan.: Nathaniel Gardner, engineering scholarship, memorial scholarship
◆ Esbon, Kan.: Tanner Peroutek, Dane G. Hansen Foundation Scholarship, engineering scholarship, first in class scholarship, foundation scholarship, Intermill Family Scholarship
◆ Glenvil: Christie Murman, McCluggage Van Sickle and Perry Scholarship
◆ Hastings: Ashley Rethorst, legacy scholarship
◆ Mankato, Kan.: Brian Broeckelman, leadership scholarship, Robert and Florence Nulty Scholarship
◆ Smith Center, Kan.: April Rust, achievement award

State

CATLEMEN'S BALL

KEARNEY — Organizers say country music star Randy Travis will be featured at the Cattlemen's Ball in June. Travis has had 22 No. 1 hits and six No. 1 albums, earning six Grammy awards and several honors from the country-music industry.

The ball is scheduled for June 4-5 on an acreage south of Kearney.

The Cattlemen's Ball raises money for cancer research at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and for local health care agencies.

Other ball activities include a prime rib dinner, a dance, craft fair, fashion show and silent auction.

EUTHANIZATION

OMAHA — The Nebraska Humane Society says this year's cat situation is even worse than usual: It has too many cats and is forced to euthanize many.

Spokeswoman Pam Wiese says the society has killed more than 400 cats so far this year. She says that every year the society ends up euthanizing "perfectly healthy, adoptable cats, simply because we get too many in."

Wiese says cats corralled as strays aren't picked up by their owners as routinely as are dogs. More cats are coming in from outside the area, and she says the shelter has even more kittens than usual.

Extra efforts to adopt out the cats have not kept up the number coming in.

The society has signs in its 24-hour drop-off area that tell people any cats they drop off are likely to be euthanized.

CHILD PORNO

COLUMBUS — A Columbus man is facing 11 charges of possessing child pornography.

Platte County Judge Frank Skorupa ruled Tuesday that there is enough evidence to try 42-year-old Leander Ford on the charges.

Police arrested Ford in late October after a search of his home revealed pornographic videos featuring children on his computer.

Ford remains free on bond after posting \$1,000 earlier this month.

Each one of the charges Ford faces carries a sentence of up to 20 years in prison.

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Nebraska Pick 3 5-8-8
MyDaY 9-16-83
Nebraska Pick 5 5-3-16-24-32
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Two-vehicle collision kills Sutton man

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CLAY COUNTY — A sports reporter for the Clay County News died in a car-semi collision Monday afternoon south of Sutton.

Jay P. Kenney, 46, of Sutton was southbound on County Road W when his car collided with a semitrailer truck driven by Richard Ebert, 68, of rural Sutton who was eastbound on County Road 314, according to Clay County Sheriff's Office. The collision occurred about 1:45 p.m.

Clay County Attorney Ted

Griess pronounced Kenney dead on the scene. Ebert was transported to Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital where he was treated and released.

Sutton Fire and Rescue used the Jaws of Life to extricate both drivers. Kenney was wearing a seat belt.

Clay County Sheriff Jeff Franklin said the accident is

being investigated by the sheriff's office and a Nebraska State Patrol reconstruction team.

This is the eighth fatality accident and ninth traffic-related death this year in Clay County.

"Too high — way too high," Franklin said of those numbers. "Our hearts and prayers go out to the family of Mr. Kenney. He was very well liked in the community."

Kenney began working this summer for the Clay County News under its new ownership.

Poor visibility may have been a factor in the collision, Franklin said.

"The roads were dry," he said. "The biggest thing we encountered was hazy conditions because of the fog. Both drivers
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Body paint



AMY ROH/Tribune

St. Cecilia fans Caleb Uerling (left) and Spencer Zysset celebrate during the Class C-1 state championship game Tuesday at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln. St. Cecilia beat Norfolk Catholic 26-18.

6 puppies die in fire

OWNER TRIED
TO RESCUE THEM

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Six puppies died Tuesday afternoon in a shed fire as their owner tried desperately to save them.

Walt Kerr of 907 N. Saunders Ave. said he found out about the fire when his neighbor came knocking at his door at about 4:19 p.m.

After getting two dogs that just had a litter of puppies about five weeks ago out of the house, Kerr went around back to try to get the puppies out of the shed. He got four of them out, but three ran back inside. He got one to safety, but the blaze was too hot when he tried to re-enter the shed to recover more.

"I heard them screaming," he said. "I'll never forget that sound."

After putting out the fire, firefighters brought out another missing pup, making two survivors from the original litter of eight.

Hastings Fire Capt. Darin Clark said the fire destroyed the shed. The home had minor damage, he said.

Kerr said he thought the fire may have been caused by some kind of short with a heat lamp used to keep the puppies warm.

Clark said an investigation is under way to determine the fire's cause.

Metro sues CCC, others

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Metropolitan Community College of Omaha has filed a lawsuit against Central, Southeast, Northeast, Mid-Plains and Western community colleges to recover what it sees at its fair share of state aid money for the 2009-10 school year.

The suit was filed in Lancaster County Nov. 20, said Robert Cannella, Metro's attorney.

"The lawsuit alleges the (defendent) community colleges and their officials submitted tuition and fee revenue figures to the state that do not conform with the requirement of law," says a press release from Metro. "(Metro) alleges the community colleges created those revenue figures for the purpose of reducing state aid to (Metro) and increasing their own state aid by approximately \$10.8 million."

Equalization aid given to the community colleges by the state is based on a mathematical formula, the lawsuit states. The result of the calculation depends, in part, on the amounts of tuition and fees each college reports that it took in during the previous fiscal year, which ended June 30.

The lawsuit alleges that representatives of the five defendant colleges met Aug. 28, the same day that Metro reported its financial information for 2008-09, to change the definition of "tuition and fees," which they just had approved under audit guidelines on Aug. 10.

"Such attempted change was reached with the intent of reducing equalization aid to Metro and for the purpose of enabling the five defendant colleges to submit contrived and incorrect data to the Coordinating Commission," the lawsuit states.
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Appeal explores school safety duties

EJEAN ORTIZ

The Associated Press

LINCOLN — A case involving a kindergartner who was sexually assaulted by an intruder at school is the focus of a legal debate in Nebraska over how far schools must go to protect their students.

The Nebraska Supreme Court will hear arguments Dec. 2 in a case involving a Lincoln kindergarten student who was sexually assaulted by a stranger in a school restroom in 2005. The boy's mother

sued Lincoln Public Schools, arguing that the district should have stopped the stranger from entering the school building or at least warned her it could happen.

She says a Lancaster County judge was wrong in dismissing her complaint after determining that school officials weren't responsible for preventing the crime.

Joseph Siems Jr., now 31, was sentenced in 2006 to 20 to 30 years in prison for the assault at

Arnold Elementary School.

He entered the school midday when no one was covering the desk at the school's unlocked entrance, went into a restroom and performed oral sex on the 5-year-old boy, according to court documents.

Before the assault, three teachers and a secretary saw Siems inside the school. Two questioned him, including one teacher who directed him after he told her he needed to use a

restroom. She then alerted administrators, who put the school on lock down.

The boy reported the assault to his teacher. Siems' arrest followed.

Siems' family has said he has a history of mental illness and sexual assaults involving children. He is a former Lincoln Regional Center patient and was a resident of an assisted living center at the time of his arrest.

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Volunteers serving Thanksgiving dinner at Crossroads

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This year's annual Thanksgiving Day dinner at Crossroads Center Rescue Mission will be prepared and served by about 20 volunteers at the homeless shelter or delivered to homes.

Pete McConnell, executive director at Crossroads, 702 W. 14th St., said the organization expects to serve about 200 meals from 4-6 p.m. Thursday.

"This meal is going to impact the 79 men, women and children who are currently staying

at Crossroads," he said. "We're at an all-time record for the number of people we have here right now. Through the grace of God, enough food, milk and personal care goods are coming in from the community to care for these people."

The free meal is open to all community members, as well. Guests will enjoy a turkey

dinner complete with mashed potatoes with gravy, stuffing, sweet potato casserole, cranberry sauce, green bean casserole, rolls and pie.

Instead of standing in line as in previous years, McConnell said guests will be served by the volunteers.

"People here at Crossroads are going to enjoy a sit-down meal," he said.

For those who can't leave their homes, meal deliveries are available within Hastings. McConnell said a team of volunteers will be delivering food

for the meal, but requests need to be made by 2 p.m. Thursday.

Supplies for the meal have come from donations within the community. McConnell said the organization is thankful for the support received over the years.

"We want to thank people from the community," he said. "We just need more and more support as we go through these tough times."

To schedule a delivery or find more information, call Crossroads at 402-462-6460 or visit www.crossroadsmission.com.



McConnell



BRENT McCOWN/Tribune

Ken Ockinga of rural Glenvil unloads corn from an auger wagon into a grain truck while helping Larry Ochsner harvest his corn Tuesday.

Thanks: Area newsmakers reflect on good things

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"I'm thankful my family is still in good health and the diner's doing real well," he said. "The economy is real bad and everyone is careful on spending their money, but we're keeping up real good."

Ron Seymour, agricultural extension educator for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in Adams County, said he is thankful to live in a community strongly rooted in agriculture.

"I'm thankful that I live in an area where we have farmers who work hard to produce food we can all enjoy," he said.

He said he also is thankful to live in a city like Hastings where people are so actively involved in community betterment.

"I'm thankful for volunteers that give us their time to see that they find ways to better the community," he said. "I'm thankful for young people that want to learn to do better and make a difference in their world."

"I'm thankful I've got a loving family and good health."

Melissa Wheelock, superintendent of Minden Public Schools, said she is thankful for the support she and the district have received from the community.



BRENT McCOWN/Tribune

Larry Ochsner takes advantage of the nice weather Tuesday to finish harvesting his corn north of Glenvil.

"I would say professionally I'm thankful for all the support from our staff members, students, families, patrons and board members," she said. "We've worked as a team to have a commitment to success for our students. It really is a team effort, so I really appreciate their support."

"On a personal note, I'm thankful to have a healthy and happy family."

Webster County Sheriff Troy Schmitz, who took over as sheriff in late 2008 after his predecessor, Jim Disney, retired, said he is thankful for

the opportunity to serve his county.

"I'm thankful for my family and the fact they were healthy all year," he said. "I'm thankful for the chance to serve the citizens of Webster County all year and the fact that my staff has been kept safe all year."

Toys: Zhu Zhu Pets hot item this year

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James Carson, manager of the Hastings Wal-Mart Supercenter, said they are flying off the shelves.

"The hot item is the Zhu Zhu Pets. That's the item for the year," he said. "And it's tough to supply all the need but we're doing the best we can."

At Kmart, 3001 W. 12th St., manager Rodney Keese said toys are the big item there, as well.

"We have sold a lot of toys in the last couple of weeks, just because there's been a lot of deals," he said.

The top toys this year, according to the National Retail Federation, include everything from the Barbie and other dolls to Transformers, Legos and Hot Wheels.

While toys are always a big seller, Keese said the top items at Kmart this holiday season are electronics, like LCD televisions, mp3 players, phones, CDs, DVDs and game systems.

"The Wii console hasn't lost any speed as it's still the most sought-after video console," Keese said. "The reason is basically anybody from 5 to 90 can play. It can be a family event instead of just kids playing video games all day."

With the price drop for the Nintendo Wii, Xbox 360 and Playstation 3, Keese said video game systems and accessories are popular.

The National Retail Federation lists video games, the Nintendo DS and Nintendo Wii as three of the top 10 toys for boys and girls this holiday season.

While video games and other electronics are still some of the most sought-after items this year, Bonnie Roberts, manager of Hometown Variety, 620 W. Second St., said she's been selling a lot of smaller and simpler items this year.

"It's the more down-to-earth

Top toys for 2009

FOR GIRLS

1. Barbie
2. Dolls (generic)
3. Disney Hannah Montana
4. Video games
5. Disney princesses
6. Dora the Explorer
7. American Girl
8. Nintendo DS
9. Nintendo Wii
10. Zhu Zhu Pets

FOR BOYS

1. Video games
2. Transformers
3. Legos
4. Cars (generic)
5. Nintendo Wii
6. Trucks (generic)
7. Bakugan
8. Hot Wheels
9. Nintendo DS
10. Fisher-Price toys



SOURCE: National Retail Federation

things, not the extravagant and big-ticket things," she said. "It's the coffee mugs and ornaments."

At this point, Roberts hasn't seen many of the more expensive things going out the door. And the craft items aren't necessary selling fast either.

She said the fleece fabric for blankets has been selling very well this year, however.

Spending smaller amounts and buying more practical and even used items as gifts has become the norm this holiday season, says the federation.

Seventy percent of shoppers plan to head to discount stores while 11 percent will even consider making holiday purchases at thrift or resale shops.

Internet shopping is still all the rage, according to the federation. One in three holiday purchases this year will be influenced by the Internet. So even if shoppers aren't purchasing their items online, they may still be influenced by advertising they find while surfing the Web.

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State

AUTOPSY RESULTS

SCOTTSBLUFF — Authorities say exposure killed a Gering man whose body was found by a jogger in Scottsbluff.

John Childress is deputy Scotts Bluff County attorney. He said Tuesday that it could be a month before toxicology reports are back from the autopsy of 49-year-old Shawn O'Donahue.

Childress says that until the results are in, police won't know for sure whether O'Donahue had been drinking alcohol or had taken drugs.

Investigators say O'Donahue was speeding north on a Scottsbluff street late Sunday or early Monday morning when he missed a turn. His car left the roadway and landed in a retention pond.

O'Donahue got out of his car and managed to reach the road before he collapsed. His body was found by the jogger about 6:45 a.m. on Monday.

METH CASE

MADISON — After the hair of a 2-year-old girl tested positive for methamphetamine exposure, her mother was arrested.

Madison County officials say 32-year-old Susannah Perske of Norfolk is due back in court next month, accused of felony child abuse.

The hair on the toddler's 5-year-old sister did not test positive for meth, but both girls have been taken into protective custody by the state.

Court documents say Perske told officers that she used marijuana and meth within a week of her arrest Sept. 14. Prosecutors say the abuse ran from July 1 through Sept. 14.

A phone number listed for Perske was busy during several calls from The Associated Press on Tuesday. Her attorney did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

STABBING DEATH

LINCOLN — A Lincoln woman has been charged with second-degree murder in connection with the stabbing death of a 31-year-old man.

Lisa Ramirez-Rodriguez appeared in court on Tuesday, and her bond was set at \$1 million.

Police say the victim, Christopher Grant, used to be the boyfriend of the 35-year-old woman charged in the case.

Ramirez-Rodriguez once tried to obtain a domestic abuse protection order against Grant in 2007, but that order was denied when she failed to appear in court. Lincoln police were called several times over the past four years to intervene in disputes between Grant and Ramirez-Rodriguez.

Originally, Ramirez-Rodriguez was arrested on suspicion of first-degree assault, but she was arrested before Grant died Saturday evening.

OFFICER SHOOTING

OMAHA — A 20-year-old man is pressing a lawsuit against an off-duty Omaha police officer who shot him as the man and his brother drove away from a bar after a fracas inside.

Armando Butler also wants compensation from the city and the bar that had employed the off-duty officer, 14-year veteran Calvin Harper.

Butler and his 28-year-old brother, Adrien Butler, had been kicked out of Cheater's Bar around midnight Sunday. Police later cited Adrien Butler for throwing a crowbar through a bar window.

Investigators say Harper shot at the Butlers' vehicle as it left the scene. Armando was struck in a knee. His brother was not hit.

Efforts to reach Harper have been unsuccessful. The city attorney would not comment on the case specifics.

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Calendar

HASTINGS

- ◆ **Narcotics Anonymous**, 8 p.m. Friday, 401 N. Lincoln Ave.
- ◆ **Crystal Meth Anonymous**, 7:45-9 p.m. Friday, 521 S. St. Joseph Ave.
- ◆ **Alcoholics Anonymous**, noon, 5:15, 7 (Hispanic group) and 8 p.m. Friday, 521 S. St. Joseph Ave.

Tis the season for giving trees

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Several local organizations are hoping to gather gifts for needy individuals and families in the Hastings area through a series of giving trees.

Christmas trees with paper ornaments have been placed at each of the following locations. The public is encouraged to take an ornament and purchase the item or items mentioned, then return that gift to the organization so it may be delivered in time for Christmas.

ANGEL TREE

- ◆ Gifts for children whose parent(s) is incarcerated
- ◆ Two trees at Wal-Mart, one at Imperial Mall
- ◆ Ends Dec. 24

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- ◆ Gifts for local senior citizens
- ◆ Allen's Shopping Center, Hometown Variety & Crafts
- ◆ Ends Dec. 14

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

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- ◆ Vestibules at St. Michael's and St. Cecilia's Catholic churches
- ◆ Ends Dec. 13

CHRISTMAS BOOK TABLE

- ◆ Purchase one of the available books in honor/memory of a loved one and donate it to the library. The library will place a permanent nameplate, with the name of your choice, inside the book.
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- ◆ Ends Dec. 31



ERIK BUDERUS/Tribune

Alice Erickson (left) and Colleen Schendt decorate a Christmas tree with ornaments at Hometown Variety for the Be a Santa to a Senior program. The ornaments on the tree include the name of a senior and a few items they are asking for Christmas. A similar tree has also been set up at Allen's Shopping Center among other locations in eight surrounding counties. The program extends through Dec. 14 when volunteers will begin delivering the gifts to recipients.

NEW YEAR CARE PACKAGES FOR MILITARY

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cards, non-perishable and non-crushable food items

- ◆ Hastings YMCA, both 16th and 18th Street locations; Peace Lutheran Church, 906 N. California Ave.
- ◆ Ends Dec. 23

YMCA SCHOLARSHIP FAMILIES

- ◆ Items for families who receive a scholarship for the YMCA
- ◆ Two trees: One at 16th Street and 18th Street YMCA lobbies
- ◆ Ends Dec. 18

Clay County sheriff unhappy about fundraising calls

ANDY RAUN

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CLAY CENTER — Clay County Sheriff Jeff Franklin is warning county residents to disregard information they are receiving in fundraising calls invoking the name of his department.

Franklin said that since the first of this week his office has received numerous reports of telephone solicitors calling residents, purportedly on behalf of the Fraternal Order of Police of Nebraska.

In asking for donations, the callers indicate that part of the fundraising proceeds will go to assist projects in the Clay County area, Franklin said. They even mention the Clay County Sheriff's Office as a beneficiary.

"They've actually told people they've given money to the Clay County Sheriff's Office, and they haven't," he said. "They're asking for donations, but they're not advertising correctly."

The Sheriff's Office was not notified that any solicitation campaign of this type was about to begin in Clay County, Franklin said.

When residents have agreed to donate, the callers have dispatched a courier service out of Kearney to pick up their check right away, the sheriff said.

The calls have raised suspicions among those who have received them, and rightfully so, he said.

"For about three days now, we've had person after person call us," Franklin said.

One of his officers was able to contact someone associated with the campaign and obtained some paperwork on the private telemarketing company making the calls, purportedly on the FOP's behalf, Franklin said.

The Fraternal Order of Police is a real and legitimate organization of law enforcement officers that includes members of the Hastings Police Department and

Adams County Sheriff's Office.

Franklin said his officer will be filing a report of what he learned with Clay County Attorney Ted Griess.

Meanwhile, he is advising Clay County residents that if they want to donate money to local law enforcement, they would be welcome to donate to the D.A.R.E. program account in care of the Sheriff's Office.

"You can even specify which school you'd like it to go

toward," Franklin said.

Various telephone scams seem to be running like wildfire through Clay County lately, especially targeting senior citizens, Franklin said.

One that has been making the rounds again lately involves a young-sounding caller who convinces the victim he or she is a grandchild and is in jail in Canada.

The caller lets the victim assign him or her a name — the name of a grandchild the victim

may not have heard from recently — and then proceeds to convince the victim to wire money, purportedly for bail.

"They let you fill in the blanks," he said. "This is 'dialing for dollars,' as we call it."

He appealed to potential victims of such scams not to suppress their suspicions when someone calls asking for money.

"Before you send money anywhere, do some checking," he said.

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Dog: City laws don't satisfy victims of attacks

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"The max fine is \$200, but people can die in these incidents," Richards said. "Clearly, the city needs to change their policy. We're going to have serious injuries some day."

Richards said he wasn't satisfied with the outcome, because it was the second time the pack of dogs had gotten loose.

In the spring, an 80-year-old woman had a confrontation with the same dogs.

Shirley Johnston of 1243 N. Briggs Ave. said she had been working in her yard, with her dachshund, Oscar, nearby. Two dogs owned by Yates came into the yard and one knocked Johnston over.

"The other dog grabbed my dog," she said. "He didn't pay any attention to me. He was interested in the dog killing my dog."

Johnston said Oscar wasn't able to escape, partially because he was on a leash.

A neighbor saw the attack and jumped into his truck, driving onto the lawn and honking to scare the dogs away.

She took Oscar to a veterinarian for stitches to repair the

injuries and it took days for the dog to start walking again. She believes the only thing that saved the dog's life was a second collar he was wearing.

"I don't feel comfortable ever leaving my dog out in my yard," she said. "I never leave my dog out unless I'm outside now. It's pretty bad when you can't be in your own yard."

Because Johnston wasn't injured in the incident, City Attorney Bob Sullivan said he couldn't prosecute. Earlier in his career, Sullivan said he tried to prosecute animal attack cases to no avail because judges had determined that dogs naturally fight.

Sullivan did contact Yates about having unlicensed dogs and failing to restrain his animals. Since Yates had not had any charges related to owning dogs, Sullivan allowed Yates to enter a diversion program where he agreed to pay for the medical costs and comply with city code. He said dog owners who are offered diversion can face steeper penalties if they are found in violation again.

While the outcome of the Yates case may not have satis-

fied the victims, Sullivan said there is only so much the city can do. By law, violators of city ordinances can only be fined, generally up to \$100 for each violation.

"State law only allows me to do so much," he said. "A lot of victims need to be aware that they can file civil actions against the owners. That might be a much bigger incentive."

During the last three or four months, Sullivan also has been examining the current city ordinances that deal with dogs.

"I've added some provisions that are allowed under state law, trying to tighten them up," he said. "Within a few weeks, I think we're going to have a new proposal for the City Council."

In addition to changes in the city code, a new state law may help.

LB 494, which went into effect Aug. 31, makes it a felony crime for an owner to have an animal involved in two human attacks. The first time an owner's dog bites a human, the new law makes it a Class 4 misdemeanor punishable by up to a \$500 fine, but if the same owner is charged a second time, he or

she can face a Class 4 felony charge punishable by up to five years imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine.

Sullivan said the city pursues violations of city ordinances and the county attorney prosecutes under state law.

When a call comes into the police station about a stray animal or animal attack, Johnson said the primary goal of animal control is to ensure the safety of the animal by capturing it and taking it to Heartland Pet Connection, which serves as the animal shelter for the city. While city code allows dogs to be returned to an owner, Johnson said she usually prefers to take the animal to HPC.

She said even minor incidents should be reported to help provide evidence against irresponsible owners. Owners can be cited for failure to license, breeding without a license, failure to restrain, failure to vaccinate, harboring a dangerous or vicious animal, keeping more than four pets at a time, excessive barking or cruelty to animals.

"People should call," Johnson said. "If we aren't informed

about a situation, we won't know and can't do anything about it."

Sullivan then works with police to follow up on any dog bites to determine if it fits the criteria for a potentially dangerous or vicious animal.

If a dog has killed another animal or causes minor injury to a human, it is generally marked as potentially dangerous. Severe injuries against humans causes the dog to be labeled as vicious. Most animals labeled vicious are destroyed, as in Yates' case. Sullivan said the dog that attacked Richards has been scheduled for termination.

The city is also asking for the destruction of another dog, one that attacked and killed a rat terrier owned by Marilyn Gish of 24 Kingston Drive, inside Kingswood Plaza, on Nov. 3.

Gish spotted two pit bulls, one male and one female, in her yard and ran for her house. The pit bulls followed and charged past her, entering the house.

Inside the residence, the female pit bull grabbed Gish's rat terrier by the head and started shaking the dog to death. Gish reportedly used a hand-

held can opener to beat the pit bull off, but the dog knocked Gish down and grabbed the rat terrier again. Gish eventually was able to get the pit bulls out of her house and they were later impounded by police.

The female pit bull belongs to Karisa Rollenhager of 1209 W. Third St., who has been charged with harboring a potentially dangerous animal, animal at large and seven counts of owning an unlicensed animal. The owner of the male pit bull, Ashley Boring of 223 N. Third Ave., was charged with two counts of having an animal at large and eight counts of owning an unlicensed animal.

Both cases have yet to go to trial, but Sullivan said the city is asking for the female dog that killed the rat terrier to be destroyed.

Ultimately, Sullivan said it comes down to the owners. He said only a small percentage of pets and owners in the city are problematic.

"This is typically an owner issue," he said. "If we have responsible owners and people who truly care for their animals, this doesn't happen."

Afternoon at the movies



BRENT McCOWN/Tribune

Above: More than 50 people watch "Casablanca" at the Hastings City Auditorium Tuesday afternoon. The movie was sponsored by the City Parks and Recreation Department along with The Kensington.

Collision: Sutton man killed in crash

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just didn't see each other until impact."

Tory Duncan, managing editor of the Clay County News, said this morning that Kenney was a longtime friend of his and was a natural fit as the paper's advertising manager even though this was his first job in journalism.

"I've known Jay for the better part of 20, 25 years, first and foremost as a friend and a close friend at that," Duncan said. "Jay was just one of those kinds of guys that loved to meet people, and he never met a person he didn't like or care for."

Kenney also was a sports-writer for the paper.

He met Kenney when they were neighbors in Gibbon. Duncan worked at the Gibbon Reporter newspaper, and Kenney did a variety of jobs such as driving a school bus and

working at an auto dealership in Kearney, as well as attending classes at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

"It's one of those friendships you build from the core," Duncan said. "He, without a doubt, is one of my best friends. It's a personal loss way more than it is a business loss for me."

Kenney lived in Manhattan, Kan., before coming to work at the Clay County News.

His wife, Penny, works for Kansas State University and still lives in Manhattan. He has four sons: Byron, 31, Juan, 29, Kevin, 19, and Calvin, 17.

Duncan said Kenney owned an auto dealership and worked for UPS during his time in Manhattan.

"He's always been in some sort of business where he was around people," he said.

Duncan said he and the rest of the staff have shed a lot of

tears and will continue to do so as they take on Jay's responsibilities.

"To the staff, this has obviously hit us hard," Duncan said. "We lost a teammate that truly and still is in our hearts. He was a huge impact to the business and the people who work here."

The challenge now, Duncan said, is to keep in mind the goals for the Clay County News that Kenney helped develop such as establishing the paper as a leader among weekly newspapers for local coverage.

He said it's been amazing how many condolence calls the paper has received from Clay County residents since Monday afternoon.

"The people that Jay reached out to, young and old, it was amazing the amount of calls we received," he said. "It just goes to show what he did for himself and what his goal was for this

paper."

Kenney put 120 percent into his work at the paper and expected that of his co-workers, as well, Duncan said.

"You don't replace a guy like Jay," he said. "You utilize Jay's talents and his passion as a building block, and that's what we will do here."

Duncan said he last spoke with Kenney around 11 a.m. Monday. Duncan said Kenney was trying to wrap up some advertising bids and planned to go to Clay Center and Edgar.

He said it was possible Kenney was driving county roads attempting to take a harvest photograph. It doesn't surprise him that Kenney chose to not take the highway.

"For him to be out there a mile or so off the beaten path — honestly that doesn't surprise me — that's just the way he traveled," he said.

Metro: College sues CCC, others

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With a new definition of tuition and fees, the amount each college submitted to the Coordinating Commission for its 2008-09 tuition and fees incomes changed. The result was that Metro received \$10,839,382 less in state aid than it would have, using the definition agreed upon in July, the lawsuit states.

The lawsuit seeks to recover Metro's proper amount of state aid and to stop what it calls improper distribution of state aid, using a temporary injunction.

Cannella said Monday that he would guess the petition for temporary injunction may be heard in court sometime before spring. The lawsuit itself might go on a bit longer, he said. As of Monday, no date had been set for an initial hearing.

The Nebraska Legislature made changes to this state aid formula as part of its budget overhaul Friday, the same day

the lawsuit was filed. These changes probably will affect the amounts mentioned in the lawsuit, Cannella said.

Metro has been on poor terms with the other community colleges for some time. Metro was expelled in February from the Nebraska Community College Association for refusing to pay its annual dues, which totaled \$73,648 for 2009.

The five defendant colleges in this lawsuit are the colleges remaining in the NCCA.

Greg Smith, president of CCC, said Metro has the option of returning to NCCA if it pays past and current dues.

The Coordinating Commission was authorized by the Nebraska Legislature and Gov. Dave Heineman in April to study the community college system and offer recommendations to the Legislature on a variety of issues, including state funding. The commission conducted a public hearing Tuesday on its draft of that report.

Hawks: St. Cecilia wins C-1 state championship

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Tuesday's title was St. Cecilia's first in football since 2000.

The Bluehawks had posted back-to-back undefeated regular seasons the last two years but never made it past the quarterfinals, losing to eventual champion Pierce both times. Three years ago, when this year's seniors were freshmen, the Bluehawks lost 14-7 in the semifinals.

"It kept a sour mouth in your taste, losing on uncharacteristic ways, dropping the ball, fumbling, turnovers," Sealey said.

"It just feels great to win one."

Sealey has experienced a state championship before, helping lead the Bluehawks to back-to-back titles in boys basketball the last two seasons.

"It feels a little better, I would have to say," Sealey said of the football title. "Basketball is an accomplishment, too. But all the extra work in the weight room, it's just great."

Said senior offensive lineman Tim Krikac: "It feels amazing. All the hard work in the off-season paid off for us, and everything was worth it."

State

NURSING HOME

LINCOLN — The state auditor is blaming bad management for a loss of more than \$2 million in the past two years by a county-owned nursing home in Lincoln.

Auditor Mike Foley said Tuesday that Lancaster Manor "is losing lots of money, boatloads of money."

He cited billing problems, increases in staffing and an accounting maneuver for the losses.

Foley says he found no evidence of any criminal behavior — just mismanagement.

Lancaster County is hoping to sell the home to an Illinois company.

The state also has placed Lancaster manor on probation after finding problems with patient care.

The Associated Press

Appeal: Case explores school safety

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The Associated Press is not revealing details — including the names of the boy and the mother — that could identify a victim of a sexual assault.

Earlier this year, a Lancaster County District Judge Paul Merritt Jr. concluded that school officials took reasonable steps to prevent such acts and the assault wasn't foreseeable. The mother appealed.

Schools take on a responsibility much like parents in looking out for the safety of children in their care, the mother's attorney, Vince Powers, argued.

"It is beyond question that no reasonable parents would permit a 27-year-old man to enter their home and, without any supervision, use a bathroom which was also used by their children," Powers wrote in

court briefs.

Because a similar crime hadn't previously occurred at the school or because no one recognized Siems as a predator shouldn't be enough to call the assault unforeseeable, he wrote.

"We think that the child should be able to go to the bathroom without being sexually molested," he said.

Powers questions whether the school had an adequate safety plan at the time of the assault.

The school is located in a neighborhood with a significant amount of crime, which should have made officials more aware of what they needed to do to protect their students, he argued.

The crime data Powers points to doesn't enable school officials to predict that crimes could occur inside the school,

attorneys for the district argue.

They say there was a safety plan in place at the time and school officials didn't have any reason to believe Siems was violent or know what he had planned.

Schools have responsibilities in ensuring students' safety, but it's much like that of a landlord's duties to his tenants, according to the school district's court briefs.

School officials never owed the mother a warning, Lincoln attorney John Guthery wrote.

The district's duty is to protect students from reasonably foreseeable crimes, and in this case, that just wasn't possible, Guthery said.

"It's an unfortunate, tragic situation all the way around," he said.

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BOOSTS PRODUCTION
IN CALIFORNIA

TRACIE CONE
The Associated Press

ARTOIS, Calif. — An olive boom is under way in California's agricultural heartland, as evolving tastes and a trend toward healthy fare have transformed a profession as old as civilization: olive production for the extra virgin market.

Gnarly trees picked by hand are being supplanted. This year, California's olive oil production will top 1 million gallons for the first time, the lion's share from 8-foot trees planted in hedgerows and mechanically harvested, then pressed into oil within 90 minutes.

Growers have invested millions laying the groundwork to become a player in the global olive oil market, now controlled by Spain, Italy and Greece.

In the past 10 years, roughly 7.5 million trees have been tightly planted on 12,500 acres, an experiment growers hope will make California olive oil cheaper and fresher than that of their competitors. State officials estimate that in another decade there will be 100,000 acres of hedgerow trees producing 20 million gallons of oil to help sate Americans' 75 million gallons-a-year thirst — 99.99 percent of it now imported.

"There's a promising future ahead for this crop," says Dan Flynn, head of the Olive Research Center at UC-Davis.

"With the growth in olive plantings, California could emerge as a world leader in a relatively short period of time. It might take 20 years, but that's how long it took with the other crops."

The "other crops" are almonds and canning tomatoes, once the domain of Spain and Italy but now controlled by California growers, who have the economic advantage of producing on large-scale farms.

California's oil boom results from a convergence of events that coincided with the new plantings: a chronic drought prompting farmers to seek water-sipping crops, consumers' shift toward fresh foods, their focus on heart-healthy oils, and recent findings that some oil imported as "extra virgin" might be of a lesser quality — if it's olive oil at all.

"A lot of people believe that what is being sold as 'extra virgin olive oil' doesn't make the grade," says Flynn. A lack of government regulators allows importers to take advantage of Americans' less-discerning palates, he says.

"The best oil stays in Europe," says Claude S. Weiller of California Olive Ranch, "because Europeans, who use a lot more oil per capita than we do, are more demanding."

Californians have grown olives since the mission padres planted them along their route north. Boutique crushers create limited amounts of prized oil from century-old trees, and Lindsay near Fresno is the capital of the black canned olive market. But until the past decade, there hasn't been a move to build the oil equivalent of wine's Gallo to satisfy the U.S. mass-market demand.

"Everyone makes it the boutique way and it doesn't scale," Weiller says. "They make great oil, but not great oil available to 300 million Americans, so the industry has been kind of stuck."

In 2003, planting took off after years of tests showed hedgerows that cram 600 trees to an acre, instead of 150, produce olives just as flavorful. In 2007, the value of olives in California increased by 378 percent over 2006, and olives jumped from 66 to 43 on the list of California's top 400 commodities.

Of the three Central Valley processors planting hedgerows, the largest is California Olive Ranch, with headquarters in Oroville and a 1 million gallon crushing plant here in Artois.

In each of the past three years, the company, with 10,000 acres and counting, has doubled its production. This month food lovers' esteemed Cook's Illustrated magazine rated their "nutty, fruity" oil, which sells in half-liter bottles online for \$13.97, just a fraction of a point under their test-kitchen favorite Columela from Spain, which retails for \$22.95 at Sur la Table.

The company's oils are distributed in California, but officials hope for nationwide distribution as production ramps up.

"Over time, we will be producing oil at a cost lower than our competitors," says Weiller, vice president of sales and marketing. "If they don't change their production methods, we have a leg up. If they do, we have a three-to-four year advantage."

Home prices up slightly in September

ALAN ZIBEL
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The summer's trend of rising home prices faded at the end of the traditional home shopping season, two reports Tuesday showed.

The Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller home price index of 20 major cities rose only 0.3 percent to 144.96 in September, but it was the fourth straight monthly increase. The seasonally adjusted index is now up more than 3 percent from its bottom in May,

but still 30 percent below its peak in April 2006.

Another reading of home prices by the Federal Housing Finance Agency held steady from August to September.

Analysts expect prices to dip again this winter as foreclosures increase and economic growth remains modest. The government said Tuesday that the economy grew at a 2.8 percent rate last quarter — less than originally estimated. And forecasts for the next several months are no better. Unemployment, mean-

while, could rise from the current 10.2 percent to as high as 11 percent next year.

"As long as the unemployment rate stays elevated, you're going to see pressure on the pace of foreclosures, which are going to find their way back onto the market, depressing prices," said Dan Greenhaus, chief economic strategist with Miller Tabak & Co.

Home prices are a key ingredient to rebuilding the economy. Homeowners feel wealthier when their property appreciates

in value and are more likely to spend money. Rising prices also help millions of homeowners who owe more to the bank than their homes are worth.

Currently, roughly one in four homeowners are in that situation, according to First American CoreLogic, a real estate information company. And a record 14 percent of homeowners with a mortgage are either behind on their payments or in foreclosure, the Mortgage Bankers Association said last week.

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BAILOUT RETURN

WASHINGTON — The Treasury Department says suppliers providing auto parts to General Motors have returned \$140 million in bailout money.

Treasury says the \$140 million was part of \$2.5 billion provided to an umbrella group helping GM's parts suppliers. The money came from the government's \$700 billion bailout fund.

A similar group set up to help Chrysler suppliers still has \$1 billion in support. The Obama administration set aside \$3.5 billion from the bailout fund to help companies that supplied GM and Chrysler while the automakers went through bankruptcy filings.

The Associated Press

Markets

Wednesday's 10 a.m. local markets

Corn	3.41
Soybeans	9.74
Milo	3.12
Wheat	4.71

Stocks of local interest

The following stocks of local interest were traded today:		
	Last	Chg.
BN Santa Fe	98.27	-03
Berkshire Hathaway A	102,488	-212
Berkshire Hathaway B	3,418.09	+3.09
ConAgra	22.45	+02
Eaton Corp.	65.17	+1.22
Ingersoll Rand	35.98	+41
Level 3	1.21	NC
McDonald's	64.47	+25
PepsiCo	62.86	+36
TierOne	35	+03
Tricon Global Restaurants	35.66	+09
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Bank profit figures may be misleading

FDIC SAYS SERIOUS PROBLEMS PERSIST FOR INDUSTRY

DANIEL WAGNER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The apparent end of the recession and stabilizing financial markets have not cured the banking industry, as souring and past-due loans have reached the highest levels in 26 years, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. said Tuesday.

Banks earned \$2.8 billion in the third quarter, but nearly 40 percent of that was from a one-time accounting trick. Loan balances plummeted and the fund that insures their deposits was \$8.2 billion in the red.

The number of banks on the FDIC's "problem list" rose to 552 from 416 on June 30, the highest level in 16 years. Fifty banks failed during the quarter — the largest number since the second quarter of 1990.

The FDIC's fund that insures bank deposits fell by \$18.6 billion, mostly because \$21.7 billion was set aside for expected losses on future bank failures. The last similar deficit was in Dec. 1991, when a predecessor fund was more than \$7 billion in the red.

Separately, the Office of Thrift

Supervision said Tuesday that thrifts eked out a \$200 million profit in the third quarter. The agency called it "another break-even quarter," after a small second-quarter profit was revised downward to a \$94 million loss.

Still, it was the first profitable quarter since the same period in 2007. The nominal profit was \$1.3 billion, but \$1.1 billion was a one-time gain at a single institution. The thrift's holding company, which the OTS did not identify, shifted assets to reduce future tax expenses, agency officials said.

The agency says the number of "problem thrifts" rose to 43 from 40 last quarter.

Thrifts differ from banks in that they are required, by law, to have at least 65 percent of their lending in mortgages and other consumer loans. That makes them especially vulnerable to the housing downturn and unemployment. It also means they will play a key role in an eventual economic recovery.

The FDIC voted this month to require banks to prepay three years of deposit insurance premiums by the end of next month to help replenish the dwindling deposit insurance fund, which is at its lowest point on record. That will raise about \$45 billion.

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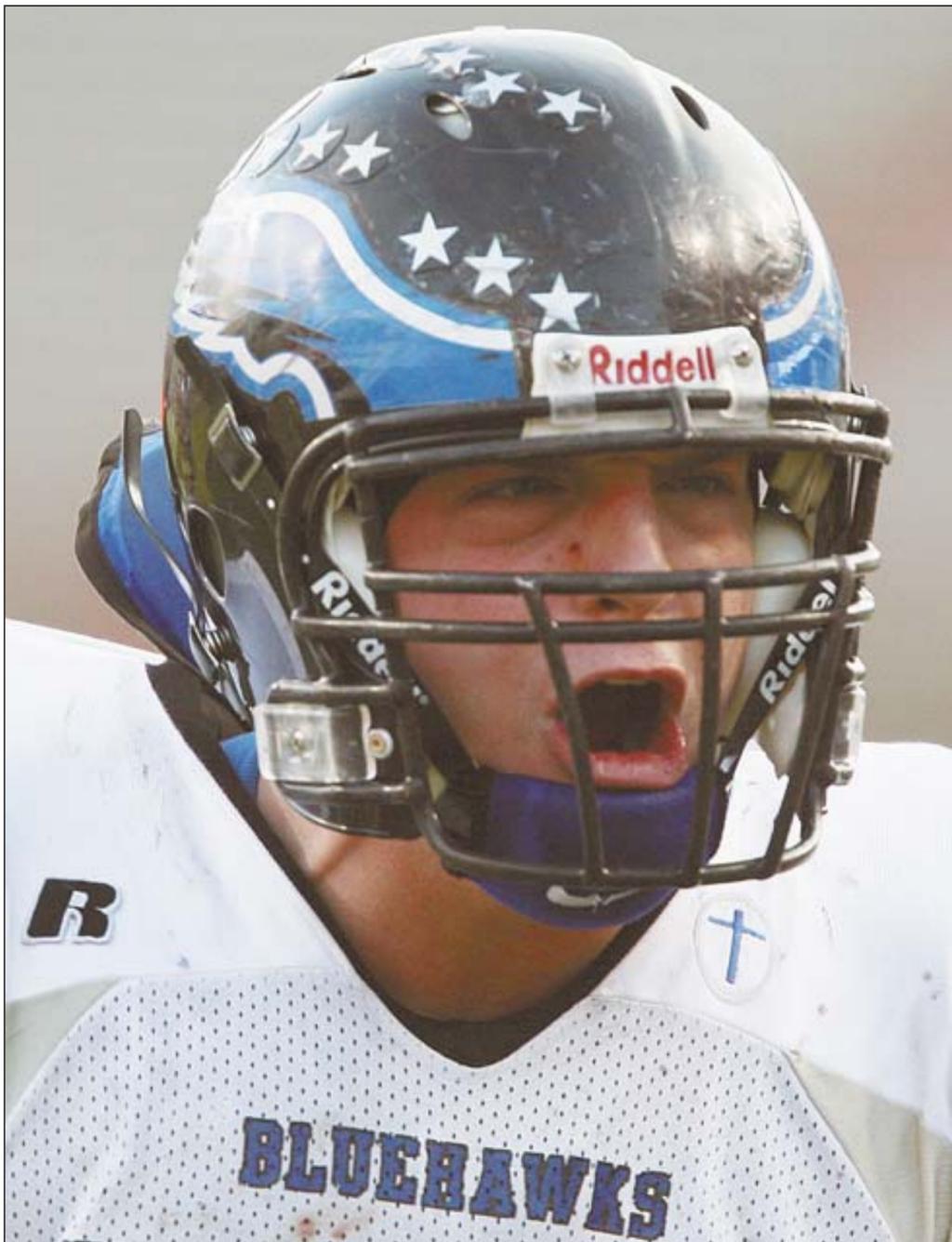
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Above: St. Cecilia lineman Jake Schwartz celebrates after the Bluehawks won the Class C-1 state championship game 26-18 over Norfolk Catholic Tuesday evening at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln. Top right: An emotional Tim Krikac celebrates winning the state championship with coach Carl Tesmer. Middle: St. Cecilia Middle School eighth-graders Tommy O'Keeffe (left) and Thomas Skoch cheer before the game. Bottom: St. Cecilia players (from left) Drew Potrzeba (21), Phil Hamburger (7), Matt Kissinger (25), Ryan Sheehy (71) and Brad Spencer (75) celebrate their state championship.



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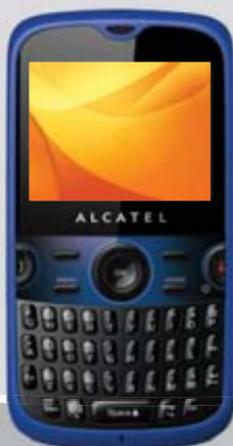
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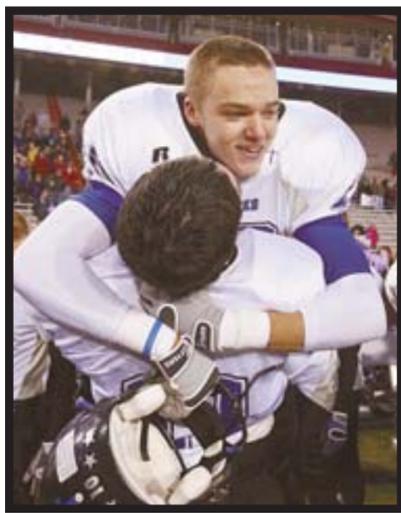
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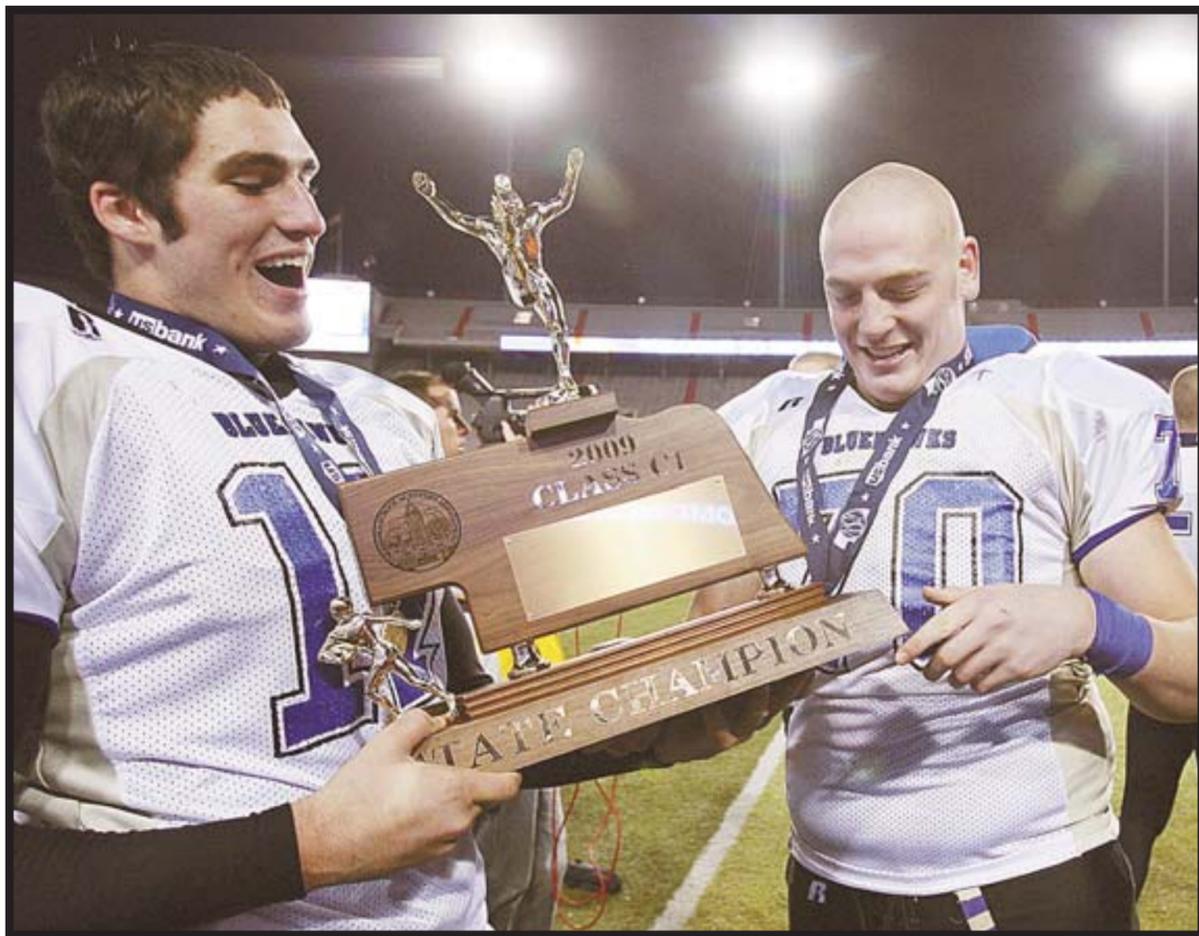
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PERFECT ENDING



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Above: St. Cecilia's Wade Dykeman (top) is hugged by teammate Paul Goedert while celebrating their Class C-1 title Tuesday at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln. Dykeman intercepted a pass late in the game to seal the Bluehawks' win over Norfolk Catholic. Top left: The Bluehawk players celebrate St. Cecilia's first state title since 2000.



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Above: St. Cecilia's Paul Goedert and Jake Schwartz take turns holding the championship trophy.

Late defensive stop caps undefeated season

DYKEMAN'S INTERCEPTION GIVES BLUEHAWKS FIRST STATE TITLE SINCE 2000

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LINCOLN — The state championship was on the line, and St. Cecilia needed a stop. The Bluehawks can thank Wade Dykeman for coming up with the biggest stop of the season. With Norfolk Catholic driving and looking to tie the game with less than two minutes left in the game, the St. Cecilia senior stepped in front of a pass and picked it off to all but seal a 26-18 win over Norfolk Catholic in the Class C-1 title game Tuesday at Memorial Stadium to cap a perfect season. "They were driving on us," Dykeman said. "We had our backs

"It's a tremendous feeling. I've been runner-up, and it feels a lot better to be state champion."

- St. Cecilia coach Carl Tesmer

against the wall. This team came through all year. I made a read on the ball. They were throwing it inside, I made the pick and I went down to a knee." The Bluehawks ended the season 13-0 and captured the first state title in school history since 2000. "It's a tremendous feeling," said STC coach Carl Tesmer, who came into Tuesday with five state championship appearances but only one win in his 34 years of coaching.

"I've been runner-up, and it feels a lot better to be state champion." St. Cecilia had built a 26-10 lead midway through the fourth quarter and seemed in control of the game. But, after an 8-yard punt gave the Knights the ball at midfield, Norfolk Catholic (12-1) went 50 yards in seven plays to get within 26-18 after a two-point conversion with 3:39 left in the game. St. Cecilia then went three-and-out, and the Knights put together another drive. Starting on their own 36 with 3:06 left, the Knights quickly made it down to the STC 13 to bring up second-and-8. That's when Dykeman, who entered Tuesday's game with just one career interception, came up with perhaps the biggest defensive play of the season. "It all happened so fast," Tesmer said. "I didn't even see it. I'm watching the quarterback and



AMY ROH/Tribune

St. Cecilia's Ben Konen dives for more yards against Norfolk Catholic during the Class C-1 state championship Tuesday in Lincoln. everything went into slow motion. Pretty soon, he zips the ball in there and — I'll have to watch film on it — it just seemed like Wade came out of nowhere. And bang, he

QB Schwenka does it with his feet



AMY ROH/Tribune

St. Cecilia quarterback Beau Schwenka runs against Norfolk Catholic's Tyler Habrock Tuesday in Lincoln.

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LINCOLN — Beau Schwenka wasn't going to be denied. The senior quarterback gave St. Cecilia a 6-3 lead late in the first quarter with a play that personalized the day for the Bluehawk offense. On a first-and-10 play from the Norfolk Catholic 17-yard line, Schwenka kept the ball on the option, was hit around the 10-yard line and drug a tackler the final 5 yards into the end zone. It was that kind of day for Schwenka and St. Cecilia. "I knew what I was reaching for and I just tried to get

Brothers help coach Hawks to state title

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LINCOLN — Nick and Travis Soucie remember playing for a state championship like it was yesterday. On Tuesday, the two brothers got to experience coaching in a state title game. "You remember the time you played in the game and how much it meant to win it as a player," Nick said. "I wanted these kids to share in that same feeling. It's something they're



AMY ROH/Tribune
St. Cecilia assistant coaches Travis Soucie (left) and Nick Soucie, who are brothers, work on the sidelines during the Bluehawks' state title game against Norfolk Catholic Tuesday in Lincoln.

Aurora makes it back-to-back

ERIC OLSON
The Associated Press
LINCOLN — Tyson Broekemeier ran for two touchdowns and passed for another and defending champion Aurora converted four of Omaha Skutt's five turnovers into points to end a perfect season with a 34-21 victory in the Class B final Tuesday night. The top-ranked Huskies (13-0) scored three touchdowns in the last 22 minutes to overcome a 21-13 deficit and win going away against the No. 2 Skyhawks (12-1).

Broekemeier carried 22 times for a game-high 135 yards, and he gave the Huskies the lead for good on a 1-yard sneak late in the third quarter. He also completed 13 of 21 passes for 172 yards. "I've got to give a lot of credit to our kids and their effort," Aurora coach Randy Huebert said. "We made some plays and forced

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NU-CU rivalry a Thanksgiving staple

ERIC OLSON
The Associated Press
LINCOLN — The Nebraska-Colorado game in recent years has more often foretold the fate of soon-to-be-fired coaches than determined Big 12 North supremacy. Yet this rivalry — contrived or not — still is a Thanksgiving week staple, and all signs point to it remaining one well into the future. The Big 12 North champion Cornhuskers (8-3, 5-2 Big 12) and Buffaloes (3-8, 2-5) will meet in their

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More on the Huskers' regular-season finale. — Page C4

14th straight day-after-Thanksgiving game in Boulder on Friday. The story line this time revolves around whether Dan Hawkins will still be Colorado's coach on Saturday. In 2003, Nebraska fired Frank Solich the day after he beat the Buffs, and in 2007 the Huskers canned Bill Callahan 12 hours after a loss to CU. Not since 2001 has Nebraska-

Colorado truly decided the division champion. Four times, including this year, one or the other team came into the game having already clinched the North. Colorado twice backed into the division title after beating the Huskers and having things break their way in other games. Nebraska leads the series 47-18-2 and have won nine of the last 13 meetings. Second-year Nebraska coach Bo Pelini can't say exactly why the game is considered a rivalry.

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Cleveland at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Denver at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
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Golden State at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
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Carolina at N.Y. Jets, Noon
Seattle at St. Louis, Noon
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, Noon
Indianapolis at Houston, Noon
Cleveland at Cincinnati, Noon
Washington at Philadelphia, Noon
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Florida St. at Florida, 2:30 p.m.
Boston College at Maryland, 2:30 p.m.
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Tennessee at Kentucky, 6 p.m.
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SOUTHWEST
Oklahoma St. at Oklahoma, 11:30 a.m.
New Mexico at TCU, Noon
North Dakota at Cent. Arkansas, 1 p.m.
Ark.-Pine Bluff vs. Texas Southern at Dallas, 1:15 p.m.
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Semifinals
Saturday, Dec. 5
Championship
Saturday, Dec. 19
At Barron Stadium
Rome, Ga.
Prep Results
Class A
State Championship
Millard South 45, Millard West 17
Class D-1
State Championship
Howells 68, Gilmer 28
Class D-2
State Championship
Humphrey St. Francis 34, Hayes Center 0
Class B
State Championship
Aurora 34, Omaha Skutt 21
Class C-1
State Championship
Hastings St. Cecilia 26, Norfolk Catholic 18
Class C-2
State Championship
Ponca 14, Harrington Cedar Catholic 13, OT
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Montreal at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Boston at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Calgary, 8:30 p.m.
Carolina at Anaheim, 9 p.m.
Chicago at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Columbus at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Transactions
Baseball
American League
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Agreed to terms with RHP Bryan Bullington on a minor league contract.
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with RHP Juan Abreu on a one-year contract.
NEW YORK METS—Named Dave Jauss bench coach and Chip Hale third base coach and moved Razor Shines to first base coach. Named Jack Voight hitting coach for Buffalo (IL). Named Terry Collins Minor League Field Coordinator.
Basketball
National Basketball Association
OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER—Recalled G Kyle Weaver from Tulsa (NBADL).
Football
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS—Re-signed LB Monty Beisel. Released TE Dominique Byrd. Re-signed DE Jason Banks and LB Paga Togafoa to the practice squad. Released FB Jed Collins and DT Antoine Holmes.
BUFFALO BILLS—Signed G Kendall Simmons. Placed G Eric Wood on injured reserve.
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Placed LB Landon Johnson on injured reserve. Signed LB Jordan Senn.
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Re-signed DT Otton Harris. Signed CB Antonio Smith to the practice squad. Waived G Scott Koonstra.
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Waived LB Josh Slamer.
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed CB Josh Bell. INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Re-signed DE Josh Thomas. Waived RB Mike Hart.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Waived LB Adam Seward. Signed LB Lamar Myles and DE James Wyche to the practice squad.
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Released LB Matt Roth. Signed CB Evan Oleskey and DE Keleka Almaraz.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed DT Winston Justice to a four-year contract extension.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Signed LB Rocky Boiman and CB Corey Ivy. Released LB Donovan Woods and CB Keivan Ruffin.
Clay on injured reserve. Signed OT Jon Runyan.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANERS—Placed QB Byron Leftwich on injured reserve. Signed QB Rudy Carpenter from the Dallas practice squad. Released CB Mike Mickens. Signed WR Terrence Nunn from the New England practice squad.
Hockey
National Hockey League
NHL—Suspended Philadelphia F Daniel Briere for two games as a result of a late hit on an unsuspecting opponent. Avalanche D Scott Hannan, during a Nov. 23 game at Colorado.
ANAHEIM DUCKS—Assigned F Dan Sexton to Manitoba (AHL).
DETROIT RED WINGS—Reassigned D Travis Eitner from Grand Rapids (AHL) to Toledo (ECHL).
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Recalled F J.T. Wyman from Hamilton (AHL).
NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Reassigned D Alexander Sulzer to Milwaukee (AHL).
OTTAWA SENATORS—Recalled G Mike Brodeur from Binghamton (AHL) on an emergency basis.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Placed G Vesa Toskala and F John Mitchell on injured reserve. Recalled G Joey MacDonald and F Christian Hanson from Toronto (AHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Assigned D John Carlson and RW Andrew Gordon to Hershey (AHL).
Soccer
Major League Soccer
D.C. UNITED—Announced the retirement of MF Ben Olsen.
Women's Professional Soccer
ST. LOUIS ATLETICA—Signed F Madelaine Edlund and M Elaine.
College
PACE Announced the resignation of women's soccer coach Sarah Dwyer-Schick.
TENNESSEE—Reinstated freshman S Janzen Jackson to the football team.
WINGATE—Announced that it will add men's and women's track and field in 2011.

Wednesday's TV broadcasts
College Basketball
3:30p.m., Maui Invitational, Third Place Game
6 p.m., Preseason NIT, Semifinal
8 p.m., Preseason NIT, Semifinal
9 p.m., Maui Invitational, Championship Game
Golf
9:30 p.m., International Fed. of PGA Tours, Mission Hills W. Cup
TGC
NBA Basketball
6:30 p.m., Miami at Orlando
ESPN
NHL Hockey
7 p.m., St. Louis at Dallas
VERS
Wednesday's radio broadcasts
College Volleyball
7 p.m., Nebraska at Kansas State
KLIQ (94.5 FM)
USHL Hockey
7:05 p.m., Sioux City at Tri City Storm
KKPR (98.9 FM)
Thursday's TV broadcasts
College Football
7 p.m., Texas at Texas A&M
ESPN
College Basketball
11 a.m., Old Spice Classic, Creighton vs. Michigan
ESPN
1 p.m., Old Spice Classic, Marquette vs. Xavier
ESPN
3:30 p.m., 76 Classic, Texas A&M vs. Clemson
ESPN2
5:30 p.m., Old Spice Classic, Alabama vs. Baylor
ESPN2
7:30 p.m., 76 Classic, Minnesota vs. Butler
ESPN2
9:30 p.m., 76 Classic, Portland vs. UCLA
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TGC
NBA Basketball
7:15 a.m., Orlando at Atlanta
TNT
9:30 p.m., Chicago at Utah
TNT
NFL Football
11:30 a.m., Green Bay at Detroit
TNT
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Local
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Jack Meyerhoeffer hit a hole-in-one Nov. 13 at Southern Hills Golf Course. Meyerhoeffer used a driver on the 161-yard hole No. 6. Witnesses were Larry Phillips and Dennis Tebbe.

Football

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East
New England 7 3 0 .700 290 164
Miami 5 5 0 .500 242 244
N.Y. Jets 4 6 0 .400 213 189
Buffalo 3 7 0 .300 155 228
South
Indianapolis 10 0 0 .1000 269 157
Jacksonville 6 4 0 .600 199 235
Houston 5 5 0 .500 232 208
Tennessee 4 6 0 .400 209 272
North
Cincinnati 7 3 0 .700 215 167
Pittsburgh 6 4 0 .600 231 184
Baltimore 5 5 0 .500 237 171
Cleveland 1 9 0 .100 115 263
West
San Diego 7 3 0 .700 269 205
Denver 6 4 0 .600 170 183
Kansas City 3 7 0 .300 169 239
Oakland 3 7 0 .300 108 234
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Detroit 2 8 0 .200 181 301
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San Francisco 4 6 0 .400 208 210
Seattle 3 7 0 .300 196 233
St. Louis 1 9 0 .100 113 270
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Miami 24, Carolina 17
Sunday's Games
Detroit 38, Cleveland 37
N.Y. Giants 34, Atlanta 31, OT
Dallas 7, Washington 6
Green Bay 30, San Francisco 24
Indianapolis 17, Baltimore 15

College Schedule

Tuesday, Nov. 24
Ball St. at W. Michigan, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 26
Texas at Texas A&M, 7 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 27
Pittsburgh at West Virginia, 6 p.m.
Rutgers at Louisville, 10 a.m.
Alabama at Auburn, 1:30 p.m.
Temple at Ohio, 10 a.m.
Illinois at Cincinnati, 11 a.m.
N. Illinois at Cent. Michigan, Noon
E. Michigan at Akron, 1 p.m.
Toledo at Bowling Green, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Kent St., 1 p.m.
Memphis at Tulsa, 2:30 p.m.
Wyoming at Colorado St., 1 p.m.
Nebraska at Colorado, 2:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Nevada, 2:30 p.m.
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Syracuse at Connecticut, 11 a.m.
Wake Forest at Duke, 11 a.m.
North Carolina at N.C. State, 11 a.m.
Clemson at South Carolina, 11 a.m.
Mississippi at Mississippi St., 11:21 a.m.
Southern Miss. at East Carolina, 12:30 a.m.
UCF at UAB, 12:30 p.m.
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D-T YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNEY
There will be a Doniphan-Trumbull youth basketball tournament Jan. 2 and 3. There will be divisions for boys and girls and for grades 3-8. The registration deadline is Dec. 8. For more information or to register, contact Mike Gruener at 308-379-3495 or gruenere@hamilton.net, Greg Buhr at 402-469-4565 or Joe Sullivan at 308-380-5461.
PUJOLS WINS NL MVP
NEW YORK — Albert Pujols' third National League MVP award put him in select company. Only Barry Bonds has more.
Pujols won unanimously, becoming the first player to repeat since Bonds won four in a row from 2001-04. Pujols, who also won in 2005, received all 32 first-place votes and 448 points in balloting announced by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. He became the first unanimous MVP since Bonds in 2002.
A big part of the Cardinals' success this year was the acquisition of Matt Holliday in July. Holliday, who hit cleanup behind Pujols, helped St. Louis win the NL Central and then became a free agent.
BAYLOR FRESHMAN DUNKS IN GAME
WACO, Texas — Baylor freshman Brittney Griner became the seventh woman to dunk in a college basketball game when she slammed one down against Jacksonville State.
The 6-foot-8 Griner took a pass from Kelli Griffin and dunked with her right hand. Griner, who missed a dunk attempt in each of her previous two games, had seven points in the first 5 minutes against Jacksonville State.
She became the first collegiate female to dunk since Tennessee's Candace Parker on Feb. 3, 2008, against Kentucky. Parker had seven dunks in her college career.
The Associated Press

HC men hold on to down Prairie Wolves

HASTINGS TRIBUNE
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LINCOLN — The Hastings College men's basketball team picked up its first conference win of the season Tuesday, holding on for a 66-62 win over Nebraska Wesleyan.
With the win, the Broncos snapped a three-game losing streak and improved to 4-3 overall and 1-1 in the GPAC. Nebraska Wesleyan dropped to 0-3 overall and 0-1 in the GPAC.
Hastings jumped out to a 43-31 halftime lead but managed just 23 points in the second half.

The Broncos led by as many as 15 points in the second half before Nebraska Wesleyan started to rally. The Prairies Wolves went on a 19-3 run to take their first lead of the game, 56-55, at the 6:49 mark of the second half.
Wesleyan still led 61-60 before Hastings ended with a 6-1 run to capture the win.
Waid Vontz led the Broncos with 25 points on 8-of-16 shooting, including a 4-of-9 mark from beyond the 3-point arc. Derek Fletcher added 15 points. Jeremiah Slough had 13 points and seven

rebounds.
Nebraska Wesleyan was led by Jim Lance with 18 points off the bench. Hastings shot 51.9 percent from the field in the first half but was just 7-of-25 from the field in the second half.
WOMEN
The NAIA No. 4 Hastings College women's basketball team cruised to a 103-58 win over Nebraska Wesleyan.
Five players finished in double figures for the Broncos, led by 16 on 7-of-9 shooting from Rachel

Isherwood. Heather McKeon and Becky Tesch added 14 points each. Kim Faimon finished with 13 points, and Lindsay Ducey had 10.
The Broncos shot 55.7 percent from the field while holding Nebraska Wesleyan to 40.7 percent.
Hastings' five starters were 22-of-35 from the field (62.9 percent)
The Broncos had 16 steals, led by five from Faimon.
Tesch was a rebound and an assist away from a triple-double, leading Hastings with nine rebounds and nine assists.

Colorado coach second guesses recruiting son

The Associated Press
BOULDER, Colo. — University of Colorado coach Dan Hawkins says in hindsight he would not have recruited his son Cody to play quarterback for him.
Dan Hawkins, speaking at his weekly news conference Monday, said bringing in his son in his first recruiting class in 2006 was not fair to Cody.
"Here's a guy who's trying to do his best to win games and help his team and does everything right and is a good student and he's getting killed on Facebook and getting killed on his cell phone," Hawkins said.
Hawkins said Cody has taken unfair criticism for the Buffaloes' 3-8 record heading into Friday's season finale against Nebraska amid speculation the coach might be on his way out.
Cody Hawkins, a junior, started Colorado's first five games before being benched in favor of sophomore Tyler Hansen in the third quarter the Buffaloes' 38-14 loss at Texas on Oct. 10.

"When we took him out of the Texas game people were going, 'I bet that hurt because you had to bench your kid,'" Dan Hawkins said. "What it hurt to me was you're basically telling the whole world it's one guy's fault. And it's not. It's not one guy's fault, but that's kind of the implication."
Cody has thrown for 1,277 yards, 10 touchdowns and 11 interceptions this season.
Hawkins was hired in December 2005 and signed his son in early 2006. Cody redshirted before taking over as the starting quarterback in 2007.
Hawkins said his own optimism and interest in Cody around the country were factors in the decision to offer him a scholarship.
"I'm looking around the country and I got a lot of these quarterback gurus going, 'Hawk why not walk down the hallway and knock on your kid's door and beg him to come to school there?'" Hawkins said.
"I'm looking what's the best possible scenario, I'm looking at a kid that's a good player, that other people have

offered (scholarships to), that other people want and he's going to come to our place. I know what kind of kid he is and what kind of player he is and how bad we need a quarterback in this class. So it was probably selfish on my part."
Cody's best year was his freshman season when he threw for 2,693 yards and 19 touchdowns and led the Buffaloes to an upset of then-No. 3 Oklahoma and a berth in the Independence Bowl.
Colorado is 8-15 over the past two seasons.
Hawkins said the Buffaloes' youth and inexperience is a major factor in their struggles the past two seasons.
"Your look at Cody when he was a freshman and look at the guys he had around him, look at the experience he had around him," Hawkins said. "There were several of those linemen that played in the National Football League. He had his best year when he was a freshman. You can say what you want about the guy but he did beat Oklahoma and he did beat Nebraska in the same

year. The guy's a good player and he's a great kid."
In three years at Colorado, Cody Hawkins has climbed up the school's career passing list. He is first in touchdown passes with 46 and third in passing yards with 5,862. But as the team struggled this year, the coaching staff turned to Hansen.
Although he's no longer the team's starting quarterback, Cody Hawkins retains the respect of his teammates, wide receiver Scotty McKnight said.
"Cody's handled it great. If you know Cody, he's a positive kid, he stayed positive throughout the whole thing," McKnight said. "That's a testament to him. Even with Tyler going in Cody's still remained the leader on this team, which is tough for some guys. A

Ponca wins in OT

ERIC OLSON
The Associated Press

LINCOLN — Jared Curry scored on a 4-yard run in overtime, then Ponca stopped Chad Koch on a 2-point try after Hartington Cedar Catholic scored, giving the Indians a 14-13 victory in the Class C2 final on Tuesday.

Ponca (13-0) won its first state championship by beating the Trojans (10-3) for the second time this season.

Cedar Catholic's Justin Leise threw a 45-yard pass to Cody Klug to break a scoreless tie with 6:28 left in the fourth quarter. Ponca's Andrew Watchorn hit Nolan Block for a 10-yard, tying TD with 1:25 left.

Jared Curry scored on the second play of overtime for Ponca. Then Leise hit Aaron Steffen to pull the Trojans within a point. But on the 2-point run, a gang of Ponca defenders led by Kash Echtenkamp and Ben Gehring ran Koch out of bounds well short of the goal line.

Ponca coach Joe Kvidera said he wasn't surprised Cedar Catholic tried to go for the win rather than kicking an extra point to send the game to a second overtime.

"You get to this game, you want to win it," Kvidera said.

Tribland football picks

THE GAMES
Nov. 27-28

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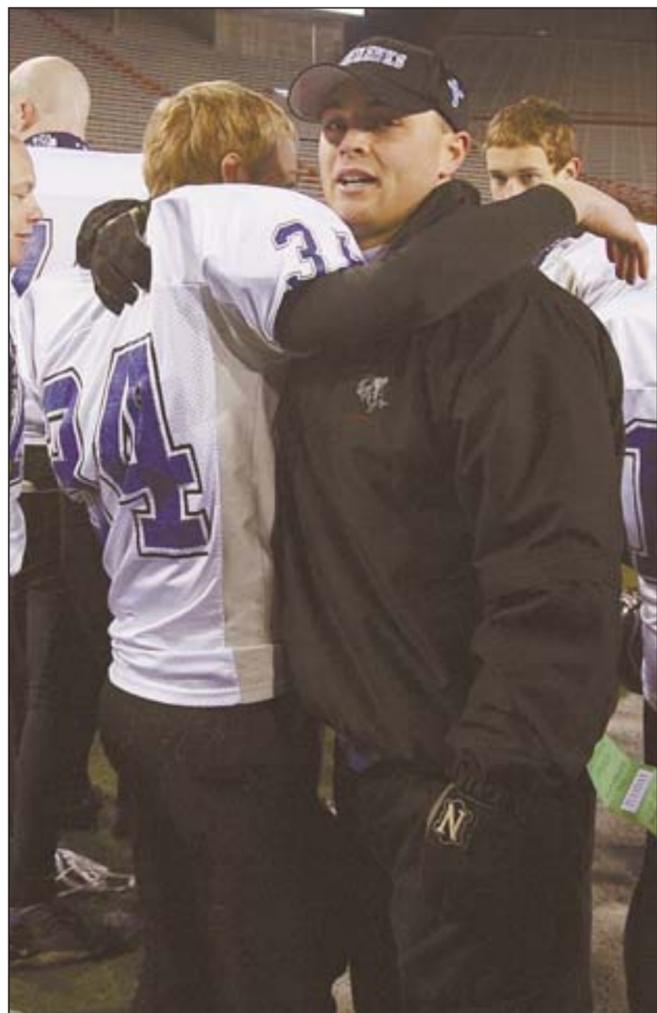


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ESPN Radio

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Nebraska at Colorado	Nebraska	Nebraska	Colorado	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska
Smith Center vs. Centralia	Smith Center					
Season (last week)	100-21 (4-1)	82-39 (4-1)	103-18 (5-0)	101-20 (5-0)	92-29 (4-1)	99-22 (4-1)



AMY ROH/Tribune

St. Cecilia assistant coach Nick Soucie celebrates the Bluehawks' Class C-1 state championship with Joel Grafel Tuesday in Lincoln.

Soucie: Brothers give back to STC

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going to remember the rest of their lives. I still remember the day that I played in the game."

Nick was a member of St. Cecilia's 2000 state championship team. Travis, who never won a state championship in high school but did go on to play for Nebraska and was part of the Huskers' 1997 national championship team, played on St. Cecilia's 1995 runner-up team.

The two have been helping out with St. Cecilia's weight program the past two seasons, and joined the Bluehawks' coaching staff this season.

"We both sat down with each other and said if we're going to do this," Nick said, "we're going to do this together."

Said Travis: "It's something we talked about. If we're going to do this, let's put in 110 percent like we have always. It started in the weight room, and then (head coach Carl Tesmer) asked us to coach. This is our goal, too. It was the players' goal, but it was our goal, too. Let's get them here and see what happens."

Tesmer stressed the importance the two brothers are to the program and what St. Cecilia accomplished Tuesday.

"They're such a big, big part of this," Tesmer said. "The kids trained and bought into the thing right from the start. Hard work starts right away. They set the tone with it right away. They're a big, big part of it — just with everything they bring. Let's talk about enthusiasm and youth and vigor and energy. They just bring so much to the program. I love them dearly."

Travis' coaching duties include helping with the offense.

Nick is in charge of special teams.

But it's what they do behind the scenes that Tesmer and the STC players really appreciate.

"The weight thing is something you preach and preach and preach," Tesmer said. "I just felt things were dropping off. And the more I preached, it just seemed like the less we got. I said these guys will bring it. They'll bring it with a lot of knowledge and enthusiasm. It wasn't really a gamble. We needed a shot in the arm."

"It's going to benefit all our programs. It's just not a football thing."

Senior Wade Dykeman, who came up with the game-winning interception in Tuesday's 26-18 victory over Norfolk Catholic, took time to specifically thank the Soucies for being "with us through it all"

"They've been everything to us," St. Cecilia senior Dalton Sealey said.

"All summer — our dedication, but their dedication, also. They make it up there coming straight from work to work with us and get our workouts in."

Said Nick: "When the kids come up to after winning a championship and they thank you for everything you've done the past two years off the field but you've been coaching them on the field ... it means a lot hearing that from the players who went through all the work."

Travis gave all the credit to the players, especially the seniors.

"These guys deserves this," he said. "This has been in the making for two years, as far in the weight room. We never force anybody to come up there. The senior class just took it upon themselves to get up in the weight room. They deserve it."



AMY ROH/Tribune

St. Cecilia's Brice Faber (9) celebrate the Bluehawks' state championship Tuesday at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln.

Title: Perfect endings for STC

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picked that thing off. Then, he was smart enough to go down."

After Dykeman intercepted the pass, he ran a few yards in open field and then fell to the ground.

"I caught it and took off running, but I didn't want to get the ball popped out," Dykeman said. "I just slid down to put our quarterback in there and let him take a knee and win the game like he did last week."

After losing a fumble on the first play of the game, giving Norfolk Catholic the ball on the STC 34, the Bluehawks dominated the first half.

St. Cecilia held a 168-60 advantage in total yards and had nine first downs compared to four for Norfolk Catholic

Heading into halftime, the Knights struck first with a 42-yard field goal by Drew Farlee that just cleared the goalpost less than three minutes into the game after senior running back Dalton Sealey fumbled on the game's first play.

"Our defense did a great job of stepping up and holding them to a field goal," Sealey said.

St. Cecilia took the lead — for good as it turned out — just before the end of the first quarter on a 17-yard run by quarterback Beau Schwenka that made the score 6-3 after the extra-point kick missed.

St. Cecilia went up 12-3 midway through the second quarter on a 5-yard touchdown run by Sealey, who had 53 yards on 12 carries in the first half.

Norfolk Catholic opened the second half with an eight-play, 60-yard drive — doubling its first-half offensive output — that was capped by a 12-yard touchdown run by Kelby Seyl to get within 12-10.

The Bluehawks came right back with a 64-yard drive to take a 19-10 lead. Sealey carried the ball four times for 46 yards on the drive, including a 3-yard touchdown.

After forcing Norfolk Catholic to go three-and-out, the Bluehawks seemingly took control with an eight-play, 73-yard drive that was capped with a 25-yard touchdown run by Schwenka to make the score 26-10 eight seconds in the fourth quarter.

But that's when the Knights came charging back.

The 5-foot-10, 160-pound Dykeman finally put an end to that.

"He got into a little bit of a slump there (earlier this season)," Tesmer said of Dykeman. "We got some other kids a chance to play. The nice thing about Wade is he played his way back into the picture. He toughened up and gave himself a chance to come back. That's the kind of kid he was. He's not very big, but he's tough."

Sealey finished with 19 carries for 106 yards and two touchdowns to lead St. Cecilia. Senior fullback Ben Konen added 93 yards on 19 carries, eclipsing the 1,000-yard mark for the season, and Schwenka rushed seven times for 74 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

"It's a triple threat," Konen said. "Not many teams can stop it."

Led by the triple threat of Sealey, Konen and Schwenka, the Bluehawks finished with 303 rushing yards.

"Our goal going into the game was to control the line of scrimmage," STC senior lineman Tim Krikac said. "If we did that, we knew we'd win. So we made sure we did."

Said Tesmer: "What a compliment to our line. And we've got big backs. I'm blessed. I've never had a backfield that big with that much power. We just were able to run hard and block hard and play the game the way it's meant to be played"

Senior linebacker Paul Goedert had 14 total tackles, including a sack, to lead St. Cecilia defensively. Senior lineman Jake Swartz had two sacks.

St. Cecilia held Norfolk Catholic to just 67 rushing yards on 28 carries. Norfolk Catholic quarterback Austin Ketter was 13-of-23 for 178 yards — 103 of which came in the fourth quarter — with a touchdown and two interceptions.

"It was our day to step it up," Tesmer said of his defense. "They stuck with the running game quite a bit. They could throw the ball, and we knew they could throw the ball. I felt like we played the run really well."

After the game, Tesmer was asked if Tuesday was his last game as a coach.

"I never know. I don't know. I'm not going to announce it here," he said. "Everybody keeps asking me that. It's one year at a time. They'll make it with or without me."



AMY ROH/Tribune

St. Cecilia's Joe Ryan (24) breaks up a pass intended for Norfolk Catholic's Ethan Brozek during the Class C-1 state championship Tuesday at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln.

St. Cecilia (13-0) 6 6 7 7 — 26
Norfolk Catholic (12-1) 3 0 7 8 — 18
NC — Drew Farlee 42 field goal.
STC — Beau Schwenka 17 run (kick failed).
STC — Dalton Sealey 5 run (run failed).
NC — Kelby Seyl 12 run (Farlee kick).
STC — Sealey 3 run (Matt Kissinger kick).
STC — Schwenka 25 run (Kissinger kick).
NC — Kory Schaefer 26 pass from Austin Ketter (Erik Becker pass from Ketter).
A — 2,356.

First downs	STC	NC
Total Net Yards	20	14
Rushes-yards	349	245
Passing	54-303	28-67
Punt Returns	46	178
Kickoff Returns	1-12	0-0
Interceptions Ret.	4-64	5-83
Comp-Att-Int	2-11	0-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	5-6-0	13-23-2
Fumbles-Lost	3-20	0-0
Penalties-Yards	2-18-0	3-29-0
Time of Possession	1-1	1-1
RUSHING — STC, Dalton Sealey 19-106, Ben Konen 19-93, Beau Schwenka 7-74, Paul Goedert 7-20, Phil Hamburger 1-14, Team 1-(-4), NC, Kelby Seyl 12-49, Brant O'Banion 2-10, Kory Schaefer 3-5, Austin Ketter 8-2, Tyler Habrock 3-1.		
PASSING — STC, Schwenka 5-6-0 46. NC, Ketter 13-23-2 178.		
RECEIVING — STC, Sealey 3-12, Konen 2-34. NC, Ethan Brozek 5-74, Habrock 4-54, Schaefer 1-26, Ben Rowse 1-15, Seyl 1-5, Lucas Lyons 1-4.		

Nebraska

Huskers (8-3, 5-2)

at

2:30 p.m. Friday; Folsom Field;
Radio: Husker Sports Network; TV: ABC

Colorado

Buffaloes (3-8, 2-5)

Scouting the Buffaloes

Sophomore quarterback Tyler Hansen did not play the first four games of the season but saw action for the first time in Colorado's 38-14 loss at Texas on Oct. 10. Hansen has started the past six games in place of Cody Hawkins and has achieved a better percentage than Hawkins (57.8 to 50.6). Hansen is 108-of-187 for 1,171 yards with five touchdowns and four interceptions on the season. Sophomore Rodney White is the Buffs' primary tailback, averaging 69.4 yards per game on the ground with nine touchdowns. He has four 100-yard rushing games. As a team, Colorado is averaging just 83.7 rushing yards per game to rank 113th nationally. Junior wide receiver Scotty McKnight has been one of the Buffs' most reliable options at wideout over the past three seasons. This year, McKnight leads the team in receptions (69) and receiving yards (779) and has four touchdowns.

Defensively, senior linebacker Jeff Smart leads Colorado with 87 tackles. Senior cornerback Cha-pelle Brow has seven tackles for loss, including three sacks, and a total of 85 tackles.

The Buffs average just 3.0 yards per punt return to rank 117th nationally.

NU coach Bo Pelini says: "I see a team that's very capable. They have some good talent. At times they have played really well. They've struggled with some inconsistency. It's their last game of the year and they have a lot to play for. I know we're going to get their best shot. It's a challenge. We're on a short week, they're on a long week, so we have that challenge sitting out there for us. We have to be ready to play good football. Bottom line is, we haven't played our best football yet. We have to get better as a team. I think they are athletic. At times, I think they are very good. I think they are young in some spots. But at times, I think they are very good. They're just not real consistent. They are like we were a year ago. Sometimes they shoot themselves in the foot. They don't execute as well as they should, but at times they play really good football."

Players to watch

◆ **Colorado: Wide receiver Scott McKnight** is one of the Buffs' top offensive threats. He's leading the team in receptions and receiving yards. The junior has a reception in all 36 career games at Colorado.

◆ **Nebraska: Running back Roy Helu Jr.** appears to be back in top form. After rushing for just 24 yards in back-to-back games, Helu has rushed for at least 95 yards in each of the past three games. He has four touchdowns in the past two games after going four straight games without one.

NU's kicking star a dead-eye punter, too

ERIC OLSON
The Associated Press

LINCOLN — Nebraska's Alex Henery says he always looks forward to kicking in the thin air at Colorado.

That's a bad omen for the Buffaloes, who host the Cornhuskers in Boulder on Friday.

They already know how well Henery performs in Lincoln. Henery's school-record 57-yard field goal gave the Huskers the lead in the final 2 minutes of last year's 40-31 win.

Since then, Henery has added punting to his repertoire. If the Buffs want to see how good he is at that, all they need to do is check out the film of Nebraska's 17-3 win over Kansas State last week.

Henery, trying to avoid a big run-back by K-State star Brandon Banks, pinned the Wildcats at their 1 and 3 on two of his six punts. Both of those hit the ground and immediately bounced right, out of bounds.

Henery doesn't have the name recognition of defensive lineman Ndamukong Suh, but his field-goal kicking and punting put him in the conversation about the Huskers' biggest weapons.

Coach Bo Pelini took note of the former walk-on's value after last year's Colorado game and put him

on scholarship before this season.

"When he made that 57-yarder, I think it became pretty clear to me," Pelini said. "He bailed my butt out. I tried everything I could to lose that football game, so he earned it right there in my mind. He's done so much. What more can you ask of a guy? If anybody has earned it, he has."

Henery said he approaches his punting like his short game in golf. He worked at a Lincoln golf course over the summer and shoots in the mid 70s playing with women's clubs that belong to his mom.

The strength of his golf game is attacking the pin inside 100 yards, kind of like trying to get his punts to stop close to the goal line.

Henery, who leads the Big 12 with 22 of his 59 punts downed inside the 20-yard line, said there is some luck involved.

"You have to put it in the right place and then hope," he said. "You can get different spins on the ball so it'll bounce a certain way. But it's a little bit luck."

Kicking conditions should be perfect in Boulder on Friday. The forecast calls for sunshine and temperatures in the 50s. The thin air could give Henery some added distance if he needs it.

The strong-legged junior cleared the cross bar with lots of room to spare on his 57-yarder last year — a kick that is just a blur to him now.

He said people sometimes come up



NATI HARNIK/Tribune

Nebraska kicker Alex Henery, shown here during Saturday's game against Kansas State in Lincoln, says he always looks forward to kicking in the thin air at Colorado. Last year in Lincoln, Henery's school-record 57-yard field goal gave the Huskers the lead in the final 2 minutes a 40-31 win.

to him and tell him where they were when he boomed the record-setting field goal.

"I never really thought I'd do something like that, and it's a little overwhelming," he said. "It seemed like it was going so fast. As a kicker, it's something you try to do. Everyone steps up at some time. That's the time I had to step up."

Henery and his teammates go into Friday's game having already

clinched the Big 12 North title, which puts them in the Dec. 5 conference championship game against third-ranked Texas.

Pelini imposed a gag order on any Texas talk this week.

"I told our people in the offices, the coaching staff, I don't want to hear about plans, travel plans, about tickets or anything else about the Big 12 title game," he said. "That will come. Our full focus is on Colorado."

Big 12 standings

	North Conference	Overall
Nebraska	5-2	8-3
Kansas State	4-4	6-5
Missouri	3-4	7-4
Iowa State	3-5	6-6
Colorado	2-5	3-8
Kansas	1-6	5-6
South		
Texas	7-0	11-0
Oklahoma State	6-1	9-2
Oklahoma	4-3	7-4
Texas Tech	4-3	6-5
Texas A&M	3-4	6-5
Baylor	1-6	4-7
Thursday's Game		
Texas at Texas A&M (ESPN), 7 p.m.		
Friday's Game		
Nebraska at Colorado (ABC), 2:30 p.m.		
Saturday's Games		
Oklahoma State at Oklahoma (FSN), 11:30 a.m.		
Missouri vs. Kansas at Kansas City, Mo. (ABC), 2:30 p.m.		
Texas Tech vs. Baylor at Arlington, Texas (FSN), 5 p.m.		

Statistics

	NU	CU
Offense		
Rushing per game	147.7	83.7
Passing per game	197.7	222.6
Yards per game	345.5	306.3
Points per game	25.4	22.5
Defense		
Rushing per game	99.0	162.7
Passing per game	182.3	213.6
Yards per game	281.3	376.3
Points per game	10.3	28.9

Colorado schedule

- ◆ Sept. 6: Colorado State, L 23-17
- ◆ Sept. 11: at Toledo, L 54-38
- ◆ Sept. 19: Wyoming, W 24-0
- ◆ Oct. 1: at West Virginia, L 35-24
- ◆ Oct. 10: at Texas, L 38-14
- ◆ Oct. 17: Kansas, W 34-30
- ◆ Oct. 24: at Kansas State, L 20-6
- ◆ Oct. 31: Missouri, L 36-17
- ◆ Nov. 7: Texas A&M, W 35-34
- ◆ Nov. 14: at Iowa State, L 17-10
- ◆ Nov. 19: at Oklahoma State, L 31-28
- ◆ Nov. 27: Nebraska

Nebraska schedule

- ◆ Sept. 5: Florida Atlantic, W 49-3
- ◆ Sept. 12: Arkansas State, W 38-9
- ◆ Sept. 19: at Va. Tech, L 16-15
- ◆ Sept. 26: Louisiana-Lafayette, W 55-0
- ◆ Oct. 8: at Missouri, W 27-12
- ◆ Oct. 17: Texas Tech, L 31-10
- ◆ Oct. 24: Iowa State, L 9-7
- ◆ Oct. 31: at Baylor, W 20-10
- ◆ Nov. 7: Oklahoma, W 10-3
- ◆ Nov. 14: at Kansas, W 31-17
- ◆ Nov. 21: Kansas State, W 17-3
- ◆ Nov. 27: at Colorado (ABC), 2:30 p.m.

NU: Rivalry against Colorado has become Thanksgiving staple

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"I judge that from the fans," Pelini said. "I haven't been a part of this program for a real long time. I know this is a game special to our fans, and it's special to the Colorado fans."

The Big 12 schedule pits Nebraska against Colorado during Thanksgiving week through 2015. Big 12 senior associate commissioner Tim Allen said he believes the game will keep its place on the calendar when scheduling beyond 2015 is discussed within the next year.

Allen said the matchup remains appealing to television partner ABC-ESPN even though the stakes haven't been high in recent years.

"We believe Nebraska and Colorado will return to where they were years ago," Allen said.

Colorado used to play Nebraska in late

October or early November but replaced Oklahoma as the Huskers' final regular-season opponent in 1996, when the Big 12 began play.

There have been some great games. Nebraska's five wins from 1996-2000 were decided by a total of 15 points.

But the series bears little resemblance to those Nebraska-Oklahoma Thanksgiving week classics that almost always decided Big Eight championships and often had a bearing on who played for the national title.

Longtime fans will remember that the Nebraska-Colorado rivalry was borne not from a history of great games but from CU coach Bill McCartney's mandate that his team must have a red-letter game each year. The Huskers, longtime powers from the bordering state to the east, were his choice in 1982 as he began

to build a program that had hit hard times under Chuck Fairbanks.

Nebraska, McCartney told anyone who would listen, was the evil empire. He went so far as to forbid players and staff from wearing red.

Tom Osborne, Nebraska's coach at the time, never acknowledged Colorado as a true rival, something Colorado fans and media considered a slight.

The current players know only that Nebraska-Colorado is somehow a special game.

"Even if they were 8-3 or 3-8, they're always going to throw everything at us," Nebraska center Jacob Hickman said. "They're going to do whatever they can to beat Nebraska. I would expect nothing less from them."

Whether the game keeps its place in the Friday afternoon time slot is subject

to change. That decision is made on a year-to-year basis in June, Allen said.

Pelini said it's fine with him if the game continues to be played on a Friday. "Who am I to buck tradition?" he said. "We get a good national audience watching the football game, and I always enjoy that because it's good for our program at this point."

Osborne, now the Nebraska athletic director, said he likes playing the day after Thanksgiving because the game is televised on a day when not a lot of people are working.

Asked if he believes the opponent should remain Colorado, he said: "As far as being married to that, no. But if the TV people want to keep Colorado-Nebraska, you have to listen."

Colorado athletic director Mike Bohn was with the Buffs' basketball team in

Hawaii and not available for questions.

Buff's quarterback Tyler Hansen said Nebraska-Colorado has developed into a holiday tradition worth preserving.

"When I was young and into football, the day after Thanksgiving, you don't want to watch those parades, the cartoons, so you flip the channels and see this game is on," he said. "You may not have an affiliation with it, but you'll watch it because it's on. Most of the nation will do that. It means a lot."

Nebraska tight end Mike McNeill said he knows that Colorado is a rival and that the games are hard-hitting.

He wasn't quite sure, however, why the game seems to get more buildup than some others the Huskers play against Big 12 North opponents.

"I really have nothing against those guys," he said.

Nebraska dominates UMKC in 70-48 win

The Associated Press

LINCOLN — Sek Henry was happy with the way Nebraska played defense in its 70-48 win over Missouri-Kansas City on Tuesday night, pointing to the Kangaroos' low score as proof.

His coach, Doc Sadler, wasn't as enthusiastic.

"Our on-the-ball defense has really digressed," Sadler said. "We're going to have a lot of work to do on that."

Even though the Huskers (3-1) held Missouri-Kansas City (3-1) to just 18 field goals, forced 14 turnovers and blocked seven shots, Sadler said his team could do better.

"We have to get much better guarding the ball," he said. "But for the most part, I thought the team played very hard."

Nebraska began the second half with a 17-point lead after holding the Kangaroos to just eight field goals and 30 percent shooting in the first.

The Huskers were never chal-

lenged after that, leading by as many as 28 before Sadler cleared his bench late in the game.

Tied at 10 after the first 10 minutes, Nebraska went on to score 31 more points before intermission while holding Missouri-Kansas City to just 14.

Henry, who led the Huskers with 14 points, said he was "very, very happy" they held the Kangaroos to less than 50 points.

"We still scored our points," Henry said. "We needed to play some defense. We really protected the ball and we controlled the game."

Missouri-Kansas City coach Matt Brown said some of his team's scoring difficulty was the result of missing easy shots, including eight lay-ups by his count.

But Brown attributed much of the trouble to Nebraska's physical defense.

"The biggest difference was the physicality, the bumping

with the hips and the rear end and the chest that don't get called," he said. "It was a valuable learning experience for us. When you get lay-ups or you get around the basket, especially against a Big 12 team, you've got to go strong and don't expect a call."

Nebraska shot 57 percent from the floor in the first half and finished the game at 53 percent.

Sadler said he is still trying to find a rotation with his young team, which only has two seniors and lost Toney McCray for the season Tuesday when the sophomore guard elected to have surgery on his injured left elbow.

"I think we're spinning it and reinventing it and I have no idea where it's going to go," Sadler said. "We're playing guys who have no business playing. They have no idea how to play college basketball and that's going to catch up with us real quick."

Class B: Aurora wins second straight title

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turnovers. That was huge in this game. Offensively, we were able to sustain drives, and we had a nice mix of the pass and run. Tyson did a great job of running our offense."

Skutt's Christian Dudzik, who had thrown one interception in Skutt's first 12 games, was picked off three times. Jacob Shaffer intercepted two passes, returning one of them 58 yards for a touchdown.

"I saw an out route, jumped it and saw the

ball going there, and I made a play," Shaffer said.

"I almost stumbled there, but I recovered."

Dudzik ran for 106 yards and two touchdowns and hit 18 of 27 passes for 210 yards and another TD as Skutt scored the most points allowed by Aurora this season.

Skutt led 21-13 after scoring twice in the final 3:01 of the first half. But Broekemeier threw a 39-yard TD pass to Kyle McCarthy after Skutt's Corey Stringer fumbled.

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Weekly jobless claims drop below 500,000

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The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a hopeful sign, the number of newly laid-off workers filing claims for unemployment benefits fell more than expected last week, dropping below 500,000 for the first time since January.

And consumer spending picked up in October as Americans' incomes grew modestly, while new home sales hit their highest level in over a year — more encouraging signals for the budding economic recovery.

The number of people filing first-time claims for jobless benefits fell by 35,000 to 466,000, the Labor Department said Wednesday. That was the fewest since the week of Sept. 13, 2008. And it was far better than the 500,000 economists had expected. Still, analysts say claims must

drop to near 400,000 for several weeks to signal actual growth in employment.

Economists expect 145,000 payroll job cuts for November, a slight improvement from the net loss of 190,000 jobs last month. But the economy must add 125,000 jobs a month just to keep the unemployment rate from rising.

Some economists worry that the sharp improvements in jobless claims, new home sales and consumer spending, which powers 70 percent of the economy, will be temporary because of the still-sluggish recovery.

One such sign was that orders for costly manufactured goods fell unexpectedly last month. Much of October's weakness came from a big drop for goods related to defense. Excluding those, orders for other types of manufactured goods rose slightly.

The jobless rate hit a 26-year

high of 10.2 percent in October and many economists believe the recovery will remain so weak that the jobless rate will keep rising, possibly topping 10.5 percent by the middle of next summer.

Some analysts cautioned against reading too much into the sharp drop in unemployment claims. They noted that part of the improvement reflected large seasonal adjustment factors, which smooth out changes that normally occur at certain times of the year.

Excluding seasonal adjustments, claims rose. That's normal at this time of year when a large number of construction workers face layoffs because of worsening weather conditions.

Federal Reserve policymakers worried at their November meeting that the unemployment rate could remain elevated

for several years, according to minutes of the discussions released Tuesday.

New claims last week dropped below 500,000 for the first time since the first week in January. Weekly claims peaked at 674,000 in March and have generally been trending lower since then.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department reported today that consumer spending rose a 0.7 percent last month, following 0.6 percent drop in September. It was the best showing since a big 1.3 percent jump in August when the government's now-defunct Cash for Clunkers programs enticed people to buy cars.

Incomes, the fuel for future spending, rose 0.2 percent for the second straight month.

Consumers spent more on costly "durable" manufactured goods — such as cars and appliances — last month. Such

spending rose 2.1 percent, compared with a 8.5 percent drop in September. They also boosted spending last month on "non-durables," such as food and clothes, and on services.

Personal income from interest came to an annualized \$1.23 trillion in October, up 0.5 percent from September. It means people who rely on interest from savings, such as money in certificates of deposit, earned a bit more in October after months of losses. Interest on dividend income dipped slightly to a pace of \$525.5 billion, down 0.2 percent from September.

Wednesday's figures seemed to blunt some fears that consumers could clam up, sending the country into a "double dip" recession, although there continues to be concern that consumer spending will slow early next year.

With spending outpacing income growth, Americans' personal savings rate — savings as a percentage of after-tax income — dipped to 4.4 percent in October from 4.6 percent in September.

On the housing front, the Commerce Department reported that home sales rose 6.2 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 430,000 from an upwardly revised 405,000 in September. Economists expected a pace of 410,000.

Home shoppers were acting before lawmakers decided earlier this month to extend a tax credit for first-time buyers and expand it to some existing homeowners. The credit now covers contracts signed by April 30.

A 23 percent increase in the South drove the overall increase. Home sales fell about 5 percent in the West and Northeast, and 20 percent in the Midwest.



President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama are seen before they welcome India's Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and his wife Gursharan Kaur to the State Dinner at the North Portico of the White House in Washington Tuesday.

SUSAN WALSH/AP

Evening gowns, saris at Obama's first state dinner

WHITE HOUSE
CELEBRATION IN HONOR
OF INDIA'S PRIME MINISTER

DARLENE SUPERVILLE

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Traditional evening gowns and vibrantly colored saris mixed with banded-collar dinner jackets and tuxedos at President Barack Obama's first state dinner.

There also were turbans and bindis and diamonds aplenty, as several hundred guests put on the glitz and joined a White House celebration in honor of Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

Outshining them all was first lady Michelle Obama in a strapless, cream and gold silk chiffon gown with a sparkling silver floral design.

Award-winning singer-actress Jennifer Hudson of "Dreamgirls" anchored an after-dinner entertainment program in a pavilion-like tent on the White House South Lawn. It also included Kurt Elling, a jazz vocalist and composer who, like Hudson, hails from the Obamas' Chicago hometown. A.R. Rahman, winner of a pair of Academy Awards for the music in "Slumdog Millionaire," also was in the lineup.

Under the direction of Marvin Hamlisch, the National Symphony Orchestra kicked off the entertainment with a performance of "Summon the Heroes" by composer John Williams, written as a theme for the 1996 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta.

The 338-person guest list also was a study in contrasts, mixing wonky Washington, Hollywood talent, prominent members of the Indian community in the U.S. and Obama friends, family and campaign donors.

"We're feeling great," White

House social secretary Desiree Rogers told a scrum of reporters and photographers as she arrived, showing not even a glimmer of nervousness at the biggest social event thus far of the Obama presidency.

Guests included Hollywood moguls David Geffen and Jeffrey Katzenberg, and actors Alfre Woodard and Blair Underwood. Spiritual adviser Deepak Chopra, director M. Night Shyamalan and PepsiCo chairman and CEO Indra Nooyi were among those with ties to India.

Katie Couric of CBS News, Brian Williams of NBC News, Robin Roberts of ABC News and CNN medical reporter Dr. Sanjay Gupta were among those representing the media. Fellow Chicagoan Oprah Winfrey was absent, but her best friend, Gayle King, was here.

Obama friends Eric Whitaker and Martin Nesbitt attended, along with Obama's sister Maya Soetoro-Ng, and her husband, Konrad; and Marian Robinson, the first lady's mother.

President Barack Obama, in his dinner toast, said the setting conjured images of India, where special events are "often celebrated under the cover of a beautiful tent."

"It's a little like tonight," Obama said, though this wasn't any old tent. It had chandeliers covered in ivy, a beige carpeted floor and giant pots of magnolia branches, native to both India and the U.S., decorating the tent's inside walls.

Singh, in turn, told the president that he was overwhelmed by the Obamas' hospitality and said the president's election last year had captured the imagination of millions of Indians.

Guests sat in groups of 10 at round tables draped in green apple-colored cloths and napkins, all offset by the sparkle of gold-colored flatware and china, including service and dinner plates from the Eisenhower, Clinton and George W. Bush settings.



VIRGINIA POSTIC/AP

A legislative panel considers whether South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford was derelict in his duties Tuesday in Columbia, S.C. From left are Rep. Garry Smith, Rep. David Weeks, Rep. F.G. "Greg" Delleney, Rep. James H. Harrison, Patrick Dennis, Rep. James Smith, Rep. Walton J. McLeod and Rep. Jenny Horne.

Panel first up in South Carolina governor impeachment debate

JIM DAVENPORT

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Gov. Mark Sanford's tearful confession that he quietly disappeared from the state for five days to rendezvous with his lover in Argentina has shattered his marriage and dimmed his once-bright political future.

A small group of lawmakers on Tuesday started the debate whether his decision to vanish last summer without telling his staff his whereabouts or leave anyone in charge rises to the "serious crimes or serious misconduct in office" standard necessary to impeach him.

Two proponents of a measure to remove Sanford likened his absence to a soldier leaving his post. But others on the seven-

member legislative panel questioned whether the two-term Republican's actions rose to a high enough level to warrant removal — something usually reserved for officeholders who break the law.

"He left his post, he left his state. He left his country without notifying anyone in authority," said the resolution's chief sponsor state Rep. Greg Delleney, R-Chester. "He was AWOL as commander in chief of the organized and unorganized militia of this state."

Sanford's attorney contends the impeachment standard is set intentionally high.

"The Governor's temporary absence from the state in June does not meet this high standard," attorney Ross Garber said

in a statement.

The committee will meet at least three more times before deciding whether to forward the measure that would eventually have to be debated by the House of Representatives, which has the authority to impeach statewide officeholders.

Delleney conceded Sanford hadn't committed a serious crime but said lawmakers decide what the threshold is for "serious misconduct," the second element allowed for impeachment. Delleney said Sanford evaded his security detail when he left the state and should have told the lieutenant governor.

"Impeachment is a political process. It is not a legal process," he said.

Sprint Cup

Ford 400

◆ **Where:** Homestead-Miami Speedway, Homestead, Fla. (1.5 mi.), 267 laps/400.5 miles.

◆ **When:** Sunday, Nov. 22.

Denny Hamlin did what he'd never done before, but Jimmie Johnson did what no one ever did before.

The Ford 400 was Hamlin's fourth victory of the season, but it was his first on a high-banked track, Homestead-Miami Speedway. His first seven career victories were on tracks that were relatively flat: Pocono, Loudon, Martinsville and Richmond.

"I promise you in the next couple years we're going to win a championship," said Hamlin. "To win on a track where people don't expect us to win is a great achievement."

"When I first started out (2006), I was better on the short tracks because that's

where my experience was. Until I won at a different style of track, people didn't put us in that category (being a contender) at other tracks. For some time now, I've felt like the 1.5-mile tracks had become our best suit, and that used to not be the case."

Johnson's distinction was a bit more precious. By finishing fifth, Johnson effortlessly locked up his fourth straight Sprint Cup championship, and he did it the way at Homestead-Miami Speedway that he always has. After starting on the pole and leading 28 of the first 32 laps, Johnson appeared to go into comfortable hibernation. En route to the previous three titles, Johnson finished ninth, seventh and 15th in the season finale.

"This is so amazing," said Johnson. "It's something I'm so proud of. I've always tried to set my marks high, but I had no clue I could do this."

After racing all year, Johnson closed the season by coasting. No one else has ever won four championships in a row. A key for Johnson was arriving at the final track without any reason to take chances. It's a winning formula, a record-breaking one. Cale Yarborough won three straight titles 1976-78. Johnson is the first to win four.

On the "championship stage" and in Victory Lane, everyone was happy. Johnson began the day leading Mark Martin by 108 points and ended with a margin of 133. Even the runner-up was ecstatic. Martin, at 50, had a season so phenomenal for someone of his age that finishing second — for the fifth time — apparently wasn't that disappointing.

"I'm happy," said Martin after finishing 12th, "and I'm going to be happy. This is the first time, as long as I can remember, I'm not glad (the season's) over with."

Nationwide

Ford 300

◆ **Where:** Homestead-Miami Speedway, Homestead, Fla. (1.5 mi.), 200 laps/300 miles.

◆ **When:** Saturday, Nov. 21.

The Nationwide Series' final race ended the same way the season did: Kyle Busch's Toyota first and Carl Edwards' Ford second. Busch won for the ninth time in the Ford 400, finishing .482 of a second ahead of Edwards and holding off the 2007 series champion's late charge.

"It was a tough race, for sure," said Busch. "We weren't the best car here for a long time. All these guys made some great race calls: (crew chief) Jason (Ratcliff) and everybody else. That's why we're a championship team."

Two laps after a late restart, Busch passed Edwards for the lead and led the rest of the way. Edwards pitted under caution on lap 286 and restarted eighth on lap 190. His bid for victory fell just short.

Camping World Trucks

Ford 200

◆ **Where:** Homestead-Miami Speedway, Homestead, Fla. (1.5 mi.), 134 laps/201 miles.

◆ **When:** Friday, Nov. 20.

Kevin Harvick knew how to celebrate an owner's championship in the Camping World Truck Series. He won the final race, Homestead-Miami Speedway's Ford 200, as a driver. His full-time driver in the series, Ron Hornaday Jr., had already wrapped up his fourth championship.

"That's the way to put an end to the year, right there," said Harvick to his team after taking the checkered flag.

Harvick also won the season's next-to-last race at Phoenix International Raceway. Kyle Busch's hopes of winning the owner championship for Billy Ballew ended on lap 82, when he had to make an unscheduled pit stop and was then penalized for a pit-crew infraction.

BURNING ISSUES

◆ Asked for a master plan to derail the Jimmie Johnson juggernaut, Ryan Newman needed only one word: "Dynamite."

◆ Kasey Kahne remains concerned about the future of Richard Petty Motorsports. He thinks the latest merger, with Yates Racing (which will put him in a Ford, not a Dodge, next year), is moving along too slowly and has too many loose ends. His contract is up next year, and he seems likely to consider other options.

◆ Though changes have made it seem a bit convoluted, Jamie McMurray will rejoin owner Chip Ganassi next year. McMurray, Casey Mears and Reed Sorenson all had career-best point finishes while driving for Ganassi.

◆ Kyle Busch cited the words of management theorist Dr. Lawrence J. Peter (1919-90) to explain why he frequently refuses to talk after things don't go his way: "Speak when you are angry, and you'll make the best speech you'll ever regret."

◆ At present, only three drivers (with 40 or more career victories) in NASCAR history have higher winning percentages than Johnson. They are Herb Thomas, David Pearson and Richard Petty.

◆ It's really not an honest measure to rank winning percentages before one's career is over, though. Most drivers tend to win less often as they get older. For example, in the late 1990s, Jeff Gordon had the highest winning percentage in history. Entering Homestead on Sunday, Gordon's percentage had fallen to .141 compared to teammate Johnson's .162.

◆ Though the Chase consists of 12 drivers, only the top 10 will be formally honored at the annual Sprint Cup Awards Ceremonies in Las Vegas, on Dec. 4.

WHO'S HOT



Johnson

◆ Who's hot: It's difficult to be hotter than Jimmie Johnson, winner of four straight championships.

Denny Hamlin won for the career-best fourth time in 2009.

◆ Who's not: Tony Stewart and Juan Pablo Montoya care more about settling scores than coming up with decent finishes.

2009 STANDINGS

Sprint Cup

1. Jimmie Johnson	6,652
2. Mark Martin	141
3. Jeff Gordon	179
4. Kurt Busch	206
5. Denny Hamlin	317
6. Tony Stewart	343
7. Greg Biffle	360
8. Juan Montoya	400
9. Ryan Newman	477
10. Kasey Kahne	524
11. Carl Edwards	534
12. Brian Vickers	723

Nationwide Series

1. Kyle Busch	5,682
2. Carl Edwards	210
3. Brad Keselowski	318
4. Jason Leffler	1,142
5. Mike Bliss	1,607
6. Justin Allgaier	1,633
7. Steve Wallace	1,675
8. Jason Keller	1,722
9. Brendan Gaughan	1,768
10. Michael Annett	2,084

Camping World Truck Series

1. Ron Hornaday	3,959
2. Matt Crafton	187
3. Mike Skinner	357
4. Todd Bodine	527
5. Colin Braun	621
6. Johnny Sauter	628
7. Brian Scott	652
8. Timothy Peters	670
9. David Starr	688
10. Rick Crawford	798

JOHNSON IN A CLASS BY HIMSELF



JOHN CLARK / NASCAR This Week

Jimmie Johnson is only the fourth driver in NASCAR Cup history to win more than three championships overall. The newly crowned four-time champion, seen earlier this season at Lowe's Motor Speedway, finished fifth in a wild season finale at Homestead, Fla.

Place in history

JIMMIE JOHNSON CAPS SEASON
WITH HIS FOURTH STRAIGHT CUP TROPHY

MONTE DUTTON
NASCAR This Week

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — NASCAR has been around since 1947, and after 62 years, it's rare when a driver can say he's done what no one else has ever done.

A fifth-place finish in the Ford 400 at Homestead-Miami Speedway enabled Johnson to secure his fourth straight championship of what is now known as the Sprint Cup Series. Cale Yarborough won three straight championships from 1976 through 1978, a mark tied by Johnson in 2008.

Johnson, 34, is only the fourth driver in history to win more than three championships overall. He tied Hendrick Motorsports teammate Jeff Gordon, who won titles in 1995, '97, '98 and 2001. Richard Petty and the late Dale Earnhardt share the all-time record with seven championships.

The champion set a proper tone in his post-race remarks. "I am just blown away by the things we've been able to accomplish over the last eight years in the sport," said Johnson. "Obviously, the last four years have been just unbelievable. To love the sport like I do and respect it like I do, and the history, the pioneers of this sport from Bill



France Sr. to the Petty family, you go through many eras up to Mr. (Rick) Hendrick (owner of Johnson's No. 48 Chevy) and what he's done over the last 25 (years), to look at all of that, and to have done something that's never been done in the sport before is so, so

amazing and something I am so proud of.

"At the same time, I've worked my entire life to be in this position. So has Chad (Knaus, his crew chief), and so has Rick (Hendrick). It's not that we backed into any of this. It's not that it just happened. We've gone out and worked really, really hard and have dedicated our lives to it, and it's paid off. It's extremely rewarding to have that payoff, and we're really going to enjoy this."

Johnson won four of the 10 Chase for the Sprint Cup races for the third time in his career. Overall, he's won 18 of the 60 races since the format was implemented in 2004. With championships in 2006, '07 and '08, Johnson is one of only three drivers to win championships under NASCAR's present title format. The others were Kurt Busch in 2004 and Tony Stewart in 2005.

Biffle kept Jimmie Johnson at bay ... back in 2004

MONTE DUTTON
NASCAR This Week

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — Though it didn't result in a championship for him, Greg Biffle once deprived Jimmie Johnson of the Sprint (then Nextel) Cup championship at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

Biffle won the race in 2004 — the first of three straight victories at the 1.5-mile oval — and Johnson finished second. As a result, Johnson also finished second, to Kurt Busch, in the final points standings. Busch, at the time, was a teammate of Biffle.

"I drove my (butt) off to keep the '48' (Johnson) behind me," said Biffle. "I did everything I could. I was driving over my head. I did all I could do to keep the '48' behind me and not let him lead a lap."

Biffle also played a small role in Busch's survival. When the right-front tire flew off the No. 97 Ford, Busch was able to limp

down pit road, and with the tire rolling around the track, NASCAR officials threw a caution flag.

"I knew the caution was out, I knew Kurt was on pit road and had a tire get away, and then I slowed down to keep him on the lead lap, coming back around to the start-finish line," said Biffle. "At that particular point, you have a little bit of that luxury because the pace car is not out yet. You can't come to a complete stop; you can certainly slow down. So, I slowed down to save his lap, keep him on the lead lap, and I drove my heart out to try to keep the '48' behind me."

FIRST SIGN

It was at Darlington Raceway, fittingly, where Jeff Gordon first realized that his future teammate, Johnson, was something special.

Gordon went to the legendary

track with the late Ricky Hendrick, who was testing a (now) Nationwide Series car. Johnson was then competing in that series, where he only won once.

"I was kind of standing on top of the truck, just watching," recalled Gordon, "and I saw a car out there that was, you know, running the right line, quick, you know, looked good, but I didn't recognize anything, just the red and white '92' car."

"I went over to Ricky and I was talking to him about the line, saying, 'Hey, if you get a chance to watch that guy, he's running pretty quick, and he's running the line you want to run.' I said, 'Who is in that car?' He said, 'That's Jimmie Johnson.' I thought, wow."

That also marked the first time Gordon met Johnson.

"I saw Jimmie that day and asked him, 'How many times you been here?' 'No, no, it's the

first time.' I mean, right there, that's pretty impressive, a guy who has never been there before who picked it up that quick," said Gordon.

VOICE OF EXPERIENCE

Mark Martin noted that no system can guarantee a close finish to the season.

"Well, it doesn't matter what you do," he said. "Over the course of time, there are going to be runaways and there are going to be thrillers, whether it's points or just a race track."

"You know, one race will be a runaway, and then you'll have a bunch that are OK. ... Then every once in a while you'll have a thriller. That's just how it works. Doesn't matter what the track shape is or what the system is. It's going to happen."

NAILED DOWN

Hendrick Motorsports, being notably adept at tying loose

FEUD OF THE WEEK



Montoya Stewart

Juan Pablo Montoya vs. Tony Stewart

Montoya "went off" after tangling with Stewart during the Ford 400, suggesting that Stewart should be suspended and using several colorful nouns in relation to the two-time champion. Later, after Montoya had his Chevy repaired, he returned the favor, spinning Stewart's car into the inside barrier of the Homestead-Miami Speedway front straight.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take: "Ah, it's the curse of the highly talented to forever be in each other's way."

YOUR TURN

Now hear this, NASCAR

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NASCAR This Week, The Gaston Gazette, P.O. Box 1538, Gastonia, N.C. 28053 or send e-mails to mdutton@gastongazette.com.

Dear NASCAR This Week,
I would like to make several suggestions to make NASCAR racing more exciting and eliminate follow-the-leader-type racing. Require the cars to have a minimum ground clearance of three or possibly four inches. This would allow air to get under the cars and reduce the effect that cars around them have on them. Require a harder tire (durometer reading). This would slow the cars down some. Eliminate restrictor plates, but have a maximum CFM carburetor allowed. These three things would make for safer racing, better racing, would slow the fields down some, and would somewhat eliminate the follow-the-leader racing that we have now. Of course, I also feel that if an aggressive driver causes an accident, the aggressor should be sent to the back of the field and not benefit from it.

Ralph Jacobsen
Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

Thanks for putting some thought into the issues you noted.



AARON FAVILA/AP

Army troopers man a checkpoint near the hillside grave in Ampatuan, Maguindanao province, southern Philippines, today.

Probe focuses on Arroyo ally

AARON FAVILA
The Associated Press
AMPATUAN, Philippines — Philippine authorities, under intense public pressure to make arrests in the country's worst election massacre, said today they are investigating a member of a powerful clan allied with the government along with four police commanders.

Officials recovered 11 more bodies today — six in a large pit buried alongside three vehicles and five in a mass grave — bringing the death toll in Monday's attack on an election caravan to 57, including 18 journalists.

The military also announced it will disarm two government-armed civilian militia compa-



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nies, or about 200 men, in southern Maguindanao province, which is ruled by the pow-

erful Ampatuan clan. The militia are meant to act as an auxiliary force to the military and police in fighting rebels and criminals but often serve as a private security force of local warlords.

All the firearms, ammunition, equipment and uniforms of the militiamen are to be turned over to the army's 6th Infantry Division, armed forces spokesman Lt. Col. Romeo Brawner said. He said the military also has revoked all its permits to carry firearms in Maguindanao and Sultan Kudarat, the two provinces now under a state of emergency.

No suspects have been formally named in the killings,

which provoked outrage beyond the Philippines, with U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and media and human rights watchdogs calling on President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo to swiftly punish the attackers.

In a statement, the U.S. Embassy in Manila condemned the killings.

"Such barbaric acts violate the most fundamental principles of human rights and democracy," Ambassador Kristie Kenney said. "We strongly believe that a thorough, rapid, and transparent investigation must be conducted, and those responsible must be brought to swift justice."

Iranian leader makes inroads in Latin America

IAN JAMES
The Associated Press
CARACAS, Venezuela — Iranian leader Mahmoud Ahmadinejad won support for his country's nuclear ambitions and expanded his reach in Latin America in a three-country goodwill tour that took him to close ally Venezuela for his final stop.

Venezuela's main opposition political parties condemned the Iranian president's visit before he arrived late Tuesday, saying in a statement that President Hugo Chavez is developing a "dangerous alliance" with Tehran.

Chavez's enthusiastic embrace of Iran, which shares his hostility toward the U.S. and Israel, has made Venezuela a gateway for the Iranian government to make diplomatic inroads in Latin America.

In Bolivia on Tuesday, Ahmadinejad signed an agreement with leftist President Evo Morales committing Iran to help his country do research on exploiting lithium, the lightweight metal used in electric cars and other batteries. Bolivia possesses half the world's

known lithium reserves.

In Venezuela, Iran has already helped set up factories that assemble cars, tractors and bicycles, and Iranian businesses have sent crews to build public housing under contracts with Chavez's government.

Both Chavez and Morales offer support for Iran's nuclear program, saying it is peaceful and not aimed at developing nuclear weapons as the U.S. and European nations fear.

Venezuela's leading opposition parties warned that Chavez is courting danger by growing close to Ahmadinejad, citing concerns about Tehran's nuclear program and the Iranian president's record on women's rights, repression of opponents and his status as a Holocaust denier.

"The current government has been building a supposed 'strategic alliance' that provokes well-founded suspicions and fears," the opposition coalition said in a statement. "We reject the presence of someone who would carry out a program of enriching uranium without being subject to international

St. Vincent contemplates cutting ties with queen

The Associated Press
KINGSTOWN, St. Vincent

— Voters in the Caribbean nation of St. Vincent and the Grenadines decide today whether to break their ties with Britain's monarchy, even as Queen Elizabeth II is making a rare visit to the region.

A two-thirds majority in the referendum is needed to adopt a proposed constitution that would replace the charter in place since independence from Britain in 1979.

If the charter is approved, St. Vincent and the Grenadines would join other Caribbean nations that have enacted new constitutions in recent months, including the Dominican Republic and the Cayman Islands.

The proposed constitution would remove the British monarch as the head of state and create a president nominated by the two political parties. Among other changes, it would establish a new court of appeals to replace Britain's Privy Council.



SEBASTIAN SCHEINER/AP

In this Feb. 26 file photo, Israeli soldiers wear gas masks as they take part in a home front command army drill simulating a chemical missile attack at an army base near Tel Aviv.

Israel readying new arms to meet Iran challenge

JOSEF FEDERMAN AND STEVEN GUTKIN
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — With cutting-edge anti-missile systems and two new submarines that can carry nuclear weapons, Israel is readying a new generation of armaments designed to defend itself against distant Iran as well as Tehran's proxy armies on its borders.

Having failed to crush Hamas' firepower in its Gaza offensive last winter, or Hezbollah's in its 2006 war in Lebanon, Israel is turning to an increasingly sophisticated mix of defensive technology.

A system that can unleash a metallic cloud to shoot down incoming rockets in the skies over Gaza or Lebanon has already been successfully tested, according to its maker, and is expected to be deployed next year. The army is developing a new generation of its Arrow defense system designed to shoot down Iran's long-range Shihab missiles outside the Earth's atmosphere.

It has three German-made

Dolphin submarines and is buying two more. They can be equipped with nuclear-tipped missiles which analysts say could be stationed off the coast of Iran. Israel says Iran, despite its denials, is trying to acquire atomic weapons. It has never confirmed its Dolphin fleet has nuclear capabilities, but senior officials acknowledge that commanders are fast at work devising a strike plan in case diplomacy fails.

The missile projects have their critics in Israel, who question their effectiveness and say they are too costly. And many Israelis would probably agree with U.S. former President Bill Clinton's recent warning to an Israeli audience that the country could achieve true security only by making peace with its enemies, who he said would always be able to improve their ability to attack.

"The trajectory of technology is not your friend," he said. "You need to get this done."

Under their overarching fear of nuclear annihilation by Iran,

whose regime has repeatedly called for Israel's extinction, the more immediate threat is seen as coming from Iranian-backed Hezbollah and Hamas.

Israel's military believes Hezbollah has tripled its prewar arsenal to more than 40,000 rockets, some of which can strike virtually anywhere in Israel — a dramatic improvement over the short-range missiles fired in 2006.

Hamas has also increased its rocket arsenal since last winter's fighting, said a senior military official who spoke on condition of anonymity in accordance with army regulations. Hamas recently test-fired a rocket that can travel up to 40 miles, putting the Tel Aviv area within range for the first time, according to Maj. Gen. Amos Yadlin, Israel's military intelligence chief.

Israel's defense industry says it is close to deploying Iron Dome, a system that will use cameras and radar to track incoming rockets and shoot them down within seconds of their launch.

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38 Motorcycles & ATVs

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53 Health Care

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89 Lawn & Garden

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Hi-Line Motors, Kenesaw 402-752-3498
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94 Miscellaneous

REDUCED PRICE: Slate top 8' Brunswick pool table. 402-469-3253.

96 Want To Buy

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WANT TO BUY: Junk cars and iron. 402-756-3356 or 402-984-9762.

100 Unfurnished Apartments

2-3-BEDROOM: With appliances, partial utilities, parking. \$475-\$775. Call 463-4032.

2-BEDROOM: 206 East-side Blvd. Appliances, small garage. Utilities paid except electric. No pets/smoking. References. \$410. 984-0881

AVAILABLE NOW: 2-bedroom, split-level 4-plex. Nice west side location. All appliances furnished. 1 1/2-bath, washer, dryer hookups, off-street parking. \$500/\$500. To apply, call 463-5953.

60 General

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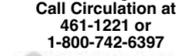
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61 Part Time

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102 Duplexes For Rent

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104 Houses For Rent

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105 Mobile Homes For Rent

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Legals

Notice of Meeting PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That a Regular Board of Trustees meeting of the Village of Kenesaw will be held at 7:30 p.m. on December 1, 2009, in the Village Office (Adams County Bank Community Room), which meeting will be open to the public. An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the Office of the Village Clerk.
Kelli Knott
Village Clerk
November 25, 2009

Notice Public Meeting
The Midland Area Agency on Aging, an eight (8) county senior citizens community services agency, serving: Adams, Clay, Hall, Hamilton, Howard, Merrick, Nuckolls and Webster counties, will be holding its monthly Governing Board meeting at the U.S. Bank Building, 305 North Hastings Avenue, Hastings, Nebraska, on Wednesday, December 2, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. For more information call (402) 463-4565. Agenda available at MAAA's main office. November 25, 2009

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Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before January 12, 2010, or be forever barred.
Tom Hawes
Clerk of the County Court
Adams County
Courthouse
P.O. Box 95
Hastings, Nebraska 68902

Michael E. Sullivan #14103
Sullivan, Shoemaker, Witt & Burns, PC
Burlington Center Suite 305
747 North Burlington Avenue
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November 18, 25, December 2, 2009

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116 Houses For Sale

1806 W 4TH: 2-bedroom. Joyce Schlachter, Broker, 462-5794.

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Legals

Notice of Meeting
TAKE NOTICE: The Adams County Planning and Zoning Commission will be meeting in regular session Monday, December 7, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. Said meeting will be held in the Hastings City Council Chambers, 220 North Hastings Avenue, Hastings, Nebraska. An agenda is available at the Adams County Zoning office, 415 North Adams Central Avenue, Juniata, Nebraska.
Dawn R. Miller
Zoning Director
November 25, 2009

Notice of Town Hall Meeting
The Board of Education of the Hastings Public Schools, School District No. 18, Adams County, Nebraska will hold a Town Hall meeting on Monday, November 30, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lincoln Elementary School, 720 South Franklin Avenue, Hastings, Nebraska. An Agenda for the said Town Hall meeting, which shall be kept continuously current, will be available prior to the meeting for public inspection at the Superintendent's Office located in the Administration Offices, 1924 West A Street, Hastings, Nebraska, during regular business hours. November 25, 2009

Notice
In the County Court of Adams County, Nebraska Estate of MARILYN K. BUTTELL, Deceased. No. PR09-142
Notice is hereby given that on November 12, 2009, in the County Court of Adams County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written Statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent, and that Gerald E. Buttell, Jr., whose address is 3111 West 7th, Hastings, Nebraska 68901, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate. Creditors of this estate, must file their claims with this Court on or before January 19, 2010, or be forever barred.
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Hastings, Nebraska 68902

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Legals

Notice to Contractors
Call Order 450
Federal Project No. BRO-7001 (14)
Location: On a County Road, Southwest of Juniata
Counties: Adams
The Nebraska Department of Roads will receive sealed bids for ADAMS COUNTY in Room 104 of the Central Office Building at 1500 Highway 2 at Lincoln, until 1:30 p.m. on December 17, 2009. At that time the bids will be opened and read for GRAD, BR, GDRL.
Bidding proposal forms will be issued and a contract awarded to a contractor who is qualified for: BRIDGES
Start Date: August 2, 2010
Working Days: 65
Price Range: \$0 to \$500,000
Plans and specifications may be seen beginning November 24, 2009, at the Lincoln Central Office and November 30, 2009, at the District Engineer's Office at Grand Island.
Additional letting information may be found at the Nebraska Department of Roads web site at http://www.dor.state.ne.us/letting/.

This project is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, all appropriate Federal requirements will apply.
November 25, December 2, 9, 2009

Notice
County Court of Adams County, Nebraska Estate of LEONA C. SCHREINER, Deceased. No. PR09-139
Notice is hereby given that on November 5, 2009, in the Adams County Court, the Registrar issued a written Statement of Informal Probate of Will of said Deceased and that Bruce E. Schreiner whose address is 2535 North Carleton, Suite B, Grand Island, Nebraska 68803, has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before January 12, 2010, or be forever barred.
Tom Hawes
Clerk Magistrate
Shamberg, Wolf, McDermott & Dupue
P.O. Box 460
Grand Island, Nebraska 68802
(308) 384-1635
Attorneys for Applicant
November 11, 18, 25, 2009

Notice
In the County Court of Adams County, Nebraska Estate of WAYNE E. RUPPRECHT, Deceased. Estate No. PR09-137
Notice is hereby given that on November 5, 2009, in the County Court of Adams County, Nebraska, Kathleen K. King, whose address is 121 South Brown Avenue, Minden, Nebraska 68959, was informally appointed by the Registrar as Personal Representative of the Estate.
Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before January 12, 2010, or be forever barred.
Tom Hawes
Clerk of the County Court
Adams County
Courthouse
Hastings, Nebraska 68901
Gary L. Martin #12616
MARTIN, STIRTZ & MARTIN
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P.O. Box 309
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Sudoku

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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118 Mobile Homes For Sale

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119 Residential Lots

FOR SALE: 28 lots. \$8,500 and up. Financing available. 402-751-2241.

Legals

Notice to Contractors
Call Order 465
Federal Project No. URB-5527 (1)
Location: Showboat Boulevard, 7th - 12th, Hastings Counties: Adams
The Nebraska Department of Roads will receive sealed bids for the CITY OF HASTINGS in Room 104 of the Central Office Building at 1500 Highway 2 at Lincoln, until 1:30 p.m. on December 17, 2009. At that time the bids will be opened and read for BITUMINOUS.
Bidding proposal forms will be issued and a contract awarded to a contractor who is qualified for: BITUMINOUS.
Start Date: October 12, 2010
Working Days: 10
Price Range: \$0 to \$500,000
This project contains a DBE goal of 4.0%.
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119 Residential Lots

LOTS, MODEL Homes: 4 Subdivisions. Agent/owner, 402-461-1785.

121 Business Property

MOTEL IN great traffic location! 41 units, outdoor pool and spa. Call Gateway Realty - 463-4561.

Legals

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TAKE NOTICE: The Adams County Planning and Zoning Commission will hold Public Hearings starting at 6:15 p.m., Monday, December 7, 2009. Said Public Hearings are to hear:
1) Rezone request for rezone of lots 41-45, Village of Juniata from R-2 (Residential) District to C-1 (Highway Commercial) District.
2) Conditional Use Application request for lots 41-45, Village of Juniata requesting an I-1 (Light Industrial) District use in a C-1 (Highway Commercial) District.
All interested citizens may attend and be heard. The hearing will be held in the Hastings City Council Chambers, 220 North Hastings Avenue, Hastings, Nebraska. Further information and the Commission's agenda are available at the Adams County Zoning office, 415 North Adams Central Avenue, Hastings, Nebraska.
Dawn R. Miller
Zoning Director
November 25, 2009

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the following-described property will be sold by Denise D. Myers, Attorney at Law, Successor Trustee, at public auction to the highest bidder at the lower lobby of the Adams County Courthouse, 500 West 4th Street in the City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska, on January 6, 2010, at 10:00 o'clock a.m.:
The West Eighty feet (W80') of Lot Twenty (20), Block Two (2), Buswell Addition to the City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska.
The highest bidder will deposit with the Trustee, at the time of the sale, a cashier's check in the amount of \$10,000.00, with the remainder of the purchase price to be received by the Trustee by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the sale, except this requirement is waived when the highest bidder is the beneficiary. The purchaser shall be responsible for all applicable fees or taxes, including any past due real estate taxes or special assessments and the documentary stamp tax. This sale is made without any warranties as to title or condition of the property and is subject to any unpaid real estate taxes, assessments and any lien or interest superior in right which may affect the subject property.
DATED this 23rd day of November, 2009.
Denise D. Myers, Successor Trustee
By: Denise D. Myers, #20500
MYERS & DAUGHTERY, P.C.
Attorneys for Pathway Bank
611 North Diers Avenue, Suite 1
Grand Island, Nebraska 68803
(308) 384-4404
November 25, December 2, 9, 16, 23, 2009

Village Proceedings

REGULAR MEETING
November 12, 2009
A regular meeting of the Juniata Village Board of Trustees was convened in open and public session in the Village Hall. Board members present: Clements, Renschler, Gibson, Scott and Hilgendorf. Notice of this meeting was given in advance according to law. Motions were made, seconded and carried for the following items of business:
1)a-b Approval of Consent Agenda.
3)a Approval of a list of places the village will continue to mow in town.
3)c Approval for annual employee raises.
5)a Approval to have the village attorney file court cases against code violators.
5)g Approval to drop the Casey Clark nuisance case.
6) Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.
Big G Stores-32.97; Business World Products-33.74; Charter Business-170.70; Cheryl Sandoe-80.00; Cooperative Producers, Inc.-555.37; Credit Bureau of Hastings, Inc.-14.00; EMC Insurance Companies-37.00; Fairbanks Grand Island-121.97; Hastings Tribune-19.63; Hastings Utilities-2,365.12; Hatten Electric Service-11.10; Kully Pipe & Steel Supply-99.83; LCL Truck Equipment, Inc.-50.64; Menards-13.94; Municipal Supply Inc.-244.81; NAPA Auto Parts-253.25; Nebraska Department of Revenue-31.85; Nebraska Municipal Clerks Association-15.00; Nebraska Public Health Environmental Laboratories-58.00; Petty Cash-128.57; Crystal Petzoldt-400.00; Postmaster-132.00; Register of Deeds Adams County-21.50; Servi-Tech Inc.-83.40; Shoemaker & Witt-725.00; SourceGas-243.25; South Central Nebraska-40.00; Southern Power District-99.28; Stamp Fulfillment Services-506.60; Stan's Radiator Service-664.38; USA Blue Book-91.60; Verizon Wireless-49.90; Charles Wagner-380.20; Walmart Store #4160-36.87; Witt Plumbing-515.00; Woodward's Disposal-52.50; Employee Payroll-5,872.48; Total-14,251.45
November 25, 2009

Harvard Rest Haven

We are currently accepting applications for Full-time & Part-time LPN/RN Charge Nurse position. CNA openings also available. If you are interested in joining our resident-centered care team in a small town environment, please call Brenda or Tina at Harvard Rest Haven, 402-772-7591
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130 Auction Sales

PARR AUCTION
Dave Parr, associate, Gateway Realty. 756-6135
RANDY RUHTER, Auctioneer and Broker, 2837 W. Hwy. 6, Hastings, NE, 402-463-8565.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder in the Lobby of the Adams County Courthouse, 500 West 4th Street, Hastings, Nebraska on the 16th day of December, 2009, at 10:00 o'clock a.m.:
The North Half of the East Half of Lot Eighteen (18), except the South Three (3) feet thereof, in Block One (1), Buswell's Addition to the City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska, according to the recorded plat thereof, more commonly known as 831 North Minnesota, Hastings, Nebraska 68901
The property is being sold "as is" and subject to any unpaid real estate taxes, assessments and any lien or interest superior in right which may affect the subject property. The highest bidder will deposit \$500.00 in cash or certified funds with the Trustee at the time of the sale, which shall be non-refundable, and the remaining amount due must be paid in cash or certified funds to the Trustee by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the sale; except this requirement is waived when the highest bidder is the current Beneficiary. The successful bidder shall be responsible for applicable transfer fees or taxes including the documentary stamp tax.
DATED 4th day of November, 2009.
STEFFI A. SWANSON,
Substitute Trustee (10334)
Law Offices of Steffi A. Swanson, P.C., L.L.O.
1902 Harlan Drive, Suite A
Bellevue, Nebraska 68005
(402) 292-7700
November 4, 11, 18, 25, December 2, 2009

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION

Notice is hereby given of the organization of a limited liability company which will bear the name Oh Boy!, LLC, with its registered office at 201 East 5th Street, Hastings, Nebraska 68901. The general nature of the business is to engage in any and all lawful business for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The business of the company commenced upon filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State on November 2, 2009, and its duration is perpetual. The management of the limited liability company shall be vested in the members.
Tami L. Lounsbury, Registered Agent
Adam D. Pavelka #23227
Sullivan, Shoemaker, Witt & Burns, P.C., L.L.O.
Burlington Center, Suite 305
747 North Burlington Avenue
Hastings, Nebraska 68901
(402) 462-0300
November 25, December 2, 9, 2009

MIDLAND AREA AGENCY ON AGING Corrected Meeting Minutes Governing Board Meeting September 3, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Midland Area Agency on Aging Governing Board was called to order at 9:33 a.m. Members present were: Roger Larson, Ron York, Mary Delka, Charles Neumann, Dan Schneiderheinz, Dan Corman, Mike Anderson, Robert Rye, Wally Driewer, Gary Quandt and Pam Lancaster. No public participation. Quandt moved to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2009 meeting, seconded by Delka. August financial reports were approved on a motion by Quandt, seconded by Neumann. Program reports were approved on a motion by Delka, seconded by Larson. A motion to approve Policy 39, 47, and 52 changes by Neumann, seconded by Quandt. A resolution for approval of bank signatures was approved on a motion by Quandt, seconded by Delka. New contract approval was motioned to approve by Neumann, seconded by Larson. Motion carried. A motion to approve allocation/carryover table made by Quandt, seconded by Driewer. A motion to enter a closed session was made by Quandt, seconded by Neumann, motion carried. Closed session motion to approve by Delka, seconded by Larson. Motion approved. Motion to approve salary increase for Executive Director by Charles Neumann, seconded by Mike Anderson. Roll call vote to approve: Roger Larson, yes, Dan Corman, yes, Wally Driewer, yes, Gary Quandt, no, Mary Delka, no, Charles Neumann, yes, Mike Anderson, yes and Pam Lancaster, yes. Meeting adjourned by common consent at 11:10 a.m.
November 25, 2009

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MIDLAND AREA AGENCY ON AGING
Governing Board Meeting
October 1, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of Midland Area Agency on Aging Governing Board was called to order at 9:34 a.m. Members present were: Roger Larson, Jerome Konen, Gary Quandt, Richard Schwieger, Charles Neumann, Mary Delka, Dan Schneiderheinz and Wally Driewer. No public participation. Larson motioned to approve minutes of the October meeting, seconded by Gary Quandt. Motion carried. September financial reports were approved by Gary Quandt, seconded by Jerome Konen. A motion to approve Policy 16, 16A, 18, 23, 29 and Internal Policy 7 was made by Richard Schwieger, seconded by Larson. Motion approved. A motion to solicit bids for a new vehicle and advertise made by Jerome Konen, seconded by Richard Schwieger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned by common consent at 11:20 a.m.
November 25, 2009

MATERIAL BIDS REQUESTED

Central Nebraska Community Services, Inc., is soliciting bids for CELLULOSE INSULATION for use in the Weatherization Assistance Program.

The bid will be awarded the month of January 2010 and will be in effect through December 2010. In addition to supplying the insulation, CNCSS requires a once a month delivery to each of the following warehouse sites: O'Neill, Aurora and Loup City, Nebraska.

THERE WILL BE NO PRE-BID CONFERENCE. If you are interested in bidding, a bid package will be sent to you. Bid packages will be available until December 10, 2009. Please contact:

Sharon Jonak, Weatherization Specialist
Phone: 1-308-745-0780, Extension 111

or write to:
Attn: Sharon
Central Nebraska Community Services
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November 25, 2009

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Lots 197 and 198, in the Village of Juniata, Adams County, Nebraska more commonly known as 1141 North Juniata Avenue, Juniata, Nebraska 68955

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LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Condensed Minutes
November 10, 2009

OPENING OF MEETING - RICHARD KAHMAN: The Directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. Chairman Kahman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Kahman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was held. Board members present: Michael Allen, Warren Brakhahn, James Cunningham, Ross Fisher, Edward Fleharty, Jeremy Groves, Lyle Heinrichs, Joe Hergott, Sacha Lemke, Tim Pohlmann, Charles Rainforth, John Rieckman, Gene Thomas, and Richard Kahman. Directors Absent: Steve Shaw, Jerrad Stroh and Wryan Wright.

The Director's approved the following:
-November 10, 2009 Agenda
-Minutes of October 13, 2009
-Little Blue NRD Treasurer's Report
-Little Blue Public Water Project Treasurer's Report
-Little Blue Public Water Project South Treasurer's Report

MOTION #6: Heinrichs moved, seconded by Fleharty to recommend the Water Resources Committee discuss the various options and make recommendation to the Board. Carried by roll call vote - 14 yes votes.

MOTION #7: Heinrichs moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve the out of state travel expense for Daryl Andersen to attend the National Groundwater Management Districts Association Conference in January in South Carolina and authorize a check for the registration cost. Carried by roll call vote - 14 yes votes.

ADJOURNMENT: Kahman adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

LITTLE BLUE NRD EXPENDITURES
November, 2009

WAGES: Daryl Andersen-2,439.87, Marlene Faimon-2,925.35, Marie Herbek-2,008.86, Ruth Oellerich-1,381.69, Kevin Orvis-3,022.92, Michael Onnen-4,159.94, Paula Schultz-1,280.11, Kent Thompson-1,971.78, Jed Bergen-1,832.78, Christine Zabokrtsky-1,387.35, Carolyn Janda-1,571.26, Donelle Williamson-948.61, Melanie McPherson-1,333.66, Rachelle Tompkin-1,066.89, Zola Johnson-83.99; STAFF/DIRECTOR EXPENSE: Wells Fargo Business Card-41.83, Wells Fargo Business Card-144.72, Marlene Faimon-122.10; TAXES: Frontier Bank-8,350.74, Nebraska Department of Revenue-1,140.97, Nebraska Department of Revenue-7.62; EMPLOYEE BENEFITS: AFLAC-337.04, Little Blue NRD-41.80; Mid-American Benefits-385.00, NARD Risk Pool Association-10,237.20, Nationwide Insurance-4,530.74; UTILITIES: Galaxy Cablevision-49.95, The Garbage Company South-28.00, SourceGas-35.37, Village of Davenport-192.34; PHONE: MCI-84.46, Verizon Wireless-90.09, Verizon Wireless-94.85, Windstream-198.06, Wells Fargo Business Card-154.16, Wells Fargo Business Card-137.66, CJ Tire-173.80, Superior Dresher-774.75; MISCELLANEOUS OFFICE EXPENSE: Frontier Bank-15.00, Business World-428.80, Eakes-790.37, Fairbury Journal News-406.74, Glenwood Telephone-393.85, Hastings Tribune-678.08, Hometown Leasing-399.76, LBNRD Adams County-19.24, LBNRD Thayer County-17.60, NARD-60.00, Nelson Gazette-38.00, Pitney Bowes Financial Corporation-269.00; OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE: Southern Power District-15.00, Wells Fargo Business Card-56.87, Braun Pest Control-45.00, Davenport Building Supplies-22.95, Fairbury Light & Water-27.18, The Garbage Company-56.94, Little Blue PWP-18.15, Perennial Public Power District-560.29, Petro-Plus, 240.09, Pheasants Forever-979.12, Thayer County Weed Control-75.00; INFORMATION & EDUCATION: Wells Fargo Business Card-199.46, Blue Hill Leader-150.00, Clay County News-200.00, Cornhusker Press-2,568.44, Dresher Rustler-90.00, Hebron Journal Register-195.00, Lawrence Locomotive-38.00, Specialty Advertising-394.75, UNL Extension-187.58; WATER QUALITY EXPENSE/COST SHARE: Cooperative Producers Inc.-300.00, Douglas Fintel-225.40, J.R. Ground-375.00, Kroger Farms Inc.-375.00, Ryan Schardt-297.61; CREP PAYMENTS: James Englemann-197.40, Richard Kujath-86.90, McReynolds Farms Inc.-79.38, Richard Walsh-72.56; BUFFER STRIP PAYMENTS: Cheryl Bredensteiner-827.90, Donaghadee Farms-220.20, L&L Acres Ltd.-364.43, Maschmann Dairy Inc.-870.00; WELL DECOMMISSIONING COST SHARE: Mary Smith-860.09, John Taylor-139.68; LAND TREATMENT COST SHARE: Joseph Hergott Jr.-2,456.00, Clarence Smith-5,936.70; DAM PROGRAM COST SHARE: David Mussmann-7,263.75; PROFESSIONAL EXPENSE: Olsson Associates-4,507.86, Village of Kenesaw-5,000.00; INVESTMENTS: Frontier Bank-50,000.00. TOTAL: 144,860.43.
November 25, 2009

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School Board Proceedings

Adams Central Board of Education met in regular session Monday, November 9, 2009, at Adams Central School. Items on the agenda were 2008-09 audit report. Close up donation, state of schools report, multi cultural report and administrative reports. Invoices approved for payment were:

ACEA	\$ 3,355.94
ACT	554.80
Adams Central General Fund	708.63
Adams Central Imprest Account	4,933.24
Adams County Bank	3,582.49
AFLAC	1,987.23
Alltel	2.53
Apple Computer, Inc.	1,898.85
AS Central Services OCIO	226.95
Auto Glass Pros	199.00
Big G	349.05
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	89,231.84
Bouwens Buggies, Inc.	550.00
Cara Kimberly	26.40
Carolina Biological Supply	167.23
Carroll Schriener	335.78
Cash-Wa Distributing	413.30
Central Nebraska Bobcat	172.59
Charter Communications	34.10
Cheryl Hadley	288.00
Chris's Car Wash	158.79
Computer Hardware	464.00
Cooperative Producers	4,763.13
Cornhusker Press	503.58
CSI	236.25
Design Flite, Inc.	139.00
Dietze	23.04
Eagles Talent Connection, Inc.	1,750.00
Eakes	260.42
Engineered Controls, Inc.	530.25
Educational Service Unit No. 9	120,661.22
Educational Service Unit No. 10	70.00
Executive Copier	606.61
Fastenal	98.29
Fleetpride	25.18
Gene Krabel	10.46
Grand Island Physical Therapy	7,259.65
Great America Leasing Corporation	1,467.83
Great Plains Chrysler Dodge	187.16
Guardian	658.00
Hastings Museum	206.00
Hastings Tribune	88.86
Hastings Utilities	13,356.14
Heinz Well Service II	107.25
Houghton-Mifflin	30.20
Jennifer Pohlson	350.63
John Baylor	467.11
Joseph Cook	3,032.81
Kenesaw Motor Company	35.59
Larry Klein	238.26
Lease Consultants Corporation	1,535.50
Leroy Troutman	39.87
Linweid	575.27
Lonnie Abbott	60.50
Madison National Insurance Company	1,778.04
Margaret Quinn	99.00
McGraw-Hill Company	486.93
Melanie Denney	99.00
Menards	533.01
Michael Johnson	200.00
Modern Methods	1,238.90
NAPA Auto Sales	152.45
NASB	1,308.00
NCA	300.00
NCSA	1,105.00
Nebraska Department of Revenue	14,598.76
Nebraska School Retirement	68,236.08
Nebraska Truck Center	125.60
Nelda Fleharty	50.60
November Payroll	301,984.52
Omaha Truck Center	2,163.92
One Source	262.00
Pam Russell	471.90
Pavelka Truck & Trailer	286.84
Pepper	175.67
Perry, Guthery, Haase & Gessford, PC, LLO	1,454.20
Physical Therapy & Sports Rehab	121.00
Positive Promotions	133.18
Power Systems	250.56
Preferred Mail Service	500.00
Protex	82.17
Rasmussen Mechanical Services, Inc.	523.28
Really Good Stuff	32.93
Rutt's Heating & Air Conditioning	904.85
S&S Septic Pumping, LLC	400.00
S&W Pest Management	163.00
Salary Taxes	99,560.24
Sam Colvin	64.90
Sarah Trausch	1,836.30
Scantron Corporation	321.56
Sharon Shriver	212.03
Shelly Valentin	77.88
Sodexho, Inc. & Affiliates	294.20
SourceGas	3,494.09
Southern Power District	872.30
Stelling Brass	52.50
Stuhr Museum-Education Department	350.00
The Hartford	3,180.00
Tonya Schriener	35.20
Vaughan's Printers	110.83
Verizon Wireless	21.23
Village of Juniata	197.00
Wanda Schepler	3,080.63
William Camby	59.95
Williams Exterminating	45.00
Windstream	1,025.61
Witt Plumbing	65.00
Woodward's	772.50
Xerox Capital Services, LLC	981.41
Young's	220.90
Zeb Noyd	293.70
Zolona Rader	100.00

Meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m.
Kathy Hogan
Assistant Secretary

November 25, 2009

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SECTION 00 2113
INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

INVITATION
1.1 BID SUBMISSION
A. Bids signed and under seal, executed, and dated will be received at the office of Central Community College Administration Office, Board Room, 3134 West Highway 34, Grand Island, Nebraska, before 2:00 p.m. local standard time on December 8, 2009, for the furnishing of all labor, materials, and equipment for the Audio Video Systems for the Central Community College Health Science Building on the Grand Island campus. Prebid Conference will be held in the Administration Building, Room 78 at 10 a.m. on December 1, followed by a walk through of the new Health Science Building.
B. Offers will be opened publicly immediately after the time for receipt of bids. The Owner will consider the bids received for the furnishing of said labor, materials and equipment necessary for the proper construction of the aforesaid project.
C. This contractor will be selected by Central Community College and assigned to the General Contractor (Hausmann Construction: Joey Hausman, (402) 438-3230). The contract documents upon which Hausmann Construction's contract is based have been included with this sub-bid package for reference and are noted as Health Science Education Center Contract documents dated December 19, 2008.
D. Please be advised that Health Science Education Center Owner/Contractor agreement includes rewards for early completion and penalties for failure to complete the project on time.
E. Taxes: The Contractor by virtue of his contract with Central Community College, becomes a purchasing agent for the college on their behalf and under Statute 77-2702 does not pay sales tax.
F. Insurance: As per Subcontract Agreement.
1.2 WORK IDENTIFIED IN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS
A. Work of this proposed Contract comprises Audio Video Systems equipment and installation. All work shall be furnished in strict accordance with the Drawings and Specifications prepared by Wilkins Hinrichs Stober Architects, L.L.C., 2908 West 39th Street, Suite A, Kearney, Nebraska and bids will be received only upon the printed Proposal Forms furnished by the Architect. Liquidated damages pertaining to the Health Science Education General Contractor contract may be assigned.
B. Work can officially start as directed by Hausmann Construction with Substantial Completion scheduled for June 1, 2010 and Final Completion July 1, 2010.
BID DOCUMENTS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS
2.1 AVAILABILITY
Contractors may obtain full sets of Drawings and Project Manual from the following locations:
A&D Technical Supply Company, 4320 South 89th, Omaha, Nebraska 68127 (402) 592-4950 extension 4
Wilkins Hinrichs Stober Architects, L.L.C., 2908 West 39th Street, Suite A, Kearney, NE 68848
Or by the Virtual Plan Room of A&D Technical Supply at www.adtechsupply.com
Drawings available online at the Virtual Plan Room will be:
Instructions to Bidders
Bid Form
Specifications Table of Contents
Section 01100 Summary of Work
Construction Drawing Images
Addendums
A deposit in the amount of \$200.00 (made payable to Wilkins Hinrichs Stober Architects) will be required for each set of bidding documents. If shipping is required there is a non refundable amount determined by A&D Technical and made payable to A&D Technical Supply. The deposit will be returned in full only if a qualified bid is submitted and the Drawings and Specifications are returned within fifteen (15) days of the bid determination, or if the Contractor decides not to submit a Proposal and the Drawings and Specifications are returned with seven (7) days prior to the bid opening.
All Bid Documents shall be returned to Wilkins Hinrichs Stober Architects, L.L.C., 2908 West 39th Street, Suite A, Kearney, Nebraska 68845.
2.2 EXAMINATION
Drawings and Project Manual may be examined at:
Wilkins Hinrichs Stober Architects, L.L.C., 2908 West 39th Street, Suite A, Kearney, Nebraska 68848.
Upon receipt of Bid Documents verify that documents are complete. Notify Wilkins Hinrichs Stober Architects L.L.C. should the documents be incomplete.
Immediately notify Wilkins Hinrichs Stober Architects L.L.C. upon finding discrepancies or omissions in the Bid Documents.
Wilkins Hinrichs Stober Architects L.L.C. will not be responsible for bid documents other than those provided through A&D Technical Supply.
2.3 PRODUCT / ASSEMBLY / SYSTEM SUBSTITUTIONS
No technical questions will be answered by the Architect's / Engineer's office(s) during the twenty-four (24) hours immediately preceding the bid opening time and date.
All products and manufacturers shall be as specified in the project manual. Any requested changes in products or manufacturers shall be submitted to the Architect seven days prior to the bid date. Requested changes that have been approved will be included in an addendum. Any requested changes not included in an addendum are to be considered as not approved. The Owner reserves the right to negotiate any proposed Voluntary Alternates only with the apparent low bidder with selection based on the Base Bid and selected Alternate(s).
The Architect does not intend to issue any addenda to the bidding documents within three (3) working days of the bid opening time and date.
SITE ASSESSMENT
3.1 SITE EXAMINATION
All Bidders are required to make a careful, close examination of the entire building area before submitting a bid. See 01 1000 Summary for the schedule.
OFFER ACCEPTANCE / REJECTION
4.1 ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER
Central Community College reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers and to pass upon the regularity or waive any irregularities of the bidders. The Owner intends to interview the two (2) lowest responsible bidders to determine the selected Contractor. Any award of contract shall be made to the lowest responsible bidder, taking into consideration the best interests of the Owner, the quality performance of the Contractor, and his ability to perform the work.
After acceptance by Central Community College, Wilkins Hinrichs Stober Architects L.L.C. on behalf of Central Community College, will issue to the successful bidder, a written Bid Acceptance.
Alicia Haussler, Purchasing Manager
Central Community College
November 9, 17, 25, 2009

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This photo taken Nov. 4 shows a room decorated by Jan Showers on display at the downtown Neiman Marcus department store in Dallas.

A little glamour goes a long way

DESIGNER SUGGESTS
PLAYING WITH LIGHT,
SPARKLE, COLOR

JAMIE STENGLE
The Associated Press

DALLAS — From colorful glass pieces giving off sparkle to lamps and mirrors that play with the light, adding glamour to a room is easy — and something people are seeking, says interior designer Jan Showers.

"I just think everybody really loves being glamorous," said Showers, whose book "Glamorous Rooms" (Abrams) was released this fall.

It features the Dallas designer's elegant style, from a living room done in yellow-gold with robin's-egg-blue chairs and a large mirror in a gold frame to a dining room done in white with a Murano chandelier reflected in a mirror.

The latest issue of House Beautiful magazine identifies "the glams" as one of today's four big design forces.

"Glamour is all about looking good, feeling good and loving seeing that reflection of yourself," said the magazine's Editor-in-Chief Stephen Drucker.

With the economic downturn, clients want a touch of glamour

"Glamour is all about looking good, feeling good and loving seeing that reflection of yourself."

- Stephen Drucker, editor-in-chief, House Beautiful magazine



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This photo taken Oct. 13 shows interior designer Jan Showers, who has a new book out called "Glamorous Rooms," at her home in Dallas.

more than ever, designers say.

Showers said she sees glamour as a room or person with great style — Audrey Hepburn, for example.

"Glamour always makes people feel good," said Charles Pavarini III, a Manhattan designer.

Sharon McCormick, a designer in Durham, Conn., said more clients are opting to redecorate rather than "move up" to a bigger home. "The recession kind of made people appreciate their homes and being home more," she said.

One of Showers' clients is

Kimberly Schlegel Whitman, an author of books on entertaining who has worked with the designer over the past decade, from her first apartment to the home she now shares in Dallas with her husband and child. She said she appreciates Showers' process of finding inspiration in old movies and giving it a modern look.

"The rooms that she creates, you feel like a Hollywood movie star in them, but they're functional too," said Whitman, whose library is done in a deep navy blue lacquer, while her living room is bathed in yellow, white

and pale gray.

"I think it's really important for your home to be a place where you can relax, but feel your best," she said.

Adding some glamour can be done on any budget, Showers said, and can be as simple as buying new throw pillows, getting beautiful books to display, finding elegant glass pieces to place on tables, and hanging mirrors.

"Create a shimmer and shine in your room. It really does change things up and that's glamorous," said Showers, who composes at least monthly a blog on her Web

site that offers tips on everything from decorating to books to art exhibits to travel.

Making rooms inviting with comfortable furniture is part of creating a glamorous space, she added. She suggests arranging living room furniture so there are two seating areas — even if one is just a corner with a lamp, chair and table. "There's nothing more glamorous than having people in a room. Do things to invite people in," she said.

Lighting can have a big impact on a room and is often overlooked. Good lighting can make you and your guests look good, said Showers, who prefers the more flattering light from lamps to overhead lighting.

Pavarini said putting lamps on dimmers can add sexiness to a room. He also likes displaying candlesticks of different heights and finishes.

"It always looks much more glamorous in a room when your lighting is dimmed and there are different levels," Pavarini said. "It focuses your eye."

McCormick advises throwing an unexpected item into a decorating scheme to tell guests something about you and act as a conversation starter — a favorite book, for instance, or souvenirs from a trip.

If you can't afford an interior designer, Showers said, figure out your own style by getting a stack of decorating magazines and tearing out what you find appealing — then look for the elements that keep reappearing.

She also recommends buying well-made furniture that isn't trendy, and choosing quality over quantity.

"The test is, will I like this piece of furniture 10 years from now?" she said.

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Wife can't tighten husbands loose lips

DEAR ABBY: Our family has had a difficult year. We have gone from one drama or trauma to another, but have always managed. There's one issue, however, that I can't fix. My husband, "Arthur," can't keep our problems private. He seems compelled to tell EVERYONE he meets about what's going on in our family. I have told Arthur repeatedly, "What happens at home should stay at home," and begged him not to take our problems to the neighbors. It's embarrassing when our friends, neighbors and extended family are informed about the dramas going on in our home. But Arthur becomes defensive when I tell him I don't like it and says he won't stop - that I'm being "too sensitive."



Dear Abby

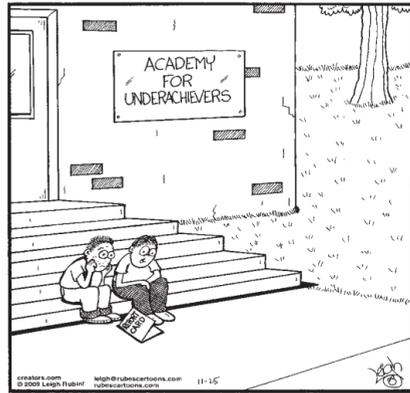
Abby, I feel my husband's blabbing is disloyal. I'm worried that he is ruining our reputation because he can't keep his mouth shut. Please help. - TOWN CRIER'S WIFE
DEAR WIFE: Your husband may be looking for attention or sympathy. He also appears to lack good judgment and impulse control, and does not understand what consequences his "blabbing" might bring. However, I can't muzzle him and neither can you. It may bring small comfort to remember that these days people are so preoccupied with their own problems they are likely to be less judgmental about your drama.

DEAR ABBY: I am a single mother finishing my undergraduate degree. I have a 6-year-old son. His father, "Gil," and I are on great terms. We kept everything out of the courts, and he pays me monthly child support. Gil sees our son whenever he likes, which is often. I have an opportunity to go to law school 200 miles away, and I'm considering leaving my son with his dad to do so. I have no problem taking him with me, but as parents we thought that uprooting our son was not a good idea. I am doing this for my son. I come from a poor family, and I am the first to graduate from college. A liberal arts degree won't afford me much in the future. Gil's income is "fair," but neither of us has any real security. I trust Gil when he gives me his word on an agreement. Many of my friends are supportive, but some of the stay-at-home moms are making me feel like a terrible person and mother. Would I be selfish to do this or should I continue with my plans for a better income and career? - GNAWING UNCERTAINTY IN WASHINGTON STATE
DEAR UNCERTAIN: Stop listening to the criticism and proceed with ensuring a bright future for your boy. As long as you can spend time with your son during school breaks and during the summer months, I see no reason why you should not get your law degree. But there should be a clear written agreement between you and Gil that the arrangement is only temporary, and it's important your son understand that your absence is not because he has done anything to cause it.

And now, Dear Readers, I am pleased to continue the tradition of offering the Thanksgiving Prayer that was penned by my dear mother, Pauline Phillips. No Thanksgiving would be complete for me without it. Oh, Heavenly Father, We thank thee for food and remember the hungry. We thank thee for health and remember the sick. We thank thee for freedom and remember the enslaved. May these remembrances stir us to service, That thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen. Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving, everyone! - Love, ABBY

Pauline Phillips, a.k.a. Abigail Van Buren, and Jeanne Phillips are columnists for Universal Press Syndicate. Write Dear Abby at P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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"Straight A's?! Dude, your dad is, like, going to kill you."

The Family Circus

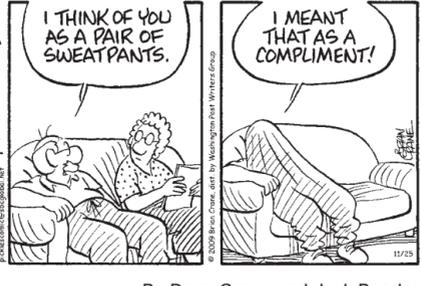
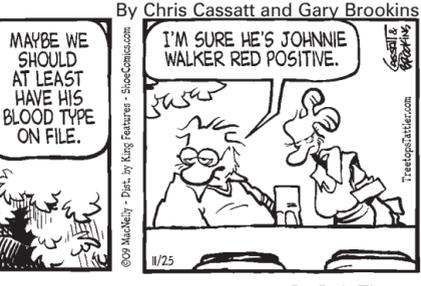
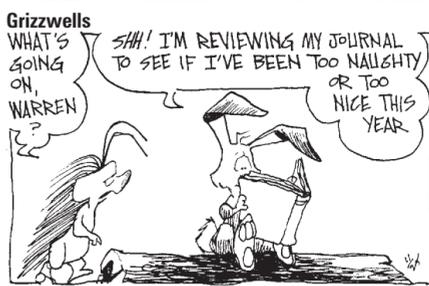


"This is a HARD way to make pumpkin pie, Grandma. Don't you know how to make the frozen kind?"

Baby Blues



Grizzwells



Astrograph

THURSDAY, NOV. 26

The better prepared you are in your chosen field of endeavor, the greater the possibilities for advancement in the year ahead. Strive to make yourself indispensable to those who can elevate you to new heights.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - You could learn a painful lesson from something that takes place, but it'll be worth it. The knowledge you acquire will be extremely valuable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Something you greatly desire could come through an unlikely person. This individual might not even realize the significance to you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Greater benefits and joy are likely to be derived from gatherings rather than individual acts. If your calendar is open, invite people over to your place.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - If you approach your tasks as superb accomplishments rather than mere chores, you'll be far more productive. You could also set an example for those who labor at your side.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - You'll do quite well when challenged, as long as you don't allow emotion to enter the picture. If you do, it will sap your strength and mental capacity to think clearly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - This is an excellent day to entertain at home, allowing you to get as elaborate or simple as you like. Time your work well, because once you tire, you could get a bit edgy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - What a wonderful day to get together with family or friends. You're in a gregarious mood, with the ability to offer much to the conversation, on most any subject.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - It's an excellent time to be bolder and more innovative than usual. This could be the day to advance that notion you've been reluctant to express.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - You might wake up feeling lazy and desirous of taking it easy, but as the festivities of the day warm up, so will you. When called for, your initiative rises quite profoundly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Colleagues are fortunate to have you around because you'll jump in and assist them whenever necessary. More important, you'll do so with little or no fanfare.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Your greatest successes are likely to come from introducing something new that has just captured your fancy during the day's festivities. In your instance, new can mean triumph.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Credit your imagination and resourcefulness in making what could have been a repeat of the same old thing into something different and inviting. It'll serve to uplift everyone's spirits.

FRIDAY, NOV. 27

In the year ahead, there is likely to be a far greater market than usual for your particular talents and knowledge. You'll rise to the occasion and take advantage of any opening the moment you sense its presence.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Because of your cooperative attitude, associates will be extremely supportive of causes or issues you espouse. Once you receive their cooperation, continue to be proactive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Whenever you let your heart rule your head in dealings with friends, everyone benefits. If you want to win over someone in particular, take that road.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Without asking for help, friends will be looking out for your interests. In fact, something quite pleasant is likely to develop for you all because of their caring intervention.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Properly employed, both your charm and wit would prove to be your best assets in helping you outdistance the competition. Continue to be friendly, gracious and thoughtful to everyone.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - If you can, devote some time to intellectual pursuits. You need to exercise your mental capacity in ways that will view the world from a more constructive perspective.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Your friends are appreciative because you never comment about their faults, only their virtues. By doing so, you uplift their spirits in ways that propel them forward.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Developing a productive partnership will help tremendously because doing things in unison with a prolific ally accomplishes goals that you couldn't pursue alone.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Your generous offer to serve someone in need will encourage that person to want to do something nice in return, even though it isn't likely to be the reason that you are being so helpful.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Let your needs be known because a social contact who hears about it might offer to open a door that you have been unable to crack. You have friends everywhere.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Use the soft sell if there is something important that you're hoping to market to another. If he or she responds, be sincere about doing your best to make a good arrangement for everyone's benefit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Owing to the good intentions and integrity of both you and another, any agreement into which you enter at this time has a good chance of working out well for everyone concerned.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Financial trends are developing in your favor at this time, so be alert for opportunities to make or save money. At the very least, you should acquire something you've always wanted.

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From across the Atlantic

The Atlantic Ocean used to be known as the herring pond in some quarters. But since overfish-

ing has so depleted the herring population, just "the pond" is now more appropriate. The monthly Bridge Magazine is published in England and edited by Mark



Phillip Alder

Horton. It contains a good blend of instructive, informative and humorous articles.

This deal is from a prize quiz by Patrick Jourdain. Look at the North and South hands. You are in three no-trump. After West leads the spade seven or the heart seven, how would you plan the play?

Jourdain did not supply an auction. The given one seems normal, South's rebid promising a balanced 18 or 19 points (or a poor 20). Then, though, in real life maybe West would not have led a spade. (If West leads a heart, you must win the first trick in the dummy and play on clubs.)

You start with seven top tricks: two spades, one heart, three diamonds and one club. You must play to establish clubs. The trap is winning the first spade trick in the dummy and taking the club finesse. That is all right if it wins, but if it loses and West shifts to a heart, you will surely go down.

Take the first trick in your hand, cash the club ace, and continue with your low club. If the king appears, you will collect an overtrick. Here, though, you win West's continuation and drive out the club king to establish nine tricks.

Yes, if West had started with five spades and the same club holding, you would have failed, but then nothing would have worked.

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Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

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In this publicity image, two pages from the picture book, "The Official Michael Jackson Opus," are shown.

'Opus' offers rare Jackson images

NEKESA MUMBI MOODY
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Artist Nate Giorgio recalls the last time he saw Michael Jackson, just days before the singer's death.

The pop icon wanted Giorgio to create dazzling murals of his children as well as artwork for his "This Is It" concerts, and Giorgio got out his pen during their talks.

"I was doing little drawings on the spot of him, and he loved it," says Giorgio of his black-and-white sketches. "He was great, he was really excited."

Those never-before seen sketches, as well as other rare artwork and photos of Jackson, are now part of a lavish new leather-bound book, "The Official Michael Jackson OPUS," out Dec. 7.

The book, the only publication officially sanctioned by Jackson's estate, not only contains unseen images of perhaps the world's most famous face, it also has essays about the superstar written by friends and those who worked with Jackson over the years, from Motown founder Berry Gordy and Paula Abdul to John Landis and David Blaine.

While many Jackson books have been printed since

Jackson's June 25 death at age 50, Jeff Wald, president of OPUS Media Group, which published the book, says his stands out.

He and his team decided "this would not be a red carpet sound bite kind of a book," he says. "It wasn't about, 'Yeah, he's a great singer, a great dancer.' It was much more in depth about the human being that he was."

To that end, OPUS executive vice president Jordan Sommers elicited essays that weren't quite tributes, but personal reflections. Some talk about Jackson the joker; others recall his artistic genius; still others reflect on his friendship.

"There's a lot of information from the book that comes directly from sources that will clear up a lot of misconceptions," he says. "There are stories told directly from the likes of Smokey Robinson (and others) that they've never told before."

The photos, some of which were provided by friends like Gordy, range from Jackson's

childhood to his many transformations as an adult.

"Our mandate ... was to have most of the photos either not been seen before or never ever seen in the format in which they had been (shown)," says Wald.

There are also drawings of Jackson done by Giorgio and other artists. Giorgio says Jackson was a voracious art collector and was very specific about the kind of imagery he wanted of himself, jotting down instructions, some of which are included in the book.

While Wald talked about the book (which costs \$249) benefiting the Jackson children and his mother, the Jackson family did not play any role in the creation of the 400-page, 26-pound book.

"We just decided this would be something apart from the family," Wald said. "It was about Michael... We really stayed narrowly to that."

Jackson's continuing appeal is highlighted by the success of

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TV

EMMY AWARDS

LOS ANGELES — NBC has scheduled next year's Emmy Awards for August, instead of September when they're usually aired.

The network says the decision to slot the TV awards show for Sunday, Aug. 29, was made early to get a head start on planning.

The event is typically held in September, right before the start of the fall TV season. NBC airs NFL games on Sunday nights in September, so scheduling the Emmys in August avoids a conflict.

The network said its August 2006 airing of the awards show was the highest-rated Emmy broadcast of the past four years.

Nominations for the 62nd Prime-time Emmy Awards will be announced in July.

The Associated Press

Technology

SONY E-READER

SAN FRANCISCO — Sony Corp. says some customers who pre-order its newest e-reader may not get the gadget in time for the holidays.

The company said Wednesday it's trying to ship the \$399 Reader Daily Edition for the holidays. But because interest has exceeded expectations, the company can't be sure that everyone who buys one will get it by Christmas.

Sony unveiled the Reader Daily Edition in August and planned to release it for the holidays. Like rival Amazon.com Inc.'s Kindle, the Daily Edition will be able to download books wirelessly — a first for a Sony Reader.

Sony began pre-selling the product Nov. 18 through its Sony Style Web site, and the site says that these orders will ship Dec. 18 through Jan. 8, though "actual delivery date cannot be guaranteed."

The Associated Press

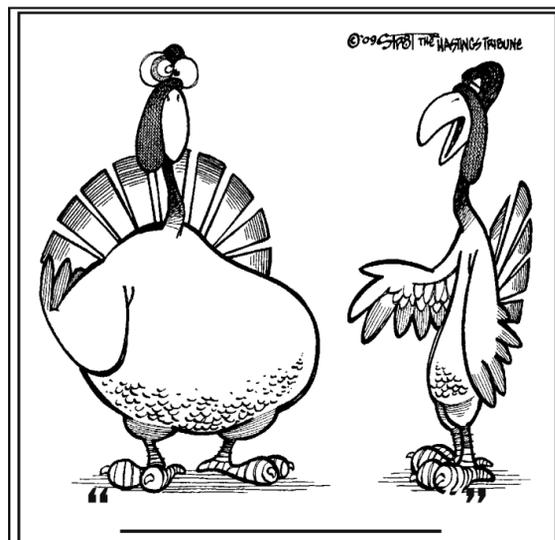
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SCARED TO DEATH

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — A man will spend the rest of his life in prison after he was found guilty in what prosecutors said was a case of scaring a 79-year-old North Carolina grandmother to death.

Multiple media outlets reported a federal jury found 21-year-old Larry Whitfield not guilty of murder Friday in the death of Mary Parnell last year. But they did find him guilty of causing her death by kidnapping her, and that carries an automatic life sentence.

Prosecutors say Whitfield was looking for somewhere to hide after a failed bank robbery attempt in Gastonia in September 2008 when he broke into Parnell's home.

Authorities say Whitfield never touched the grandmother, but she suffered a heart attack when she saw him, and he didn't call for help.

SCHOOL ARRESTS

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Authorities say five male students have been arrested on suspicion of sexual battery after two ninth-grade girls were attacked at a Long Beach high school.

Long Beach Police Lt. Ty Hatfield says one of the victims told Poly High School officials they were groped on their breasts and buttocks during a lunch break Tuesday.

The five freshman boys were arrested separately throughout the week as the investigation into the assault progressed. They have been released to their parents.

Hatfield says investigators are looking for other victims. School district spokesman Chris Eftychiou says three of the boys have been suspended for five days and the other two were sent to alternative schools.

LINCOLN EARRINGS

LEXINGTON, Ky. — The Kentucky Historical Society has been displaying and publicizing a pair of earrings as having belonged to Mary Todd Lincoln, but others aren't as sure about their authenticity.

The pair of apparently gold-mounted black onyx pendant earrings were purchased by the Historical Society in 2008 for more than \$19,000 through Heritage Auction Galleries in Dallas, the Lexington Herald-Leader reported Sunday.

Historical Society Executive Director Kent Whitworth said that, in the society's best professional judgment, the earrings did once belong to Lincoln.

"We are thrilled with the acquisition of those earrings," he said.

The Historical Society has even said on its Web site that "Mary Todd Lincoln prized these 'earbobs.'"

The Associated Press

World

KANGAROO ATTACK

MELBOURNE, Australia — A kangaroo startled by a man walking his dog attacked the pair, pinning the pet underwater and slashing the owner in the abdomen with its hind legs.

The Australian, Chris Rickard, was in stable condition Monday after the attack, which ended when the 49-year-old elbowed the kangaroo in the throat. He said he was walking his blue heeler, Rocky, on Sunday morning when they surprised a sleeping kangaroo in Arthur's Creek northeast of Melbourne. The dog chased the animal into a pond, when the kangaroo turned and pinned the pet underwater.

When Rickard tried to pull his dog free, the kangaroo turned on him, attacking with its hind legs and tearing a deep gash into his abdomen and across his face.

"I thought I might take a hit or two dragging the dog out from under his grip, but I didn't expect him to actually attack me," Rickard, 49, told The Herald Sun newspaper. "It was a shock at the start because it was a kangaroo, about 5 feet high, they don't go around killing people."

The Associated Press



TIM LARSEN/AP

This photo taken Nov. 9 shows Macy's Parade Studio Vice President John Piper talking about the process of designing a Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade Balloon from conception to inflation at the design studio in Hoboken, N.J.

For Macy's parade guru, it's Thanksgiving all year

SAMANTHA CRITCHELL

The Associated Press

HOBOKEN, N.J. — The scene around him in a vast industrial space looks like Santa's Workshop, but John Piper, the man behind Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade, compares organizing the annual extravaganza to planning a huge holiday meal — with a lot of trimmings.

He needs to serve up something for the traditionalists as well as those seeking a little variety; he needs to include old friends and invite new ones to the party. This year Santa Claus gets his first new float in 40 years and the new balloons are Sailor Mickey, the parade's fourth incarnation of Mickey Mouse, Spider-Man, Ronald McDonald and the Pillsbury Doughboy.

It's the second version of Spider-Man that will fly through the streets of New York on Thanksgiving Day and the third Ronald, this one with enormous feet on speed skates that posed Piper with more than a few technical challenges.

Sometimes Piper invites for a return engagement a balloon character or a float theme that had taken a break but might click with a new audience, he explains. Snoopy has been the most popular character over the years, boasting six different versions.

Personally, Piper would like to



TIM LARSEN/AP

Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade balloon models hang all over the Macy's Parade Design Studio in Hoboken, N.J.

bring back Underdog but there hasn't been an occasion for that — at least not yet. Still, he can't pick a favorite even if it seems like everyone else can. "I love them all. If I had my way, we'd have a parade every week and fly them all."

He adds: "The thing that surprises me about all of them (the balloons) is that everyone has their own favorite. Back to the meal, everyone likes the whole dinner but everyone has a favorite dish."

Popularity isn't the only factor in keeping or losing a balloon, says Piper, as some are retired because they're no longer fit to fly and there are corporate partnerships to be considered.

There also are the parade's old

parade as being fun for children, but we're not talking children by stature. There's a child in everyone and we want them to have a good time."

"We've taken on the role of gatekeeper to the holiday," he says.

The Macy's parade tradition started in 1924 and took a break only during World War II. (The balloons actually were dismantled and the materials used in the war effort as the light aircraft called dirigibles.)

Then and now, it's the retailer's employees and their friends and family members that put on the bulk of the show, including the balloon handlers who, in the off-season, practice special training flights. The only requirements are that handlers are at least 18 years old and weigh 125 pounds or more.

The balloons start as a pencil sketch and then are turned into a full-color rendering. Those are turned into three-dimensional designs built on a 1:24 scale using a steel frame covered with clay.

That's the last chance to make any changes, Piper explains.

Approved designs are then poured into silicon molds, hardened and then those molds are emptied to become negative-space models; there are always two — one kept white with all the technical drawings marked with inflation and deflation points, and weight and balance notes, and the other is a color version so everyone will know what the balloon will actually look like. It's a nine-month process, according to Piper, who boasts that in his 29 years working on the parade, he's never not had one fly although the square SpongeBob Squarepants and gangly Kermit the Frog were touch-and-go for a while.

After the parade each year, the balloons, floats and assorted accessories head back through the Lincoln Tunnel to the former Tootsie Roll factory that acts as parade central. Deflated balloons are stowed in colorful bags, ranging in size from a jumbo load of laundry to a king bed.

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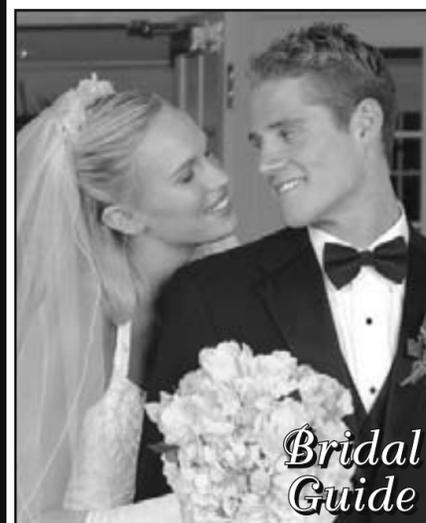
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