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Blue Hill coach Scott Porter gives a hug to senior quarterback Bryan Adams (4) during the championship medal presentations after they defeated Archbishop Bergan 14-0 in the Class C-2 State Football Championship in Memorial Stadium in Lincoln Friday morning.

Community pride

Championship was worth the wait for supporters of Blue Hill football team

CHARIS UBBEN
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LINCOLN — It would be just fine to the Blue Hill football players, coaches, fans and followers if the team could make it to the state championship game at the University of Nebraska's Memorial Stadium every year. As the Blue Hill dance team said Friday, "it never gets old."

Inside
More on Blue Hill's victory.
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And though it was the team's third straight trip to the Class C-2 state football championship game, fans of the Bobcats left Memorial Stadium with something new this year — a win.

"All three years I've been here. This is a good feeling that they finally won," said Peg Faimon, whose sons Nathan and Shane play for the Bobcats.

Peg's older son Brandon, who was the starting running back last season, was at the game Friday with another 2008 Blue Hill grad, offensive back and wide receiver Jeff Hubl. The two said they're happy for the team, even if the victory came one year too late.



"There's a little jealousy, but I'm glad to see they came away with a win, finally," Brandon said.

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BRENT McCOWN/*Tribune*

Above: A young fan from Blue Hill holds up a sign in support of the Bobcats during their championship game against Archbishop Bergan Friday morning in Lincoln. Left: Blue Hill sophomore Amanda Braider tries to stay warm during Blue Hill's game Friday.

Heineman signs safe haven bill

NATE JENKINS
The Associated Press

LINCOLN — The surprising and seemingly endless stream of teenagers dropped off at Nebraska hospitals over the last two months should come to an end Saturday.

The Nebraska Legislature on Friday gave final approval, with a 43-5 vote, to a bill that puts a 30-day age limit on children who can be dropped off under the state's safe-haven law.

About three hours later, Gov. Dave Heineman signed the bill without fanfare. The law went into effect at 12:01 a.m. CST today. Nebraska will join 13 other states with a 30-day age cap.

It has been the only state with a safe-haven law that that lacks an age limit.

"I think this solves the immediate problem of adolescents being abandoned," said Sen. Kent Rogert of Tekamah. "These kids are old enough to know they're being dropped off, and that's not good."

Hospital officials have described children crying hysterically as they pleaded with their parents not to leave them.

The law was meant to prevent newborns from being dumped in trash bins or worse.

But it has been used to abandon 35 children at state hospitals since July — many of them preteens or teenagers as old as 17.

Five of the children have been from other states, including from as far away as Florida and Michigan. The law was not revised to preclude infants from other states from being dropped off.

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Christmas trees to be sent overseas

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A Hastings man is looking to spread a little Christmas cheer to U.S. military personnel abroad this year.

Dave Koehler, 58, has launched a Yuletide Christmas tree donation project, "Trees-4-Branches," which he hopes will give enlisted military personnel a tangible symbol on which to hang their Christmas celebration. The idea occurred to Koehler in the summer of 2007 while attending the wedding of his son, Damon, in Fort Bragg, Calif.



Koehler

"I brought some brochures home from my son's father-in-law, Bill Hitchcock, who has a small tree farm in Oregon called Trees for Small Spaces," he said. "And I thought, 'I could send these to soldiers in Iraq.' "

As one who spent several years abroad during the holidays himself working as a civilian irrigation company manager in Saudi Arabia between 1979-86, Koehler said he understands how important it is to feel connected to loved ones during the Christmas season. By sending trees, he hopes to give those serving that sense of unity through one of the most recognizable symbols of the season.

"It's just Christmas," he said, choking back a sudden and unexpected wave of emotion. "If it brightens their days a little bit … a lot of these guys and girls need a little bit of home once in a while to cheer them up, and it's just nice to get something from home. It's like a care package."

In his quest to contact military personnel, Koehler enlisted the services of Vicky

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Tight security expected for big inaugural crowd

EILEEN SULLIVAN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON— Law enforcement officials bracing for the largest crowds in inaugural history are preparing far-reaching security — thousands of video cameras, sharpshooters, air patrols — to safeguard President-elect Barack Obama's swearing-in.

People attending the ceremony and parade on Jan. 20 can expect to be searched by machines, security personnel or both. Precautions will range from the routine — magnetometers like those used at airports — to countersnipers trained to hit a target the size of a teacup saucer from 1,000 yards away. Plus undercover officers, bomb sniffing dogs and air patrols.

The Secret Service — the agency coordinating the security — also has assigned trained officials to identify and prevent cyber security risks. And, as it does at every inauguration, the service has mapped out escape routes for the 44th president.

In addition Washington's 5,265 surveillance cameras, spread around the city, are expected to be fed into a multi-agency command center.

"When you have an event like the inauguration, the more eyes we have in and around the city the better off we are," District of Columbia Police Chief Cathy Lanier said. Streets will be closed within seven-to-eight blocks on both sides of Pennsylvania Avenue, and two-to-three blocks around each inaugural ball site, she said.

The already-high security for inaugurations was intensified in January 2005, for the first swearing-in after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and this year's will follow that heightened model.

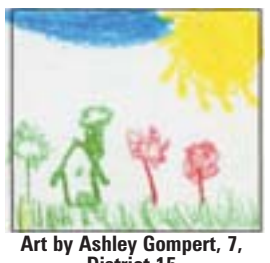
"I think you're going to get people from all walks of life come into Washington, so I think that there will be a tremendous influx of people that

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Weather

Hi: 52
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Mostly sunny and warmer today. Mostly clear tonight.



Art by Ashley Gompert, 7, District 15

Nation

Boot theft

FORT WORTH, Texas — A truck-driving thief made off with more than $3 million worth of merchandise from a venerable maker of cowboy boots and other footwear, authorities said.

The thefts occurred Labor Day weekend and Nov. 9 at a Justin Boots distribution center, said Fort Worth police Lt. Paul Henderson.

A surveillance video shows a white single-cab tractor entering the property without a trailer and each time leaving with one.

Over Labor Day, three containers mounted on three chassis were taken, holding 10,740 pairs of boots and 7,400 sets of boot uppers worth nearly $2.4 million, Henderson said.

On Nov. 9, two more shipping containers-chassis sets were taken.

The Associated Press

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Obituaries

Faith Nelson

Hastings resident Faith (Morrison) Nelson, 84, of 305 W. 9th Street, died Wednesday, November 19, 2008.



Nelson

Services are 2 p.m. Monday, November 24, 2008, at Lakeside Community Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. David L. Speicher officiating. Burial will be in Parkview Cemetery in Hastings. Visitation is 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, 1-9 p.m. Sunday at Livingston-Butler-Volland Funeral Home, and one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lakeside Community Church of the Nazarene.

Condolences may be sent to www.lbvfh.com.

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Mrs. Nelson was born June 30, 1924, in Hastings, Nebraska, to Ervan Wade and Margaret Eldora (Booth) Morrison. In high school, she excelled in academics and was active in debate, music, and numerous clubs. She was elected and served as Vice President of the Senior Class of 1942 at Hastings High School. Following high school, she worked at Cushing Company wholesale grocers and J.M. McDonald department store.

On October 28, 1942, she married Marvin E. Nelson in Hastings. During her husband's military service in WWII, Mrs. Nelson worked at General Motors in Detroit, Michigan, and at Chicago Saw Works in Chicago, Illinois. Following the war, she pursued private vocal training under Dr. Hayes Fuhr, Professor of Music at Hastings College, and worked for her husband as an office assistant at Nelson Electric Company until the birth of their second child.

Faith was a beloved homemaker and an active member of Lakeside Community Church of the Nazarene and the Hastings Christian Women's Club. Due to her outstanding vocal talent, she was a frequent soloist at her church and also at many weddings and funerals throughout the Hastings area.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Cecile Rosenberg; and brother, the Rev. C. William Morrison.

Faith is survived by her husband, Marvin of Hastings; and three children, Dr. Randall Nelson and wife Carolyn of San Jose, California, Stephanie Allen and husband T.R. of Olathe, Kansas, and Brad Nelson and wife Paula of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She is also survived by one sister, Wauneta Steely of Hastings, two granddaughters, Jessi Davis and husband Joe of Gardner, Kansas, and Nicole Nelson of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; two great-grandchildren, Grace and Gage Davis; nephews Stephen Steely and Dr. John Steely (both formerly of Hastings); and numerous nieces and nephews.

Martha M. Connolly

Hastings resident Martha M. Connolly, 61, of 411 South Elm Avenue, No. 104, died Tuesday, November 18, 2008, at Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital.

Memorial services are 11 a.m. Monday, November 24, 2008, at Redeemer Lutheran Church with the Rev. Robert Smith officiating. Burial will be 2 p.m. in Dutch Reform Cemetery, rural Adams County. There will be no viewing or visitation. Livingston-Butler-Volland Funeral Home and Cremation Center is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be given to the family.

Maybel Scheiding

Hastings resident Maybel Scheiding, 80, of 519 Lane E, Good Samaritan Village, died Friday, November 21, 2008, at Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital.

Services are 1 p.m. Tuesday, November 25, 2008, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Blue Hill with the Rev. Joshua Lowe officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery at Blue Hill. Visitation is 1-9 p.m. Sunday, with family present from 5-8 p.m. at Livingston-Butler-Volland Funeral Home in Hastings. Casket will remain closed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Blue Hill.

Memorials may be given to Zion Lutheran School, Hastings; or Trinity Lutheran Sunday School, Blue Hill.

Condolences may be sent to www.lbvfh.com.

Donald E. Hauptman

Juniata resident Donald E. Hauptman, 61, died Thursday, November 20, 2008, at Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital in Hastings.



Hauptman

Graveside services are 2 p.m. Monday, November 24, 2008, in Wyuka Cemetery at Nebraska City with Pastor Herb Scott officiating. Visitation is 3-5 p.m. Sunday at Juniata Community Church. Brand Wilson Funeral Home in Hastings is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be given to the Camp Augustine Boy Scout Camp or the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent to www.brandwilson.com.

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Donald was born May 18, 1947, to Robert and Rhobie (Munson) Hauptman in Nebraska City, Neb. He graduated from Nebraska City High School. He served in the Army during the Vietnam war from September 12, 1966, to September 2, 1969. He married Nancy Vollertsen on May 23, 1971. He worked as a sales rep for Kenworth of Omaha, Neb., until his illness in December of 2001. He attended church at the Juniata Community Church. He loved camping and coon hunting.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy of Juniata, Neb.; two sons, Matthew and wife Tiffany of Danville, Iowa, and Marshall and wife Catherine of Valparaiso, Neb.; one grandson, Landon Hauptman of Valparaiso, Neb.; four brothers, Joe Hauptman of Rockport, Missouri, Richard Hauptman and wife Judy of Omaha, Neb., Charles "Ronnie" Hauptman and wife Jeannie of Nebraska City, Neb., and Philip "Dean" Hauptman and wife Cheryl of Nebraska City, Neb.; one sister, Jean Wieckhorst and husband Mike of Nebraska City, Neb.; two sisters-in-law, Linda Hauptman of Nebraska City, Neb., and Lou Hauptman of Plattsmouth, Neb.; one brother-in-law, Roger Vollertsen and wife Sheryl of Holdrege, Neb.; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one infant daughter, two brothers, two sisters, and his father-in-law.

Aurel E. Gleason

Minden resident Aurel E. Gleason, 90, died Thursday, November 20, 2008, at Bethany Home in Minden.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Monday, November 24, 2008, at United Methodist Church in Minden with Mary Schukar officiating. Burial will be in Eaton Cemetery at Heartwell. Visitation is 3-5 and 7-8 p.m. Sunday at Layton-Craig Funeral Home in Minden.

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Aurel was born on a farm southeast of Heartwell on September 25, 1918, to John and Helene I. (Liebers) Gleason. She attended grade school in the area and the first two years of high school in Heartwell. She graduated from Minden High School.

After graduation she entered the work force, first in Omaha and then moved to Cleveland, Ohio. After a few years there she attended Dyke School of Commerce in Detroit, Michigan; after graduation she worked as a secretary in the daytime and at night she worked for the Signal Corps during World War II.

After a few years she was asked to come to New York City and work for a gentleman who was just starting a new business there. After his death she obtained a job with T. Rowe Price and Associates in their New York office. Aurel later was transferred to their home office in Baltimore, Maryland. While in Baltimore, she was their personnel manager. She retired in September of 1982 and in February of 1983, she moved back to the home farm in Nebraska.

Aurel enjoyed the outdoors, gardening and was an avid reader. Her family was also a very important part of her life. She spent the last two years of her life at the Bethany Home in Minden.

Aurel is survived by two sisters, Camilla Hegarty of Eagle, Neb., and Anita Gleason who lives on the family farm near Minden. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and three cousins.

She is preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and three sisters.

Rapper testifies in murder trial

LISA CORNWELL
The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Rapper T.I. testified Friday that he believes the bullets fired at his entourage during a wild vehicle chase two years ago were meant for him.

He took the witness stand in the trial of Hosea Thomas, 34, who is accused of firing the shot that killed Philant Johnson during a gun battle on Interstate 75.

"All of those rounds were fired for me, in my opinion," he said, adding that he later apologized to Johnson's mother when he called her with the news.

Johnson was an assistant to T.I., whose real name is Clifford Harris.

NewsMakers

Red carpet event in Cleveland



JOSHUA GUNTER/*AP*

Will Smith comes on stage to greet fans during a red carpet event for his new movie, "Seven Pounds," in the Cinemark Valley View 24 in Cleveland, Ohio, Thursday.

Thompson plans to act again

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Former U.S. Sen. Fred Thompson is going back to the small screen after his foray into Republican presidential politics over the last year.

Thompson, best known on TV for his role as a gruff district attorney on NBC's "Law & Order," dropped out of the crowded GOP primaries in January after his much-anticipated presidential campaign failed to gain strong support among conservatives.

He campaigned heavily for eventual nominee John McCain, and had recently tried to gain support to be in charge of the Republican National Committee.

But his former finance chairman, B.C. "Scooter" Clippard, said Thompson told him Wednesday that he was returning to acting and dropping his RNC bid.

Birthdays

Former Sen. Claiborne Pell, D-R.I., is 90. Actor Robert Vaughn is 76. Actor Allen Garfield is 69. Actor Tom Conti is 67. Singer Jesse Colin Young is 67. Astronaut Guion S. Bluford is 66. Tennis player Billie Jean King is 65. Former baseball player Greg Luzinski is 58. Actor Richard Kind is 52. Actress Jamie Lee Curtis is 50. Actress Mariel Hemingway is 47. Actor Stephen Geoffreys is 44. Rock musician Charlie Colin is 42. Actor Nicholas Rowe is 42. Actor Mark Ruffalo is 41. Tennis player Boris Becker is 41. Actor-singer Tyler Hilton is 25. Actress Scarlett Johansson is 24.

Quote of the day

"In youth we feel richer for every new illusion; in maturer years, for every one we lose."

— Anne Sophie Swetchine, Russian-French author (1782-1857)

The Associated Press

Fact of the day

Angela Merkel is the first East German to be elected chancellor, as well as the first chancellor to have been born after World War II.

Number of the day

2 — number of rounds it took Mike Tyson to

Tribland

The following couples recently applied for marriage licenses at the Adams County Clerk's Office: Jason Dale Kral and Brandie Jo Moore, both of Juniata, Juan Raymond Boner of Hastings and Sally Sue Sadd of Grand Island, Jason Lee Rhea and Jennie Marie Freeman, both of Grand Island, and Seth Raymond Minard and Andrea Nicole VanBoening, Donald Wayne Taylor Jr. and Robin Gayle Key, Gregory Deyo Richards and Julie Ann Finley, and Tyler John Ciemnoczolowski and Ashlie Raye Morris, all of Hastings.

10-percent off all bathrobes at Bath Bliss Gifts, 536 West 2nd Street -Adv.

Allen's electronic Bridal Registry has been updated for your convenience. Simply come in to register for the gifts you want and receive a wedding coupon savings packet. -Adv.

It was reported Thursday that building and equipment windows owned by Diecker Construction, 413 W. Third St., were damaged at 200 S. Denver Ave.

Avon Open House Saturday, 22nd, 1:30 to 4:00, 1338 Saunders. 402-984-6898. Get your Christmas shopping done early -Adv.

Hastings Tribune has an open route in east Hastings, can start immediately...45 customers, approximately $105 per month. Call Nikki or Jami in Circulation, 461-1222. -Adv.

Handicap equipment for sale. See classified Health Supplies. -Adv.

Adams County Judge Michael Offner Friday sentenced Thomas W. Johansen, 20, of Holstein to seven days in jail, $1,050 in fines and six-month drivers license revocation for driving under the influence of alcohol, minor in possession of alcohol and violating a stop sign on Aug. 9. Johansen pleaded no contest Aug. 21, and prosecutors dismissed a charge of zero tolerance. DUI is a Class W misdemeanor punishable by up to 60 days in jail and a $500 fine. MIP is a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by up to three months in jail and a $500 fine. Violating a stop sign is an infraction punishable by up to a $100 fine.

Blue Hill Holiday Bazaar Saturday, December 6, 9:00 to 3:00, Blue Hill Community Center. Crafts, gift ideas, food and live demonstrations! -Adv.

Vehicles reportedly driven by Melissa D. Hohlfeld of 2618 W. Fifth St. and David E. Wehnes of Harvard collided Thursday on South Street near Fifth Avenue.

Ladies! Ladies! Ladies! 2nd Street Slammer presents male dancers Wednesday night, November 26, 8:00 to 10:30. -Adv.

Vehicles reportedly driven by Ashlee Lueders of 1931 W. Seventh St. and Cassandra J. Fry of 422 S. Chicago Ave. collided Thursday at 806 N. Turner Ave.

Buy One, Get One Half Off Sale at Brown's Shoe Fit extended thru November 29. 402-462-9311. -Adv.

Adams County Judge Michael Offner Friday sentenced Luke P. Sheltrown, 19, of 739 S. Bellevue Ave. to one year of probation, a $400 fine, 60-day drivers license impoundment and completion of an alcohol education class, victim impact panel and driving attitudes course for driving under the influence of alcohol Aug. 3. Sheltrown pleaded guilty Aug. 21, and prosecutors dismissed charges of minor in possession of alcohol and reckless driving. DUI is a Class W misdemeanor punishable by up to 60 days in jail and a $500 fine.

DAV, Monday night: chicken casserole. Veterans half price. 302 South Elm. Give us a try! -Adv.

It was reported Wednesday that fuel owned by Best Tree Service, 111 N. Elm Ave., Randy Weaver of 820 S. Pine Ave. No. 158, Shawn R. Lacy of 1112 N. Baltimore Ave. and Emily L. Troudt of 1102 E. Waynoka Ave. No. 1⁄2 was taken from vehicles at 111 N. Elm Ave.

Sassy's Hair will be closed November 24 thru December 1. Will reopen December 2. -Adv.

Every Game, Every Sunday on DirecTV's NFL Sunday Ticket. $1.50 Domestic Pints 11:00 a.m. to midnight, at Hastings Keno...Home of High Pay-outs! -Adv.

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.

Vehicles reportedly driven by Sandra K. Prewitt of 1426 W. Third St. and Christine M. Cottam of 915 W. 10th St. collided Tuesday on Burlington Avenue near 10th Street.

The Hastings Tribune delivery deadlines are 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. Saturday morning. If you have delivery problems please call 402-461-1221 or 1-800-742-6397. -Adv.

Save 15-percent off Good Neighbor Pharmacy products when purchased in Allen's Pharmacy. -Adv.

Tamara S. Conover of 401 S. St. Joseph Ave. No. 4 reported Thursday that her cell phone was damaged at her residence.

Middle School Parent-Teacher Conferences Monday, November 24 and December 1, 4:30 to 8:30. -Adv.

Don't miss Joseph Hall appearing as Elvis December 21 at City Auditorium. Tickets are going fast! Call 402-984-6476 for tickets and information. -Adv.

Area funerals

Monday, Nov. 24

◆ **Martha Connolly**, 61, of Hastings, 11 a.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Hastings.

◆ **Aurel Gleason**, 90, of Minden, 10:30 a.m. at United Methodist Church in Minden.

◆ **Faith Nelson**, 84, of Hastings, 2 p.m. at Lakeside Community Church of the Nazarene in Hastings.

Tuesday, Nov. 25

◆ **Maybel Scheiding**, 80, of Hastings, 1 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Blue Hill.

Nation

CHENEY INDICTED

RAYMONDVILLE, Texas — A county prosecutor who brought indictments this week against Vice President Dick Cheney and others pounded his fist and shouted at the judge Friday during a routine hearing.

Willacy County District Attorney Juan Angel Guerra asked Presiding Judge Manuel Banales to recuse himself from the case, which alleges abuse at federally run prisons.

Attorneys for the vice president and other defendants leapt to their feet in objection as Guerra pounded the table and accused Banales of giving the defendants special treatment.

"Now all of a sudden there is urgency!" Guerra shouted. "Eighteen months you kept me indicted through the election."

Guerra lost his bid for re-election in the March primary and will leave office in January. He had been indicted last year on charges he extorted money from a bail bond company and used his office for personal business, but the charges were dismissed last month.

Guerra said the judge was wrong to allow motions to quash the indictments to be heard before the defendants were arraigned.

GM CUTS

DETROIT — General Motors Corp. will extend its holiday shutdown or make other production cuts at five factories as it deals with a continued U.S. auto sales slump and fights to stay solvent.

Also Friday, the company announced changes at five other factories that could increase production of some models, all based on a volatile U.S. auto market that has slumped to a 25-year low.

The changes won't be the last as cash-starved GM tries to conserve as much money as possible while awaiting Congressional action on a bailout loan package for Detroit's three automakers.

"Market demand is usually the prevailing criteria," said spokesman Chris Lee. "We're looking at this much more frequently than I've ever seen us as far as making minor adjustments. And I suspect that will be the norm going forward."

VICK CHARGES

RICHMOND, Va. — Former NFL star Michael Vick is back in Virginia to face state dogfighting charges.

The former Atlanta Falcons quarterback is being held in protective custody at the Hopewell Regional Jail, superintendent Darnley Hodge said Friday.

Vick arrived Thursday afternoon from the federal penitentiary in Leavenworth, Kan., where he's serving a 23-month sentence for a dogfighting conspiracy conviction. He was brought back by the Fugitive Unit of the Virginia State Police, which already had two other prisoners to pick up in the Midwest, state police spokeswoman Corinne Geller said.

DEADLY ROCKS

FRESNO, Calif. — An unstable cliff prompted officials Friday to permanently close some cabins in a popular Yosemite National Park lodge complex that has a long history of rockslides.

National Park Service officials said 233 cabins in family friendly Curry Village will close permanently. That's about one-third of the units available in the complex that also includes stores and restaurants run by an outside company.

About half of the 618 cabins at the village have been off-limits since a rockfall Oct. 8.

An Associated Press story this week said federal geologists have warned for at least a decade that the granite face of Glacier Point above the village was dangerous. Despite two deaths and an increase in the frequency and severity of the rockfalls since 1996, park officials had been reluctant to act.

The Associated Press

Tribland five-day forecast

Art by Ashley Gompert, 7, District 15



SUNNY TODAY
High: 52 **Low:** 28
Wind: Southwest 10
Mostly clear tonight.



SUNNY SUNDAY
High: 52 **Low:** 25
Wind: West 10
Mostly clear Sunday night.



SUNNY MONDAY
High: 48 **Low:** 25
Clear Monday night.



SUNNY TUESDAY
High: 52 **Low:** 26
Clear Tuesday night.



SUNNY WEDNESDAY
High: 51 **Low:** 30
Mostly clear Wednesday night.

Fla. teen kills himself in front of webcam

RASHA MADKOUR
The Associated Press

MIAMI — A South Florida college student killed himself by overdosing on drugs in front of a live online audience as some computer users egged him on, some debated his method, and others tried to talk him out of it.

Abraham Biggs, 19, of Pembroke Pines, died Wednesday at his home from a toxic combination of opiates and benzodiazepine, a drug used to treat insomnia and depression, said Wendy Crane, an investigator with the Broward County medical examiner's office.

Authorities say the Broward Community College student is not the first person to commit suicide with a webcam rolling.

It's unclear how many people were watching through the Web site bodybuilding.com. Someone finally notified a site moderator, who pinpointed Biggs' location and called police, but they arrived too late to save him, Crane said.

Biggs, who used the screen name "CandyJunkie" on the bodybuilding Web site, started blogging about plans to kill himself 12 hours before he was found lying dead on his bed. He posted a link from bodybuilding.com to Justin.tv, a site that allows users to broadcast live videos from their webcams.

Some users who read the blog told investigators they did not take him seriously because he had threatened suicide on the site before.

But Biggs' family was infuriated that neither viewers nor the site acted sooner to save him.

"When (police) came in, the webfeed stopped. So that's 12 hours of watching," said his sister, Rosalind Biggs, who said her brother struggled with bipolar disorder. "They got hits, they got viewers, nothing happened for hours."

Rosalind Biggs described her brother as a friendly, social, outgoing person who struck up conversations with Starbucks baristas and enjoyed taking his young nieces to Chuck E. Cheese.

"It boggles the mind," she said. "We don't understand."

Authorities could not immediately verify the authenticity of a video posted online that shows a gun-wielding officer entering a bedroom where a man is lying on a bed, facing away from the camera. The officer peers over to look at the man, then begins to examine him as the camera lens is covered. The video matches Crane's description of events.

Condolences poured in to Biggs' MySpace page, where the mostly unsmiling teen is seen posing in a series of pictures with various young women. On justin.tv, his alias was "feels—like—ecstacy."

New mad-cow rule poses health dangers of its own

MICHAEL RUBINKAM
The Associated Press

LITITZ, Pa. — A federal regulation aimed at preventing mad cow disease from getting into the food supply could create health risks of its own: many thousands of cattle carcasses rotting on farms, spreading germs, attracting vermin and polluting the water.

At issue is a Food and Drug Administration rule, set to take effect in April, that will prohibit the use of the brains and spinal cords of older cattle as ingredients in livestock feed and pet food.

Some of the rendering plants that grind up carcasses for use in feed have already announced they will stop accepting dead cattle from farms because it would be too costly to remove the banned organs. Other renderers are likely to raise the prices they charge farmers.

As a result, many farmers — especially now, with the economy in crisis — may simply bury dead cattle on their property or let them rot in the open, industry officials and regulators say.

"I think there will be some illegal disposal — animals that get dragged into the woods or into the back fields," said Gerald F. Smith Jr., president of Winchester, Va.-based Valley Proteins Inc., which operates 12 rendering plants in seven states but will no longer remove dead cattle from farms come February. He said the fee per animal would have to go from $85 to $200 to cover the additional expense, and "I don't think the farmers would be willing to pay."

Farmers already routinely bury, abandon or compost millions of cattle carcasses each year without serious environmental problems, according to the FDA.

But the fear is that the new rule could lead farmers to put hundreds of thousands more dead animals into the ground, especially on dairy farms, which tend to have many more older cows than cattle ranches do, and are often closer to populated areas, too.

According to the FDA's own environmental assessment of the new rule, abandoning dead cattle or improperly burying or composting them can cause foul odors; pollute soil, groundwater and streams; and attract insects and scavengers. Moreover, the infectious agent that carries mad cow disease may survive burial or composting, the agency said.

"In some areas of the country ... adverse environmental impacts could be expected unless new disposal capacity is developed," the FDA said.

Thomas Glanville, an agricultural engineering professor at Iowa State University, said farmers who opt for burial will need to pick sites with favorable drainage and geology to avoid contaminating groundwater and soil.

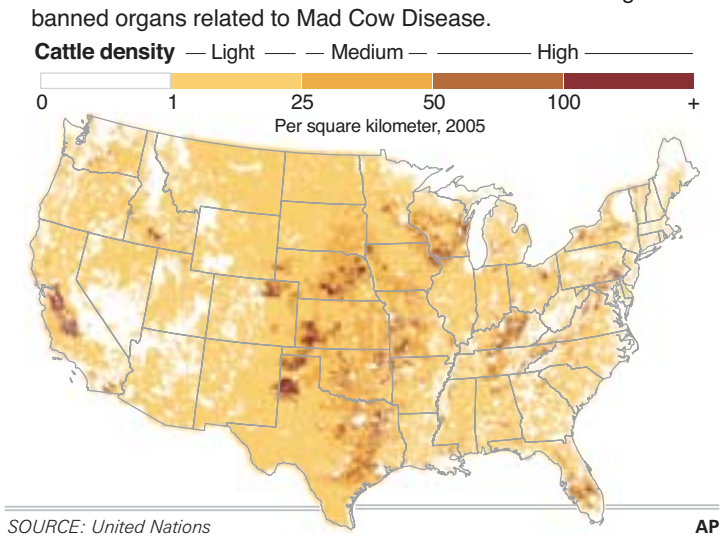
For decades, farmers have sent their dead cows to rendering plants to be turned into pet food, soaps, cosmetics, toothpaste, lubricants and other products. The carcasses are ground to a uniform particle size, heated under pressure to separate fat, protein and bone, and then refined.

The FDA regulation is aimed at providing an added layer of protection against mad cow, a brain disease that has been linked to more than 150 human deaths worldwide, mostly in Britain. Scientists believe the human version of mad cow is transmitted when people eat tainted beef. The United States has had no known human cases linked to U.S. beef.

Nearly 2 million head of beef and dairy cattle annually, or more than 40 percent of all those that die before they can be sent to slaughter, are rendered in the U.S., according to government and industry estimates. The remaining carcasses are mostly buried.

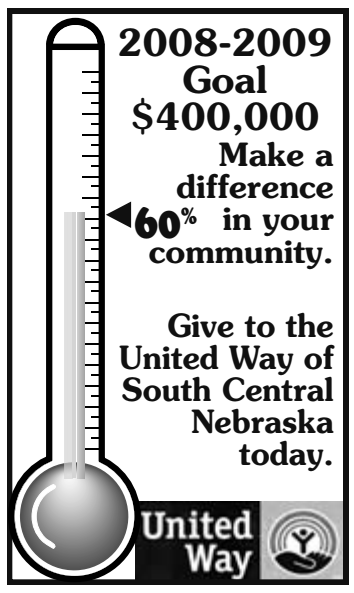
April rule may leave dead cattle to rot

Some rendering plants that process cow meat will stop collecting dead cattle at farms due to new costs involved in removing banned organs related to Mad Cow Disease.



SOURCE: United Nations AP











Inflation, deflation: Which is it?

Scripps Howard News Service

It's a sign of unsettled economic times when we get to worry about, first, inflation, and, now, deflation in the same year.

Consumer prices fell by 1 percent in October, a postwar record for a one-month decline in prices. The decline was led by a record 14.2 percent in the price of gasoline, which analysts predict will continue to fall. Suddenly, there's no talk of a windfall profits tax on the oil companies. Inevitably — and unfortunately — it will take some of the steam out of the push for more fuel-efficient and alternative fueled vehicles. The buzz over cars powered by switch grass also has abated.

It was just this summer that a 12-month price increase of 5.6 percent, a 17-year high, set off fears of inflation, propelled by soaring energy prices. Instead, the Federal Reserve is likely next month to cut its principal interest rate from 1 percent, which the Associated Press says ties the record low for the past 50 years, even further, to 0.5 percent.

The second half of 2008 and perhaps most of 2009 are beginning to look a lot like our last severe recession in 1982-and 1983.

A little bit of deflation could be helpful because it's a backdoor way of increasing consumers' buying power and may encourage them to resume spending as the credit markets return to health. On the other hand — and there's always another hand in economics — it may encourage consumers, at least those of them with cash and credit, to hold off purchases in anticipation that prices will fall further. And it is consumer spending that drives the economy. There will be no recovery without it.

We can only hope that 2009 is a much less interesting year economically than 2008.

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Yesterday

2007 — An addition to the Hastings city code prohibited violent types of entertainment, including ultimate fighting, in city-owned venues, including the auditorium.

1998 — Eunice Fritz, who had been Webster County Superintendent of Schools for almost 30 years, announced plans to retire when her term ended in January.

1988 — At 90 years old, senior vice president Perry Slocum was still participating in the day-to-day activities of the Franklin State Bank.

1978 — Two groups — the VFW Post 1346 and the Hastings Youth Boxing Club — were sponsoring boxing competitions in the city.

Doing without now nothing like Depression



Jim Mullen

My Dad never lost an opportunity to tell us how hard he had it during the Depression. While he never actually said, "I had to walk 20 miles to school. Barefoot. Up hill each way" — he came close.

Whenever I told him how much I spent on a car, how much I was in debt on my credit cards or how much I spent renting an apartment, he would always tell me how much he had spent on his first car, that he bought a house for what I was paying per year in rent, that being in debt was stealing from yourself. Anytime I wanted to drive Dad crazy, all I had to do was say something like, "You know, for only $6, it's not a bad cup of coffee."

"Six dollars! For a cup of coffee!" And he would tell me how his father had to work six long days on the back of a horse to make $6.

He never got used to the prices. Everyone in my family can tell you exactly what the price of a gallon of milk and the price of a dozen eggs was in 1933. We all know what his first job paid in 1937 and how much it cost for a gallon of gas.

He'd never hire anyone to do something he could do just as well. Until they became metric and computerized, he'd do all the car repairs himself. "Hire a roofer to put on a new roof? When I can do it myself." "Hire a painter to paint the house? When I can paint it myself?" "Hire an electrician rewire the house? When I can do it myself?" If he ever spent money on a plumber or a carpenter or a mason, I never heard about it.

Now that we're on the brink of Depression 2.0, I wonder how today's children will describe the hard times to their children.

"We were so poor, we only had basic cable. And we had to watch it on a 27-inch television. No HBO, no Starz, no Showtime. We couldn't even afford the Disney channel. You kids today don't know what poverty is. We were on the one-film-at-a-time plan from Netflix. Mom would drive us to school in a 2-year-old car. It was so embarrassing. We made her drop us off a few blocks away so no one would see it. You can laugh all you want, young lady, but we had to walk two blocks to school every morning. You don't know what it's like to be poor. You don't understand the value of money.

"Instead of microwaving frozen food, Mom would cook stuff on the stove. She would buy bags of potatoes and rice and cook them on top of the stove. Some nights all we had to eat was homemade chicken pesto or stir-fried vegetables and rice. Instead of buying chicken parts, she'd buy whole chickens and cut them up herself. You can't imagine all the work involved. She'd pretend she was doing it because it was healthier, but we knew she was just trying to save money.

"We had to buy all our clothes at the outlet mall. Sometimes she would only take us there once a week. At Christmas, we were lucky if we got an Xbox or a Wii. We'd never get both and knew better than to ask. Instead of throwing our old computers out, Dad would sell them on eBay. We never knew until years later. He must have been so ashamed. He tried to pretend that we weren't poor. Once he took us to a local theme park instead of the one thousands of miles away and tried to pretend it was a 'vacation.' Like we wouldn't notice the difference. Actually, the local place was pretty good, but is it really a vacation if it's cheap? Of course not."

But even though we were poor and had to do without, we were happy. Because everyone was poor, everyone had to do without. We were all in the same boat. Except for people who caused Depression 2.0. They were on yachts.

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Times have changed, so has Bill Ayers



Clarence Page

"You hear that, Clarence?" Bill Ayers said. "I just apologized." Indeed, he did. But it was a joke. In his first public event since the elections, Ayers, an education professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago and co-founder of the radical Weather Underground, spoke to more than 200 people in a Washington, D.C., church Monday night as part of his book tour.

Speaking in the church after the originally scheduled bookstore proved to be too small, the former leader of the radical Weather Underground was joking about how he hated to be tagged as "a guy of the '60s."

"I am so much a guy of right now," he told the crowd, smiling as they chuckled. "OK, I lived in the '60s. I apologize. You hear that, Clarence? I just apologized."

The nod to me, sitting in the second row, was a reference to a question I had asked him in a backstage interview: Was he ready to apologize for the violent turn taken by the Weather Underground when he helped to lead their breakaway from the radical Students for a Democratic Society back in 1969?

The Weather Underground claimed responsibility for bombing government buildings among other mayhem in the early 1970s. Sen. John McCain's campaign used Ayers' more recent associations with Barack Obama, a neighbor in Chicago's Hyde Park, to accuse the president-elect of "palling around with terrorists."

Times have changed. For example, Ayers' old Black Panther pal Bobby Rush is now a senior congressman from Illinois — who Obama failed to unseat in 2000.

And Ayers, who was teargassed by Mayor Richard J. Daley in the 1960s, has been honored by his son, Mayor Richard M. Daley for his school reform work. That's the side of America Ayers loves, he admits, the land-of-opportunity side.

"You can't reach 64 years old and not have a lot of regrets," he allowed. Still, he refused to participate in what he called "a ritualistic mea culpa" for a time when we Americans were "living in a sewer of violence."

Ayers said he would participate in a truth and reconciliation process akin to the one South Africa pioneered to end its apartheid era. He would account for what he called "my little extreme acts of vandalism," which he insists "hurt property, but not people," he said, if it came alongside other government leaders who started the Vietnam War and kept it going.

"But I'm not making a blanket apology because, actually, I think what we did was measured in response to things that were going on in the rest of the world. How do you respond to thousands of people who were being murdered in your name?" That's Bill, an idealist to the end.

His right-wing critics have done Ayers a favor. They've helped him to sell more books. They've also helped to remind us of some of the excesses committed by both sides. Federal charges against Ayers were dropped in 1973 following accusations of illegal Watergate-era activities, including wiretaps, break-ins and mail interceptions by President Nixon's administration.

Nixon was forced to resign. Ayers has become a model citizen except for such questionable antics as a magazine photo for which he posed while standing on an American flag. Not nice.

Episodes like that tell me that there's not much chance that our Vietnam generation will reach closure through a truth commission or anything else. Old arguments about the 1960s never die. They just provide skeletons to pull out of the closet and rattle at opponents during presidential campaigns.

That tactic gave Obama bashers like Fox News' Sean Hannity plenty to talk about. Obama and Ayers served on a couple of boards with a politically diverse array of members, but media investigations have not found their relationship to be close. Still, people who want to believe what they want to believe aren't going to let a lack of evidence get in their way.

Ayers doesn't deny that he knew Obama "probably as well as thousands of other people that he knew." The irony, he noted is how "like millions of other people, I wish I knew him better right now, don't you?"

Indeed, the great irony of this controversy is how Obama's critics attacked one of Obama's greatest strengths: his curiosity about smart people who have useful ideas, liberal or conservative, even if he disagrees with their other ideas.

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Voice of the People

No place like home

I just returned from a business trip to India. It is an amazing country with the nicest people I have ever met. It is a bit of a culture shock, but I have never been treated better anywhere in the world. We are very fortunate to have citizens in our community from India.

India is growing and changing at a phenomenal rate. It was however inconvenient to always make sure I had bottled water available to drink and brush my teeth.

Their infrastructure is struggling to keep up with the growth. If you think we have potholes, travel the roads of India. In every city I traveled to, we had frequent power outages. Most businesses need to have back-up generators to keep their businesses running. I have experienced the same thing in other countries.

Every day in Hastings we take for granted that we will have safe drinking water and when we flip the switch we will have light. We forget that this happens only because of our community-owned utility department lead by its Board of Public Works and the management team. These people and other city officials have tough decisions to make daily.

Our business like many others could not operate without dependable utilities. More now than ever I appreciate the effort of the employees, management and Board of Public Works at Hastings Utilities.

India is a wondrous country full of very intelligent, industrious people and I look forward to returning, but there is still no place like home.

Jack Schreiner, president, Bruckman Rubber Co.
Hastings

A time to give thanks

Tucked in between Halloween and Christmas is Thanksgiving, a holiday when it takes longer to fix the meal than to eat it.

Being the designated Thanksgiving Day cook is not for the novice.

The prime cook on Thanksgiving needs a high degree of organizational skills. It takes only one time for the designated cook to realize that cooking a frozen turkey takes pre-planning. There is no quick way to thaw a frozen bird on Thanksgiving morning. I know because I've made the frantic call to my mother on Thanksgiving morning.



Joyce Ore

"Mom, I know where the dressing is supposed to go, but the turkey is frozen. I can't open it."

It is only a master cook who can keep the mashed potatoes warm while scooping out the lumps in the gravy. It is only a master cook who can stuff a 22-pound turkey into an 18-pound oven and still find room for two pumpkin pies, a green bean casserole and marshmallow-topped sweet potatoes. It takes a master cook to get everyone seated and all the food on the table before the first football game begins.

Unlike the two holidays that it is sandwiched in between, Thanksgiving calls for few decorations other than a couple of rust and gold leaves scattered on the table or attached to a wreath quickly thrown together and hung on the front door.

Thanksgiving doesn't require 12-foot inflatable pilgrims standing on the front lawn or brightly lit flapping turkeys hanging from the eves. Thanksgiving doesn't expect weeks of searching for the perfect gift in a mall gone berserk with hoards of frantic shoppers.

Thanksgiving Day doesn't ask for much more than a bowed head and a thankful heart.

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Calendar

HASTINGS

- **Alcoholics Anonymous**, noon and 8 p.m. Sunday; and noon, 5:15 and 8 p.m. Monday, 521 S. St. Joseph Ave.
- **Al-Anon**, 8 p.m. Sunday and 8 p.m. Monday, First United Methodist Church; and noon Monday, The Kensington.
- **Alateen**, 5:15 p.m. Sunday, 521 S. St. Joseph Ave.
- **Free Community Meal**, 5 p.m. Sunday, Crossroads Center, 702 W. 14 St. Volunteers also welcome.
- **Sunday Sundaes**, 2-3 p.m. Sunday, College View Assisted Living, 1100 N. Sixth Ave. Open to public ages 55 and older.
- **Chorus of the Plains**, 7:30 p.m. Monday, ballroom of Kensington. Barbershop style music open to men of all ages.
- **Eating Disorder Support Group**, 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Hastings College Hurley McDonald Hall basement, classroom 01, Seventh Street and Turner Avenue. For information, call 402-460-8612.
- **Gamblers Anonymous**, 6:30 p.m. Monday, Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital Education Building basement, Room D.
- **Narcotics Anonymous**, 8 p.m. Monday, 401 N. Lincoln Ave.
- **Overeaters Anonymous**, 5-6 p.m. Monday, Mary Lanning Medical Center basement.
- **Panic and Anxiety program**, noon to 1 p.m. Monday. For more information, call 732-940-9658.

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2by2 . . . . . **Red 5-12, White 5-26**
Nebraska Pick 3 . . . . . **2-4-3**
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Buffett says automakers need bailout

INVESTOR SAYS BANKRUPTCY OTHER OPTION

JOSH FUNK
The Associated Press

OMAHA — Billionaire investor Warren Buffett said U.S. automakers need a new business model to better compete, whether it takes bankruptcy or a government bailout to achieve.

Buffett also said he would never serve as U.S. treasury secretary because he loves his current job too much. The Berkshire Hathaway Inc. chairman and CEO is a member of President-elect Barack Obama's transition economic advisers.

Buffett said any automaker bailout package should include a business solution and be negotiated by the president, not Congress. Buffett spoke to Fox Business News in an interview scheduled to air Friday afternoon.

Buffett's spokeswoman said he was not available Friday morning to comment further.

The government should insist top executives at Ford Motor Co., General Motors Corp. and Chrysler LLC invest a significant percentage of their own net worths in the Detroit-based companies, Buffett said, ensuring both executives and taxpayers would share in any profits or losses.

Buffett said the government should be able to drive a deal like one of the ones he makes when Berkshire buys businesses, because automakers appear on the brink of bankruptcy.

Buffett said he'd tell the auto executives, "'We'll give you more upside (than bankruptcy), but you're going to lose if we lose.'"

Bankruptcy would be a poor solution for the auto industry, Buffett said, so he hopes a better way can be found to work out the union contracts and other issues the companies face.

He reiterated his belief that the U.S. economy will eventually recover from its current problems, but he predicted there will be more pain first.

"There are going to be more people unemployed. And I mean, I can't think of anything worse than going home to a family, saying, 'I lost my job today,'" Buffett said.

He said he expects the unemployment rate to continue climbing past 8 percent and he doesn't expect the rate to start falling anytime soon.

Buffett said he thinks the current treasury secretary, Hank Paulson, is a "high-grade guy" doing a good job with an extremely tough situation as he tries to reinvigorate the economy.

"I don't think I could have done a better job, and I don't think most of the congressmen could do a better job," Buffett said.

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ANDY RAUN/*Tribune*

Ted Hermann (right) and his friend, Bob Uden, pose in front of a pull-type John Deere combine from the 1940s they were using to harvest soybeans in Hastings Wednesday.

Small combine for a small field

PULL-TYPE MACHINE BEING USED TO HARVEST SOYBEAN CROP

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This spring, about eight acres behind Heritage Bank's west branch office in Hastings were planted to soybeans. Now, two Adams County men with a taste for farming the old-fashioned way are bringing in the crop, no more than 25 bushels at a time — and having a good time doing it.

Wednesday afternoon, motorists and neighbors on Tilden Avenue between Ninth and 12th streets may have noticed Ted Hermann of rural Juniata and Bob Uden of rural Prosser unloading soybeans from Hermann's pull-type combine into a wagon parked at the curb.

The combine bin can hold just 25 bushels. The wagon they were using holds 80.

"I like to show the young generation how it used to be done," said Hermann, 71, who, like Uden, collects vintage tractors and machinery.

The John Deere combine, which dates from the late 1940s, cuts a 6 1/2-foot swath using a sickle bar and reel. The machine is driven by the tractor's power takeoff and has a 60-inch cylinder.

Hermann quit farming in 1984 and later worked for Hastings Utilities, but maintained his interest in the farming techniques he learned in his earlier days. He bought his combine about eight years ago from the Unbefundi Brothers of Courtland after he met them at an antique show in Minden.

He said the combine needed new belts when he bought it, but otherwise didn't require a lot of work. It needs a paint job, he said.

"That's the main thing on these, is keep them in the shed," Hermann said.

He knows combines like his cost about $850 when they were new, but he hasn't been able to determine exactly which year his particular machine was built. He runs the combine with a 1959 John Deere 630 tractor, normally using it to cut some wheat in the summer.

"If you put in a long day, you could harvest 20 acres," said Uden, 76. "But you'd really have to push it."



ANDY RAUN/*Tribune*

Ted Hermann drives the combine through the field.

The soybeans the men were cutting this week belong to Mike Struss of Prosser.

"These are the first soybeans I've combined with it," Hermann said of his rig.

Hermann and Uden enjoy working together on oldtime farming projects and telling stories when they go to coffee with their friends in Prosser. Hermann said he likes to refer to his projects as "Hermann Custom Farming."

Before winter sets in, they plan to pick some corn in the ear at Prosser.

Hermann said it's rewarding to revisit the old days of farming.

"The grandkids always get a kick out of that," he said.

Council to decide on utility rate changes

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The Hastings City Council is scheduled to make the final decision on utility rate changes for 2009.

The Hastings Utilities Board of Public Works decided not to increase the electric rates by five percent in 2009, as was previously approved.

The rates set to increase are water and sanitary sewer, which are both slated to increase by three percent. The only other increase is in the street light rate, which would increase from $3.05 to $3.20 per month.

The City Council received a presentation from HU manager Marv Schultes on the $73.93 million proposed budget during a joint work session between the two groups Nov. 18.

The council must give final approval to the HU budget before it takes effect Jan. 1, 2009.

The council meets 7 p.m. Monday at the City Building, 220 N. Hastings Ave.

On Monday, the council will also:

- Consider awarding the $26,397 bid to Kenesaw Motor Co. for the purchase of a 2009 Ford F-150 half-ton pickup for the cemetery department.
- Consider the request of David Kountze to increase the permitted fence height along the front yard at 1401 N. Elm Ave.
- Consider approval of the Adams County Local Emergency Operations Plan.
- Hear an update on plans to improve East Lochland Road.

Suspect arrested for leaving greasy imprints in Neb. town

ANNA JO BRATTON
The Associated Press

OMAHA — Police have arrested a man suspected of leaving greasy, graphic imprints on the windows of stores, churches and schools in a small Nebraska town.

A 35-year-old Valentine man was caught in the act by police early Wednesday morning, Cherry County Attorney Eric Scott said Friday. The man hasn't been charged yet, but authorities believe he is the vandal some townsfolk have dubbed the "Butt Bandit."

Beginning in spring of 2007, a mystery vandal visited businesses at night, pressing his naked behind — sometimes his groin, sometimes both — on windows. The marks were made with lotion or petroleum jelly, and while police had earlier worried copycat criminals were getting involved, Scott said they now believe it's "the act of a lone deviant."

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Fans: Community rallies behind championship team

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"They deserve it," Hubl added. "They've been working hard all year. They deserve every bit of it."

Both players and fans were serious about snagging the title this year. Players didn't want a pep rally, said Michelle Mans, mother of player Kyle Mans — they wanted to focus. So fans set out to encourage the team as it left Blue Hill Thursday afternoon.

"That was a good send-off when we left town," said Lois Mohlman, grandmother of player Sean Trumble. "There were cars at each mile corner to send them off as they left. Fire engines helped them out and everything."

That was just one sample of what Blue Hill fans have been doing all season, Peg said. The team has had plenty of fans at every game.

"Did you notice the spectators on this side of the field? It was great. There are probably not many people in Blue Hill today," said Roger Bauer, grandfather of player Jared Krueger and student manager Mitch Krueger referring to the large following of Bobcat fans who made the trip to Lincoln for the game.

Not just parents and grandparents, but the student body was caught up in the thrill of football, dance team members said. School was let out Friday and "pretty much everybody" was at the game. A group of dedicated elementary students stood at the bottom of the bleachers, holding signs and leading cheers for the crowd.

Many of these boys will soon join the team themselves. And, if the fans are right, it will be a good team for some time to some. The seniors have made sure of that.

"They've had some awesome role models, so I think that helps," Mans said. "I think these seniors this year have shown the freshmen the way and what kind of shoes they have to fill."

"They've got the momentum going," Peg said.

Brandon and Hubl said their coaches always stressed building into younger players. It was part of the daily practice routine.

"In practice, the older kids will be helping the younger kids out in drills and then in the games, too," Hubl said. "Like a JV game, the older guys will be standing on the sidelines, kind of coaching the younger guys out on the field."

It's that kind of spirit that the Bobcat faithful hope will help lead the team to Lincoln next year, for the fourth straight time.



BRENT McCOWN/*Tribune*

Blue Hill fans cheer as their team scored its second touchdown against Archbishop Bergan Friday morning during the Class C-2 State Football Championship game in Memorial Stadium in Lincoln.

Bill: New safe haven law goes into effect

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Heineman said the age limit should keep Nebraska from being a dumping ground for children from out of state and will refocus the law on lawmakers' original intent — to protect newborns.

None of the 35 children dropped off was an infants. That has illustrated what child welfare experts, mental health specialist and many lawmakers say is a lack of services for troubled older youths.

Lawmakers have vowed to address the issue during the regular legislative session, which convenes in January, and have formed a task force to forge recommendations.

State officials deny there is a lack of services and have said some of the children were unnecessarily abandoned.

Most of the kids got help under Medicaid, the vast majority have received mental health services in the past, and only one of the 30 kids from Nebraska has required intensive treatment since being dropped off, state officials said.

Heineman softened the state's position some on Friday, but is not completely convinced that there is a problem.

"We may have a gap in services, but that's something we need to evaluate," he said. "We will cooperate fully with the committee," he said of the new legislative task force.

Parents and guardians who have dropped off the kids have said they have done so because they thought they had nowhere else to turn.

Some parents who have stopped short of dropping off children say they sympathize with those who have.

Therese Guy of Papillion said she became a foster parent to a boy who had previously committed a sexual offense and it took nine months for him to get his mental problems diagnosed.

"It was just that booked up to get him into a center," she said earlier this week. "Don't change the safe-haven law until you have other changes in place, because it's helping kids now."

While there is an outcry by some lawmakers and child-welfare experts for the state to fix a safety net they say is broken, some question how much government can do to solve the problems.

"There are going to be things beyond our reach," said Sen. Scott Lautenbaugh of Omaha. "The government can't replace a parent."

State budget woes could put out of reach some measures to help older children. On Thursday, fiscal analysts said the state could be facing a $377 million revenue shortfall over the next couple years.

Heineman said the legislative task force will need to say where the state would get the money to implement its recommendations.



BILL WOLF/*Tribune*

Nebraska state senators Brad Ashford (right) of Omaha, and Arnie Stuthman, of Plattte Center react to the final vote on LB1 Friday at the state capitol in Lincoln.

Crowd: Tight security expected at Obama's swear-in

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will come early, that will camp out early and that will probably remain, you know, to continue the festivities," said Nick Trotta, assistant director of the Secret Service's Protective Division.

The inauguration is designated a National Special Security Event, giving the Secret Service the lead among 58 law enforcement agencies involved in the security planning and execution. As the date gets closer, the service could decide to extend the special security designation to Jan. 19 — Martin Luther King Day — when large crowds are expected to begin gathering in Washington.

There's a bit of a home-team advantage for the Secret Service and law enforcement agencies. All of the Secret Service's law enforcement partners are in D.C., and they've worked together on similar events — most recently the G-20 summit on Nov. 14-15.

At this point, the Secret Service does not have an estimate on how many people are expected for the inauguration. Reports that as many as 4 million people would come could not be corroborated with law enforcement agencies.

But officials expect to see more people at this inauguration than any other in the past.

The National Park Service says the largest crowd ever recorded on the National Mall was for President Lyndon B. Johnson's 1965 inauguration. At the time, the park service estimated 1.2 million people attended the event.

Trotta acknowledged the reemergence of hate groups through the presidential campaign and since Obama's election. Threats against Obama have been higher than any other president-elect in history. From Maine to Idaho, law enforcement officials have seen potentially threatening writings, racist Internet postings and other activity.

"It is a very historic inauguration — it is the first African-American to be sworn in as president," Trotta said. "But that's just a factor. Of course we're not saying it doesn't play a role, but it's not the security issue."

The security plans have not been completed, but Trotta expects the parade route and swearing-in to be the same as in past years. He would not say whether Obama would get out of his car during the parade or if Obama would be surrounded by bulletproof glass at the speaking podiums, as he was in Chicago on election night.

There has never been an assassination attempt at a presidential inauguration.

Trotta said motorcades always present line-of-sight issues, and the inaugural parade is no exception.

"The exposure's there. The length of time is there. It's a parade. We're moving the White House in the middle of a parade," Trotta said.

There has been no specific intelligence pointing to a potential terrorist attack during the inauguration, said Joseph Persichini Jr., assistant FBI director in charge of the Washington Field Office.

"But we're always vigilant," he said, adding that visitors should help by watching for any suspicious activity.

Trees: Man launches Yuletide donation project for troops

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Mohler, founder of Support America's Armed Forces (SAAF) mission in Washington. SAAF has shipped hundreds of care packages to soldiers deployed in Iraq and elsewhere since 2004.

Mohler was all to happy to oblige, she said.

"I quickly responded to his inquiry and have provided him enough names to fill 25 orders," Mohler said in an e-mail Monday. "Some will receive two trees, as they may have over 600 soldiers in one area. We have received e-mails back from the troops that will be receiving the trees and they are in awe at the generous efforts of our communities.

"For some, this may be their first deployment, and having something as beautiful and green as a Christmas tree will be sure to brighten their day and help boost morale."

Already 27 trees have been purchased from Hitchcock's tree farm for shipment to various locations around the world. One tree is headed to Korea; another, a Navy ship stationed in the Gulf. Still another to Africa.

"Some people don't think we've got troops in other areas besides Iraq and Afghanistan," Koehler said. "What we're doing is just taking donations and shipping as many trees as we can with what money we get."

The miniature trees — scotch, grand and noble firs — cost about $60 each to ship and include an optional stand and strand of Christmas lights. Donations received for trees have ranged from $2 to $500. A collection to raise money for more trees will be taken at the VFW Club in Hastings during a karaoke event Saturday night.

The time-intensive volunteer project has become a labor of love for Koehler, a Husker Power Products manager. Assisted by his wife, Deanna, a Big G Hardware employee, and family friend Jeff Hankins, a mutual coworker and Patriot Guard Riders member, Dave said the planning and sending of e-mails to military contacts can take hours to complete. In truth, what began as a word-of-mouth venture has evolved into something more than he initially envisioned.

"I just started out to send a few things and the thing started snowballing," he said. "I can see it carrying on beyond trees and being more of a year-round thing, but I haven't really decided yet. It's kind of overwhelming, really."

Despite the challenges, Dave and his skeleton crew remain committed to the cause. As he sees it, spreading Christmas cheer is the least he can do for those who serve to defend the cause of liberty and justice for all.

"It's involved burning a lot of midnight oil," he said, "but I'm not the hero. It's a small sacrifice for what they do for us."

Dave said he plans to place his final order for trees the first week of December to ensure they arrive by Christmas. A letter containing the e-mail addresses of all contributors will be included with each order to encourage correspondence.

For information, contact Dave at 462-4718, or by e-mail at koehlerone@hotmail.com.

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DISTRIBUTION PLEA DEAL

A 26-year-old Hastings man accused of distributing cocaine accepted a plea deal Friday in Adams County District Court.

Carlos Munoz, also known as Juan Valverde with a last known address of 820 S. Pine Ave. No. 249, pleaded no contest to a charge of possession of cocaine with intent to distribute. In exchange for his plea, prosecutors dismissed a charge of operating a motor vehicle without a license.

According to court records, Munoz had been selling cocaine out of his vehicle on March 5 when law enforcement approached the vehicle, baggies filled with cocaine was found in the passenger seat.

Adams County District Judge Terri Harder set Munoz's sentencing for Jan. 16, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.

Possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute (cocaine) is a Class 2 felony punishable by up to 50 years in prison.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

The following school has named their students of the week:

Hastings Middle School

◆ Nov. 17-21: Neli Morales, Team 6A; Brooke Bonifas, 6B; Kimberly Hansen, Team 7A; Shelby Stone, Team 7B; Melissa Martikainen, Team 8A; Cassey Davis, Team 8B

STUDENT AMBASSADORS

The following area Hastings College students were selected to serve as Student Alumni Ambassadors, who assist the HC Alumni and Foundation Office, for the 2008-09 academic year:

◆ Hardy: April Christensen
◆ Hastings: Starlight Fonseca, Megan Gartner, Annie Peterson, Ms. Alex Rouse, Nikki Rust, Jocelyn Schade, MacKenzie Hemje
◆ Fairfield: Sara Kluver

State

PETERSON IN COURT

LEXINGTON — A former Lexington teacher has pleaded not guilty to state charges for having sex and fleeing to Mexico with a 13-year-old student.

Kelsey Peterson is already serving a six-year prison sentence after pleading guilty to federal charges.

The 26-year-old former teacher appeared in Dawson County Friday, and entered a not guilty plea to charges of first-degree sexual assault of a child, felony child abuse and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

The Associated Press

Adams County bookmobile

Monday

◆ Good Samaritan Village:
◆ Goldbeck Towers, 9:30 a.m.
◆ The Villa, 9:45 a.m.
◆ Hoeger Memorial Library, 10:15 a.m.
◆ Perkins Pavilion, 10:45 a.m.
◆ Village Green, 11 a.m.
◆ Beginning Early Development Center, 1:10-1:30 p.m.
◆ Regency Retirement, 1:35 p.m.
◆ HPS Preschool at Watson, 1:50 p.m.
◆ HPS Preschool at Morton, 2:15 p.m.

Tuesday

◆ Kenesaw School, 9:15-12:55 p.m.
◆ Child Care by Carol, 9:40-10 a.m.
◆ Haven Home of Kenesaw, 1-1:15 p.m.
◆ Christ Lutheran School, 1:30 p.m.

Markets

Friday's closing local markets

Corn	3.13
Soybeans	7.75
Milo	2.36
Wheat	4.80

Stocks of local interest

The following stocks of local interest were traded today:

	Last	Chg.
BN Santa Fe	73.29	+1.31
Berkshire Hathaway A	90,000.00	+12,500.00
Berkshire Hathaway B	2,914.00	+294.00
ConAgra	14.55	+0.64
Eaton Corp.	41.76	+2.98
Ingersoll Rand	12.84	+0.76
Level 3	0.79	0.00
McDonald's	55.15	+.24
PepsiCo	54.59	+4.30
TierOne	2.99	-0.26
Tricon Global Restaurants	24.22	+1.97
Union Pacific	47.50	-1.62
Wells Fargo	21.76	-0.77
Williams Cos.	14.08	+1.95
Wal-Mart	52.92	+2.26

Prosecutors defend flag desecration law

JEAN ORTIZ
The Associated Press

PAPILLION — Sarpy County prosecutors on Friday tried to justify flag-desecration charges against a member of a Kansas church whose members believe that U.S. troop deaths are punishment for the nation's tolerance of homosexuality.

Authorities say Shirley Phelps-Roper let her 10-year-old son stand on an American flag at the funeral of a National Guardsman in June 2007 in Bellevue. They also say she wore a flag as a skirt that dragged on the ground.

Phelps-Roper is a member of the Westboro Baptist Church of Topeka, Kan., which was founded by her father, Fred Phelps. The church has become known for its members carrying signs that read "God Hates Fags," and "Thank God for dead soldiers," at military funerals nationwide.

Phelps-Roper argues that Nebraska's law against flag desecration violates her right to free speech.

Her attorney, Bassel El-Kasaby, said the five methods defined under Nebraska law as flag desecration are open to interpretation, leaving people confused about how they can use the flag in a protest.

But prosecutors say the law is valid because it leaves open other methods of protest, and only prohibits mutilating, defacing, defiling, burning or trampling a flag.

Asked what other methods would be legal, Deputy County Attorney Nicole Hutter replied: "The defendant could tie the flag in knots and wave it over her head."

Hutter said the state's responsibility is to protect the safety of the public, Phelps-Roper and her children.

Phelps-Roper also faces charges of disturbing the peace, contributing to the delinquency of a minor and negligent child abuse.

El-Kasaby said while those laws she was charged for violating aren't unconstitutional, their application is because the charges stem from the flag desecration charge.

He said Sarpy County's handling of the issue has created a chilling effect for protesters, and Phelps agreed.

"Every time we come to Nebraska it is sweating bullets," she said during a midday recess as she prepared to head off to a protest. She said not protesting is not an option.

Sarpy County Judge Todd Hutton did not rule on Friday. He gave lawyers 60 days to submit additional written arguments.

Phelps-Roper said she isn't all that interested in any decision.

"I don't care what they do here because the Lord is coming and America is doomed," she said.

The pipes are calling senior UNL student

MICHAEL TODD
The Associated Press

LINCOLN — Every year, there are a number of die-hard guitarists who lug their hundreds of watts of amplification up to their dorm room at move-in.

It's no secret that bone-shaking power chords and quiet hours aren't the best of friends.

Enter Andrew Seevers.

This semester, he has been striking the balance between being courteous to the Pound Hall residents within earshot and honing his chops on the bagpipe, an instrument notorious for its volume. Only once has he heard a complaint, and even that was a bit unsubstantiated.

"There's a girl downstairs that didn't really appreciate it," so her resident adviser came up, said Seevers, a senior history major at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. "I'm still not sure if it was me that she was talking about, because she complained that it happened early on a weekend, and I don't play on the weekends, at least in the dorms."

What most people don't know is that there are more types of bagpipes than the Great Highland bagpipe, which has become synonymous over the years with the term "bagpipes." These in particular have been estimated to blare at 105 decibels. The pipes Seevers uses in the dorms are called a fireside set, which are considerably quieter.

With that in mind, he can practice and not be too much of a nuisance, and his practice has shown solid results in his playing.

After being introduced to the pipes in high school, he soon got too busy with his academic career and lost the motivation to carry on with lessons. A little more than eight months ago, he wanted to give it another go.

"Last February, I decided to jump back into it and bought myself a set of pub pipes," Seevers. "I thought I'd teach myself, so I got them but soon realized that I couldn't teach myself. So my girlfriend's mother got me in touch with the fire department band here, and I've been learning with them."

He has been playing with the Lincoln Fire Department band, as well as a group in Omaha when he's home. Although he mostly plays marches and traditional dance tunes, he has other influences as well.

"I listen to a lot of music like the Real McKenzies where they have punk rock with bagpipes to branch out a little bit," Seevers said, "but for the most part, it's just the traditional-type music."

For anyone interested in trying bagpipes out, Seevers said the first order of business is to purchase a practice chanter — a woodwind instrument that looks similar to a recorder and is used to learn how to play the Great Highland bagpipe.

"Find yourself a teacher, because the pipes are different than any other instrument," Seevers said.

Grand jury issues 12-count indictment vs. Iowa meatpacker

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The Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — A federal grand jury has issued a 12-count indictment alleging that managers were intricately involved in efforts to employ illegal workers at a kosher slaughterhouse that was the site of one of the nation's largest immigration raids.

The indictment includes three new defendants — Brent Beebe, Hosam Amara and Zeev Levi — who haven't previously faced federal charges in connection with the Agriprocessors plant in Postville. The indictment was issued Thursday and unsealed Friday.

Former CEO Sholom Rubashkin and human resources worker Karina Freund, who were already facing federal charges, also were named in the indictment.

The indictment supersedes the previous one and lists charges including conspiracy to harbor undocumented immigrants for profit; harboring and aiding and abetting undocumented immigrants for profit; conspiracy to commit document fraud; aiding and abetting document fraud; aiding and abetting aggravated identity theft; and bank fraud.

Federal immigration agents raided the northeastern Iowa plant in May and arrested 389 workers. Arrests of Agriprocessors managers have come in the following months, as have state charges alleging labor and safety violations.

Court records show that Beebe, the plant's operations manager, was arrested without incident at noon Friday at the Agriprocessors plant. The U.S. attorney's office said the public's assistance is being sought in the apprehension of Amara and Levi, who were both poultry managers.

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Buffett: Bailout or bankruptcy needed

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He said he doesn't regret agreeing in September to invest $5 billion in Goldman Sachs, because he doesn't think the investment bank would still agree to pay Berkshire the 10 percent annual dividend Goldman promised. Since Goldman announced Berkshire's investment, it received $10 billion in assistance as part of the government's $700 billion bailout plan.

Shares of Buffett's Omaha-based company have fallen significantly this month since Berkshire reported a 77 percent drop in this year's third-quarter profit. His report cited unrealized investment losses of about $1 billion weighed on the results.

Class A shares of Berkshire, which are still the most expensive U.S. stock, were selling for $81,900 Friday afternoon. The stock set a new high of $151,650 last December after an exceptionally profitable third quarter that was helped by a $2 billion investment gain.

Buffett said he's not bothered by the recent share price decline, because he's been through similar drops before and he values Berkshire based on its underlying businesses.

Berkshire owns a diverse mix of more than 60 companies, including insurance, furniture, carpet, jewelry, restaurants and utility businesses. And it has major investments in such companies as Wells Fargo & Co. and Coca-Cola Co.

Valentine: Vandal suspect arrested

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"This isn't normal behavior for Valentine, Neb.," Scott said. "It's an embarrassment for the hardworking people who live here."

The man was spotted by police about 3:30 a.m. Wednesday and arrested without incident, Scott said. The suspect appears to be the same man caught on a surveillance camera at the middle school last year, he said.

Valentine, a town of about 2,650 in remote north-central Nebraska, lies near the scenic Niobrara River. The city was named one of the top "wilderness" towns in the country last year by National Geographic Adventure magazine.

People from around the country send Valentine's Day cards to the city's post office so they can be mailed out with the word "Valentine" stamped on them.

The past two summers, the bandit struck business after business, window after window.

He stopped over the fall and winter.

During one particularly brazen session, virtually all the windows at a local hotel were imprinted.

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COPD: A breath-taking disease

SUFFERERS OF THE CHRONIC LUNG DISEASE MUST TAKE LIFE-CHANGING STEPS TO SLOW ITS PROGRESSION

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There's a breath-taking disease that's affecting a significant cross-section of residents in Adams County.

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, or COPD, is a chronic lung disease that impedes correct breathing and leaves victims headed for bouts with emphysema and chronic bronchitis. Sufferers of the disease can have problems inhaling, exhaling, or both. But one grim fact is certain: The disease is eventually fatal, said Jeff Shelton, director of cardiopulmonary services at Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital.

"If someone is diagnosed with COPD, they are going to die of it," Shelton said in an interview at the hospital Wednesday afternoon. "It could be the primary cause of their death or the secondary cause, but they're going to die of it. Our goal, of course, is to slow the progression of the disease."

In Nebraska, COPD is most commonly found among farmers, bakery workers, construction workers, and smokers, Shelton said. Causes among farmers may include the inhalation of chemical fumes or excessive dust in fields or grain bins.

In construction labor, the intake of asbestos particles may be a trigger. Bakers exposed to excessive dust are also susceptible to contracting the disease, which inhibits the lung's capacity to exchange bad air with good air, Shelton said.

"COPD impacts the lung's ability to function appropriately," he said. "It could be the ability to take air into your lungs effectively or to let that air out of your lungs effectively. Or it can be a mixture of the two.

"The important thing we need to recognize is COPD is a disease. That means it doesn't go away. If someone is diagnosed with COPD, that means they have to take action and take action now. Taking therapeutic action at any stage in your disease process slows the progress of the disease."

If detected early, COPD is treatable with medications that combat not only its symptoms, but its progression, as well, Shelton said. Combined with healthy life changes, such as quitting smoking, a healthy die, and exercise, a patient can live a mostly full and normal life, Shelton said. Left untreated, the disease can be devastating, attacking the vital organs crucial to sustaining life.

"We've had individuals who've lived rather normal lifestyles because they were able to adjust their livelihood," he said. "I think it's fair to say that if diagnosed early enough in a person's life, that with life altering, they can go on to live a relatively normal life. If it's diagnosed late or behavior does not change, it can be the death of you in as little as two years."

Wearing a surgical-type protective mask can greatly reduce the likelihood of contracting the disease, Shelton said. Those working in high-risk professions with perpetual exposure to chemicals, dust particles or other airborne irritants should don a protective mask at all times, he said. Likewise, anyone diagnosed with COPD should immediately utilize a mask to avoid additional life-threatening exposures.

"Let's say you work in a bakery," Shelton said. "If they wear a protective mask, they won't inhale the dust created from that. The same goes for harvesting and wearing masks during harvest.

"If an individual is able to find a way to take these actions here, diet and exercise, and apply a medication along with that, we can slow that progression of the disease where it doesn't become your primary cause of death."

For information, or to schedule a breathing test, call 402-461-5292.



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Jeff Shelton, director of Pulmonary Services at Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital, demonstrates a test used to identifiy COPD with assistant director Carmen Kramer Nov. 12.

Wayward deer causes damage at Superior bank

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SUPERIOR — A break-in at Farmers and Merchants Bank here Thursday afternoon has been blamed on a suspect with four legs rather than the usual two.

Just after the bank had closed, about 3:15 p.m., a loud crash startled workers.

No one in the bank saw the invader, who broke a door in the entryway, but did not come in. Scott Boyles, bank vice president, said employees quickly boarded over the broken glass.

Carmen Bruening, who was working in the window of her Style Shoppe across the street, said she heard the crash and looked up in time to see a good-sized doe heading west around the bank's north corner.

At Total Elegance beauty shop on the north side of Fourth Street, beautician Jody Langer said she and a customer had watched the doe come out of the alley east of the shop.

The animal was heading across the street to another alley, she said, but skidded to a stop when it saw a Trailblazer coming up the alley. It then started running down Main Street and banged into the glass door at the bank.

"I don't know what it struck the door with, but there was blood on its muzzle," Langer said.

This is not the first sighting of a deer in town in the last few days. Several have been reported in downtown parking lots and residential neighborhoods.

Some people have suggested the animals are taking refuge from the hunters.

Langer said she thought the doe at the bank must have been looking for a buck.

Iowa: 12-count indictment issued against meatpacker

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Calls to attorneys for Rubashkin and Freund were not immediately returned. Beebe was being arraigned Friday afternoon, and no attorney had yet been appointed.

The indictment pulls together a handful of cases pending against Agriprocessors employees and includes new details of previous allegations, including a meeting in a barn on plant property between Rubashkin and Beebe. The two allegedly discussed loaning money to several workers who could not afford new documents.

The indictment also described a discussion between poultry managers Amara and Levi and poultry supervisor Martin De La Rosa-Loera. The managers allegedly told De La Rosa-Loera to help six employees obtain and submit new paperwork after they were fired because of improper documents.

A federal judge ruled this week that Rubashkin should remain in federal custody after prosecutors argued he was a flight risk. He was arrested last week on a bank fraud charge and had been arrested earlier on immigration charges.

Freund was arrested in September and charged with harboring illegal immigrants. She faces a new charge of conspiracy to harbor undocumented immigrants.

The charges are the latest blow for a company that was once the nation's largest provider of kosher meat. The Postville plant sought bankruptcy protection this month and has been forced to halt production.

The company had also operated a plant near Gordon It has closed because of the company's financial problems.

85-year-old candy thief ticketed

The Associated Press

OMAHA — An 85-year-old man is ticketed for shoplifting three pieces of candy.

Police say the man was seen taking three pieces of loose candy on Nov. 6th at an Omaha grocery store.

The value of the candy is 25 cents.

Store management told police the man regularly swipes candy from the display. They say they've told the man repeatedly he is stealing, and they would call police if it continued.

'Big Box Reuse' features Hastings Head Start building

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A "big box," says author Julia Christensen, is "a large, free-standing, one-story warehouse building with one main room, ranging from 20,000 to 280,000 square feet, used initially for retail purposes."

In Hastings, that building is the old Kmart, which was turned into the Hastings Head Start Child and Family Development Program.

Along with nine others, the building is featured in Christensen's book, published this month, called "Big Box Reuse." The book began as a photography project for her master's of fine arts in electronic art and evolved into a book as Christensen was asked to share her findings at universities, city councils and other forums. People asked that the stories she was telling be written down, she said recently — hence the book.

Though other corporations are part of the trend, Christensen focused on Wal-Mart and Kmart because their buildings "have drastically changed the trajectory of development in our cities and towns, in that they have historically been the most commonly constructed and abandoned retail big boxes throughout the United States," she said.

Christensen traveled the country over the past several years, after doing Internet searches to locate big boxes abandoned by the retailer that have been put to good use. She visited about 20 buildings, including the Head Start, during her first summer of research.

The buildings featured have been turned into a county courthouse, indoor raceway, senior resource center, charter school, Spam museum (the kind that comes in a can), library, church, health center, peddler's mall and the Head Start.

"To be included in a book that crosses the entire U.S., that she picked us as one of the 10 in the nation, that's pretty cool," said Deb Ross, Head Start director.

Ross said that Christensen asked for all the details on how Head Start had acquired and renovated its building.

After Kmart moved out, the building had been empty for 10 years, for several reasons. First, the rent was too expensive — Ross was quoted $117,000 a year — second, buying the property would be complicated because the land was owned by a local man and the building by an investment firm in California. Plus, Kmart was still paying rent on the building, to keep its competition out.

This is a common practice among big box retailers, Christensen discovered. Wal-Mart and Kmart will build a new and bigger store, often less than a mile away, then pay rent at both locations indefinitely to protect their interests.

Some states are fighting against this practice. For instance, Maine now has a law that prevents big box retailers from building until they give "significant proof that their presence would in no way be economically hazardous to the community's existing businesses," Christensen said.

With a rent quote out of her price range, Ross gave up on the old Kmart. Then, in August 1998, wind knocked the roof off Head Start's old building, a renovated hardware store in east Hastings. Fire sprinklers filled the building with eight inches of water and left it unusable, just two weeks before school was to start. Head Start classes took up residence in various buildings across town for several years.

"We were homeless, basically, for the program," Ross said. "We were all across town until we got this done."

Ross worked with developer Bob Finningsmier at Johnson Imperial Homes, who got Kmart to give up its lease and purchased both the land and building. Ross submitted a floor plan to Finningsmier and offered $1.4 million for a move-in ready building.

"A deal was drawn up within three months," Christensen wrote. "Ross signed the contract in March 2001. The Kmart building officially became the new home of the Head Start in Hastings, Nebraska, and the first day of school in the old Kmart building was in September of that year."

Christensen's photos show both exterior and interior of the new Head Start – cornfields edging the parking lot, the clearly "big box" look of the building's front, a multi-cultural classroom, a hallway with handprints and the playground areas. She talks about how employees at Head Start remember exactly which Kmart feature was in which location inside the building.

"Staff members joke about meeting for lunch in the dressing rooms, as they eat in a cafeteria that was once where they tried on clothes at Kmart," Christensen wrote.

The story highlights the increasing Hispanic population of Hastings, which Head Start serves, as well as the way Head Start is able to use its neighboring cornfields to teach kids about agriculture and the process of growth.

Christensen is now a visiting professor of emerging arts at Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio. She said recently that she is "totally impressed" with Ross, the Head Start staff and community members who made this renovation possible.

"It is such an inspirational story!" Christensen said.

For more information about "Big Box Reuse," visit www.bigboxreuse.com/book.



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19,000 victims ID'd from May quake

AUDRA ANG
The Associated Press

BEIJING — A little over a quarter of the 70,000 people who died in a massive earthquake that struck Sichuan province in May have been identified, a Chinese official said Friday, as authorities rushed to prepare stricken areas for the coming winter.

Wei Hong, vice governor of Sichuan, said 19,065 bodies have been identified since the May 12 quake razed huge swaths of the lush, mountainous southwest province. Another 18,000 people are still missing.

Wei originally gave that figure when asked how many students were killed in the quake during a news conference organized by the State Council, China's Cabinet. In an official clarification, the State Council later said Wei had been referring to the number of bodies officially identified.

The government still has not given a separate toll for children who were crushed when their shoddily built schools collapsed, but has said that about 7,000 classrooms were destroyed. Their deaths have become a sensitive political issue, with parents staging protests demanding investigations.

Many of the parents also say they have also been subjected to intimidation and financial inducements to silence them.

But Wei said he had not heard of such situations.

"The great majority of the family members of the children and students who died in the earthquake are gradually walking out of the shadow of losing their family member," Wei said. "They are now facing up to reality and a new life."

He said verifying the number of students who died was a complex process and there was "no final, accurate figure" yet.

"The government is also very sorry about their deaths," Wei said. "Our government will try their utmost to properly resolve the questions raised by the family members and parents of students who died in the earthquake."

He blamed the destruction of public service buildings — tens of thousands of schools and medical institutions among them — to the intensity of the magnitude-7.9 quake.

In September, a Chinese government scientist acknowledged that a rush to build schools in recent years likely led to construction flaws causing so many of them to collapse — the first official admission that low construction standards may have been behind the student deaths.

Wei said millions of those displaced by the earthquake still need quilts and repairs to their homes if they are to survive the coming winter.

Chen Kefu, deputy director of Sichuan's civil affairs department, said there was a shortage of 330,000 quilts for the quake victims and electric blankets and heating appliances were also needed.

Wei said relief work was important because experts were predicting temperatures would be slightly colder in the coming months compared to previous years.

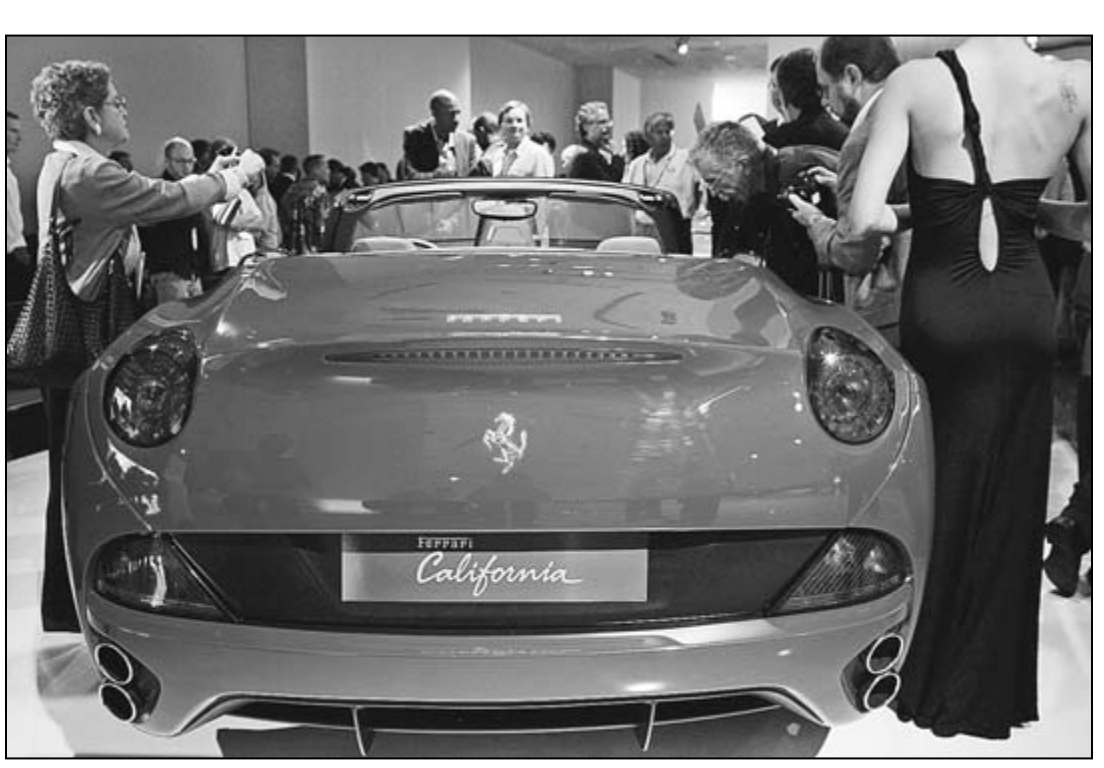
Wen said that as of Nov. 12, nearly 200,000 homes had been rebuilt, 685,000 homes were under reconstruction, but that another 1.94 million households still needed to be rebuilt or repaired.

More than 1,300 schools have been reconstructed or are currently being worked on, and site selection had started for relocating 25 townships, including Beichuan and Wenchuan, two of the most devastated areas.



ODED BALILTY/*AP*

In this June 1 file photo, a woman mourns for her grandson who died in the May 12 earthquake in the debris of the collapsed Xingjian Elementary School as they mark Children's Day in Dujiangyan, China. More than 19,000 schoolchildren died in a massive earthquake that struck Sichuan province in May, China acknowledged Friday for the first time.



RIC FRANCIS/*AP*

The new Ferrari California is on display at the Los Angeles Auto Show Thursday in Los Angeles.

Luxury cars buck national trend

DAN STRUMPF
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — With the U.S. all but certainly in a recession and many skittish consumers hesitant to buy even a Honda Accord, it would seem the last thing anyone would need is a $400,000 Rolls-Royce Phantom.

But sales of many high-end luxury cars are bucking the trend of plummeting car sales, and their makers and industry watchers at the Los Angeles Auto Show this week are confident that they will weather the industry downturn just fine.

Models in spaghetti-strap dresses circled Maserati's display at the show, which opens to the public on Friday, while Italian executives in fine suits talked up the Ferrari California and subdued Britons bragged that the Lotus Evora is so exquisite "it goes beyond the sense of touch."

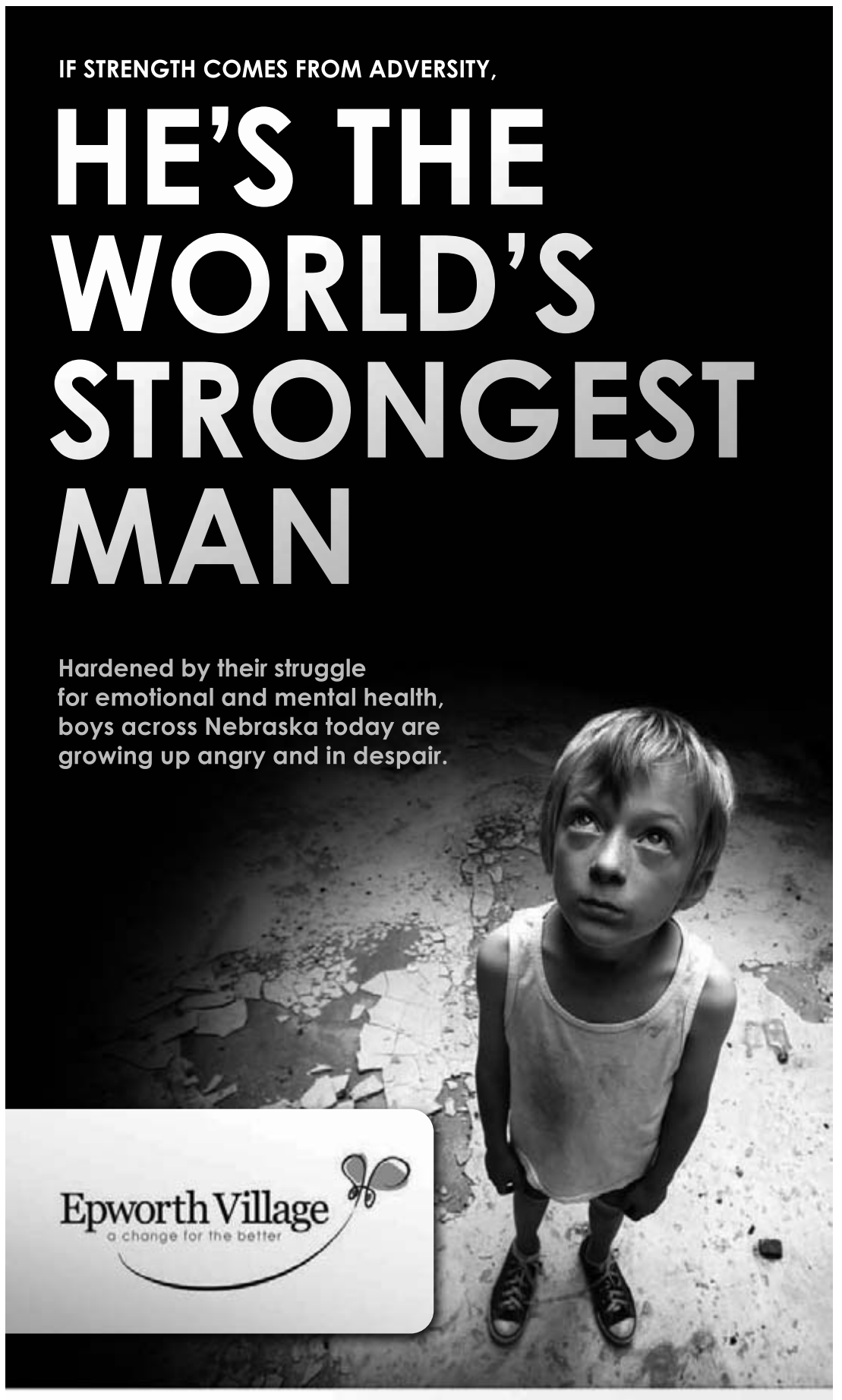
"It's a car that you have to experience in almost telepathic terms," said Roger Becker, head of vehicle engineering for Lotus, without a trace of irony.

The display may seem improper after U.S. auto executives spent the week begging for alms in Washington. But ultra-luxury cars like those on display at the LA show are often highly resistant to economic downturns, said Erich Merkle, top auto analyst with the consulting firm Crowe Horwath LLP.

"You're dealing with the ultra rich who, even if they take a hit, a car purchase for them is a very, very fractional piece of their net worth," Merkle said. "Whether they're paying $50,000 for a car or $200,000 or $300,000 for a car, it really makes no difference in their net worth."

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Area residents pick up bags of Thanksgiving groceries at the Bread Of Life Distribution Center's food pantry in Wichita, Kan., Tuesday. Director Donna Pinaire estimated they will serve 2,500 families, or about 6,000 people, this year, up from 4,500 last year. The ministry has been distributing food to needy families weekly for 17 years.

Americans still giving, despite poor economy

DONNA GORDON BLANKINSHIP
The Associated Press

SEATTLE — As more Americans turn to charity amid worsening economic gloom, operators of food banks and other aid groups are relying on the surprisingly resilient generosity of their neighbors and finding that even when times are tough, people still give.

In Seattle, Boeing Co. employees tripled their cash donations this year to Northwest Harvest, operator of Washington's largest food bank. And every week, Northwest Harvest spokeswoman Claire Acey says, companies call to say their employees have decided to skip their holiday party and buy food for the hungry instead.

"We see things like that and they are little beacons of hope," Acey said.

The Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University says that historically, charitable giving has been recession-proof.

Contributions to American charities have increased during 39 of the past 40 years in today's dollars, and a change in the tax laws — not the stock market crash — can be blamed for the drop in 1987, said Melissa Brown, associate director of research for the center. Between 69 and 72 percent of people give routinely, she said.

Other research by the center has shown a connection between a drop in the Standard & Poors 500 stock index and a decrease in charitable giving, but the impact is less than 1 percent for every 100 points the index drops. Inflation and other economic factors can reverse the impact.

Brown said the stock market has a relatively small impact on charitable giving nationally. In 2002, when the stock market was down, 70 percent of the population still gave an average of $2,000, she said.

"It totaled billions of dollars and companies were going bankrupt and people were losing work," Brown said.

Charities in New York, whose fates are tied more directly to the stock market, have been hit harder by a decrease in donations this year, but the national picture is more positive.

A survey released this week by Federal Way, Wash.-based World Vision indicates that 2008 could actually be a better-than-usual Christmas for the nation's charitable organizations.

The telephone survey, conducted in late October by Harris Interactive, found that seven in 10 adults plan to spend less money on holiday presents this year, but about half say they are more likely to give a charitable gift than a traditional present such as clothing or an electronic toy.

World Vision hopes to take advantage of the giving nature of Americans with a holiday gift catalog where presents such as chickens and goats go to disadvantaged families in Africa and other parts of the world.

"At a time when people have things and they know that other people don't, Americans' generosity wins out," said Justin Greeves, senior vice president of Harris Interactive, which regularly polls Americans about their charitable giving.

The American Heart Association says donations are up this year, despite the economic downturn, and the Dallas-based charity is cautiously optimistic about holiday giving, said Suzie Upton, vice president for development.

The American Red Cross is in the middle of a major fundraising campaign to make up for a lack of giving earlier this year — the organization's disaster relief fund was broke before hurricane season.

But Red Cross spokesman Jonathan Aiken doesn't blame the economic downturn for the charity's empty pocketbook. He blames the election.

Aiken says America's focus on the presidential election took its eyes away from disaster relief for such things as hurricane relief in Texas and Louisiana.

The Washington, D.C.-based charity's national campaign to raise $100 million passed the $60-million mark after two months.

"We're pretty pleased with that," said Aiken, who could not compare the results with previous national campaigns because the organization does not regularly have them. Most of its income comes from spontaneous giving during national and international disasters.

United Way of King County, Wash., which is one of the most successful United Ways in the nation, expects to reach this year's fundraising goal of $110 million.

Volunteers say people seem insecure about the future, but they are also concerned about others and want to help, spokesman Jared Erlandson said.

Erlandson credits the presidential campaign for helping to set a tone for this year's campaign. "People are fired up and they want to help right now," he said.

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Iraqi Shiites burn Bush effigy to protest pact

HAMZA HENDAWI
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Thousands of followers of a radical Shiite cleric protested a proposed U.S.-Iraqi security deal Friday, burning an effigy of President George W. Bush in the same square where Iraqis beat a toppled Saddam Hussein statue five years ago.

Chanting and waving flags, Muqtada al-Sadr's followers filled Firdous Square to protest the pact that would allow American troops to stay for three more years.

The demonstration followed two days of protests in parliament by al-Sadr loyalists who disrupted readings of the proposed agreement ahead of a debate and vote.

Despite the opposition at least three small parliamentary factions, the pact is expected to pass in the Shiite-led parliament when it comes up for a vote next week.

Al-Sadr, who controls a group of 30 lawmakers in the 275-seat parliament, views the deal as a surrender to U.S. interests. But supporters say the pact will eventually lead to full sovereignty.

If al-Sadr's group and other legislators opposed to the pact lose by a thin margin, they might attempt to turn their anti-American message into a defining issue in provincial elections on Jan. 31 and general elections late in 2009.

Al-Sadr's influence in Iraq however has dipped from the days when militiamen loyal to him battled U.S. forces and were seen as protectors of Shiites against Sunni militants, and his anti-American message earned him and his followers strong nationalist credentials.

Al-Sadr, believed to be in Iran, was not at the protest, though his representative read a sermon he wrote that called the U.S. "the enemy of Islam."

"The government must know that it is the people who help it in the good and the bad times. If it throws the occupier out, all the Iraqi people will stand by it," the sermon read, using common rhetoric for the United States.



KHALID MOHAMMED/*AP*

Thousands of followers of Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr (pictured in the poster) converge on Firdous Square in central Baghdad for a mass prayer to protest a proposed U.S.-Iraqi security pact on Friday.

China vows not to compromise with Tibetan exiles

CHRISTOPHER BODEEN
The Associated Press

BEIJING — China launched a new verbal attack on the Dalai Lama's drive for Tibetan autonomy on Friday, vowing not to compromise with leaders of the Tibetan exile community meeting to debate the future of their movement.

An editorial in the official Tibet Daily newspaper again ruled out the possibility of extending to Tibet the special autonomous status enjoyed by Hong Kong and Macau.

"Any acts to harm or change Tibet's current basic political system are in diametric opposition to our country's constitution and law," the editorial said.

The former British and Portuguese colonies have retained their own police forces, legal systems and limited democratic governance even after returning to Chinese sovereignty in the late 1990s.

The editorial called the Nobel peace laureate's "middle way" proposal a deception, saying that it was tantamount to seeking outright independence for the region, which China insists has been part of its territory for 700 years.

Many Tibetans, however, say they were effectively independent for most of that time before Chinese forces invaded shortly after the 1949 communist revolution. The Tibetan leader has consistently said he does not seek to separate Tibet from China but wants the region to be granted control over its internal affairs.

The Dalai Lama's "so-called 'middle way' is a naked expression of 'Tibet independence' aimed at nakedly spreading the despicable plot of opposing the tide of history," the editorial said.

The Tibet Daily is the mouthpiece of the region's Communist Party committee and the editorial appeared aimed at sending a clear message to exile Tibetans meeting this week that China will not yield in its hard-line approach. Though it did not directly mention the gathering, China's Foreign Ministry has previously dismissed it as meaningless and illegitimate.

The talks in the Indian hill town of Dharmsala — the base of the self-declared government-in-exile — have exposed rifts between many young Tibetans who advocate a declaration of independence from China and the older guard, who stand by the Dalai Lama's path of seeking for the region to be granted control over its internal affairs while remaining a part of China.

The divide was sharpened by a March uprising of Tibetans across western China that marked the biggest challenge to Chinese rule in Tibet in nearly two decades.

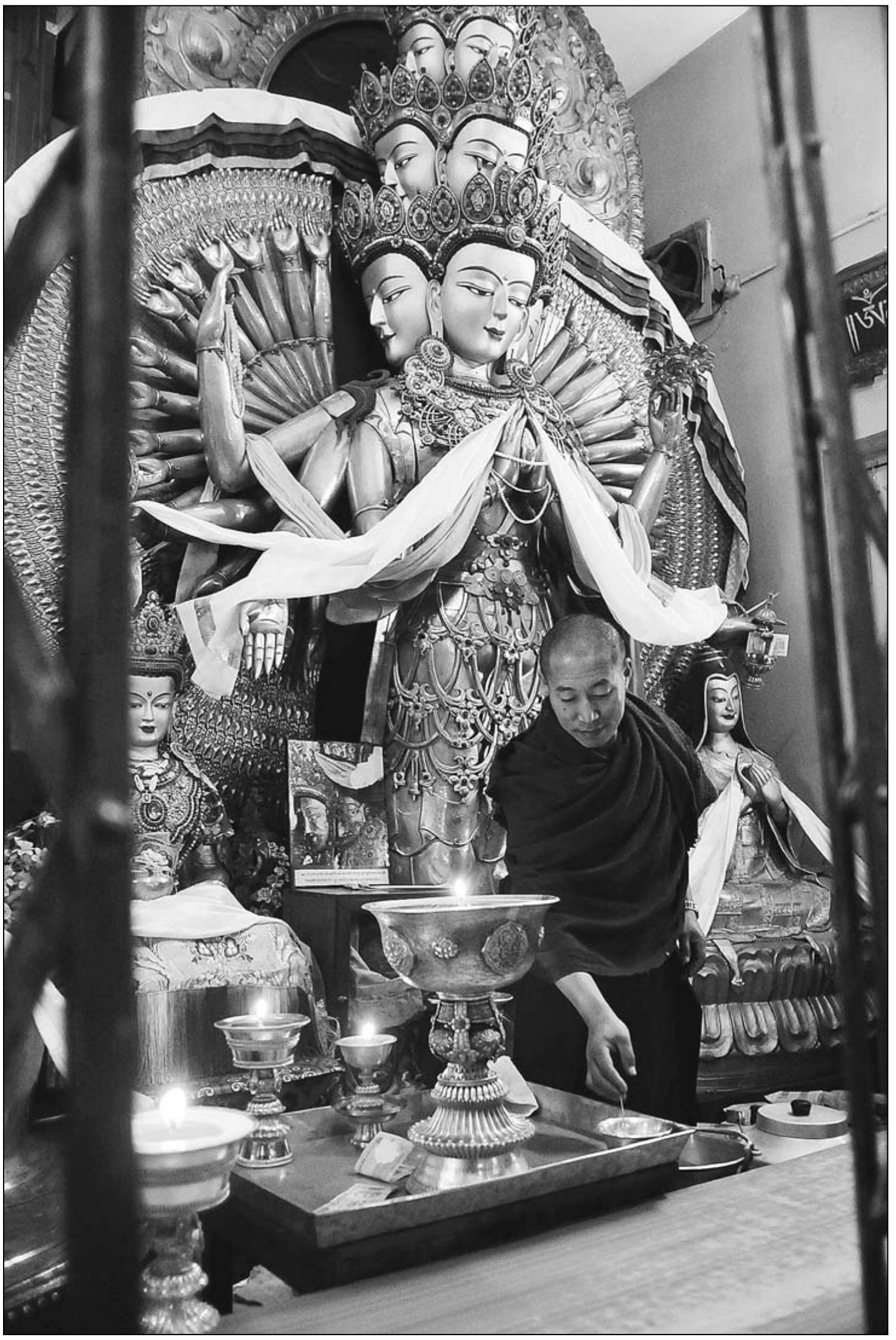
Last month's talks between China and representatives of the Dalai Lama produced no progress and in their wake, China has ratcheted up its rhetoric against the Dalai Lama and his proposals. Beijing has sought to portray the spiritual leader as a ruthless autocrat who would carry out ethnic cleansing in Tibetan areas and reintroduce the region's traditional feudal theocracy.

Piling on the criticism, China's official Xinhua News Agency released an article Friday attacking the language used by the Dalai Lama's envoys at the recent talks.

The Tibetans aim to "set up a 'half independent' or 'covertly independent' political entity controlled by the Dalai clique on one quarter of the Chinese territory," Xinhua said.

"And when conditions are ripe, they will seek to realize 'complete Tibet independence,' " it said.

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ASHWINI BHATIA/*AP*

A Tibetan Buddhist monk lights butter lamps at the Tsuglakhang Temple in Dharmsala, India, late Thursday.

Islamists say they'll fight Somali pirates

MOHAMED SHEIKH NOR
The Associated Press

MOGADISHU, Somalia — A radical Islamic group in Somalia said Friday it will fight the pirates holding a Saudi supertanker loaded with $100 million worth of crude oil.

Abdelghafar Musa, a fighter with al-Shabab who claims to speak on behalf of all Islamic fighters in the Horn of Africa nation, said ships belonging to Muslim countries should not be seized.

"We are really sorry to hear that the Saudi ship has been held in Somalia. We will fight them (the pirates)," Musa told AP Television News.

In the past two weeks, Somalia's increasingly brazen pirates have seized eight vessels including the huge Saudi supertanker. Several hundred crew are now in the hands of Somali pirates. The pirates dock the hijacked ships near the eastern and southern Somali coast and negotiate for ransom.

Saudi Arabia's foreign minister said Friday that the Saudi government was not negotiating with pirates and would not do so, but that what the ship's owners did was up to them.

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Redmen back in Kansas state title game

ERIC XAVIER VICCARO
Special to the Hastings Tribune

MEADE, Kan. — Football is a game of calculated risks.

Meade High School senior Caiden Kohart recovered the Buffaloes' onside kick at the beginning of the second half with the Buffaloes down only 22-14.

"That was an easy one for us," Meade head coach Scott Moshier said. "I asked our coaches on the sideline if they wanted to do it. I told Kyle (Ross, the Buffaloes' kicker) that we'd run it out of our regular formation, and we couldn't have executed it better."

However, Smith Center's defense stood up to the challenge as Taylor Headrick and Brian Deighton couldn't connect on a long pass play.

The Buffaloes advanced the ball to the Redmen 40 before Smith Center's Matt Atwood sacked Headrick six yards behind the line of scrimmage on a fourth-down-and-four.

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Smith Center	60
Meade	14

"Our coaches told me they might try to do an onside kick," Smith Center's longtime head coach Roger Barta said. "We didn't play it well. But, it was critical that our defense made them turn the ball over to us on downs, and they did."

That defensive stopped gave the Redmen the momentum the team needed as Smith Center defeated Meade 60-14 in the semifinals of the Class 2-1A state championship Friday.

Seven plays later, the Redmen began putting together a 38-point second-half barrage as halfback Trevor Rempe scampered 15 yards for a score, giving Smith Center a 30-14 lead with 8 minutes, 44 seconds left in the second half.

Barta said Smith Center defensive coordinator Brock Hutchinson made some adjustments during halftime, which included keying on Meade quarterback Taylor Headrick and keeping him in check.

The Redmen shut out the Buffaloes in the third and fourth quarters.

The rest was all details at the Stampede Grounds Friday.

The undefeated Redmen (12-0) will be gunning for their eighth Kansas state football championship next Saturday at Fort Hays State University's Lewis Field. Smith Center will play Olpe, a 20-0 winner over Pittsburg St. Mary's Colgan also on Friday evening. Kickoff is set for 12:30 p.m.

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Millard West wins Class A title

The Associated Press

LINCOLN — Millard West junior Darius Evans returned the opening kickoff for a touchdown and Kohlman Adema-Schulte added 96 yards and a score to lead the Wildcats to a 21-8 win over Millard South in the finals of the Class A state football playoffs on Friday.

High School Football

Millard West	21
Millard South	8

"That got things ramped up awful quick for us. That was huge," Millard West coach Kirk Peterson said of the kick return. "People were writing and saying all week we had no chance in this game because they were

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Blue Hill 14, Archbishop Bergan 0

THIRD TIME'S A CHARM



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Above: Blue Hill's Riley Bonifas (35) stiff arms Archbishop Bergan's Josh Boggs (3) during their Class C-2 State Football Championship game at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln Friday. Below: Blue Hill's Nathan Petska (3) falls on the ball before Archbishop Bergan's Riley Gross (11) during a Blue Hill pitch play.

Blue Hill crowned champs after back-to-back silvers

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LINCOLN — The turnaround is now complete. After being dominated in back-to-back state title game losses and four years after winning just one game all season, the Blue Hill football team is bringing the state championship trophy back home.

The Bobcats once again used a dominating defensive performance, shutting out Archbishop Bergan 14-0 Friday at a chilly Memorial Stadium in the Class C-2 title game to finish the year 12-1 — losing only their season opener — and win the school's first-ever state championship in football.

"I'm so excited," said an emotional junior running back Riley Bonifas, unable to hold back tears of joy after the game. "It's just nice to finally get the monkey off our back."

Video
Watch Blue Hill celebrate it's Class C-2 state title at hastingstribune.com.

Yes, the monkey is off the Bobcats' back after losing to Wakefield 19-0 last year and 34-7 in 2006.

"I don't even have words to describe it," said third-year Blue Hill head coach Scott Porter, who joined the program as an assistant in 2005 after the Bobcats had won just one game the previous season. "It's great for these kids, especially these seniors."

The Bobcats had been stellar all season on the defensive side of the ball, allowing only six points per game heading into the championship. But Friday's performance, the Bobcats' first shutout of the playoffs after four shutouts during the regular season, will go down as their best.

Blue Hill held Bergan's high-powered passing offense to 60 yards through the air. The Knights (10-3) finished with only 120 total yards and six first downs, with no play going for more than 13 yards.

"Our kids on defense, I thought last week was their best performance," Porter said, referring to a 26-6 win over Plainview in the semifinals. "But this tops it. To come in and stop a spread offense like Bergan's and to keep them scoreless, you've just got to give your hats off to the kids."

Porter, who serves as Blue Hill's defensive coordinator, and his coaching staff considered tinkering their defense for the Knights. But in the end, Blue Hill kept it simple and stuck to its base defense.

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Seniors cap stellar careers with title

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LINCOLN — Blue Hill's senior class has tallied a lot of wins over the past four years. Forty-five to be exact. And that's with only five losses.

But to the players, they've always come up one win short.

Not anymore. The 45th win for the Blue Hill seniors, a 14-0 victory over Archbishop Bergan in the Class C-2 title game Friday, gave the school its first-ever state championship in football.

"It means a lot," Blue Hill senior Cody Karr said. "Your senior year, going out with a win — it's just amazing. Knowing it's your last game and knowing you won, it's the best feeling ever."

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Basketball

NBA Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	12	2	.857	—
New York	6	6	.500	5
Philadelphia	6	6	.500	5
Toronto	6	6	.500	5
New Jersey	5	6	.455	5½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	9	3	.750	—
Atlanta	8	4	.667	1
Miami	6	6	.500	3
Charlotte	3	8	.273	5½
Washington	1	9	.100	7

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	9	3	.750	—
Detroit	8	4	.667	1
Indiana	5	6	.455	3½
Milwaukee	6	8	.429	4
Chicago	5	7	.417	4

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	8	5	.615	—
San Antonio	6	6	.500	1½
New Orleans	5	5	.500	1½
Dallas	6	7	.462	2
Memphis	4	8	.333	3½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	8	4	.667	—
Utah	8	5	.615	½
Portland	7	5	.583	1
Minnesota	2	9	.182	5½
Oklahoma City	1	11	.083	7

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	9	1	.900	—
Phoenix	8	5	.615	2½
Golden State	5	6	.455	4½
Sacramento	5	8	.385	5½
L.A. Clippers	2	10	.167	8

Thursday's Games

Boston 98, Detroit 80
L.A. Lakers 105, Phoenix 92

Friday's Games

Orlando 100, Indiana 98, OT
Houston 103, Washington 91
Philadelphia 89, L.A. Clippers 88
Atlanta 88, Charlotte 83
New Jersey 129, Toronto 127, OT
Boston 95, Minnesota 78
San Antonio 119, Utah 94
Milwaukee 104, New York 87
Dallas 91, Memphis 76
New Orleans at Oklahoma City, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Chicago at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Houston at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Milwaukee at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Indiana at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Utah at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Portland at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Boston at Toronto, 11:30 a.m.
Golden State at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 5 p.m.
Chicago at Denver, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.

College Results

EAST

Marist 93, Northeastern 65
Penn St. 80, Prairie View 49
Penn St.-Harrisburg 55, Lancaster Bible 39
Portland St. 62, Binghamton 52
Ramapo 63, Medgar Evers 28
Rider 65, Fairleigh Dickinson 64, OT

SOUTH

Alabama St. 61, Murray St. 59
Cent. Michigan 74, Howard 56
Charlotte 79, UAB 57
Christopher Newport 88, Lynchburg 83
East Carolina 61, Presbyterian 28
Furman 75, S. Carolina St. 41
Hanover 82, Asbury 79
Louisiana-Monroe 59, Morgan St. 57
Marshall 78, Tennessee St. 56
Mercer 71, Louisiana-Lafayette 62
Miles 74, Talladega 73
Mississippi 84, Memphis 63
N. Carolina A&T 90, Elon 60
Old Dominion 78, Virginia 70
Samford 58, New Orleans 46
Tennessee 66, Chattanooga 63
Transylvania 82, Heidelberg 62
Troy 65, Austin Peay 61
UCF 71, Florida A&M 69
Union, Tenn. 91, St. Xavier 62
Vanderbilt 66, ETSU 55
W. Carolina 68, Lafayette 51
W. Kentucky 72, George Washington 64
Wake Forest 68, Appalachian St. 35

MIDWEST

Ball St. 85, Robert Morris 81
Cleveland St. 64, Illinois St. 50
Davenport 86, Taylor 67
Dayton 69, Butler 49
Hamline 77, St. Thomas, Minn. 63
Hendrix 70, Westminster, Mo. 50
N. Dakota St. 78, Valley City St. 49
SE Missouri 57, Ark.-Little Rock 45
Shawnee St. 104, WVU Tech 30
Whitman 83, Macalester 79
Wichita St. 54, Texas-San Antonio 51

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 78, SMU 69
Baylor 77, Stephen F.Austin 42
Houston 70, Miami 64
Oklahoma 70, Arizona St. 57
Sam Houston St. 83, Centenary 80
Texas Tech 59, Lamar 50

FAR WEST

BYU 67, Oregon 45
Black Hills St. 61, Carroll, Mont. 40
Denver 64, UC Davis 50
Gonzaga 100, Montana St. 47
Idaho College 66, Great Falls 41
Liberty 45, UC Riverside 44

TOURNAMENT

DePaul Invitational

First Round

DePaul 86, Southern U. 54
Hartford 53, Duke 51

Endicott College Tipoff

First Round

Endicott 83, Illinois College 73

NYU Holiday Tip-Off

First Round

NYU 76, FDU-Florham 47

NYU Tipoff

First Round

Mount St. Vincent 91, Rutgers-Camden 56

Salem St. Tip-Off

First Round

Bates 58, Rhode Island Coll. 39
Salem St. 75, Emerson 74

Scotty Wood Tournament

First Round

Muhlenberg 73, St. Elizabeth 36
William Paterson 78, Penn St.-Altoona 69

Seton Hall Basketball Classic

Championship

Seton Hall 90, Wagner 59

First Round

UMBC 88, N. Illinois 73

Tyler Ugolyn Columbia Classic

First Round

Long Island U. 58, Columbia 55
Texas St. 77, Navy 58

Wildwood Lodge Tip-Off Classic

First Round

Concordia, St.P. 85, Metro St. 80
Judson 53, Wis.-River Falls 49

Worcester City

First Round

Clark U. 64, Worcester St. 48
WPI 56, Nichols 48

Football

NFL Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	7	3	0	.700	289	221
Miami	6	4	0	.600	209	197
New England	6	4	0	.600	219	194
Buffalo	5	5	0	.500	219	218

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	10	0	0	1.000	244	131
Indianapolis	6	4	0	.600	224	224
Jacksonville	4	6	0	.400	212	210
Houston	3	7	0	.300	236	287

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	8	3	0	.727	236	160
Baltimore	6	4	0	.600	222	180
Cleveland	4	6	0	.400	201	221
Cincinnati	1	9	1	.136	148	276

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	6	4	0	.600	248	271
San Diego	4	6	0	.400	254	229
Oakland	2	8	0	.200	128	235
Kansas City	1	9	0	.100	165	273

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	9	1	0	.900	292	170
Washington	6	4	0	.600	181	182
Dallas	6	4	0	.600	230	229
Philadelphia	5	4	1	.550	264	193

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	8	2	0	.800	222	155
Tampa Bay	7	3	0	.700	219	160
Atlanta	6	4	0	.600	231	198
New Orleans	5	5	0	.500	266	249

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	5	5	0	.500	274	209
Chicago	5	5	0	.500	240	231
Minnesota	5	5	0	.500	223	234
Detroit	0	10	0	.000	173	308

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	7	3	0	.700	289	228
San Francisco	3	7	0	.300	230	275
Seattle	2	8	0	.200	190	257
St. Louis	2	8	0	.200	144	317

Thursday's Games

Pittsburgh 27, Cincinnati 10

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Jets at Tennessee, Noon
Tampa Bay at Detroit, Noon
Chicago at St. Louis, Noon
New England at Miami, Noon
San Francisco at Dallas, Noon
Buffalo at Kansas City, Noon
Houston at Cleveland, Noon
Philadelphia at Baltimore, Noon
Minnesota at Jacksonville, Noon
Oakland at Denver, 3:05 p.m.
Carolina at Atlanta, 3:15 p.m.
Washington at Seattle, 3:15 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Arizona, 3:15 p.m.
Indianapolis at San Diego, 7:15 p.m.

Monday's Game

Green Bay at New Orleans, 7:30 p.m.

College Schedule

Friday, Nov. 21

MIDWEST

Buffalo (6-4) at Bowling Green (5-5), 5 p.m.
Miami (Ohio) (2-8) at Toledo (2-8), 6 p.m.

FAR WEST

Fresno St. (6-4) at San Jose St. (6-5), 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 22

EAST

Yale (6-3) at Harvard (8-1), 11 a.m.
New Hampshire (8-2) at Maine (8-3), 11 a.m.
Army (3-7) at Rutgers (5-5), 11 a.m.
Columbia (2-7) at Brown (6-3), 11:30 a.m.
Fordham (5-5) at Bucknell (4-6), Noon
Holy Cross (7-3) at Colgate (8-2), Noon
Penn (5-4) at Cornell (4-5), Noon
Lehigh (4-6) at Lafayette (7-3), Noon
Rhode Island (2-9) at Northeastern (2-9), Noon
Dartmouth (0-9) at Princeton (3-6), Noon
Bryant (6-4) at St. Francis, Pa. (0-10), Noon
E. Michigan (2-8) at Temple (3-7), Noon
James Madison (9-1) at Towson (3-8), Noon
Villanova (8-2) at Delaware (4-7), 1:30 p.m.
Hofstra (4-7) at Massachusetts (6-5), 1:30 p.m.
Michigan St. (9-2) at Penn St. (10-1), 2:30 p.m.

SOUTH

Butler (6-4) at Davidson (3-7), 11 a.m.
Dayton (9-2) at Jacksonville (7-3), 11 a.m.
West Virginia (6-3) at Louisville (5-5), 11 a.m.
N.C. State (4-6) at North Carolina (7-3), 11 a.m.
Clemson (5-5) at Virginia (5-5), 11 a.m.
Richmond (8-3) at William & Mary (7-3), 11 a.m.
Furman (7-4) at Wofford (8-2), 11 a.m.
Tennessee (3-7) at Vanderbilt (6-4), 11:30 a.m.
Delaware St. (4-6) at Howard (0-9), Noon
Elon (8-3) at Liberty (9-2), Noon
Campbell (1-9) at Morehead St. (4-6), Noon
Hampton (5-5) at Morgan St. (6-5), Noon
Savannah St. (4-5) at N.C. Central (3-7), Noon
E. Kentucky (7-3) at Tenn.-Martin (8-3), Noon
The Citadel (4-7) at Florida (9-1), 12:30 p.m.
S. Carolina St. (9-2) at N. Carolina A&T (3-8), 12:30 p.m.
Presbyterian (4-7) at VMI (3-7), 12:30 p.m.
Norfolk St. (4-7) at Winston-Salem (3-7), 12:30 p.m.
SE Missouri (3-8) at Austin Peay (2-8), 1 p.m.
Samford (5-5) at Chattanooga (1-10), 1 p.m.
Alcorn St. (2-9) at Jackson St. (6-4), 1 p.m.
Alabama A&M (4-7) at MVSU (3-7), 1 p.m.
UCF (3-7) at Memphis (5-5), 1 p.m.
Tennessee St. (8-3) at Murray St. (4-7), 1 p.m.
SE Louisiana (5-6) at Nicholls St. (2-6), 1 p.m.
Arkansas (4-6) at Mississippi St. (3-7), 1:30 p.m.
E. Illinois (4-7) at Tennessee Tech (3-8), 1:30 p.m.
Appalachian St. (9-2) at W. Carolina (3-8), 2 p.m.
Bethune-Cookman (8-2) vs. Florida A&M (8-3) at Orlando, Fla., 2:15 p.m.
Mississippi (6-4) at LSU (7-3), 2:30 p.m.
North Texas (1-9) at Middle Tennessee (4-6), 2:30 p.m.
Boston College (7-3) at Wake Forest (6-4), 2:30 p.m.
Duke (4-6) at Virginia Tech (6-4), 4:30 p.m.
Charleston Southern (6-5) at Coastal Carolina (6-5), 5 p.m.
Louisiana-Monroe (3-8) at Fla. International (4-5), 6 p.m.
Louisiana-Lafayette (5-5) at Troy (6-4), 6 p.m.
East Carolina (6-4) at UAB (3-7), 6 p.m.
Florida St. (7-3) at Maryland (7-3), 6:45 p.m.

MIDWEST

Michigan (3-8) at Ohio St. (9-2), 11 a.m.
Indiana (3-8) at Purdue (3-8), 11 a.m.
Missouri St. (3-7) at Indiana St. (0-11), 11:05 a.m.
North Dakota (5-4) at South Dakota (6-4), Noon
Drake (5-5) at Valparaiso (3-7), Noon
Youngstown St. (3-8) at W. Illinois (6-4), 1:05 p.m.
S. Illinois (8-2) at Illinois St. (3-7), 1:30 p.m.
Syracuse (2-8) at Notre Dame (6-4), 1:30 p.m.
Illinois (5-6) at Northwestern (8-3), 2:30 p.m.
Akron (5-5) at Ohio (2-8), 2:30 p.m.
Cal Poly (8-1) at Wisconsin (6-5), 2:30 p.m.
Iowa St. (2-9) at Kansas St. (4-7), 2:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (7-2) at Cincinnati (8-2), 6:15 p.m.
Iowa (7-4) at Minnesota (7-4), 6 p.m.
S. Dakota St. (6-5) at N. Dakota St. (6-4), 6 p.m.

SOUTHWEST

Florida Atlantic (5-5) at Arkansas St. (4-5), 2 p.m.
Texas St. (6-4) at Sam Houston St. (4-5), 2 p.m.
Tulane (2-8) at Tulsa (8-2), 2 p.m.
UTEP (5-5) at Houston (6-4), 2:30 p.m.
Marshall (4-6) at Rice (7-3), 2:30 p.m.
Air Force (8-3) at TCU (9-2), 2:30 p.m.
McNeese St. (7-3) at Cent. Arkansas (9-2), 4 p.m.
Northwestern St. (6-5) at Stephen F.Austin (4-7), 6 p.m.
Texas Tech (10-0) at Oklahoma (9-1), 7 p.m.

FAR WEST

Colorado St. (5-6) at Wyoming (4-7), 1 p.m.
Montana St. (7-4) at Montana (10-1), 1:05 p.m.
E. Washington (5-5) at Weber St. (9-2), 1:05 p.m.
N. Iowa (9-2) at S. Utah (4-6), 2 p.m.
Washington (0-10) at Washington St. (1-10), 2 p.m.
Stanford (5-6) at California (6-4), 2:30 p.m.
Louisiana Tech (6-4) at New Mexico St. (3-7), 3 p.m.
Boise St. (10-0) at Nevada (6-4), 3:05 p.m.
N. Colorado (1-9) at Portland St. (3-7), 3:05 p.m.
Sacramento St. (6-5) at Idaho St. (0-11), 4:05 p.m.
BYU (10-1) at Utah (11-0), 5 p.m.
Oregon St. (7-3) at Arizona (6-4), 6 p.m.
UNLV (5-6) at San Diego St. (1-10), 7 p.m.
UC Davis (5-6) at San Diego (8-2), 8 p.m.
Idaho (2-9) at Hawaii (5-5), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 23

SOUTH

Connecticut (7-3) at South Florida (6-4), 7 p.m.

Division II Playoffs

First Round

Saturday, Nov. 15

Tusculum 34, Albany State, Ga. 22
Valdosta State 24, Carson-Newman 20
West Chester 52, Southern Connecticut State 32
Seton Hill 14, American International 7
Ashland 27, Minnesota State, Mankato 16
West Texas A&M 49, Cent. Washington 42
Pittsburg State 33, Nebraska-Omaha 21
Chadron State 23, Wayne State, Neb. 17

Second Round

Saturday, Nov. 22

West Chester (9-3) at Bloomsburg (10-1), 11 a.m.
Seton Hill (10-2) at California, Pa. (10-1), 11 a.m.
Ashland (9-3) at Grand Valley State (10-0), 11 a.m.
Tusculum (9-3) at Delta State (9-1), Noon
Valdosta State (9-2) at North Alabama (10-1), Noon
West Texas A&M (11-1) at Abilene Christian (10-0), Noon
Pittsburg State (11-1) at Northwest Missouri State (10-1), Noon
Chadron State (11-1) at Minnesota-Duluth (11-0), Noon

Quarterfinals

Saturday, Nov. 29

Bloomsburg-West Chester winner vs. California, Pa.-Seton Hill winner, Noon
Delta State-Tusculum winner vs. North Alabama-Valdosta State winner, TBD
Abilene Christian-West Texas A&M winner vs. Northwest Missouri State-Pittsburg State winner, 1 p.m.
Grand Valley State-Ashland winner vs. Minnesota-Duluth—Chadron State winner, TBD

Semifinals

Saturday, Dec. 6

TBD, 11 a.m.
TBD, 3 p.m.

Championship Saturday, Dec. 13
At Braly Municipal Stadium
Florence, Ala.

TBD, Noon

Division III Playoffs

First Round

Saturday, Nov. 22

Randolph-Macon (6-4) at Mount Union (10-0), 11 a.m.
Lycoming (7-3) at Hobart (8-1), 11 a.m.
Plymouth State (10-1) at Cortland State (9-1), 11 a.m.
Curry (9-1) at Ithaca (9-1), 11 a.m.
Franklin (9-1) at Otterbein (9-1), 11 a.m.
Wabash (9-1) at Case Reserve (10-0), 11 a.m.
Wheaton, Ill. (8-2) at Trine (10-0), 11 a.m.
Christopher Newport (8-1) at Washington & Jefferson (9-1), 11 a.m.
Wesley (8-1) at Muhlenberg (9-1), 11 a.m.
Thomas More (8-2) at North Central (10-0), Noon
St. John's, Minn. (8-2) at Wisconsin-Whitewater (9-1), Noon
Wartburg (8-2) at Wisconsin-Stevens Point (9-1), Noon
Aurora (9-1) at Monmouth, Ill. (10-0), Noon
LaGrange (9-1) at Millsaps (10-0), Noon
Hardin-Simmons (9-1) at Mary Hardin-Baylor (9-1), Noon
Occidental (9-0) at Willamette (10-0), 2 p.m.

Second Round

Saturday, Nov. 29

Randolph-Macon—Mount Union winner vs. Lycoming-Hobart winner
Plymouth State-Cortland State winner vs. Curry-Ithaca winner
Thomas More-North Central winner vs. Franklin-Otterbein winner
Wabash-Case Reserve winner vs. Wheaton, Ill.-Trine winner
Occidental-Willamette winner vs. St. John's, Minn.—Wisconsin-Whitewater winner
Wartburg—Wisconsin-Stevens Point winner vs. Aurora-Monmouth, Ill. winner
LaGrange-Millsaps winner vs. Christopher Newport-Washington & Jefferson winner
Wesley-Muhlenberg winner vs. Hardin-Simmons—Mary Hardin-Baylor winner

Quarterfinals

Saturday, Dec. 6

TBD

Semifinals

Saturday, Dec. 13

TBD

Championship Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl

Saturday, Dec. 20
At Salem Stadium
Salem, Va.

TBD, 10 a.m.

NAIA Playoffs

First Round

Saturday, Nov. 22

Union, Ky. (9-2) at St. Francis, Ind. (10-0), 11 a.m.
Shorter (9-2) at Cumberlands, Ky. (9-1), 11 a.m.
St. Ambrose (8-3) at Sioux Falls (10-0), Noon
Langston (9-2) at MidAmerica Nazarene (10-0), 1 p.m.
Baker (8-3) at Morningside (9-1), 1 p.m.
Dickinson State (7-3) at Carroll, Mont. (11-0), 1:07 p.m.
Northwestern Oklahoma (8-2) at Friends (10-0), 1:30 p.m.
Lambuth (8-3) at Lindenwood (9-1), 1:30 p.m.

Quarterfinals

Saturday, Nov. 29

TBD

Semifinals

Saturday, Dec. 6

TBD

Championship

Saturday, Dec. 13
At Barron Stadium
Roma, Ga.

TBD, 11 a.m.

Prep Playoff Schedule

Class A

Semifinals

Saturday, Nov. 15

Millard West 29, Omaha North 19
Millard South 24, Omaha Creighton Prep 0

Championship

Friday, Nov. 21

Millard West (12-0) vs. Millard South (9-3), 7 p.m.

CLASS B

Semifinals

Saturday, Nov. 15

Beatrice 28, Lincoln Pius X 10
Aurora 37, McCook 33

Championship

Saturday, Nov. 22

Beatrice (11-1) vs. Aurora (11-1), 7 p.m.

CLASS C1

Semifinals

Saturday, Nov. 15

Pierce 42, Chadron 14
Boys Town 25, Syracuse 12

Championship

Saturday, Nov. 22

Pierce (11-1) vs. Boys Town (12-0), 10:30 a.m.

CLASS C2

Semifinals

Saturday, Nov. 15

Blue Hill 26, Plainview 6
Archbishop Bergan 18, Elmwood-Murdock 7

Championship

Friday, Nov. 21

Blue Hill 14, Archbishop Bergan 0

CLASS D1

Semifinals

Saturday, Nov. 15

Axtell 30, Maxwell 22
Howells 28, Clarkson 20

Championship

Thursday, Nov. 20

Howells 46, Axtell 21

CLASS D2

Semfinals

Saturday, Nov. 15

Ewing 36, Hayes Center 27
Humphrey St. Francis 52, Elgin 29

Championship

Thursday, Nov. 20

Ewing 49, Humphrey St. 24

Golf

LPGA-ADT Championship Scores

Second Round

Katherine Hull	68-71—	139
Angela Stanford	73-67—	140
Christina Kim	71-71—	142
Paula Creamer	71-71—	142
In-Kyung Kim	69-73—	142
Angela Park	73-70—	143
Jeong Jang	73-70—	143
Seon Hwa Lee	72-72—	144
Ji-Yai Shin	69-75—	144
Sun Young Yoo	74-71—	145
Helen Alfredsson	73-72—	145
Jee Young Lee	72-73—	145
Suzann Pettersen	72-73—	145
Eun-Hee Ji	70-75—	145
Karen Stupples	71-75—	146
Karrie Webb	73-74—	147

Did not qualify

Na Yeon Choi	70-78—	148
Cristie Kerr	78-71—	149
Laura Diaz	75-74—	149
Lorena Ochoa	75-74—	149
Hee-Won Han	74-75—	149
Annika Sorenstam	74-75—	149
Maria Hjorth	72-77—	149
Candie Kung	72-77—	149
Song-Hee Kim	75-75—	150
Nicole Castrale	73-77—	150
Morgan Pressel	72-78—	150
Yani Tseng	72-79—	151
Meena Lee	78-75—	153
Shanshan Feng	78-78—	156
Ji Young Oh	70-87—	157

Hockey

NHL Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	14	6	2	30	60	51
Pittsburgh	12	4	3	27	62	52
New Jersey	10	7	2	22	54	51
Philadelphia	8	6	4	20	61	57
N.Y. Islanders	7	10	2	16	48	61

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	13	3	4	30	66	47
Montreal	11	5	2	24	56	48
Buffalo	9	7	3	21	54	57
Toronto	7	8	4	18	59	67
Ottawa	6	9	4	16	44	50

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	11	5	3	25	64	58
Carolina	11	7	2	24	56	58
Tampa Bay	6	7	6	18	43	54
Atlanta	7	9	2	16	53	64
Florida	7	11	1	15	44	56

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	13	2	3	29	68	55
Chicago	9	4	5	23	66	52
Nashville	9	9	1	19	57	65
Columbus	8	8	3	19	58	65
St. Louis	7	8	2	16	53	57

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	12	6	2	26	63	49
Minnesota	11	5	1	23	44	34
Calgary	11	8	1	23	57	63
Edmonton	9	9	2	20	53	62
Colorado	8	10	0	16	45	53

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	16	3	1	33	73	49
Anaheim	10	8	3	23	63	67
Los Angeles	8	8	2	18	47	47
Phoenix	8	9	1	17	44	49
Dallas	6	9	3	15	51	68

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

Thursday's Games

Pittsburgh 3, Atlanta 2
New Jersey 3, Florida 1
Montreal 3, Ottawa 2, SO
Vancouver 3, Minnesota 2
Chicago 6, Dallas 3
Detroit 4, Edmonton 3
Calgary 1, Colorado 0
Los Angeles 5, Washington 2

Friday's Games

Carolina 5, Phoenix 2
Boston 4, Florida 2
New Jersey 5, N.Y. Islanders 2
Philadelphia 3, Buffalo 0
Tampa Bay 4, Nashville 1
St. Louis 3, Anaheim 2, OT

Saturday's Games

Vancouver at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 2 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Columbus at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
Phoenix at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Chicago at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Boston at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Dallas, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Washington at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Colorado at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Nashville at Carolina, 2 p.m.
New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m.

Soccer

MLS Playoffs

Conference Semifinals

(Two-leg Aggregate Score Series)

Eastern Conference

Columbus 3, Kansas City 1

Saturday, Nov. 1: Columbus 1, Kansas City 1, tie
Saturday, Nov. 8: Columbus 2, Kansas City 0

Chicago 3, New England 0

Thursday, Oct. 30: Chicago 0, New England 0, tie
Thursday, Nov. 6: Chicago 3, New England 0

Western Conference

New York 4, Houston 1

Saturday, Nov. 1: Houston 1, New York 1, tie
Sunday, Nov. 9: New York 3, Houston 0

Real Salt Lake 3, CD Chivas USA 2

Saturday, Nov. 1: Real Salt Lake 1, CD Chivas USA 0
Saturday, Nov. 8: Real Salt Lake 2, CD Chivas USA 2, tie

Conference Championship

Eastern Conference

Thursday, Nov. 13: Columbus 2, Chicago 1

Western Conference

Saturday, Nov. 15: New York 1, Real Salt Lake 0

MLS Cup

At Carson, Calif.

Sunday, Nov. 23

Columbus vs. New York, 2:30 p.m.

Transactions

Baseball

American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with INF Andy Cannizaro and C Damaso Espino on minor league contracts.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Released RHP Darrell Rasner.

National League

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Named Pete Mackanin bench coach and Sam Perlozzo third base coach.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Named Matt LeCroy manager, Rich Gale pitching coach, and Ramon Aviles coach for Hagerstown (SAL).

Basketball

National Basketball Association

BOSTON CELTICS—Assigned F Bill Walker to Utah (NBDL).

GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS—Traded F Al Harrington to New York for G Jamal Crawford.

OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER—Assigned C Steven Hill to Tulsa (NBADL).

Football

National Football League

NFL—Fined San Francisco offensive coordinator Mike Martz $20,000 for his criticism of the officiating at the end of the 49ers' 29-24 loss in Arizona on Nov. 10.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Placed CB Johnathan Joseph on injured reserve. Signed CB Simeon Castille from the practice squad. arenafootball2

ALBANY FIREBIRDS—Named Tony Bowick coach and director of football operations.

Hockey

National Hockey League

ATLANTA THRASHERS—Recalled RW Joey Crabb from the Chicago (AHL).

College

AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL—Named Willie Hilton assistant wrestling coach.

COASTAL CAROLINA—Named Chris Wilson men's and women's associate head golf coach.

Tribland

Saturday

College Cross Country: Hastings College at NAIA National Championships.....10:30 a.m.
College Men's Basketball: Hastings College vs. Bethel College at Friends Classic...2 p.m.
College Men's Soccer: Hanibal-LaGrange at Hastings College in NAIA Playoffs.....5 p.m.
College Women's Soccer: Hastings College at Graceland University .....4p.m.
College Wrestling: Hastings College at UNO Open.....9 a.m.

Saturday's TV broadcasts

College Football	Station
11 a.m., Michigan at Ohio State	ABC
11 a.m., West Virginia at Louisville	ESPN
11 a.m., Indiana at Purdue	ESPN2
11 a.m., Yale at Harvard	VERS
1 p.m., Bethune-Cookman vs. Florida A&M	ESPN Classic
1:30 p.m., Syracuse at Notre Dame	NBC
2 p.m., Washington at Washington State	FSN
2:30 p.m., Michigan State at Penn State	ABC
2:30 p.m., Mississippi at LSU	CBS
2:30 p.m., Boston College at Wake Forest	ESPN2
2:30 p.m., Air Force at TCU	VERS
3 p.m., Louisiana Tech at New Mexico State	ALT
6:30 p.m., Youngstown State at Western Illinois	FSN
6 p.m., Oregon State at Arizona	VERS
6:15 p.m., Pittsburgh at Cincinnati	ESPN2
6:45 p.m., Florida State at Maryland	ESPN
7 p.m., Texas Tech at Oklahoma	ABC
Golf	**Station**
1 p.m., LPGA, ADT Championship, Third Round	TGC
Mid., European PGA Tour, Hong Kong Open, Final Round	TGC
Prep Football	**Station**
10:30 a.m., Class C-1 Championship, Pierce vs. Boys Town	NET1
7 p.m., Class B Championship, Aurora vs. Beatrice	NET1
College Volleyball	**Station**
7 p.m., Southern Cal at California	FSN

Saturday's radio broadcasts

College Men's Basketball	Station
2 p.m., Hastings College vs. Bethel College	KHAS (1230 AM)
College Volleyball	**Station**
7 p.m., Texas Tech at Nebraska	KLIQ (94.5 FM)
Prep Football	**Station**
10:30 a.m., Class C1 Championship, Pierce vs. Boys Town	KICS (1550 AM)
10:30 a.m., Class C-1 Championship, Pierce vs. Boys Town	KXPN (1460 AM)
7 p.m., Class B Championship, Beatrice vs. Aurora	KICS (1550 AM)
7 p.m., Class B Championship, Beatrice vs. Aurora	KXPN (1460 AM)

Sunday's TV broadcasts

CFL Football	Station
5 p.m., Grey Cup, Teams TBA	VERS
College Men's Basketball	**Station**
6:30 p.m., Puerto Rico Tip-Off, Championship	ESPN2
College Football	**Station**
7:15 p.m., Connecticut at South Florida	ESPN
NFL Football	**Station**
Noon, Regional Coverage	CBS
Noon, Regional Coverage	FOX
3 p.m., Regional Coverage	CBS
3:15 p.m., Regional Coverage	FOX
7:15 p.m., Indianapolis at San Diego	NBC
Golf	**Station**
2 p.m., LPGA, ADT Championship, Final Round	NBC
Soccer	**Station**
2:30 p.m., MLS Cup	ABC

Sunday's radio broadcasts

NFL Football	Station
11:30 a.m., Philadelphia at Baltimore	KICS (1550 AM)
11:30 a.m., Philadelphia at Baltimore	KXPN (1460 AM)
3 p.m., New York Giants at Arizona	KICS (1550 AM)
3 p.m., New York Giants at Arizona	KXPN (1460 AM)
6:30 p.m., Indianapolis at San Diego	KICS (1550 AM)
6:30 p.m., Indianapolis at San Diego	KXPN

BH: Seniors end with win

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This year's senior class of Nathan Petska, Bryan Adams, Travis Witte, Robert Collier, Sean Trumble, Darran Bolte, Casey Van Boening, Keith Faimon, Trent Ockinga, Marc Beuggert, Cody Bland and Karr played a big part in the Friday's victory.

Karr led the team in tackles with 13 total. Van Boening added nine tackles and recovered a fumble that led to one of Blue Hill's touchdowns. Petska rushed for 51 yards and had seven tackles. Adams quarterbacked the Bobcats while also intercepting a pass from his cornerback position.

"They're a great, outstanding group of kids," Blue Hill coach Scott Porter said. "You couldn't ask for a better class to come in with. And then to have them lead us to our first state championship, they deserve this more than anybody. They put in the time and the effort."

For Adams, he was just happy to play.

Earlier in the week, Adams wasn't sure if he'd be able to after suffering a knee injury in the Bobcats' win over Plainview last weekend. He was on crutches at the beginning of the week. But he played the whole game, as the Bobcats used their usual rotation of Adams and junior Chad Hastings at quarterback.

"That would have sucked if I wouldn't have gotten to play in the last game of my high school career," Adams said. "It felt great to play."

Friday's game certainly capped a stellar career for the 12 seniors.

When they were in eighth grade, the Bobcats won just one game. But, with a new coaching staff in place when they were freshmen, Blue Hill went 9-2 and reached the quarterfinals of the playoffs. Blue Hill then went 12-1 in 2005 and '06, falling in the state title game to Wakefield both years.

Blue Hill opened this season with a 19-2 loss to Cambridge, but then won 12 straight to end the year. The seniors no doubt played a big role in the Bobcats turning their season around after being dominated in that first game.

"Without that type of leadership from them," Porter said, "we wouldn't be here without those guys."



BRENT McCOWN/*Tribune*

Blue Hill's Cody Karr (44) can't quite hang on to the ball as he is tackled in the end zone by Archbishop Bergan's Jim Wilmes (12) during a two-point conversion.

Title: Blue Hill shuts out Archbishop Bergan in Class C-2 final



BRENT McCOWN/*Tribune*

Blue Hill's Trenton Ockinga breaks up a pass intended for Archbishop Bergan's Tanner Classen during their Class C-2 State Football Championship game.

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It paid off. At one point, Bergan quarterback Riley Gross was 10-of-11 — but for only 32 yards. He ended up averaging 2 yards per attempt, with no pass play going for more than 12 yards.

None of Bergan's 12 drives went for more than 18 yards or lasted more than six plays.

"(The shutout) means a lot to our defense," said Blue Hill senior Nathan Petska, who starts at linebacker and fullback. "It's a credit to our defensive linemen. They have a lot of formations and we just figured we'd stick with our basic defense and go from there, and adjust as the game went on."

Bonifas finished with 105 yards rushing and a touchdown on 29 carries to lead the Bobcats offensively. Petska added 51 yards on 17 carries as the Bobcats finished with 173 yards of offense, completing just one pass for 13 yards.

Blue Hill forced four turnovers, turning two of them into touchdowns.

"It was huge. We knew if we put pressure on them, they'd turn the ball over," senior defensive lineman Keith Faimon said. "We've been watching film on them and they've had some trouble keeping the ball in their hands. We just said we have come after them and keep hitting them."

Junior running back Nathan Faimon got the Bobcats on the board with a 4-yard touchdown run 10 minutes into game, putting Blue Hill up 6-0 after the two-point conversion failed.

The touchdown run was set up by a Casey Van Boening fumble recovery that gave Blue Hill the ball at the Bergan 41. It was Blue Hill's first offensive touchdown in Lincoln after managing only a defensive touchdown in its losses to Wakefield the previous two years.

"The last two years, Wakefield got up on us and we just trailed the whole time," Keith Faimon said. "This was the first time we ever led here, so it felt good."

With the way its defense was playing, Blue Hill essentially put the game away with a 3-yard touchdown run by Bonifas with 9:19 to go in the game that made the score 14-0 after the two-point conversion. That score came after an interception late in the third quarter by Bryan Adams gave Blue Hill the ball at the Bergan 45.

Bergan managed just 17 yards the rest of the game and never made a serious threat to get in the end zone.

After the final stop of the game by Blue Hill's defense, Porter received a ice water bath from his players on the sideline.

"One of my assistants told me it was coming," Porter said. "But I didn't think it would be. That's all right. I'll take these on a 20-degree day any day."

For Porter, this is his second state title. He won one when he was a freshman in high school at Clay Center in 1986.

"I had this feeling when I was a freshman when we won state," Porter said. "I had this feeling when I was married and my three daughters were born. Words can't explain it."

Archbishop Bergan (10-3) . . . . **0 0 0 0 — 0**
Blue Hill (12-1) . . . . . **6 0 0 8 — 14**
BH — Nathan Faimon 4 run (pass failed)
BH — Riley Bonifas 5 run (Nathan Petska pass from Bryan Adams)

	AB	BH
First downs	12	6
Rushes-Yards	16-60	57-160
Comp-Att-Int	15-29-2	1-5-2
Passing Yards	60	13
Total Yards	120	173
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	3-0
Punts-Avg	6-34.3	6-35.8
Penalties-Yards	5-45	3-15
Time of Possession	17:03	30:57

Duke coasts past Michigan in 2K Sports Classic

DAVE SKRETTA
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mike Krzyzewski roused the Duke Blue Devils on Friday and headed for Madison Square Garden, long before they were set to play Michigan in the 2K Sports Classic.

The reason was simple: Even though Duke practices against a variety of defenses every day, rarely do they see the confounding 1-3-1 zone that Wolverines coach John Beilein so relishes.

The extra hour of work certainly paid off.

Nolan Smith scored 16 points, Kyle Singler had 15 and the No. 10 Blue Devils coasted to a 71-56 victory over the surprising Wolverines in the championship game Friday night.

"Preparation with this team is huge," said Singler, who also had eight rebounds, four assists and was the tournament MVP. "We just put that game plan to use on the court — play hard and execute as much as possible."

Gerald Henderson added 12 points for the Blue Devils, who won their four games in the 2K Sports Classic by an average of 28.5 points. Duke has won seven straight in-season tournament games after sweeping through the Maui Invitational last season.

Manny Harris scored 25 points to lead Michigan (3-1), which will get another crack at the Blue Devils (5-0) when they visit Ann Arbor on Dec. 6. DeShawn Sims added 10 points off the bench.

"I wish we would have made some shots earlier and we'd have made a better game of it," Beilein said. "We have a couple guys in a funk and we have to get them out of it. When we do that, I think you will see a better team than what you saw in the second half."

In the consolation game earlier in the night, Alfred Aboya and Darren Collison led No. 4 UCLA to a 77-60 victory over Southern Illinois.

Singler struggled early in the Blue Devils' semifinal win over Southern Illinois, scoring all 13 of his points in the second half. But he was on target early in this one, going 5-for-8 from the field and playing everything from the post to shooting guard.

"He's one of the best players in the country," Krzyzewski said.

The game figured to hinge on Michigan's ability to slow down Duke's high-flying offense with that plodding, grind-it-out zone defense.

It worked for at least a few minutes, until Smith and freshman Elliot Williams combined for eight straight points and gave Duke a 25-15 lead. The Wolverines eventually switched to a man-to-man defense, but it only kept the game close for a while.

The Blue Devils pushed the advantage to 47-33 on a basket by Lance Thomas a few minutes into the second half. Harris tried vainly to keep the Wolverines in it, hitting a 3-pointer and dunking on a break, but Jon Scheyer made three free throws moments later and Singler hit a pull-up 3 from the wing to push the lead back to 15.

Michigan never managed to get much closer than that, the veteran Blue Devils using deft passing and gritty inside play to keep the young Wolverines at bay.

"Give them credit," Beilein said. "They are no slouches defensively. They are a good team and they showed it last night and the whole tournament."

Still, Beilein has plenty of reasons to be proud of his team. After struggling to a 10-22 finish in his first season in Ann Arbor, the Wolverines toppled the Bruins in the tournament semifinals and gave the Blue Devils a tussle before finally succumbing.

The performance Friday night was all the more impressive considering the setting.

Duke has won 14 straight in November and improved to 108-16 in the season's first month, including 94-10 under Krzyzewski. His teams are 17-6 at the Garden, where another heavily pro-Duke crowd showed up in droves to see the title game of the tournament benefiting Coaches vs. Cancer.

"I don't think we were in a position to be upset. I thought we played well out here," Krzyzewski said. "You can't allow a team to be in a position to win and we are playing not to lose. That is the attitude we have tried to have on our teams all along."

Class A: Wildcats down Millard South

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on such a hot streak, winning six in a row. Well, we've won (13) in a row."

Evans took the opening kickoff at his own 6 and ran to his right before cutting back across the field and racing 94 yards for a score that put Millard West (13-0) in front 7-0 just 14 seconds into the game.

When Adema-Schulte added another score the next time the Wildcats touched the ball, the Patriots (9-4) were in a 14-0 hole from which they would not recover.

Although Bronson Marsh would pull Millard South to within 14-6 with a 1-yard run to open the second quarter, Nate Hauptmann would answer for Millard West. The defenses took over from there.

Both teams had scoring opportunities end with interceptions in the second half. Patriot safety Jordan Hale picked off a Wildcats pass in the end zone to keep Millard South within striking distance. Devin Samson then intercepted a Patriot pass with just over five minutes left to play at the Millard West 2.

"I was just trying to stick with my guy and go all out," Samson said. "It just came to me."

Although a Wildcats botched punt would result in a safety with 4:36 left to play, Millard South's comeback would stall with an incomplete pass on fourth-and-goal from the 8. A Patriot receiver caught the ball but was ruled out of bounds.

"They came out and punched us in the mouth. We were playing a little to tentative in the beginning," Millard South coach Andy Means said. "We kind of caught our legs and came back but their defense played really well and we just didnt get the job done tonight."

Hauptmann threw for 52 yards and ran for another 52 to lead the Wildcats. Marsh threw for 187 yards and ran for another 27 to lead the Patriots.

SC: Redmen down Meade in semis

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"I'm on top of the clouds right now," said Trevor Rempe, who dashed for 111 yards on only 10 carries. "There's no better feeling than this."

Rempe has played in a state championship game every single year in high school, and he's never lost. Smith Center's winning streak stands at 66 straight after this conquest.

Meade finished the season with a record of 10-2, a two-win improvement from the 2007 campaign.

Smith Center's never fancy, but ever effective double-tight wishbone attack put up 511 yards on the ground, paced by Joe Osburn's 206 yards and two touchdowns. Colt Rogers added 118 yards on 11 totes, scoring two touchdowns.

As usual, Redmen players gave all the credit their blockers up front.

"Our offensive did a great job of opening holes for our backs," said Smith Center quarterback Travis Rempe. "That's why our backs did that well. Our offensive line kept us moving forward."

Unquestionably, Justin Nixon, Dillon Corbitt, Logan Tuxhorn, Jesse Roush, Cody Tucker and tight ends Kris Lehman and Kalen Mace were responsible for the Redmen's running success.

Meade racked up 272 yards in total offense, but it was no match for Smith Center.

"It was a physical game," said Rogers, who plays safety on the Redmen defense. "There are going to be a lot of players from both teams that are going to be sore this weekend. I'll get plenty of ice, and get ready for next week's game."

Smith Center scored two touchdowns to Meade's one in the first quarter. Rogers scored both of them for the Redmen, from distances of 3 and 58 yards. The Buffaloes' touchdown was sandwiched in the middle as Headrick scored on a 2-yard run.

The Redmen had a 22-8 lead when the Buffaloes edged closer on final play of the first half. Headrick plunged into the end zone from 1 yard out on what was then a critical fourth-down play.

The Buffaloes tried to sustain that momentum with the onside kick to open the second half.

Instead, Smith Center buckled down — something the Redmen have been doing on a regular basis for the past five seasons now.

At Meade
Smith Center 60, Meade 14
Smith Center (12-0) . . 14 8 22 16 — 60
Meade (10-2) . . . . . 8 6 0 0 — 14
Scoring Summary
First Quarter
SC — Colt Rogers 3 run (Joe Osburn run)
M — Taylor Headrick 2 run (Headrick run)
SC — Rogers 58 run (run failed)
Second Quarter
SC — Joe Osburn 65 run (Travis Rempe run)
M — Taylor Headrick 1 run (pass failed)
Third Quarter
SC — Trevor Rempe 15 run (Travis Rempe run)
SC — Joe Osburn 51 run (Travis Rempe run)
SC — Joel Osburn 3 run (run failed)
Fourth Quarter
SC — Trevor Rempe 54 run (Kris Lehman from Travis Rempe)
SC — Dereck McNary 46 run (Monroe Schmidt run)

Painting party



DAVID GRUNFELD/*AP*

A painting crew primes a house in uptown New Orleans Wednesday.

Stocks surge on report of Geithner nomination

TIM PARADIS AND SARA LEPRO
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street staged a comeback Friday, with the major indexes jumping more than 5 percent and the Dow Jones industrials surging nearly 500 points.

The late afternoon rally ended another volatile week that saw stocks reach six-year lows.

Stocks erased about half of the steep losses from Wednesday and Thursday, as investors got an unexpected jolt of confidence following an NBC News report that President-elect Barack Obama plans to name New York Federal Reserve President Timothy Geithner as Treasury secretary.

Investors have been looking for a clear message from Obama on who will lead his economic brain trust at a time when the country is facing its biggest financial crisis since the Great Depression. In addition, some on Wall Street have grown frustrated with outgoing Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson over his handling of the government's effort to rescue the banking system.

"Something needed to be done on the economy," said Ben Halliburton, chief investment officer at Tradition Capital Management. "The fact that they've got the team together, maybe that is going to shorten the period of indecision."

A senior Democratic official familiar with the deliberations confirmed to The Associated Press that Geithner is likely to be named as Treasury secretary. The official requested anonymity because the nomination hasn't been formally announced.

The advance in stocks also came as the FDIC said it would guarantee up to $1.4 trillion in U.S. banks' debt for more than three years as part of the government's financial rescue plan. The directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. voted Friday to approve the plan, which is meant to break the crippling logjam in bank-to-bank lending.

Stocks fluctuated throughout most of trading Friday, as fresh concerns over the stability of the financial sector prevented the market from establishing any sustainable gains. But stocks moved sharply higher in the final half hour after the report on Geithner.

The Dow rose 494.13 points, or 6.54 percent, to settle at 8,046.42. The Standard & Poor's 500 index jumped 47.59, or 6.32 percent, to 800.03, and the Nasdaq composite advanced 68.23, or 5.18 percent, to 1,384.35.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies rose 21.23, or 5.51 percent, to 406.54.

Obama choices could calm markets

TOM RAUM
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Why aren't the government bailouts working?

The presidential transition may be adding to the uncertainty roiling the financial markets. In fact, knowing the names on President-elect Barack Obama's economic team may prove more helpful in calming those stormy markets in the short term than bailout packages that so far haven't had much payoff.

After two days of steep declines, stocks rallied strongly on Friday — with the Dow Jones industrials surging nearly 500 points — on news that Obama planned to name New York Federal Reserve chief Timothy Geithner to be treasury secretary.

But that came at the end of another very tough week for the economy.

While Obama likes to say there can be but one president at a time, Americans need to know one is fully on the job. While many different things have contributed to the economic panic spreading worldwide, it doesn't help that the crisis is being played out in the muddled political wilderness of a lame-duck Congress, a departing president and an incoming administration that hasn't yet been formed.

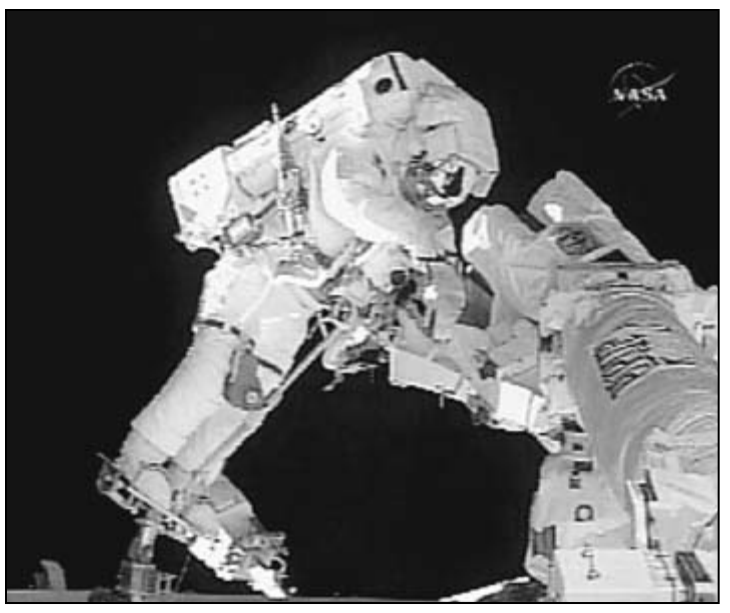
William Galston, who was a White House domestic policy assistant in President Bill Clinton's first term, said Obama is likely to "name the economic team together as a package, so people can see how the pieces fit together and how people are likely to work together."

That could come early next week. It could help bring some clarity to the economic strategy picture, and alleviate what markets hate most: uncertainty.

Geithner has been a top player in the current economic crisis — helping Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and his team manage the Wall Street bailout.

"Having a new administration come in with new faces and new ideas and with a Congress which is firmly behind it could restore confidence as quickly as it has evaporated," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy.com

"The Bush administration is winding things down and the Obama administration is trying to gear things up. And in the middle of all this, we've got this complete collapse of confidence. And there is a vacuum," said Zandi.



NASA TV/*AP*

Mission specialist Shane Kimbrough cleans and lubricates the end of the international space station's robotic arm during a space walk Thursday.

New space recycling system has hiccups

MARCIA DUNN
The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA's revolutionary new space water recycling system is having serious hiccups.

The $154 million device for turning astronauts' urine and sweat into drinking water aboard the international space station shut down again Friday, and engineers on the ground were scrambling to figure out what was wrong.

The astronauts and flight controllers are up against the clock: NASA wants samples of the processed urine before space shuttle Endeavour pulls away from the space station late next week. The recycled water needs to be tested back on Earth before anyone up there can drink it and NASA commits to doubling the size of the space station crew next year.

No one was surprised by the startup trouble. Space station commander Mike Fincke said it's common for things to go wrong in a flight test and stressed that he wasn't worried — so far. Nor was he concerned about eventually drinking the final product.

"It's just the water that's taken out," Fincke said during a news conference. "It's really clean and purified water. In fact, it's probably more pure than most people's tap water. So I'm not afraid to drink it."

Of all the home-improvement gear delivered to the space station by Endeavour, the water recycling system has drawn the most attention. NASA sees it as the future in deep-space exploration — and also to future life on the home planet.

"This technology of how to reuse our things and be careful with them is really applicable to life on planet Earth," Fincke said.

Converting urine into drinking water for space station astronauts is not all that different from what happens at water treatment plants on Earth — at a much smaller scale.

"What goes around comes around," said Bob Bagdigian, project manager at Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala.

Great expectations await nation's next first lady

JOCELYN NOVECK
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sure, there's plenty of pressure on Barack Obama. But imagine being his wife.

The moving trucks haven't even arrived, and already Michelle Obama's being touted as the next Jackie Kennedy, the woman who'll infuse Washington with a sense of style and vigor not seen since the days of Camelot.

Never mind that Obama has repeatedly indicated she'll focus first and foremost on getting her daughters settled. Expectations on all fronts are running high.

Will she be a fashion trendsetter? Redefine and revitalize the capital's social scene? Be a globe-trotting emissary for her spouse? Going beyond Kennedy, will she influence policy on family issues? Will she be an exemplary mom, hostess, ambassador, advocate and politician, combining it all without wrinkling feathers or breaking a sweat?

Well, maybe. But if history is any guide, first ladies have long been victims of conflicting expectations and comparisons to those before them. So as she assumes one of the least defined but most scrutinized jobs in Washington, Obama might do well to take the advice of Rosalynn Carter:

"I was going to be criticized no matter what I did," Carter once said, "so I might as well be criticized for something I wanted to do."

One reason speculation is running rampant about Obama's plans and goals: She's said little about them, and her close friends, some of whom spoke openly to the media before the election, have spoken little since.

She did give a brief glimpse of her thinking in an interview this week with "60 Minutes."

"The primary focus for the first year will be making sure that the kids make it through the transition," she said, sitting alongside her husband. "But there are many issues that I care deeply about." She cited two that she focused on during the campaign: Military families, and the work-family balance.

There's been speculation that Obama will be far more involved in policy than she's let on so far. But those who've been close to other first ladies say they well understand why she'd want to focus on her kids first.

"It's a huge responsibility," says Paul Costello, former press aide to Rosalynn Carter, whose daughter, Amy, was only 9 when she arrived at the White House. "These kids are now instant international celebrities. You have to protect them from that."

Still, Costello says, even between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., there are astounding opportunities.

"The first lady has enormous authority and power in this country to shed light on things she cares about," he says. "She's a megastar. She'll be able to choose and transform issues that she finds important."

Of course, that can lead to criticism, as it did for Carter, who famously became the first presidential spouse to sit in on Cabinet meetings. She figured it was the most efficient way of preparing herself to represent the administration.

"It was as if she'd dropped a bomb on the South Lawn," says Costello. "It was so odd, because the first lady IS an ambassador for the president — she's his eyes, ears and nose."

Historian Carl Sferrazza Anthony says the public misperceived what Carter, who also maintained a weekly working lunch with her husband, was trying to do.

"She was just avoiding having to bother him later with questions," says Anthony, of the National First Ladies Library. "She was on the perimeter of the room, along with policy aides, secretaries and assistants."

If Carter was criticized for being too politically active, Nancy Reagan, her successor, was criticized for being too socially active (and spending money on new china). But they can at least take heart that criticism of first ladies goes back to the beginning of the Republic.



TED S. WARREN/*AP*

In this Aug. 26 file photo, Michelle Obama (right) stands beside her mother, Marian Robinson, at the Democratic National Convention in Denver.

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Kiefer Sutherland is shown in a scene from the film "24: Redemption," a special two-hour prequel event for the upcoming season airing Sunday at 7 p.m. on Fox.

2 hours of trouble for '24's' Jack Bauer

FRAZIER MOORE
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Spending six days with Jack Bauer has not only entertained us, but also taught us a lot.

We have learned to trust no one, least of all a close associate or lover. He assured us that our lack of faith in business, government and other institutions is well-advised. And his Things to Do list makes ours seem like child's play by comparison.

Ever since Fox's "24" premiered in 2001, we have been scrambling to keep up with Jack, the counterterrorist go-to guy, through six seasons of 24 one-hour episodes spanning a day in real time — with the fate of the world in Jack's hands.

After those six white-knuckle days, the world is still in one piece (thanks, Jack!). But with each of his 24-hour ordeals, he pays a stiff price for his heroics.

Not so much with his body. Jack bounces back from physical exertion and punishment from season to season, and even minute to minute. Like a cartoon character who is comically mutilated in one scene, then returns in the next scene good as new, Jack seems immune to lasting damage.

But as time goes on, he seems to get increasingly bummed out. No wonder. A man who's lost everything but his near-superhero strength and stamina (and impressive bladder capacity), he began the series as a family man with a home and a job. A sort of counterterrorist Joe Sixpack.

He (and "24") was last seen in spring '07 after saving the day yet again, followed by a brief bedside vigil just to say goodbye to Audrey, his true love left in a permanent coma from the torture she had suffered in an effort to protect him.

Since then, little was known of Jack's whereabouts while intel indicated that production snafus for "24" on top of last year's writers strike (dire forces that even Jack couldn't overcome) were keeping him sidelined.

Granted, the world seemed no worse off for Jack's conspicuous absence. But his fans sure missed him.

Now Jack's back, as is Kiefer Sutherland in the dancing-as-fast-as-I-can starring role. A seventh "24" season starts in January.

But Sunday at 7 p.m., a self-contained movie, "24: Redemption," serves as a welcome warmup (and a tantalizing setup) for the season ahead.

The two-hour film, which spans from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Jan. 20 in the fictitious African nation of Sangala, finds Bauer taking refuge there. He is helping care for a group of orphaned children being schooled by his old special-ops buddy, Carl (Robert Carlyle).

But he can hide for only so long. The U.S. government wants him. A Senate subcommittee has questions about alleged illegal detention and torture of certain prisoners while they were in his custody. He's been ducking a subpoena for more than a year when he is tracked down by a slithery official played by Gil Bellows.

"They want me back in Washington, they can come and get me," seethes Bauer, not about to be persuaded by a paper-toting bureaucrat.

Befitting the kinetic pace of Bauer's life, these events have all occurred by 3:09 p.m.

Problems are mounting for Bauer, who, inevitably dragged into them, is soon trading blows, swapping gunfire, exchanging grenades, getting tied up, tortured and interrogated. And it's still only 3:54 p.m.

Any "24" saga is typically a multistrand narrative told in a multiscreen display and linked by cell phones clapped to everyone's ear. Even this downsized "24" movie adheres to that style, if a little less elaborately. And while much of the film dwells in an exotic, third-world setting (it was shot in South Africa), there's also action afoot in Washington.

There, it's morning on Inauguration Day as we meet President-elect Allison Taylor (Cherry Jones), who soon will be taking the oath of office. She will succeed President Noah Daniels (Powers Boothe), who appears alternately bitter and depressed (does he maybe feel vindictive?) about being voted out.

The minutes tick down to Taylor's swearing-in, but already she's focused on containing a coup in Sangala that could otherwise erupt into a global crisis.

With the rebels' ranks swelled by young boys abducted for this bloodthirsty militia, Bauer is soon confronting thugs who mean to seize the orphans he and Carl have been caring for.

The fate of those children is settled by the end of the film, but that's a story line whose larger purpose is to set the stage for the new season. It leaves plenty of other unanswered questions for us to stew over until then.

For instance, what's the deal with Jonas Hodges, a shadowy, Washington-based fortune hunter who, played by Jon Voight, seems poised to be the season's most hissable villain? Why is Hodges secretly funding that African coup? And how far will he go to keep his secret safe after President Taylor's own son stumbles on it?

Also: How will Jack's former CTU bro Tony Almeida (Carlos Bernard) explain his resurrection after years of being presumed dead? And why will he turn evil?

Those are issues that are likely to plague our hero all day in the coming "24" season. But in "24: Redemption," Bauer, who never has a nice day, is sure to have a stressful couple of hours.

'The Shield': Perfect ending to a perfect drama

FRAZIER MOORE
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — No drama series reached further with a surer hand than "The Shield."

This was true before. Now, all the evidence is in. The 88th and final episode of this surefire police drama airs on FX on Tuesday from 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

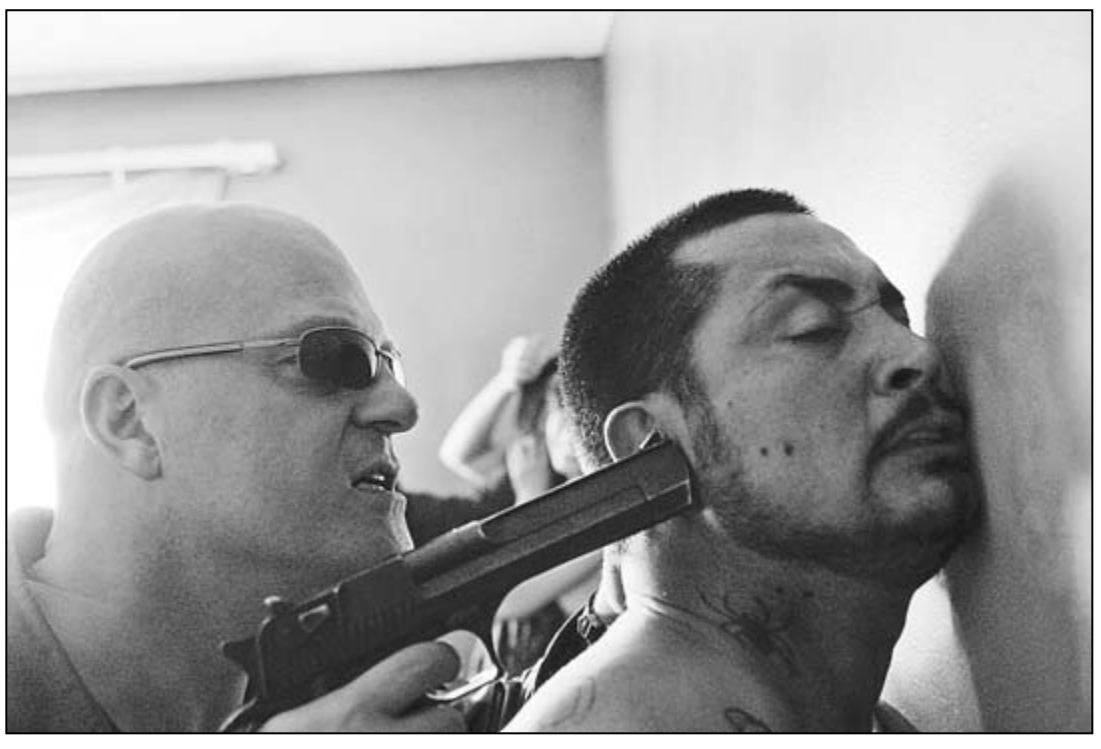
It doesn't stumble at the finish line. It's everything a series finale should be (which is a blessing, as any viewer knows who has sat through a botched conclusion to a favorite show).

More to the point, this last episode completes the mission that has driven "The Shield" for seven seasons, since its first explosive moments gave the audience a start.

With its premiere, it relaunched the stalled career of its star, Michael Chiklis, while it wasted no time scoring viewers and awards, redefining its network and paving the way for subsequent ambitious FX dramas, from "Nip/Tuck" and "Rescue Me" to this fall's "Sons of Anarchy," which puts viewers in the middle of a motorcycle gang.

Since March 2002, "The Shield" has remained a revolutionary series. It brought unaccustomed quality and daring to basic cable. It pushed TV drama overall to greater heights. And somehow, every week, without fail, it was superb.

This was a cop show that demanded words like "gritty" and "raw." Its protagonist, LAPD Detective Vic Mackey, was a vigilante lawman in the roughest district of Los Angeles. As he fought lawlessness with his own brand of lawlessness, he could rival Tony Soprano as TV's most despicable hero, its reigning charismatic brute.



PRASHANT GUPTA, FX/*AP*

Michael Chiklis as Detective Vic Mackey (left) is shown in a scene from the series finale of "The Shield," airing Tuesday at 9 p.m.

And speaking of "The Sopranos" ... devotees of that mob drama gathered for its series finale a couple of years ago expecting to learn Tony's fate (jail? death? redemption?). Instead, the audience learned squat from that ending, to the musical accompaniment of "Don't Stop Believin'." This made some viewers mad.

Now you wait for "The Shield" to wrap up things. "All will be revealed," the show has been promising. And it will. Don't stop believin'.

What will happen to Mackey? Jail? Death? Redemption? No wonder "Shield" fans are wondering.

With his anti-gang Strike Team, Mackey succeeded in mopping up crime where nothing else might have worked. But he was ruthless and cunning, an ACLU nightmare. Navigating by his broken moral compass, he lorded over his informants, tampered with evidence, bullied suspects and manipulated everyone around him. On the fly, he hatched his own game plans, and no one (not even his Strike Team mates) was privy to the full, authentic version in his head.

Notwithstanding his successes, Mackey has caused a world of hurt, almost any part of which could have put him in the slammer. Then, on last week's episode, he took a plea of full immunity and spilled everything. In a horrible but bitterly funny scene in a federal interrogation room, he recited his roster of offenses, a sort of Vic's Greatest Hits stretching back to the series' premiere (when Mackey methodically shot a fellow cop, then pinned the murder on a dead drug dealer).

'Rosie Live' in prime time

FRAZIER MOORE
The Associated Press

Here's a novel idea: a live variety show. Sort of like "The Ed Sullivan Show," which crushed its network competition every Sunday night for decades.

Live variety shows are the kind of TV they don't make anymore. Conventional wisdom says they went out with black-and-white sets and gas at 30 cents a gallon.

But Rosie O'Donnell clearly begs to differ. Her variety special, "Rosie Live," will air Wednesday on NBC at 7 p.m. — live! — from New York's Little Shubert Theatre. Just a few blocks south of where Sullivan reigned and where CBS' "Late Show with David Letterman" resides. (But "Late Show" isn't a variety show. And it isn't live.)

These days, awards or tribute specials are about the only time when prime-time TV gives the audience what might be called variety: a grab bag of talent and performances, with the-anything-might-happen crackle of live-ness.

Now Rosie, who has an unabashed affection for broadcasting, is dusting off the past with a variety of stars. The bill initially announced includes Alec Baldwin and Jane Krakowski of "30 Rock," recording artists Ne-Yo and Alanis Morissette, comedian Kathy Griffin, plus the legendary-and-then-some Liza Minnelli.

The show will also feature a topical monologue, musical production numbers and comedy sketches. "Brand-new elements" are promised for "a new generation of fans."

And no doubt there'll be surprises, planned or unintended: Did we mention the show will be live?

Other shows to look out for:

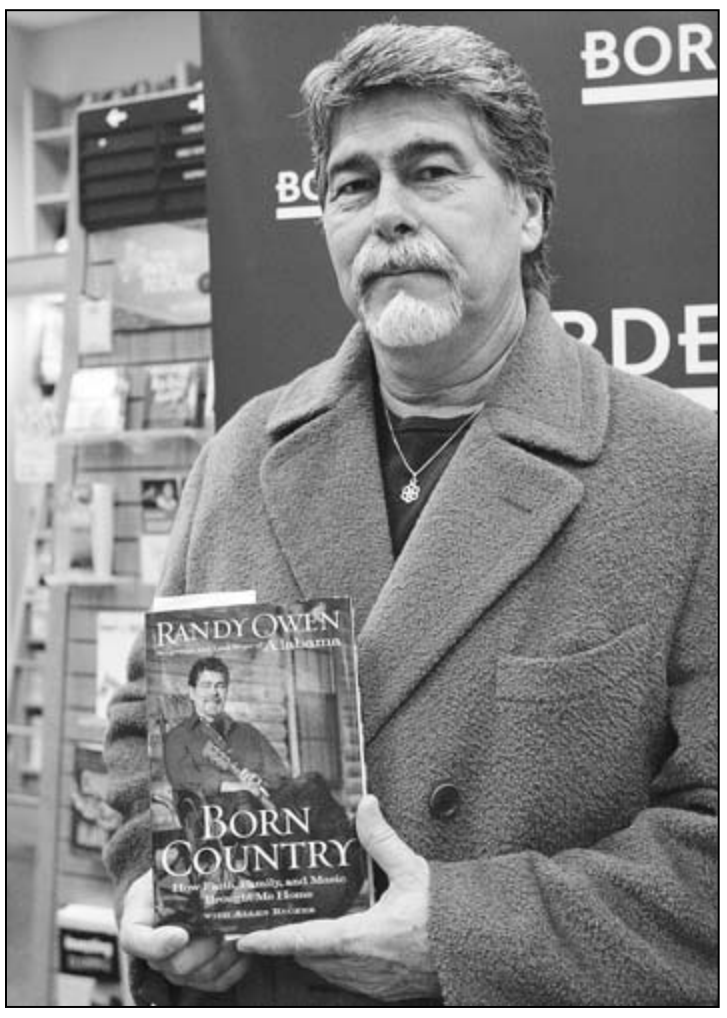
◆ Every 18 minutes, someone in America dies from gun violence. Al Roker takes a look at the reasons, as well as some approaches to reducing gun violence, on an MSNBC documentary, "Al Roker Reporting: Armed in America." Roker goes behind the scenes, teaming up with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to investigate how this federal agency is battling the problem. He discovers how firearms can wind up in the wrong hands, how ATF forensic specialists match bullets to guns used for crime, and the role that firearms play in drug trafficking and gang violence. Premiering Sunday at 9 p.m., this is the first in a series of investigative documentaries from Roker planned by MSNBC in the coming months.

◆ For the documentary "The Hugo Chavez Show," producer Ofra Bikel travels to Venezuela for a portrait of the colorful, and some say, dictatorial leader. Through interviews with former government officials, Chavez associates and ordinary citizens, this edition of "Frontline" charts Chavez's rise to power and his efforts to use the powers of his office to retain it. The film also reveals how Chavez has harnessed the power of the media. "The Hugo Chavez Show" begins by tuning in to "Alo Presidente" ("Hello, President"), a weekly telecast that can run as long as eight hours and features

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JERRY S. MENDOZA/*AP*

Randy Owen, lead singer for the country music band Alabama, holds a copy of his new book "Born Country" before his book signing at Borders Book and Music on Nov. 14 in Taylor, Mich. Owen was also signing copies of his new CD, "One On One."

Alabama's Randy Owen starts over with solo album

JOHN GEROME
The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — As front man and lead singer of Alabama, Randy Owen racked up 42 No. 1 singles and dozens of other hits.

But his last hit with that legendary band was about a decade ago. And so far, radio has been lukewarm to Owen's first solo album, "One on One," released this month.

The disc debuted at No. 14 on Billboard's country chart, and the first two singles — the low-tempo "Braid My Hair" and "Like I Never Broke Her Heart" — have struggled to reach the Top 40.

"His audience is at the upper end, and radio seems to be targeting a younger audience," said John Hart, president of Bullseye Marketing Research in Nashville, which tests songs for radio appeal.

"I think the industry looks at him fondly," Hart added. "But it's all a matter of what the programmers perceive as hip and cool."

Owen, 58, has put together a 10-piece band and hit the road again, doing a mix of old and new songs. At a recent Grand Ole Opry show, he played two numbers — his new single "Like I Never Broke Her Heart" followed by the Alabama classic "Mountain Music." The crowd politely applauded the first and went wild for the second.

He knows he's got his work cut out for him but says he enjoys being on stage with a band again.

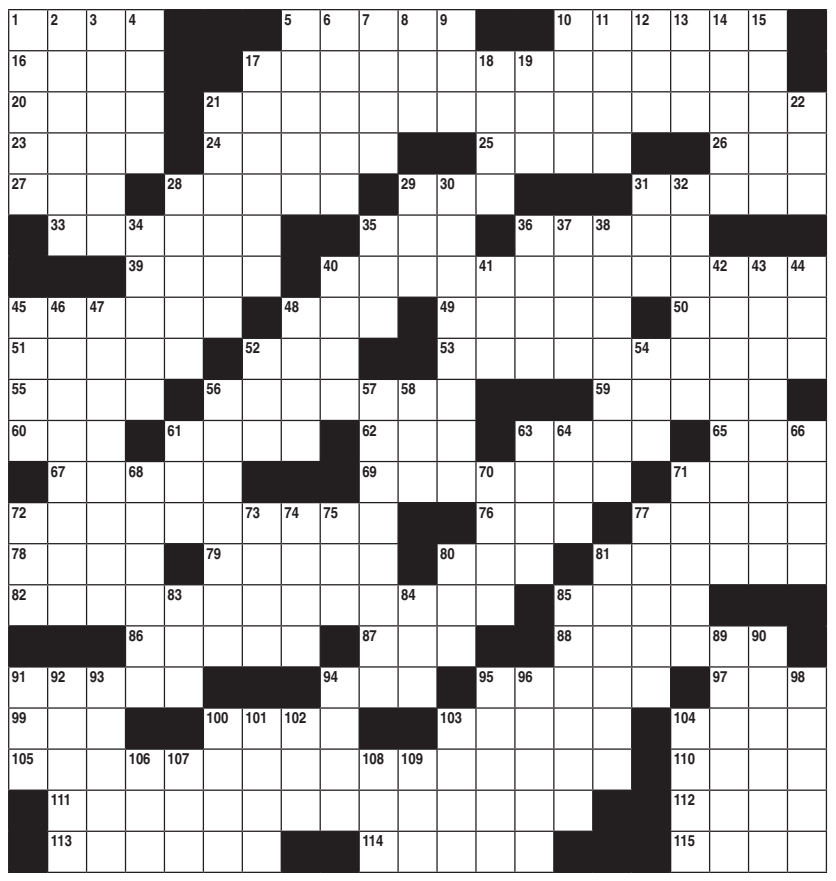
"I love music. I love playing and singing and writing. I love performing," Owen said. "Great musicians make that possible. It's like getting in a really good race car and everything is working good in it and you just drive it. It's a really neat experience."

Alabama retired from touring in 2004 after one of the most remarkable runs in country music history. They've sold more than 46 million records in the United States and the Recording Industry Association of America named them Country Group of the Century in 1999.

The New York Times Crossword Puzzle

ANSWERS NEXT SATURDAY

SOUNDS LIKE SOMEBODY I KNOW By Merl Reagle/ Edited by Will Shortz



Across

1 Doodled, e.g.
5 Elvis film "___ Scarum"
10 Attorney's favorite sweets?
16 Reign
17 "Loverboy" actress who made the cast sick?
20 It's love, in Lille
21 Séance-loving crime writer?
23 Adjustment means on a radio
24 Yards, e.g.
25 Obi-Wan Kenobi, for one
26 Uris hero ___ Ben Canaan
27 Market closing?
28 Abbr. after Ted Kennedy's name
29 Kind of tape
31 Earthquake
33 Meshed foundation in lace
35 Exclamation from a blockhead
36 Show too much feeling?
39 "O.S.S." star, 1946
40 Hall of Fame golfer who invented the all-plastic club?
45 Alla ___ (pasta style)
48 Planned site of the Geo. W. Bush Presidential Library
49 Piece that gets riveted
50 Young wife (age 18) of Charlie Chaplin (age 54)
51 Restraints
52 Egg ___ yung
53 All-telling gossip queen who repeats everything she hears?
55 Letters of commerce
56 Laying-on of hands?
59 "You're such ___ for helping"
60 Ronny & the Daytonas hit
61 Eccentric
62 Acapulco gold
63 Long (for)
65 Letters of sizes
67 Yul Brynner died the same day as ___ Welles (odd fact)
69 Relatives of TV host Tom
71 Everest setting
72 Avant-garde composer who sat around a lot?
76 Linger in the hot sun
77 Loses on purpose?
78 Y-axis, for one
79 Handy places to shop
80 Army type, for short
81 Prima donna Norman
82 Passionate tennis star?
85 Yaw relative, on an aircraft
86 Some etiquette rules
87 Online address
88 "Rats!"
91 Regular writing
94 York, e.g.: Abbr.
95 Hollywood's Téa
97 Eye the bull's-eye
99 Trip-planning org.
100 Option for a sandwich
103 Lower than: It.
104 Disney pirate, 1953
105 Moscow V.I.P. who liked to cook on a ship?
110 Eban of Israel
111 "I have no face cards" actress?
112 Near Eastern port
113 Easter ___ (period up to Pentecost Sunday)
114 European resort Monte ___
115 Driving alternative in S.F.

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30 Tenor, perhaps
31 Enos Slaughter's team for 13 yrs.
32 Roo's donkey friend
34 Slope
35 "Wagon Master" actress Joanne
36 Heaven on earth
37 Assigner of G's and R's : Abbr.
38 Tuba sounds
40 Wild
41 Action on Wall St.
42 Swamps
43 Monstrousness
44 "You dirty ___!"
45 Patrick Macnee's 1960s TV co-star Diana
46 Opus with singing
47 Interstate sight
48 Nonmatching item, maybe
52 Toy store ___ Schwarz
54 Add-on for Gator
56 Guy who digs fossils, slangily
57 American Beauty pest
58 Inspiration for Keats
61 Nails but good
63 Old aviation magazine ___ Digest
64 Have a bawl
66 Reshape a cornea, say
68 Items for knitters
70 Gallantry-in-war medals: Abbr.
71 House of Representatives divider
72 Tree with serrate leaves
73 Big name in tea
74 Ocho minus cinco
75 US Airways datum: Abbr.
77 Vacation destination for sandwich lovers?
80 It's void in Vichy
81 English duke ___ Gaunt
83 Runner Sebastian
84 Odd morsel
85 Rummaged
89 Sorority letter
90 Iron Man cocreator Larry
91 Mythical piper
92 Pullman supports
93 "Song of the Islands" co-star Jack
94 Old Testament king
95 Not express
96 Intro with centric
98 Connoted
100 Hit by Marty Robbins, "El ___"
101 Eager beaver 's assertion
102 Really test
103 Ilse's "very"
104 Swedish import
106 Hell ___ handbasket
107 Y.A. Tittle scores
108 Org. with a fivering logo
109 United competitor: Abbr.

Answers to last Saturday's puzzle

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Holly Golightly continues to charm 50 years later

ERIN CARLSON
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The scene that made it excusable to wear a tiara to breakfast: Audrey Hepburn, gowned in Givenchy black with long gloves, fat pearls and oversized sunglasses. She peers through a Tiffany's window with Danish and coffee in hand.

Having breakfast on the street was never so glamorous. Hepburn's role as Holly Golightly, the eccentric party girl of the 1961 film "Breakfast at Tiffany's," turned the actress into an icon and role model for young women who fantasized about moving to New York to live the same freewheeling, urbane lifestyle.

Truman Capote hated Hepburn in the part.

The author had wanted Marilyn Monroe for the Hollywood adaptation of his 1958 novella contained in "Breakfast at Tiffany's: A Short Novel and Three Stories." He complained that the elegant Hepburn was miscast as Holly, a Texas runaway who reinvents herself as a Manhattan It Girl. The Holly of Capote's imagination was a blonde like Monroe, who had a challenging childhood growing up as Norma Jeane Baker.

The movie tidied and glossed over the deeply tragic undercurrent of Capote's story: an aimless bachelorette who uses sugar daddies as her income and a crutch to avoid the pain of her past. It added a happy ending and romance with a writer named Paul (George Peppard), a kept man who ditches his sugar mamma when he falls in love with Holly.

"The book is more authentic," says Capote biographer Gerald Clarke, who deems it a "valentine" to free-spirited women rather than a cautionary tale about a little girl lost in the big city. "The movie is a confection — a sugar and spice confection."

"Breakfast at Tiffany's" continues to sell about 30,000 copies a year, and was recently reissued in a 50th anniversary edition by Vintage. The cover design shows a pale bejeweled hand clasping a pencil; the black foreground has been torn, revealing red underneath and the famous title scrawled in white.

Holly had a spare walk up apartment, scores of admirers and a cat she refused to name. She also suffered from what she called "the mean reds," her term for anxiety. Her cure for that was to hail a cab to the Tiffany's flagship store on Fifth Avenue.

"It calms me down right away, the quietness and the proud look of it; nothing very bad could happen to you there, not with those kind men in their nice suits, and the lovely silver and alligator wallets," she declared. "If I could find a real-life place that made me feel like Tiffany's, then I'd buy some furniture and give the cat a name."

Clarke says Holly was Capote's favorite creation and an amalgam of different stylish women in his circle: Gloria Vanderbilt, Carol Matthau, Oona Chaplin, Doris Lilly and his mother, Nina, who vanquished her rural Southern upbringing by dropping the name Lillie Mae. (The fictional Holly's real name: Lulamae Barnes.)

According to Clarke's biography "Capote," Lilly — a fun-loving girl about town — called up a friend after the book was published, screaming, "It's me! It's me!" Everyone claimed to be Capote's muse in what he called The Holly Golightly Sweepstakes.

But Holly is also a projection of the "In Cold Blood" author, as famous for his writing as his social networking. In 1966, he gave a masked ball at New York's Plaza Hotel in honor of Washington Post publisher Katharine Graham. Invites were tough to get. Frank Sinatra and wife Mia Farrow danced with various Vanderbilts and Rockefellers, and the literary giants of the day, like Norman Mailer. Capote's Black and White Ball was later memorialized in a book called "Party of the Century," which for many it was.

It was the type of event Holly certainly would have crashed.

"She was a free spirit," Clarke says. "She lived her life, she took life on her terms, she did just what she wanted — and got away with it. And Truman did the same thing. He did just what he wanted, and most of the time got away with it."

Neal Gabler, an author and cultural critic, wonders if the sparkly heroine could only have been imagined by a gay man such as Capote.

"Because a heterosexual man wouldn't have imagined her, and I'm not sure that women would have imagined her that way," says Gabler, whose books include "Life the Movie: How Entertainment Conquered Reality."

Portrayed bewitchingly by Hepburn, Holly represented a "winsome rebel" without a cause — a female type not seen in movies of the time that were dominated by the lone Male Maverick as embodied by actors like Marlon Brando, Paul Newman and James Dean, Gabler says.

The upwardly mobile Holly lived the good life — thanks, in no small part, to the rich men who paid her $50 to go to the powder room. Despite her checkered past, she had a chic fashion sense. Black and pink and loaded with accessories like a big hat and extra-long cigarette holder, Hepburn's wardrobe of Givenchy dresses dazzled against the early 1960s Manhattan dreamscape.

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The American Contract Bridge League runs tournament bridge in North America. Members, who do not have to be duplicate players, receive a monthly magazine called the Bulletin. It contains a lot of articles aimed at all levels of player above absolute beginner.



Phillip Alder

The July issue had a fascinating article about four women presently living in Moscow. Sue De'Ath from England, Aleid Douma from the Netherlands, Anne Jennings from the United States and Emelie Quennell from Canada took the Trans-Siberian railroad from Yaroslavsky Station in Moscow on April 14. Four days, 3,218 miles and 156 deals later, they arrived in Irkutsk.

The deal they gave is in the diagram.

Jennings (East) should have opened one heart, not two. Her hand was far too good for a weak two-bid. De'Ath (South) made a thin overcall. Quennell (West) might have used the two-no-trump inquiry, but had obviously seen her partner's "weak" twos before. And Douma (North) traded on the favorable vulnerability in bidding four spades. After two passes, West doubled for penalty.

North
♠ Q J 8 2
♥ 8 7
♦ Q J 7 3 2
♣ 4 3

West
♠ A
♥ Q 9 4
♦ K 10 4
♣ Q J 10 7 6 2

East
♠ 9 7 3
♥ A K J 10 6 3
♦ 9 6
♣ K 5

South
♠ K 10 6 5 4
♥ 5 2
♦ A 8 5
♣ A 9 8

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
2 ♠	4 ♥	4 ♠	2 ♥ Pass
Pass	Dbl.	All pass	

Opening lead: ♥ 4

The result is not given, but suppose West leads her lowest heart, East winning with her king and cashing the ace. West ought to drop the nine on the second round, suggesting a club shift. (If West is desperate for a diamond switch, she would play her queen at trick two.) If East then shifts to the club king, the defenders would take one spade, two hearts, one diamond and one club for down two, plus 300.

Details are available at www.acbl.org.

Phillip Alder is a columnist for Newspaper Enterprise Association.

Rosie: Variety show lives

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Chavez speaking directly to the people, mixing government disclosures with poetry, songs or whatever strikes his fancy — plus announcing major new initiatives. Chavez was jailed for two years after participating in a failed 1992 coup. But he surrendered in exchange for airtime to address the country, and this media exposure planted the seeds of a folk hero and a ruler in the making. "The Hugo Chavez Show" airs on PBS at 8 p.m. Tuesday (check local listings).

◆ Neil Patrick Harris is not only the star of the CBS sitcom "How I Met Your Mother," he is also a magic enthusiast. Now he's hosting "The 2008 World Magic Awards," which airs on MyNetworkTV at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Awards will be given in 13 categories. In addition, there'll be appearances by magicians Hans Klok, Lance Burton, The Amazing Johnathan and others in the two-hour special. Presenters include Ernie Hudson, Traci Bingham, Corbin Bernsen and John Schneider.

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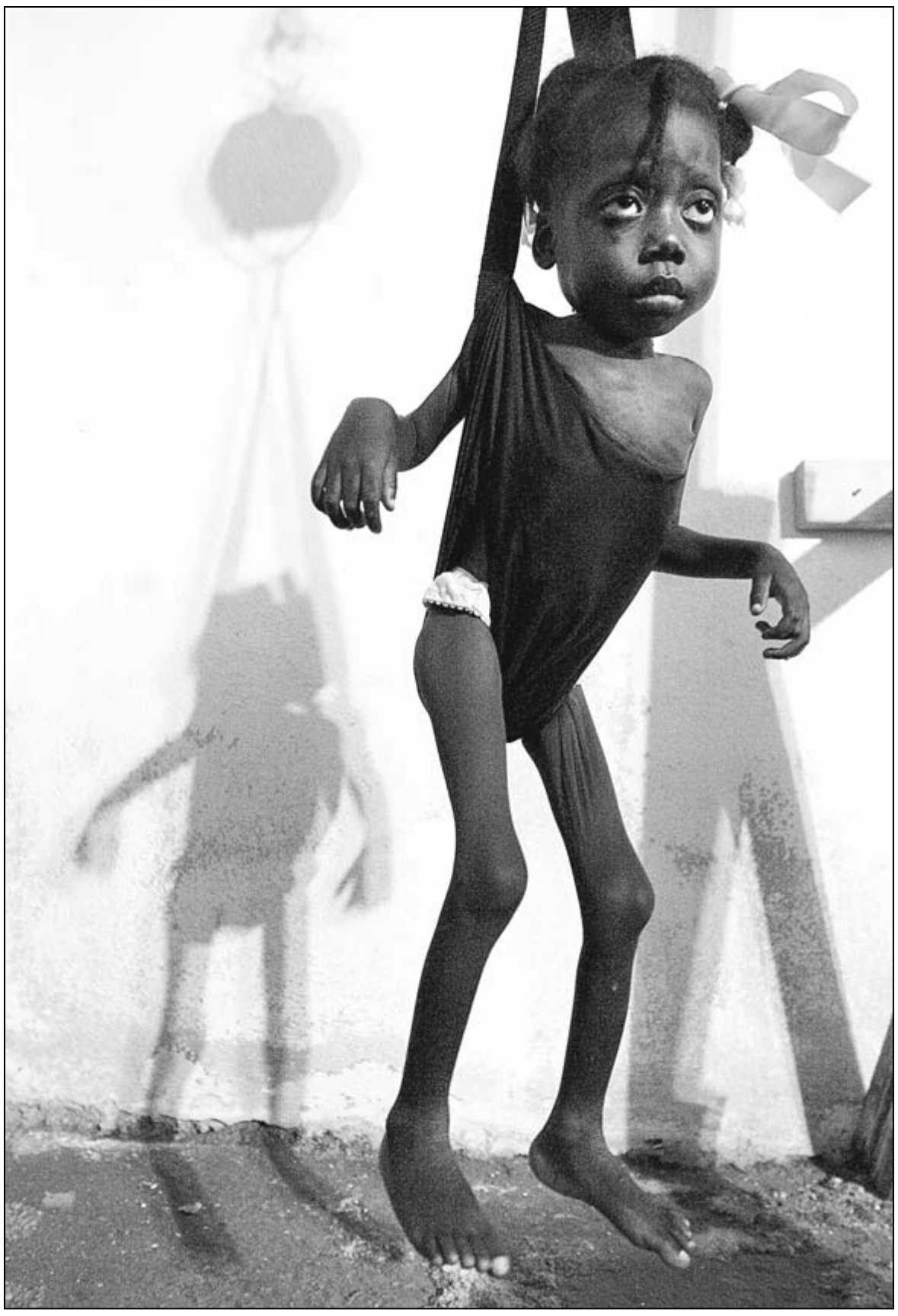






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Clockwise from top left: Blue Hill players dump water on coach Scott Porter after beating Archbishop Bergan. Five-year-old Jonah Smith of Blue Hill takes pictures of the action. Kurt Berken (60) stands on cue while being announced for TV before the the game. A Blue Hill fan cheers during the game. Amber Himmelberg and the Blue Hill dance team perform during halftime during the Class C-2 state football championship game at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln Friday.



RAMON ESPINOSA/*AP*

Venecia Lonis, 4, who suffers from malnutrition, is weighed at the Doctors Without Borders hospital in Port-au-Prince Wednesday.

Children victims of food crisis

JONATHAN M. KATZ
The Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — The 5-year-old teetered on broomstick legs — he weighed less than 20 pounds, even after days of drinking enriched milk. Nearby, a 4-year-old girl hung from a strap attached to a scale, her wide eyes lifeless, her emaciated arms dangling weakly.

In pockets of Haiti accessible only by donkey or foot, children are dying of malnutrition — their already meager food supply cut by a series of devastating storms that destroyed crops, wiped out livestock and sent food prices spiraling.

At least 26 severely malnourished children have died in the past four weeks in the remote region of Baie d'Orange in Haiti's southeast, aid workers said Thursday, and there are fears the toll will rise much higher if help does not come quickly to the impoverished Caribbean nation.

Another 65 severely malnourished children are being treated in makeshift tent clinics in the mountainous area, or at hospitals where they were evacuated in Port-au-Prince and elsewhere, said Max Cosci, who heads the Belgian contingent of Doctors Without Borders in Haiti.

One evacuee, a 7-year-old girl, died while being treated, Cosci said, adding: "The situation is extremely, extremely fragile and dangerous."

At a makeshift malnutrition ward at a Doctors Without Borders hospital in the capital, 10 emaciated children were under emergency care Thursday, their stomachs swollen and hair faded by pigmentation loss caused by malnutrition. Several had the puffy faces typical of kwashiorkor, a protein-deficiency disorder.

Five-year-old Mackenson Duclair, his ribs protruding and his legs little more than skin stretched over bones, weighed in at 19.8 pounds, even after days of drinking milk enriched with potassium and salt. Doctors said he needed to gain another five pounds before he could go home.

Dangling from a scale mounted from the ceiling, 4-year-old Venecia Lonis looked as limp as a rag doll as doctors weighed her, her huge brown eyes expressionless, her hair tied with bright yellow bows.

Mackenson's grandmother, who has raised him since his mother died, said she barely has a can of corn grits to feed herself, the boy and her 8-year-old granddaughter each day.

"These things did not happen when I was growing up," 72-year-old Ticouloute Fortune said.

Rural families already struggling with soaring food prices in Haiti, the Western Hemisphere's poorest country, lost their safety nets when fields were destroyed and livestock wiped out by the storms, which killed nearly 800 people and caused $1 billion worth of damage in August and September.

U.N. World Food Program country director Myrta Kaulard said she fears more deaths from malnutrition in other isolated parts of Haiti, and search and medical teams were fanning out in the northwest and along the southwestern peninsula to check.

The World Food Program has sent more than 30 tons of food aid — enough to feed 5,800 people for two weeks — into the remote southeastern region since September, and other groups funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development have sent food as well, she said.

But the steep, narrow paths and poor visibility make it difficult to deliver the food to the mountain communities where hunger is worsening. In one case, a WFP truck flipped over while struggling up a hill and slid into a ravine, killing an aid worker.

"There is always a bottleneck. The same situation that the people are facing is the same situation we're also facing," Kaulard told The Associated Press Thursday.

Haiti in general and the mountain villages in particular have long suffered from chronic hunger. Child malnutrition rates have been high for years — the WFP reported in 2007 that nearly a quarter of children were chronically malnourished.

Remote rural areas in particular grow only enough staples to feed themselves less than seven months out of the year, Kaulard said.

But throughout the year, aid workers and officials have been seeing hunger get more severe, and now people who live in the mountains and aid groups who are working there say the situation is worse than it has been in the past.

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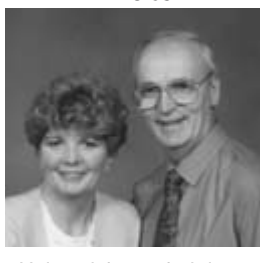
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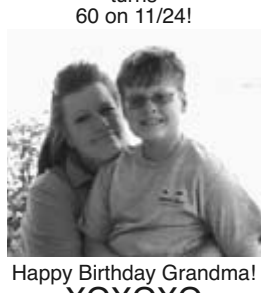
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52 Educational

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53 Health Care

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53 Health Care

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54 Office/Clerical

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54 Office/Clerical

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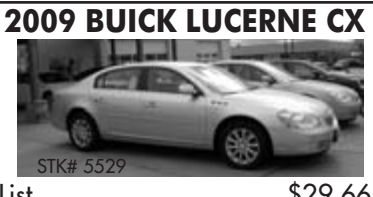
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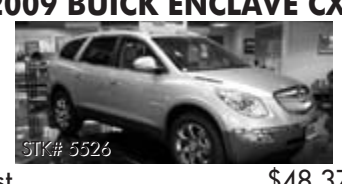
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6	7	8	2	3	9	1	5	4
4	5	3	1	6	7	9	2	8
7	3	5	9	2	4	6	8	1
2	4	1	8	7	6	3	9	5
9	8	6	5	1	3	2	4	7
3	6	9	7	4	8	5	1	2
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A tract of land in the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section Twenty-five (25), Township Eight (8) North, Range Twelve (12), West of the 6th P.M. in Adams County, Nebraska, said tract being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Northeast Corner of Section Twenty-five (25), Township Eight (8) North, Range Twelve (12), West of the 6th P.M. in Adams County, Nebraska; thence South on the East line of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of said Section Twenty-five (25), a distance of 923.38 feet to the Actual Point of Beginning; thence continuing South along the said East line a distance of 533.79 feet; thence West a distance of 582.01 feet; thence North 26 degrees 07'40" West a distance of 188.73 feet; thence North 01 degrees 00'00" East a distance of 364.36 feet; thence East a distance of 658.70 feet, more or less, to the Point of Beginning, containing 7.9618 acres, more or less, of which 0.4044 acres is presently being occupied by a public road along the easterly 33.0 feet thereof. The above legal description designated as Augustin Acres, a subdivision to the County of Adams. Nebraska

and

Lot One (1), Shurigar Subdivision, Adams County, Nebraska according to the recorded plat thereof

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Michael R. Snyder, Trustee
November 22, 29, December 6, 13, 20, 2008

In the District Court of Adams County, Nebraska

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

To: RODNEY O. DAVIS, MELISSA K. DAVIS, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE COUNTY OF ADAMS, CREDIT MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC., MARY LANNING MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, CACH, L.L.C., APPLIED BANK; and all other persons unknown having or claiming any right, title or interest in Lot Twelve (12), Block Eight (8), in Cole's First Addition to the City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska;

You will take notice that the City of Hastings, Plaintiff, did on September 5, 2008, file a Complaint against you in the above Court, praying for foreclosure of a special assessment. To defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed within thirty days after the last publication of this notice. If you fail to respond, the court may enter judgment for the relief demanded in the petition.

Dated November 7, 2008.

City of Hastings, Nebraska, Plaintiff
By: Robert M. Sullivan, City Attorney
November 15, 22, 29, 2008

In the District Court of Adams County, Nebraska

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION) Case No.
OF CHEYENNE BRANDY WILSON, FOR) CI 08-353
CHANGE OF NAME, BY AND THROUGH)
HER GUARDIANS AND NEXT FRIENDS,) LEGAL
DONNA BASSETT and DIANE PEYTON.) NOTICE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that the undersigned filed a Complaint for Change of Name in the District Court of Adams County, Nebraska, on the 29th day of May, 2008, the object and prayer of said Complaint being to change the name of Cheyenne Brandy Wilson to Cheyenne Brandy Bassett. You are further notified that the undersigned intends to present said Complaint for change of name to said Court on the 18th day of December, 2008, at the hour of 9:15 a.m. of said day or as soon thereafter as it may be heard. At that time any person or persons objecting to such change of name may be present and present their objections to the court.

DATED this 5th day of November, 2008.

Donna Bassett and Diane Peyton, Applicants
T. Charles James #22664
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November 8, 15, 22, 29, 2008

Council Proceedings

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2008
AT 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order in regular session by Mayor Rossen with the following members present: Harrington, Kully, Odom, Will, Peterson, Goebel, Ruberson, Glen. Absent: None.

Moved by Harrington, seconded by Will that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the southeast wall of the City Council Chambers and that prior to this meeting a notice was placed in the Hastings Tribune on October 24, 2008, that notice was posted in three public places, that each Councilmember and Mayor received a copy of the proposed agenda and that an agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection and that said meeting is held in open session. The motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: None.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS: Leona Anderson of the Retired Teacher's Association presented a check in the amount of $630,953.40 which equates to 42,340 hours that the Retired Teacher's Association has volunteered throughout the community.

The Mayor read a proclamation proclaiming November, 2008 as Hastings Family Caregiver Month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

Moved by Goebel, seconded by Harrington that the following items on the Consent Agenda be approved:

1(a) Minutes of the Council meeting of October 13, 2008.
1(b) Joint Worksession of October 6, 2008.
4(a) Payroll for the period ending November 1, 2008, paid November 7, 2008.
4(b) Authorizing the City Clerk to issue checks against the various funds for payment of the following claims:

Abbott Aviation, LLC-1,500.00, Se; Ace Automotive, Inc.-1,035.80, Su; ACS Firehouse Solutions-3,145.00, Se; Adams County Register of Deeds-233.00, Se; Adams County Sheriff's Office-29.60, Ms; Adams Land Title-300.00, Se; Alamar Uniforms-837.80, Su; Alert-All Corporation-270.00, Su; Aramark Uniform Services, Inc.-247.48, Se; Arrow Seed Company, Inc.-470.00, Su; Auto Value-Hastings-70.89, Su; Awards Unlimited, Inc.-212.84, Su; Baker & Taylor, Inc.-1,664.43, Su; BBC Audiobooks America-183.63, Su; Beyke Signs-441.00, Su; Big G Commercial Account-978.30, Su; Big G Stores-69.85, Su; Blackstone Audiobooks-50.40, Su; Boettcher Supply, Inc.-22.20, Su; Business World Products-1,604.44, Su; CDW Government, Inc.-3,418.96, Su; California Contractors-139.80, Su; Campbell Plumbing, LLC-337.50, Se; Carolina Software-200.00, Se; Cash-Wa Candy Company-312.39, Su; Central Community College-604.12, Ms; Central States Fire Apparatus-127.01, Su; Central Valley Rentals-107.00, Se; Charter Communications-200.00, Se; City Clerk-Petty Cash-375.09, Re; Chris Clark-32.00, Se; Computer Consultants of Hastings-45.27, Ms; Conserv Flag Company-165.36, Su; Consolidated Concrete Company-8,555.77, Su; Consumers Service Company-167.26, Su; Cooperative Producers, Inc.-225.53, Su; Cornhusker Cleaning Systems-250.00, Su; Cornhusker Press-65.00, Su; Credit Bureau of Hastings-336.00, Se; Culligan of Hastings-60.00, Se; Deer Crossing Sales, LLC-105.00, Su; Don Svoboda Plumbing-75.00, Se; Drummond American Corporation-1,014.09, Su; Dutton-Lainson Company-1,572.18, Su; Eagle Point Software-1,650.00, Se; Eakes Office Plus-346.54, Su; Earl May Seed & Nursery Company-2,974.98, Su; Echo Group, Inc.-66.29, Su; Executive Copier Systems-347.53, Su; Fastenal Company-882.40, Su; Ed M. Feld Equipment Company-1,816.40, Su; Gale-38.93, Su; Gall's, Inc.-228.16, Su; Gene's Repair and Sales-241.07, Su; Grace's Locksmith Service-69.00, Su; Great Plains Chrysler-137.75, Su; Hastings College Career Services-25.00, Ms; Hastings Tribune-1,477.70, Se; Hastings Utilities-55,822.81, Ms; Hastings Utilities-Permits-6,188.92, Re; Hess Auto Body-290.80, Se; Howard's Glass-120.44, Su; Inland Truck Parts & Service-1,239.52, Se; International Code Council-36.00, Su; Island Supply Welding Company-59.82, Su; J.I.L. Asphalt Paving Company-1,539.24, Su; John Thomas, Inc.-1,823.00, Su; KHAS-TV 5-3,950.00, Se; K&G Plumbing and Heating, Inc.-147.50, Ms; K-T Heating & Air Conditioning-48.00, Se; Kelly Supply Company-116.13, Su; Kerr Chevrolet Geo, Inc.-647.24, Su; Kully Pipe & Steel Supply-464.08, Su; L&N Polygraph Services-317.20, Se; Marc LaChance-64.00, Se; League Association of Risk Management-616,102.00, Ms; Linweld-29.02, Su; Raquel Maar-100.00, Se; Monte Malouf, Jr. & Associates-16.30, Su; Marshall Cavendish Corporation-176.29, Su; Maverick Books, Inc.-9.00, Su; Menards-6,932.78, Su; Mettenbrink Farms, Inc.-288.00, Su; Pam Meyer-504.90, Se; Mid-Nebraska Lubricants-13,663.08, Su; Midwest Tape-123.95, Su; Midwest Turf & Irrigation-228.02, Su; Minitex-1,307.00, Su; Troy Mustin-192.00, Se; NAPA Auto Parts-77.19, Su; NCS Equipment, Inc.-39.20, Se; Nebraska Association for Property & Evidence-20.00, Ms; Nebraska Department of Aeronautics-10,000.20, Su; Nebraska Environmental Products-1,080.16, Su; Nebraska Fire Sprinkler Corporation-232.00, Se; Nebraska Life Magazine-21.00, Su; Nebraska Municipal Clerks' Association-70.00, Ms; Nebraska State Historical Society-40.00, Su; Newman Traffic Signs, Inc.-619.36, Su; O'Hara Lindsay & Associates-2,000.00, Se; O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.-107.33, Su; Orschelns-227.47, Su; Tim Ossowski-168.00, Se; Overhead Door Company of Hastings-65.00, Se; Paper Tiger Shredding-50.00, Su; Paramount Linen-18.04, Se; W.G. Pauley Lumber Company-97.12, Su; Pavelka Truck & Trailer Repair-1,272.53, Se; Physical Therapy & Sports Rehab-439.00, Se; Platte River Radio, Inc.-225.35, Se; Platte Valley Communications-88.95, Su; Police Department-Petty Cash-224.61, Re; Police Officers Association-Nebraska-360.00, Ms; Premiere Coatings Technologies-85.00, Su; Presto-X Company-135.00, Se; Professional Binding Products-53.40, Su; Protex Central, Inc.-150.95, Se; Random House, Inc.-87.00, Su; Raynor Garage Doors-140.00, Su; Recorded Books, LLC-371.20, Su; Rick's Sod Farm-171.00, Su; Rootmaker Products Company-255.92, Su; Russ's IGA-7.78, Su; Rutt's Heating & Air Conditioning-95.00, Su; S.O.S., Inc.-120.00, Se; Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc.-359.78, Su; Samuelson Equipment Farm Plan-14.25, Su; Scholastic Library Publishing-144.30, Su; Gary Smith Construction Company-191.95, Su; Smitty's Electric, Inc.-103.02, Su; Source Gas-26.67, Se; State of Nebraska-DAS Communications-704.00, Se; Sun Mart-11.85, Su; Thomsen Oil Company-8,516.14, Su; Three Points Tire Service-740.50, Su; Jerome Tillemans-60.00, Re; Michael Todd & Company-155.69, Su; Transportation Equipment Company-79.95, Su; USA Today-164.00, Su; Uncle Neal's Country Stores-505.00, Se; Universal Hydraulics, Inc.-22.50, Su; Van Diest Supply Company-514.50, Su; Vaughan's Printers, Inc.-156.80, Su; Viaero Wireless-57.74, Se; Wal-Mart-292.49, Su; Wells Fargo Bank-191,487.50, Ms; Westland Building Company-5,674.15, Se; Windstream Communications-1.16, Se; Witmer Associates, Inc.-324.49, Su; Woodward's Disposal Service-1,811.56, Se

The motion carried.

5(a) Department Monthly Reports received and placed on file.
5(b) Monthly Report of Hastings Utilities for the month of August, 2008 received and placed on file.

The motion carried.

Moved by Odom, seconded by Will that the Mayor and Council approve the claims of Kully Pipe & Steel Supply in the amount of $464.08 (City). Roll call, ayes: Harrington, Odom, Will, Peterson, Goebel, Ruberson, Glen. Nays: None. Abstain: Kully. The motion carried.

The City Clerk advised that her office had received no objections to the creation of Street Improvement District No. 2008-5 (Yost Avenue from East 33rd Street north 560 feet, including the intersection at Yost Avenue).

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Harrington that the Mayor and Council approve the recommendation made by the Green City Task Force to fund Phase I of Central Community College alternative Energy Education Center in the amount of $12,000 contingent on the commitment of funds to complete Phase II.

Bill Hitesman, President of Central Community College, gave a presentation on Renewable Energy. (Presentation attached to and made a part of the original minutes.)

Vote on the motion. The motion carried.

Discussion was held on attendance at the National League of Cities meeting.

Moved by Ruberson, seconded by Odom that the Council support Councilmember Peterson attending the National League of Cities meeting in Orlando, Florida in November, along with three members of the Mayor's Youth Council; one member (Jeremy Murman) of the Mayor's Youth Council will pay half of the cost for him to attend and the City will pay the other half. Roll call, ayes: Harrington, Kully, Odom, Will, Goebel, Ruberson, Glen. Nays: None. Abstain: Peterson. The motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 4187...Vacating easements (south 51.2 feet of Lot 2, Renfrews Addition, Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital). Passed. Set in full motions in original minutes. Effective date of the ordinance is November 12, 2008. Published in the Hastings Tribune on October 31, 2008.

ORDINANCE NO. 4188...Amending City Code Section 15-330 regarding school zones (speed limits around St. Michael's School). Set in full motions in original minutes. Effective date of the ordinance is November 12, 2008. Published in the Hastings Tribune on October 31, 2008.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-57...Calling for prepayment all of the outstanding bonds (Series 2003) of Sanitary and Improvement District No. 3. Set in full in original minutes.

Moved by Harrington, seconded by Odom that Resolution No. 2008-57 be passed and approved. The motion carried.

Moved by Odom, seconded by Goebel that the Council approve the following appointments made by the Mayor:

Scott Krieger to the Board of Public Works, term to expire July 1, 2013
Jeb Brant to the Planning Commission, term to expire February, 2009

Moved by Harrington that the Council act on these appointments separately. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Vote on the main motion. Roll call, ayes: Kully, Odom, Will, Goebel, Ruberson, Glen. Nays: Harrington, Peterson. The motion carried.

REPORTS OF LIAISONS: Councilman Goebel reported on the October 16th Board of Public Works meeting. There was a presentation on the Highland Park Arboretum Project, they asked for approval in incorporating the area around the buildings at Hastings Utilities in with the Highland Park System. That was approved, along with a vote of support with some funds to do that. The Board approved an Identity Theft Prevention Program that needed to be compliant with legal requirements. The Comparability Committee for Salaries presented a report; the salary schedule is fair and equitable to both the employee and the employer. There are budget worksessions scheduled for November 5th and 6th.

Councilmember Peterson reported on the Library. We are in the final process of looking at a person to replace the Library Director, we have great candidates.

Councilmember Peterson thanked the Council for their vote tonight and making sure we could send a third student to the National League of Cities meeting. The Youth Education and Family Committee is one of the best committees she has ever been on and you need to know they are going to be honoring all the cities across the United States who signed onto the City Platform.

Councilman Odom stated the Veteran's Day Parade is on Saturday, November 1st and hopes that anyone who is a veteran in our community would come and join us; if city staff wishes to join in we would greatly appreciate that.

Councilman Odom stated during the presentation from the Community College he was listening to what was being talked about and thought about the discussions the Council had at their Budget Worksessions about the Sustainability Coordinator. Councilman Odom stated he believes we heard something tonight that fits that position perfectly for both our entire community and our county; he heard a great partnership being formed.

Moved by Goebel, seconded by Will there being no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourn at 7:55 p.m. The motion carried.

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ATTEST:
/s/ Connie Hartman
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Mabel's comments lost on husband

Mabel was already sleeping when Alvin came in one night from harvesting. She was awakened by the frantic barking of the dog and as she heard the back door slam, she shouted, "Intruder, intruder."



Denise Andersen

She thought it was a humorous thing to say. She thought the line came from the old "Lost in Space" show, but she wasn't sure. She just thought Alvin might find it funny, too.

"What are you shouting about?" Alvin hollered back at her.

"I said, 'intruder,' " she yelled again.

"You want to go to Hooters?" Alvin yelled back. "Why on earth would you want to go to Hooters?"

"I don't want to go to Hooters," Mabel yelled from the bed. "I said, 'intruder.' "

Alvin stomped into the bedroom. "You really want to go to Hooters?" It was OK with Alvin, but he didn't understand why Mabel would want to go there. She was a woman, and kind of old at that.

Mabel turned over in bed. "Never mind," she said. It wasn't funny anymore.

The next night they were watching their favorite game show and a woman won a trip to the Caribbean.

"I'd like to go to the sea," Mabel said.

"You want to get stung by a bee?" Alvin said. "That's a darn fool thing to say."

"I didn't say I wanted to get stung by a bee," Mabel replied. "I said I want to go to the sea — you know, the beach."

"You want to go learn to teach?" Alvin asked. "You're kind of old for that, aren't you?"

Mabel gritted her teeth and spoke through them. "I don't want to learn to teach, I want to go to the beach."

"Oh," Alvin replied. "Well, what was all of that about getting stung by a bee. That doesn't have anything to do with going to the beach."

"Never mind," Mabel said. She sat in silence the rest of the night.

The next day, Alvin asked Mabel about her plans for the day.

"I've got a cake to bake," she replied.

"You've got a plate to take where?" he asked.

Mabel gritted her teeth. "I'm baking a cake," she said.

"I know, I heard you," Alvin replied. "You don't have to shout."

He put his coat and cap on before he asked, "So, where are you taking that plate? Over to Thelma and Carl's? I could take it for you; I'm headed that way."

"I don't have a plate to take anywhere," Mabel shouted. "You're driving me crazy."

"OK, OK, just calm down," Alvin said. "You don't have to shout. Jeez." He left and Mabel sat down. The man was just tormenting her on purpose, she knew it.

Later that evening, when she had calmed down, she tried to talk to him.

"So, how was your day?" Mabel asked.

"There's a cow in the hay?" Alvin asked, jumping up. He ran to the window and looked out, despite the fact that it

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Lonnie Kort harvests a cornfield in Adams County Tuesday. Wet conditions and harvest delays this fall have pushed many farmers back into the field at times when the ground is wet, raising concerns about soil compaction.

Harvest pressure

PICKING, CUTTING WHILE GROUND WAS TOO SOFT MAY CAUSE COMPACTION HEADACHES LATER

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In a year like this, when crops were slow to develop and then frequent fall rains impeded harvest, many farmers may count themselves more fortunate than usual if they have all their picking and cutting wrapped up prior to Thanksgiving.

In order to finish before winter sets in, however, many farmers have returned to fields with their combines at times when soggy ground conditions might normally have led them to wait a while longer and allow more time for drying.

Now, some of those farmers may spend the cold months wondering how much problem with soil compaction they will experience as a result.

Wet soil compressed under the weight of combines, tractors, grain carts and trucks can form a hard layer that is difficult for crop roots and water to infiltrate in the future. Plants grown on that type of compressed soil may be smaller and less vigorous and may not take water the way they should. Also, they may be more susceptible to disease and insect pressures than they would be otherwise.

"Plant roots need air spaces in the soil to grow into and through," said Ron Seymour, extension agriculture educator for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in Adams County.

And while ruts on the surface of the field provide ready evidence of compaction, the compaction layer can extend well below the surface of the rows where wheels ran — down through the root zone for future years' plantings.

"It's a mess," Seymour said. "It's probably one of the worst things that can happen to you (as a crop producer.) It can heal itself, but it takes a long time."

Harvest has been a protracted affair this fall across most of Tribland. Many farmers concentrated on cutting their soybeans first, allowing extra time for moisture content levels in their corn to decrease. Meanwhile, one rain delay followed another.

Volunteers across Tribland keep track of precipitation as members of the Nebraska Rainfall Assessment and Information Network. Readings they have turned in since Sept. 1 show some impressive totals — up to 13 inches and beyond in one location northwest of Hildreth and 10-12 inches at numerous other reporting stations.

With each subsequent rain and forecasted wind event, farmers with crops still standing in the field had greater reason for concern about possible stalk breakage and loss of harvestable yield.

While farmers took the necessary steps to get a valuable crop in the bin, Seymour said, some field damage has been done in the process.

"It's been wet," he said. "I think people have pushed it more than they should have."

Brandy VanDeWalle, Seymour's UNL extension counterpart in Fillmore County, said most farmers in her area have finished harvest by now, and that for the most part the corn stood up in the fields long enough for them to get to it.

She agreed that the ground took a beating in the process, however.

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FACES OF BUSINESS: *Clark Williams*

Merchant sees value of youth sports

WILLIAMS HAS PUT IN MANY HOURS WITH ATHLETIC TEAMS, HUNTER SAFETY

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In life, there's a right track and a wrong track. For Clark Williams, the key to getting on that right track, and success in life, is discipline.

One ways to stress the importance of discipline, he said, is through coaching and working with youth.



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"When I started doing things with youth, I really learned a lot about discipline, tempers, reinforcement — positive and negative," he said.

Williams, 53, a co-owner of Old Market Firearms, 713 W. First St., has been heavily involved coaching youth sports since his oldest son, Aaron, was about 6 years old and began playing baseball.

"I just liked it," he said. "A lot of the kids you never knew before and were really worth knowing, they really were. It was a great bunch of kids who people really don't know about until you do get involved."

Aaron is now 24, but Williams has also coached baseball, basketball and midget football for his other sons, as well. Jeremy now is 19, and Nathan is 14.

"Sports is a very important part of high school activities," Williams said. "Even in the summer with baseball. You put them in a group and they intermingle whether they're from the south part of town, north, east or west. They intermingle, they become friends."

He said sports and other extra-curricular activities direct the lives of young people.

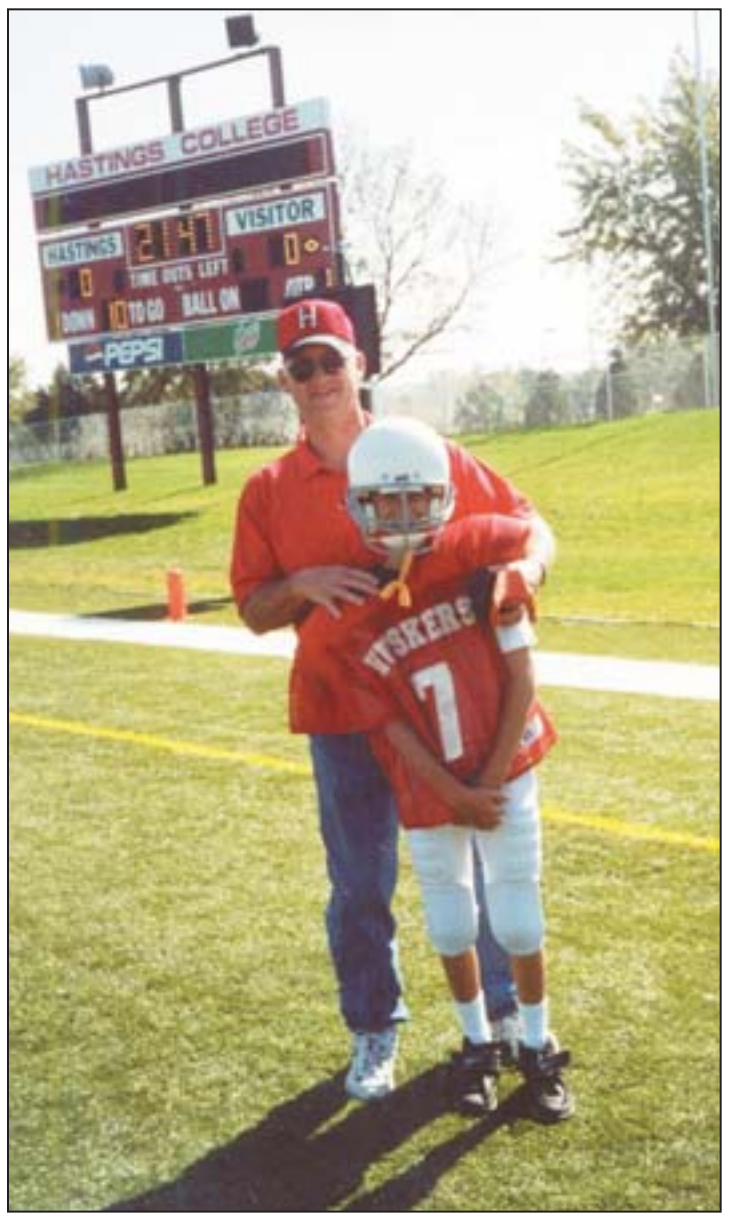
"They're the future of our country, and if they're not taught the right way or if they're not shown the right way of how to act, I think it's going to be bad in the long run for everybody," he said.

With coaching, Williams said, his style is equal parts discipline, forgiveness and encouragement.

"If they're started on a positive road, they'll stay on a positive road," he said. "There are exceptions, but not very often."

Ron Young, whose son, Jonathan, is the same age as Aaron, helped Williams coach baseball for about five years. During that time, their teams won two league championships

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Courtesy

Clark Williams stands with his son, Jeremy, after a midget football game nine years ago.

Holidays, memories and cows

To paraphrase one of the masters of the English language, Yogi Berra, I can't remember the first Thanksgiving I remember, but I remember at least three after that.

The first Thanksgiving I clearly recall on my family's dairy farm occurred when I was, maybe, 6 years old. That year my parents invited another dairying couple and their four children — all boys to perfectly match my three brothers and me — to our house for the holiday.



Alan Guebert

Since both families had cows, the party began at dinner, straight-up noon. No sooner had the laughing adults and rowdy boys sat down to what I remember was an awful-tasting goose entrée than saucer-sized snowflakes began to fall. None of us had listened to the radio weatherman, so the snowfall was a wonderful surprise.

And then it snowed and snowed. In fact, it snowed so heavily that the party ended shortly after dinner so our guests could slip-slide back to their farm to care for their livestock and to ensure they were home in time for the evening milking.

When you have cows, I remember my father explaining, that's just the way it is.

The second Thanksgiving I remember was equally uneventful. That year — I was probably 13 or 14 — I stayed home, alone, from Aunt Vicki's all-family feast. Since Aunt Vicki was a "dinner's at 3" person, (who eats dinner at 3? I wondered) my family, literally, would have had to eat and run to return home for the late afternoon milking.

As self-sacrificing as a holiday alone might sound, my plans weren't so selfless. First, I wasn't going to wait until 3 to eat. Second, I loved watching football on television, and two games were scheduled; and, third, I could spend my entire holiday watching football while eating my mother's homemade cinnamon rolls.

And, I'm now somewhat embarrassed to admit, the plan unfolded beautifully. Two football games, a dozen rolls, a half gallon of cold milk and 100 cows. All-in-all a near-perfect holiday for a teenager.

Truth be told, I'd probably do it again for the homemade rolls and four-percent butterfat milk. On second thought, forget the rolls and just give me the milk.

The third Thanksgiving memory centers on the first Thanksgiving I spent off the farm and away from my family. It, too, involves cows.

That year, 1975, I was a junior (well, a third-year student anyway) at the Big U with a part-time job milking cows on the university's dairy farm. Another student worker and I split the long weekend schedule: I'd milk Thanksgiving, Friday and Saturday morning; he'd milk Saturday night and Sunday.

When the widowed boss at my second job, working a cafeteria's supper rush in return for a rushed supper, learned I would be on campus Thanksgiving, she invited me to her house for turkey and trimmings.

"There'll be a whole flock of orphaned geese for supper and you'll fit right in," she explained. Who was I to refuse such an intriguing offer.

Thanksgiving evening I walked across campus to Mrs. H's just as snow began to fall. Three hours and the best persimmon pudding I've ever enjoyed later, I trudged back to

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Insurers make their pitch for mandate

KEVIN FREKING
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The health insurance industry said Wednesday it will support a national health care overhaul that requires them to accept all customers, regardless of pre-existing medical conditions — but in return it wants lawmakers to mandate that everyone buy coverage.

Lawmakers have signaled their intent to craft health care legislation early next year, and the insurance industry's support would make passage easier. That legislation is expected to closely track the proposals of President-elect Barack Obama. However, Obama separated himself from his Democratic challengers by opposing an individual mandate for adults to buy health insurance.

More lawmakers may agree to a mandate if it means the insurance industry will back those efforts. They'll remember it was the industry's opposition 15 years ago that helped scuttle former President Clinton's health plan.

The board of directors for America's Health Insurance Plans agreed to the trade-off Monday night. The board endorsed the proposal after a series of hearings in various states.

"We hope this will be a contribution to help members of Congress fashion their proposal," said Karen Ignagni, president and chief executive officer of the trade group. "We're going to provide all the technical background that we have assembled, all the experience we've assembled at the state level, and we're going to work very hard with members of Congress on both sides of the aisle. We want to make sure that whatever reforms are advanced, no one falls through the cracks."

Guebert: Thanksgiving memories

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my single-room apartment in heavy snow and total silence. The next day, Friday, from before dawn until after dusk, I milked cows and pushed snow.

The cold, the work, the holiday alone were worth it because mid-Saturday I pony-expressed it by bus and car 90 miles to my sweetheart's house. And while neither of us could have possibly known it at the time, that was the first of 33 consecutive — cows or no cows — Thanksgiving holidays the lovely Catherine and I would share.

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Alvin: Old farmer losing his hearing

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was dark. "I'm sure there can't be," he said. "I'm sure I took them all out to stalks."

Mabel just shook her head and made a mental note to get him a doctor's appointment. Obviously, the man couldn't hear.

The moral of this story: Farmers should always wear eye and ear protection when working on a farm. Then they don't have to argue with their wives.

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Pressure: Some farmers may see soil compaction

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"I've seen some of the fields where there are quite a few tracks," she said.

Reducing tillage

Charles Wortmann, a UNL nutrient management specialist, and Paul Jasa, a UNL extension engineer, collaborated on a 2003 bulletin containing management tips for minimizing and reducing soil compaction.

One of their key points was that the more soils are tilled using a disk or other implements, the more susceptible to compaction they will become. The idea behind that statement is that when soil is tilled less, it contains more organic matter (debris from past crops) and therefore has more structure to it, meaning it can better withstand the weight of heavy machines like combines.

"Tillage contributes to the breakdown of soil structure by compressing and breaking soil aggregates, which are necessary for good air and water movement and good root growth," they wrote.

Today, many farmers have turned to no-till or reduced-tillage practices that minimize disruption of the soil — practices that conserve moisture, reduce fuel costs and cut down on wind and water erosion.

Seymour said there's no question conservation tillage reduces problems with compaction. He suggested that farmers facing a compaction problem on conventional-till fields might consider a move toward less tillage now.

He warned that, no matter how bad the compaction may be, farmers will only make matters worse if they go out and try to disk or deep-till a field when it is too wet.

"If it's compacted now and it's wet, there's really nothing you can do," Seymour said.

Root of the problem

In their bulletin, Wortmann and Jasa describe various types of implements that might be used to get down below a compaction layer and break it up. Exactly what sort of chiseling or ripping device might work best will depend in part on how deeply the compaction extends.

Deep tillage could be done either in the spring or in the fall, Seymour said. Sometimes, farmers even rip between the crop rows during the growing season. But in no case should such work be done unless the soil is dry enough, he said.

Given enough time, compaction layers will break up naturally, aided by soil freezing and thawing, Seymour said. The best time to determine how bad a compaction problem exists in a field may be during summer, when farmers can dig up a living plant and see how its roots are growing.

When soil is compressed, "roots don't have anywhere to go but sideways," Seymour said.

He suggested that farmers wanting to learn more about dealing with compaction problems attend a UNL Crop Production Clinic this winter. Sessions are planned for Jan. 7 in Hastings, Jan. 14 in York and Jan. 15 in Kearney. Also, a no-till workshop is planned for Jan. 16 in Hastings.

Meanwhile, this is the time of year when many harvested cornfields are turned into winter stalk pasture. VanDeWalle said producers who want to avoid any further compaction problems might consider moving their watering tanks and hay feeding stations every so often since the cattle will congregate in small areas around them and trample the ground.

Even so, VanDeWalle said, using cornstalks for winter pasture can put any waste grain to beneficial use, and producers probably shouldn't be too worried about pasturing most fields this year.

"I wouldn't think they'd be doing too much damage," she said. "I think (pasturing) would be a pretty good economic decision."

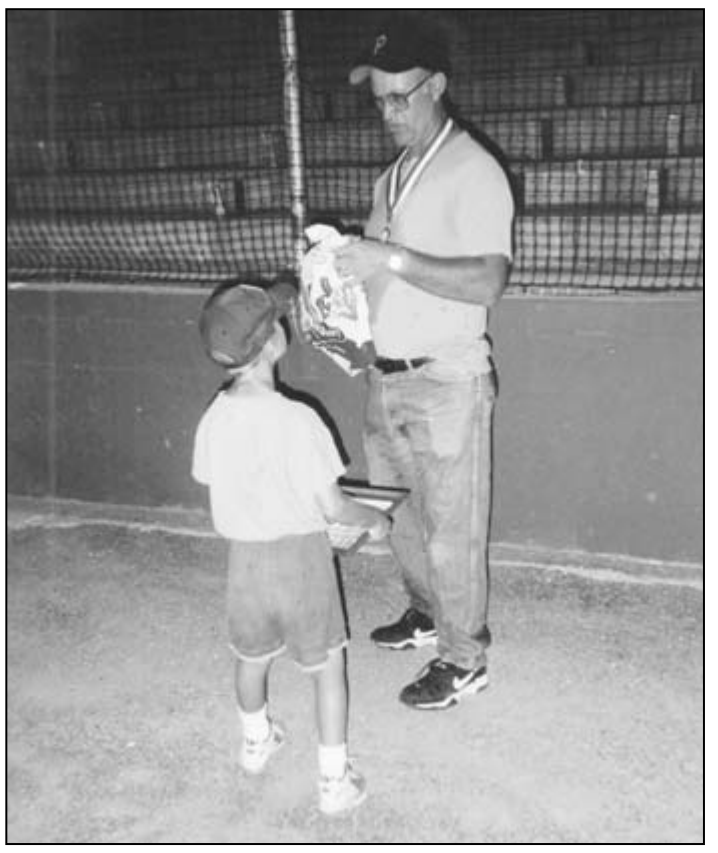
Rainfall plentiful in region this fall

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Frequently rainy weather this fall has led to repeated delays in farmers' harvest.

Here are a few of the precipitation totals reported around the area for Sept. 1 through Tuesday, as provided by the Nebraska Rainfall Assessment and Information Network.

- Southeast of Hildreth: 13.61 inches
- Southwest of Upland: 12.79
- Northeast of Naponee: 10.83
- Northwest of Minden: 12.19
- Southwest of Bladen: 10.63
- Southwest of Riverton: 11.05
- Southeast of Guide Rock: 11.62
- Southeast of Lawrence: 10.34
- North of Nora: 10.38
- Southeast of Davenport: 10.91
- Northwest of Gilead: 8.80
- Southwest of Deshler: 11.92
- South of Shickley: 10.87
- Southwest of Ohiowa: 9.34
- Southeast of Grafton: 10.06
- Southwest of Juniata: 10.15
- West of Kenesaw: 8.99
- Northwest of Holstein: 10.33
- Southwest of Roseland: 9.74
- Northeast of Hastings: 9.63
- Northwest of Giltner: 9.88
- Northeast of Ayr: 8.92
- Southeast of Clay Center: 11.42
- Southeast of Edgar: 8.83



Courtesy
Clark Williams hands a medal to his son, Jeremy, after their team won a Hastings baseball city league championship nine years ago.

Faces: Man sees value in sports

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and a runner-up.

"With the kids that we had, (Clark) was able to take those kids and get the most out of them, which brought us to a place where we were able to compete in championship games," Young said.

In addition to coaching, Williams teaches hunter safety courses through the Four Rivers Sportsman Club. Because the course is required for hunters born after Jan. 1, 1977, Williams' students are often young people.

"I like the challenge of people who call guns 'bad things' because of how they are used in a lot of cases," he said. "I like to tell them that it isn't the gun that's the problem, it's the person that has that gun."

The course stresses the importance of preserving natural habitats.

"Without that there is no animal life, and without animal life there is no hunting, without hunting we don't need hunter education," he said.

He said people often jump to the conclusion of wanting to outlaw guns when they hear about a shooting.

"That's not the answer. The answer again leads back to how were these people raised," he said. "What's their background?"

Williams' own background included growing up in Lawrence, where many of his philosophies about teaching youth were formed.

"My folks always tried to lead us down the right path, but we didn't always listen to them because parents didn't know anything back then," he said jokingly. "But after I got so old I realized they were right, and I guess that's what helped me."

For the most part, Williams believes he and his wife, Janet, have put their sons on the right track in life.

"I think my wife and I raised them to stay on the right track," he said. "Not that they haven't got off that track once in a while, but they've never been in a lot of trouble."

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22 Chew the scenery
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31 Oxygen source
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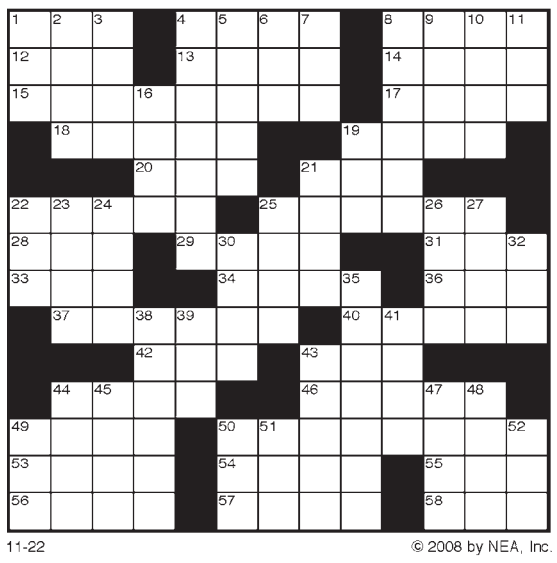
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Astrograph

Sunday, Nov. 23

Exciting opportunities will be in the offing in the year ahead, especially where investments are concerned. However, regardless of how promising things look, it's still critical to apply good judgment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Your normal source of money may be cut off, so don't go on any spending sprees that you can't cover later on. It would take far too long to set things right again.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Be careful whose business you're tending at this time. Some friends might welcome your input, but most people are apt to think of it as an intrusion of their cherished privacy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Everyone has secrets that are important to be kept private, so it would be normal for you to feel betrayed if someone reveals one. However, don't make matters worse with an outburst.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — If you loan something you prize to another, be prepared for it to be subjected to a normal amount of wear and tear or don't loan it out in the first place. It'll be your fault if you're upset.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Projects on which you have worked long and hard may be subject to some major changes. It might upset you at first, but as things develop, they could prove to be a blessing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — This is meant to be a day of rest, and, as such, your concentration might be too lax. Even when working rote jobs, pay attention to what you're doing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Enjoying a happy, carefree day depends on your choice of friends. Most important, avoid pals who have a tendency to cause trouble or lead you astray.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Someone upon whom you were depending may leave you standing all alone. If you're smart, you won't start anything that you can't finish independently.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Behaving as if you have all the answers and know-how to do everything is apt to result in everyone walking off the scene and dumping all the jobs and tasks on you. You asked for it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Running around with the high rollers might not turn out to be as much fun as you thought, because when you get home, you're apt to discover all you got for your spending spree was an empty wallet.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — If you inadvertently do or say something thoughtless, don't make excuses. Employ your Libran's gift of diplomacy to extricate yourself from an uncomfortable situation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Scorpios are intense and feel things more deeply than most, and this includes disapproval. If you experience rebuke, be careful not to blow things out of proportion.

Monday, Nov. 24

In the year ahead, some memorable moments are likely to be shared situations that bring you together with those whose aims harmonize with yours. More than one might come through an unusual series of events.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Without deliberately looking for ways to express your influence, your leadership qualities will soar when you find yourself in a situation that desperately needs direction. Go for it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — This could be one of those payback days when you will derive benefits not from things you do but from unsung things you have done in the past.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Collaborative efforts will soothe your restless spirit in ways that you need more than you realize. Spontaneous activities could prove to be just the ticket.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Your biggest asset is your instinct to help others who are in need, and this wonderful trait will provide great fulfillment and much happiness.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You're an especially good learner, so if you closely study those you admire, you can focus on their positive traits and successfully emulate them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Adaptability isn't exactly your strong suit, but you might have to adjust your thinking to shifting conditions that occur without warning. Fortunately, you'll be ready for this challenge.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — It's a good thing that you can see both sides of an issue, because the most propitious course is to play it straight down the middle. Keeping things balanced is everything.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — People in general tend to mirror each other's moods, so if you express yourself in grumpy tones, the corresponding response will be gruffness. Conversely, warmth promotes friendship.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — In a managerial role, it's important to show that you are bending over backward to be fair, especially if you want to evoke cooperation at the workplace. It can wipe out all self-serving behavior.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — For inexplicable reasons, you should finally be able to complete a project that has run into one problem after another. Everything could suddenly fall into place as if nothing aggravating ever preceded it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Few can pour on the charm like a Libra, and, with little effort, you'll have most everyone eating out of your hands and purring. Use this ability to bring friends together.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — A past good deed is likely to be rewarded from something you did a while back that you had totally forgotten about. This overdue acknowledgement will make you feel good.

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Wife won't let go of dead husband's family



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: When my wife, "Kiki," and I married three years ago, I had been divorced for 11 years, and she had been widowed for eight.

The problem we're having is she continues to want to spend the holidays with her deceased husband's family. They are nice people, but I don't feel comfortable with it. Kiki and I have talked about starting our own traditions, but she insists that she doesn't want to cut those ties. Sometimes I feel like I am living with a ghost.

I have spoken to other members of her family. They have agreed that she needs to cut those ties, but my wife is stubborn about changing her holiday routine. Your thoughts on this, please? — LIVING WITH A GHOST IN KANSAS

DEAR LIVING WITH A GHOST: You didn't mention how long your wife was married before she was widowed, but it seems that it was long enough that she became part of her in-laws' family. Please don't take that away from her. If you give them a chance, I am sure they will accept you as part of the family, too.

Of course, the solution to your problem lies in compromise. Not every holiday should be spent with the former in-laws — but that doesn't mean you couldn't alternate. And that's what I recommend you do until you establish different traditions.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a friend I'll call "J.D.," who is being abused by his father. It started after his mother died, when J.D. was 6.

I am really concerned, but I can't tell anyone. If I do, it might get back to his father who will take it out on him. J.D. insists that he doesn't need help, even though he hates his father and is hit regularly. It kills me to see my friend this way. Please give me some advice on what to do because I am truly confused and concerned. — TRUE FRIEND IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR TRUE FRIEND: Some secrets are meant to be kept, and others are not. When you know that someone is in so much pain, it is time to see that person gets help. You can do that for J.D. by telling your parents, a teacher or counselor at school or your cleryperson. Educators and the clergy are mandated by law to report physical abuse when they know it is going on.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 21-year-old working part time at a grocery store as a checker and a bagger. I make $7 per hour. Part of my job involves helping customers carry groceries out to their vehicles. I have never expected any compensation for this service, and I have always politely refused any tips that are offered.

Unfortunately, some of these tipping customers can be very insistent about giving me money. One woman even asked me if I felt that I was "too good" to accept a gift from her!

I really don't feel that I should be tipped like a waiter, but I also don't want to get into a verbal scuffle. What would be the best way to turn down a tip in cases like these? — TONY IN TOPEKA

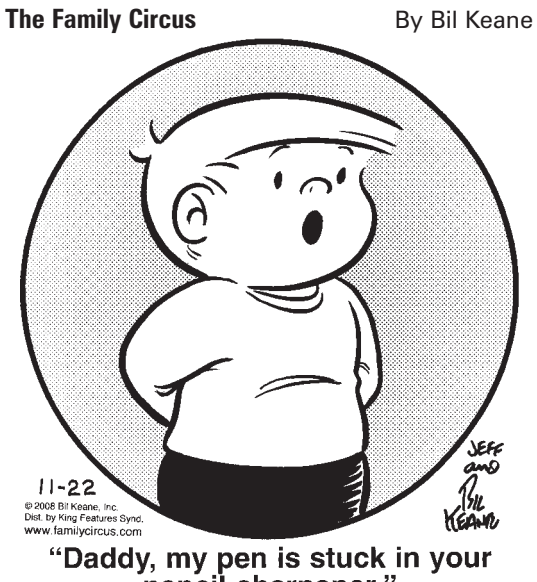
DEAR TONY: When someone offers to tip you, it's usually because they feel you have "gone the extra mile" to be of assistance. There are two ways to handle a customer who persists in offering one after you have refused it. The first is to accept the money graciously, in the spirit it was offered. The second is to tell the person that it is "against company policy."

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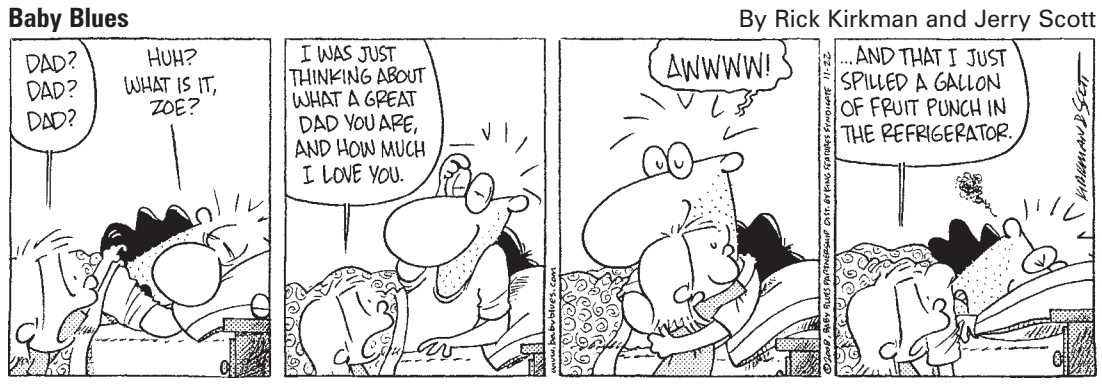


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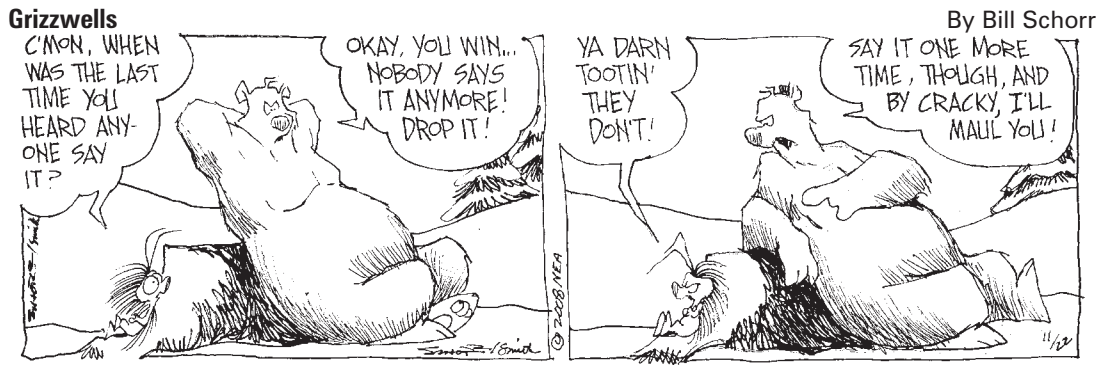


"Daddy, my pen is stuck in your pencil sharpener."

Baby Blues — By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



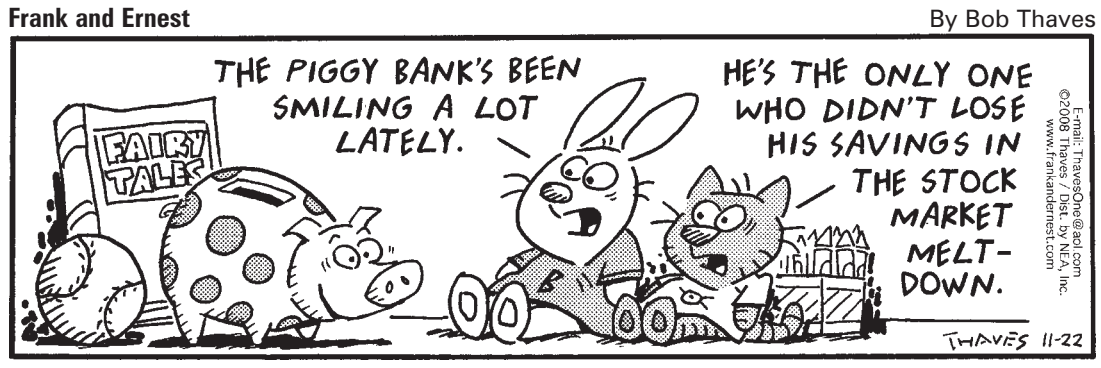
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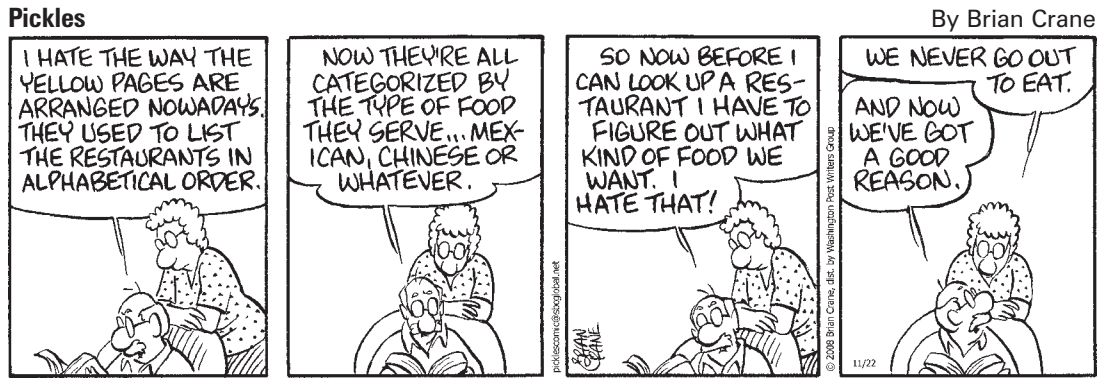
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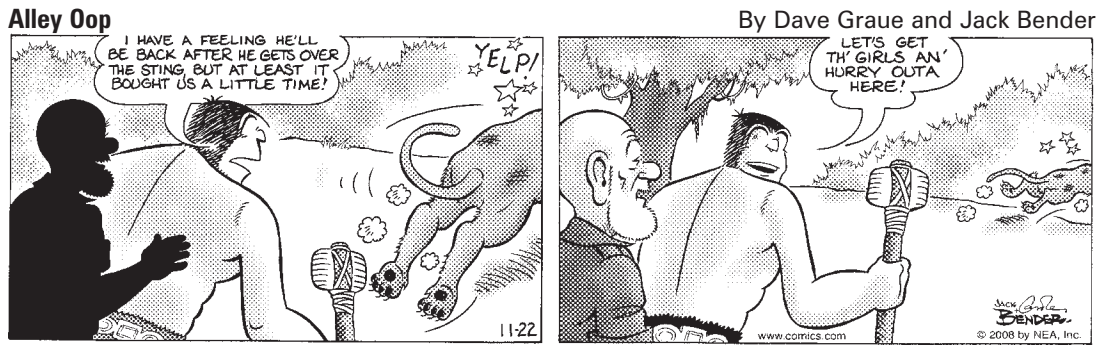
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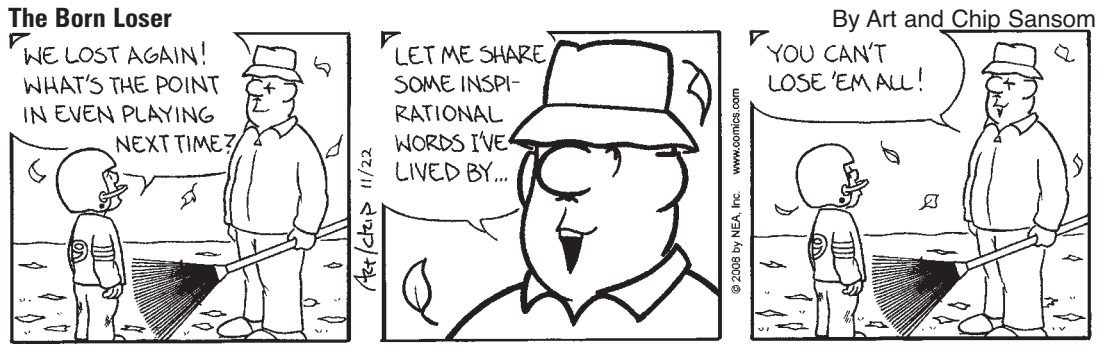
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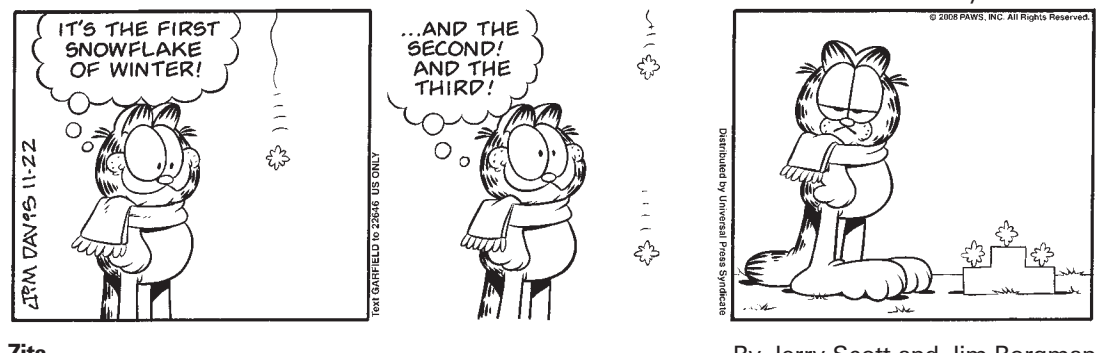
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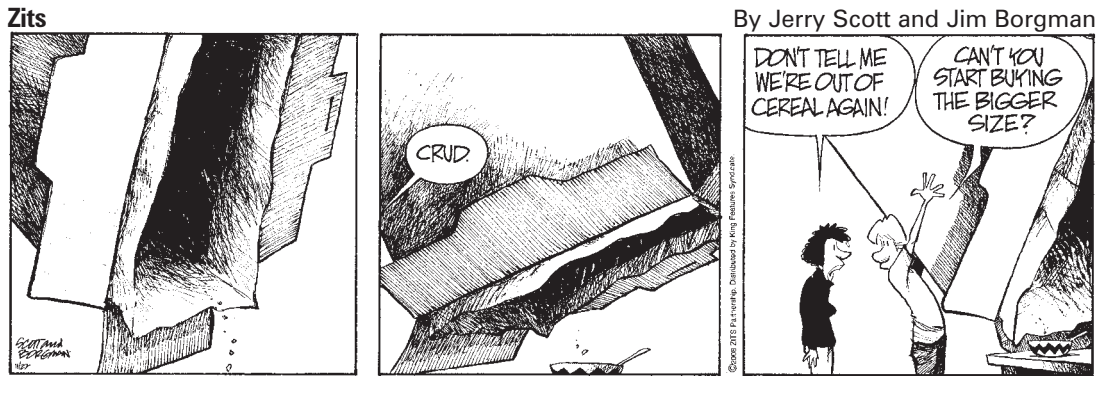
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Child deaths test faith-healing exemption



JOHN RAOUX/AP

Beth Young, an English professor, on the campus of the University of Central Florida in Orlando, Fla., June 4. Young suffered hip dysplasia as an infant and now walks with a limp.

WILLIAM MCCALL
The Associated Press

OREGON CITY, Ore.— When Dr. Seth Asser saw row after row of flat headstones marking children's graves in a small cemetery not far from the end of the historic Oregon Trail, he knew many of these early deaths should not have happened.

The children's parents relied on faith healing, instead of doctors.

The pediatrician published a landmark study concluding many of the deaths could have been prevented if the children had received medical care.

"What struck me was the fact that it was obvious from the expressions on the headstones that the children were loved," Asser said. "So it was especially troublesome they were not afforded the care that most parents would give their children."

His study 10 years ago brought attention to the issue, and yet today three criminal cases — two in Oregon and one in Wisconsin — have revived concerns about exemptions that most states grant to parents who rely on faith healing instead of doctors to treat sick children.

Faith healing has deep roots in American history, and yet it may seem surprising that in the 21st century, children still die because parents choose not to seek medical help from physicians.

State laws across the nation exempt members of religious groups from prosecution if they choose faith healing over science. Asser and a colleague, Rita Swan, have been trying to get states to repeal such laws, arguing that safety should always come first, no matter what the parents believe.

"We can't legislate good parenting, but at least we shouldn't have laws allowing bad parenting," said Swan, who now heads the advocacy group Children's Healthcare.



STEVEN SENNE/AP

Dr. Seth Asser, Lincoln, R.I., appears in front of an entrance to the Hasbro Children's Hospital, in Providence, R.I., Nov. 14. Seeking information on the cause of death of children in an Oregon cemetery, Asser plowed through piles of public documents that he believes point to preventable deaths.

But Swan and Asser have been lonely voices, partly because tragedies are rare and partly because legislators are loath to challenge parental rights, especially when they are intertwined with the constitutional right to freedom of religion.

"There hasn't been a groundswell of organized advocacy to get the laws changed," said Shawn Francis Peters, a University of Wisconsin professor and author of a book on faith healing. "I do think there's broad public sentiment to do it, but that doesn't get things through the meat grinder of legislation."

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, at least 30 states have specific exemption laws on the books.

What does federal law say? According to HHS, nothing in the amendments to the original 1974 Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, can "be construed as establishing a federal requirement that a parent or legal guardian provide any medical service or treatment that is against the religious beliefs of the parent or legal guardian."

Five states have repealed exemption laws, Swan said: Hawaii, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nebraska and North Carolina.

Some states have revised their laws, including Oregon in 1999. After a stormy debate in the Oregon Legislature, then-Gov. John Kitzhaber — a doctor — signed a compromise bill into law that eliminated the Oregon spiritual healing exemption in some manslaughter and criminal mistreatment cases.

Many of the exemption laws were enacted in the 1970s, promoted by two top advisers to former President Nixon — Bob Haldeman and John Erlichman — and an influential senator, Charles Percy of Illinois, who practiced Christian Science.

The religion, founded by Mary Baker Eddy just after the Civil War, embraces a form of faith healing its adherents say is unique and different from the way it is practiced by some fundamentalists.

The Church of Christ, Scientist, emphasizes that it does not prevent any members from seeking medical care, and it is quick to distance itself from other religious groups that demand prayer be the only method for healing.

"One of the mistakes people make is lumping all these groups together," said Stephen Lyons, a Boston attorney who has defended Christian Scientists.

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Getting the facts wrong

Richard Ostling has never gotten used to seeing journalists commit sins of omission and commission on the religion beat. Religion can get complicated, with layers of emotion stacked on centuries of history, doctrine, symbolism and ritual, said Ostling, who is best known for his decades of work with Time and the Associated Press. But mistakes are mistakes and it isn't good for readers to keep seeing stories that, week after week, cause them to mutter, "Wait a minute. That's just wrong."



Terry Mattingly

Here's a prime example, a mistake Ostling keeps seeing in reports about the declining number of ordinations to the Catholic priesthood. This mistake often shows up in news coverage of mandatory celibacy for priests or the scandals caused by clergy sexual abuse.

Journalists often report that Rome does not ordain married men.

"Now it would be accurate," said Ostling, "to say that the overwhelming majority of men ordained as Catholic priests are not married. It would even be accurate to say that 'almost all' priests are not married. But what about Eastern Rite Catholicism, where you have married priests? Then there are the married men who have been ordained in the Anglican Rite, who used to be Episcopal priests. You have a few Lutherans, too."

Journalists will always argue about the meaning of words like "objectivity," "fairness" and "balance." But at some point reporters and editors should agree that accuracy is important and that it's a bad thing when — year after year — critics accuse journalists, with good cause, of getting the basic facts wrong.

That's the bottom line in my chapter in "Blind Spot: When Journalists Don't Get Religion," a new book produced by my colleagues at the Oxford Centre for Religion and Public Life. It's hard for

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Christian fraternities offer different path

JAY REEVES
The Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — It's 11 a.m. Saturday, and whiskey is flowing at the big houses on fraternity row at the University of Alabama. Guys in ties and baseball caps are laughing and dancing with sorority girls in bright dresses as a band blares away just around the corner.

Smack in the middle of that row is the Lambda Sigma Phi house, but things are a lot quieter inside. Parents are helping put out the lunch spread before a Crimson Tide football game and a few members lounge in the den watching TV.

A Bible passage decorates the door to the main room. "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord," it begins.

Lambda Sigma Phi is part of a wave of Christian fraternities and sororities that has gained a foothold on U.S. college campuses, sometimes despite the wishes of school administrators. Members get pumped up about prayer, Bible study and service projects, passions they say campus officials should and often do embrace as fresh amid a Greek culture typically seen as centered on hazing, keg parties and little else.

Founded in 2001, Lambda Sigma Phi hopes to show other groups at the university what Jesus is all about.

"We're almost in a bubble because we're surrounded by all this. That's why we're here on Jefferson Avenue, to minister to these guys," said chapter president Daniel Weaver. "We want to be a light on this campus."

Many social fraternities and sororities have Christian tenets in their teachings, and Christian-lifestyle fraternities have existed for generations. Several began about 80 years ago to promote faith-based fellowship during the Roaring Twenties.

Greek-letter organizations that promote Christian practices have become more common in recent years with young evangelicals seeking new ways to live out their faith and parents looking for a haven from the drunken daze that often happens in college.

At least 210 exist on campuses nationwide from the West Coast to the Deep South, where they are most common. But the groups are also strong in parts of the Midwest and in Southern states along the Atlantic coast.

Rules against drinking are common in these groups, along with Bible studies and service projects that resemble church-based missions work.

Alpha Delta Chi, a Christian sorority with 14 active chapters nationwide, is straightforward about its membership requirements: Churchgoing Christians only. No smoking or illegal drugs. No premarital sex. And please, no drinking to the point that it would reflect badly on Christianity.

A small committee works with members who break the rules, said Kiran Thadhani, president of Alpha Delta Chi at Georgia Tech, where a chapter began five years ago. But the group says it isn't just about rules, it's about young women trying to live like Christ.

"All the girls are in Bible studies. We also do sisterhood retreats and outreach," she said. "Many girls work at soup kitchens, go on summer mission trips and work right here on homelessness and poverty issues in Atlanta."

Many campuses welcome the combination of old-time religion with Greek-letter social groups, but others haven't.



DAVE MARTIN/AP

Lambda Sigma Phi fraternity President Daniel Weaver of Huntsville, Ala., sits with friend Amanda Lacey of Birmingham at his fraternity house in Tuscaloosa, Ala., Oct. 18. Lambda Sigma Phi is part of a wave of Christian fraternities and sororities that has gained a foothold on U.S. college campuses, sometimes despite the wishes of school administrators.

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Mattingly: Journalists struggle with facts

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journalists to do a credible job covering religion events and trends when they cannot keep their facts straight. This is true whether one is parsing Vatican documents, the sermons of Iraqi clerics, the canon laws that affect millions of dollars in pensions and properties during a global Anglican schism or the faith testimony of an evangelical seeking the vice presidency.

The problem is that journalists who cover religion news — along with those who cover other complicated beats such as science, sports, law and the arts — must write stories that work on two levels. Their stories must be accessible enough for readers and yet accurate enough to pass muster with clergy, scholars and devout believers.

How can journalists "get" religion? How do we improve the odds that our newsrooms get it right? It's crucial that journalists find journalistic solutions to this journalism problem:

◆ Journalists must face this reality: It's impossible to understand what is happening in our world without understanding the power of religion in real life at the local, national and global levels.

◆ Journalists must be more humble and own up to our mistakes. In particular, we need to be more careful about our use of religious language, especially loaded labels such as "moderate" and "fundamentalist."

◆ Newsroom managers, even during these hard times, must seek out skilled professionals who want to work on this beat, while striving to promote cultural and intellectual diversity. They need to offer training to other journalists whose work constantly veers into religious territory. Today, religion stories are everywhere.

◆ Reporters and editors who cover religion must find ways to get inside the daily lives of the people they cover. When religious believers tell their stories, we have to understand what they are saying and try to accurately capture their point of view, even when what they believe is controversial.

Yes, this can get complicated. Does an Orthodox rabbi have the same beliefs as a Reform rabbi? Do "moderate" Baptists (think Bill Moyers) have the same beliefs as "conservative" Baptists (think Rick Warren)? Will an Anglican bishop in Nigeria automatically have the same doctrinal beliefs as one in New Hampshire? Will a Sufi mystic in Kashmir have the same understanding of the word "jihad" as an Islamist in the mountains of Pakistan? Words matter, on the religion beat. Some of them are even sacred.

"Some people would say that little mistakes like this do not matter all that much," said Ostling. "Well, they matter to the people who read the story and know that what they are reading is wrong. What does this say about our journalistic standards?"

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College: Fraternities offer different path

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At the University of Florida, Beta Upsilon Chi filed a federal discrimination suit last year after administrators refused to officially recognize the fraternity because it required members to be Christians. The school considered the requirement discriminatory, and the fraternity claimed it was wrongly deprived of meeting space and the ability to recruit on campus.

The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has ordered the school to recognize the group as a fraternity while the lawsuit winds its way through the legal system, and Beta Upsilon Chi has asked the court to make that recognition permanent.

An attorney for the Christian Legal Society, Timothy F. Tracey, said Christian Greek-letter groups have been opening on the nation's campuses more frequently since the mid-1990s, and such court fights have been rare.

"I can think of four or five cases that have come up with fraternities like this," said Tracey, who represents the group at Florida. "You'd think that (schools) would look at this and see the benefit of having them on campus, but they don't always."

At Auburn University, members of Alpha Kappa Lambda decided in 2000 to switch the focus of their fraternity from athletics to Christianity. Drew Bonner, a junior from Birmingham, Ala., visited the group and liked what he saw.

"I didn't really look into fraternities at first because of the reputation," said Bonner. "I met a bunch of these guys through the semester and started looking into it. I really liked it. I'm active in a church here, too, but it's not the same as this."

AKL, part of a secular fraternity with more than 30 chapters, rents a house and throws parties, but without alcohol and members keep the fun pretty tame. "Animal House" it's not.

"We pride ourselves on not hazing," said Bonner. "We consider the pledges to be brothers in Christ, and we treat them that way."

Traditional, secular fraternities also have banned hazing — the physical or mental abuse of new members — as arrests and lawsuits over the practice threatened the Greek system. But it persists in places.

Bonner's group, like many Christian fraternities or sororities, is small by big-campus standards. Alpha Kappa Lambda's membership hovers between 30 and 35 — less than half the size of many Auburn fraternities — even though its semester dues of $750 are much cheaper than many.

At Alabama, Lambda Sigma Phi lost about 40 members last year in a split over whether to become more like a traditional fraternity. "We really stood up against it because we wanted to remain Christian," said Weaver, the president.

The group only has about 30 members now, which is fine with Weaver and his fraternity brothers. They often feel like they're under scrutiny for their beliefs, but they say they're not willing to sacrifice their faith for parties.

Law: Child deaths test faith-healing exemption

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Church leaders also deny their lobbying efforts with state lawmakers across the country have kept the laws on the books, even though Peters and a fellow author on faith healing, Boston College historian Alan Rogers, say the effort is intense and largely successful.

"It's remarkable," Rogers said. "Without exception, it has been the push of the Christian Science church."

Two pending criminal cases expected to test Oregon's revised law are against parents belonging to the Followers of Christ Church, the same religious sect that owns the cemetery visited by Asser in 2001.

Jeffrey Dean Beagley, 50, and his 46-year-old wife, Marci Rae Beagley, have been charged with failing to provide adequate medical care, in violation of their duties as parents.

Their 16-year-old son, Neil, died in June from complications of a urinary-tract blockage that triggered heart failure. Doctors said a simple procedure could have saved his life.

In the other Oregon case, Carl Brent Worthington and his wife, Raylene, have pleaded not guilty to charges of manslaughter and criminal mistreatment in the death of their 15-month-old daughter, Ava, who died at home from bacterial pneumonia and a blood infection, conditions the state medical examiner said were treatable.

The Beagleys and the Worthingtons have refused to talk to reporters, and their attorneys have declined to comment, along with prosecutors.

In a third case, in Wisconsin, Leilani and Dale Neumann face reckless homicide charges in the death of their 11-year-old daughter due to complications from diabetes.

Leilani Neumann has said the family believes in the Bible and that healing comes from God, but she said they do not belong to an organized religion or faith and have nothing against doctors.

The Followers of Christ figured prominently in a state legislative battle over the Oregon exemption that began in 1998 with the discovery of the children's graves, and the death of an 11-year-old member of the sect from complications caused by diabetes.

The political battle ended with revision of the law, but not its repeal.

"I was there" — for repeal, said Oregon Senate President Peter Courtney. And, he notes, so were churches, child health care advocates, law enforcement and plenty of parents.

What stopped the Legislature from an outright repeal of the law was an effort to protect religious freedom and parental rights and at the same time protect children.

"We tried and tried and tried to figure out a way to speak to, to be sensitive to, and balance all those influences," Courtney said. "Did we do it? I don't know."

"These are extremely sensitive cases nationally," said Josh Marquis, an Oregon district attorney who has been part of the debate over how to balance those conflicting rights. "It's where faith meets the law."

In a 1998 study published in the medical journal Pediatrics, Asser and Swan, herself a former Christian Scientist, documented 172 faith-related child deaths in the United States between 1975 and 1995. They found that 140 of the children died from conditions for which survival rates with medical care exceeded 90 percent.

Asser notes that no government agencies systematically collect data, and reliance on faith healing is not a category listed on a death certificate.

Before federal medical privacy laws were tightened, he was able to talk to medical examiners about cases, but that has become more difficult.

Asser has tracked a handful of cases that have gotten media attention in the past decade, including deaths in Philadelphia, Massachusetts and California. But he still learns about many of the deaths only through concerned friends or family members who contact him or Swan.

And death is not the only troubling outcome when children avoid doctors because of their parents' religious beliefs.

Beth Young, a professor at the University of Central Florida, says her hip dysplasia, which could have been easily corrected when she was an infant, went unnoticed and untreated by her Christian Scientist parents. Young finally went to a doctor in her 20s to find out why it was such a struggle to walk and climb stairs.

She learned her hip joints were deteriorating — but that it was too late for a surgical fix.

"It's not going to get any better," Young said in an interview. "I think about that every day. If my parents knew how simple the treatment was, I don't think they would have ignored it. So I do feel cheated."

She added: "I can remember times when I would pray and pray and pray, and I would think that maybe I'm healed now, and then I would go check, and I'd go walk in front of a mirror or something, and then I would discover, no I'm not."

Lyons, the Boston lawyer, has drawn national attention for defending parents in faith healing cases.

He successfully represented David and Ginger Twitchell, Christian Science parents in Boston who were acquitted of manslaughter charges in the 1986 death of their 2-year-old son from a congenital defect that caused the bowel to twist and become obstructed.

The landmark case caused enough concern to persuade Massachusetts lawmakers to abolish the religious exemption, said Jetta Bernier, executive director of Massachusetts Citizens for Children.

But even when such exemptions are abolished or revised, prosecutions can be difficult so long as parents show they are sincere in their religious beliefs, legal experts say.

"The status quo is very difficult to upset," said Jesse Choper, the Earl Warren Professor of Public Law at the University of California, Berkeley.

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Birthday

Moon 80th

Mary Moon is being honored by her family with a card shower for her 80th birthday. She was born November 24, 1928. Her family includes 2 daughters, Judy Sanne and husband Rich of Lincoln, and Lori Eckert and husband Terry of Beatrice, and 1 granddaughter Lily Eckert. Cards may be sent to her at 607 North A Street, Fairfield, Nebraska 68938.

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Wedding

Bryant – Wigert



Wilderness Ridge Wedding Island in Lincoln was the setting for the May 31 wedding of Christine J. Bryant and Benjamin G. Wigert, both of Omaha. Their parents are Drs. Sam and Lorrie Bryant of Lincoln and the Rev. Dr. Lee R. and Diane L. Wigert of Hastings.

Bryant is a 2004 graduate of Lincoln East High School, graduate from Hastings College in May 2008 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Media Production, with emphases in New Media and Advertising/Public Relations; and a minor in Studio Art. She was Captain of the Crimson Spirit Dance Team, co-editor of The Bronco yearbook, Vice President and Treasurer of the Alpha Phi Sigma sorority, a member of ODK Leadership Honorary Society, President of Advertising Club, and Lambda Pi Eta Communications Honorary Society. Presently Christine is working for SCORR Marketing in Omaha as an Account Executive.

Wigert is a 2002 graduate of Adams Central High School, and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree cum laude from Hastings College in 2006 with majors in Human Resource Management and Psychology, and a minor in Small Business Entrepreneurship. He was a member of Eta Phi Lambda Fraternity, ODK Leadership Honorary Society, Psi Chi Psychology Honorary, Alpha Chi Scholastic Honorary, and a 4-year Letterman on the Bronco Men's Tennis Team. Wigert twice earned NAIA Academic All-American Honors in tennis. Presently Ben is pursuing a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Industrial/Organizational psychology at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Attendants: Elizabeth O'Neill of Kansas City, MO, matron of honor; Ashley Wigert of Hastings, Jo Richards of Middle Camberwell, Australia, Erin Adams and Nicki Folsom, both of Lincoln, Natalie Nuss of Sutton, bridesmaids. Nathan Wigert of Hastings, best man; Will Vrooman of Hastings, Yale Murgatroyd of Omaha, Conrad Butler, Wes Svoboda, both of Hastings, Paul Summers of London, England, groomsmen; Larry Butler of Hastings, Kurt Aubert of Lincoln, Dale Sackett of Malcom, and Jim Butler of Omaha, ushers.

The couple took a wedding trip to Tokoriki, Fiji, and resides in Omaha.

NY couple, trucker help injured butterfly migrate

The Associated Press

LAKE LUZERNE, N.Y. — A monarch butterfly has a chance at completing its species' famed migration to central Mexico thanks to some tiny cardboard splints, a bit of contact cement and a trucker from Alabama.

The insect's broken wing was painstakingly splinted by an upstate New York couple who then helped it hitch a ride south after the weather in the southern Adirondacks turned cold.

About three weeks ago, Jeannette Brandt was out for a bike ride in rural Hadley when she spied the injured butterfly and took it home in her emptied water bottle.

She and her partner, Mike Parwana, fed it rotting pears and water mixed with honey from bees they keep. The butterfly fattened but the question remained: What about the broken wing?

A search of the Internet turned up a nine-minute video demonstration posted by the Live Monarch Foundation, a nonprofit group from Boca Raton, Fla., on how to fix a broken butterfly wing. A little contact cement on the wing, some tiny cardboard splints, and the bruised butterfly was back in business.

"It was still weak. It was another week or so before it would fly," Parwana told the Post-Star newspaper of Glens Falls.

On Sunday, the couple took the healed monarch in a shoebox to Scotty's, a popular and busy truck stop about 35 miles north of Albany. Anybody looking for company on the trip south?

"And all these truckers looked down at their shoes," Parwana told the newspaper. "If you ever want to feel strange, walk into Scotty's and just put it out there that you want them to take a box south."

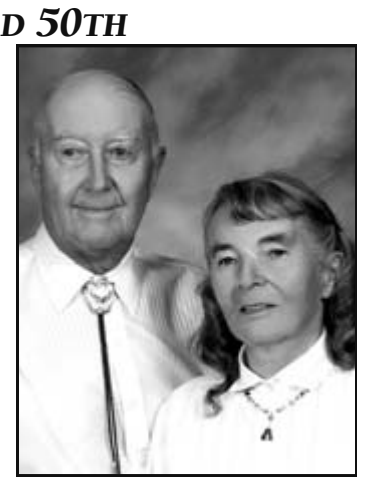
Eventually, a trucker from Alabama, on his way to Florida, raised his hand.

On Tuesday, the trucker called: The butterfly was loose in Florida with its mended wing.

Anniversaries

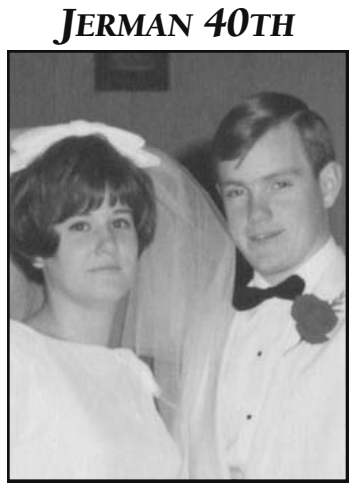
McLeod 50th





William C. and Klara McLeod of 7635 North Roseland Ave., Juniata, Nebraska 68955 will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary November 30, 2008 with a card shower and open house from 2-4 p.m. at The Quality Hotel Courtyard, 2201 Osborne Drive East, Hastings. The event will be hosted by their children, William M. and Diane McLeod, and grandchildren, Pamala and Justin Gregg and Cassandra and Karissa McLeod. Klara H. Scheer and William C. McLeod were married November 2, 1958 at First Saint Paul's Lutheran Church in Hastings.

Jerman 40th



Gary and Ruby Jerman of 5906 Mallard Way Ave., Hastings, NE 68901 will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary with a card shower hosted by their daughter, Lisa Crawford. Ruby Griess and Gary Jerman were married November 24, 1968 at Trinity Methodist Church in Grand Island. Please no gifts.

Meininger 60th



Former Hastings residents Dwayne "Bud" and Agnes Meininger celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary October 30, 2008 at El Chorro Lodge's Restaurant and Lounge in Paradise Valley, Arizona with family and friends. They were married at Assumption Catholic Church in Deweese, Nebraska October 30, 1948. The Meiningers lived in Hastings until November of 1977. They moved to Scottsdale, Arizona where they have lived for the past 30+ years. They have two daughters, Janet Kealy of Scottsdale, Arizona and Marie Meininger of Phoenix, Arizona, three grandchildren and one great granddaughter. The Meiningers now reside at 8661 Via Del Palacio, Scottsdale, Arizona 85258.

Vonderfecht 50th



The children of Irving and EmmaLee Vonderfecht would like to honor them with a card shower for their 50th wedding anniversary. EmmaLee Wittler and Irving Vonderfecht were married Nov. 28, 1958 in Fairbury, NE. Their children are Brian of Richland, WA, Scott of Hastings, and Mary Winfrey of Hastings. Their grandchildren are Jeremy of Richland, and Chelsea and Eric of Hastings. Send wishes to 1321 Turner Ave., Hastings, NE 68901.

Blue 60th



Raymond and Nedra Blue of 54630 24th Rd., Shelton, NE 68876 will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary December 7th from 2-4 pm with an open house hosted by their children, Marcene Bauer and Cary Blue, and grandchildren at St. Pauls Lutheran Church in Lowell, Nebraska. Nedra Ramsey and Raymond Blue were married December 5, 1948 in Kenesaw, Nebraska. Please no gifts.

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N.J. inmates vs. Princeton students: A game of prison chess

WAYNE PARRY
The Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — David Wang is a young man who's clearly going places. The Princeton University sophomore is gifted with a brilliant mind, a movie-star smile and an understated self-confidence.

Kelvin Washington is a middle-aged man who's not going anywhere for the next 44 years. He's a career criminal who has spent 29 years behind bars for a string of robberies and burglaries.

An unlikely pairing, the two men went head to head Wednesday at the New Jersey State Prison, a maximum-security lockup. Their battlefield: a chess board.

In an unusual cultural exchange program that began six years ago, Princeton students travel to the prison in Trenton, 16 miles from their Ivy League campus, to play chess with the inmates.

"When I heard about this opportunity, I jumped at it," said Wang, who has competed three times in worldwide chess tournaments, placing as high as 30th.

Prisons across the nation have thriving chess clubs. Some invite outsiders for matches behind bars. The chess club at the New Jersey State Prison has 75 members, including inmates serving life sentences for murder, robbery and other heinous crimes.

Washington, 52, is six years into a 50-year term for a gas station stickup. Chess offers him an escape from prison — short of actually breaking out.

"It eases my mind off the burden of fighting for my life," he said. "It relaxes me and transports me to another place momentarily. As soon as it's over, it's back to business as usual."

That involves being awakened by corrections officers at 6 a.m., filing into a dining hall for breakfast and checking a log book to see whether he has been granted a pass to go to the law library or the exercise room. If not, it's back into the cell.

The numbing routine may help explain the popularity of chess.

"For one short, sweet moment, I get to be in charge and make my own decisions," he said. "I get to decide where to move or what not to do."

Washington and other inmates see parallels in chess and their daily lives.

"It gives me patience," he said. "Sometimes you see something on the board and you want to jump on it, when maybe it's best to hold off for a minute and see what's developing around you before you just jump out and take it."

Each year, one or two inmates defeat a Princeton visitor. But on Wednesday, 12 of the 46 inmates prevailed — more winners than in the five previous years combined.

"I feel great, baby!" exulted Alonzo Hill, breaking into dance worthy of an NFL touchdown celebration after defeating Atanas Petkov, a Princeton student from Bulgaria. "He got the Princeton shirt on: He the Princeton dude, and I beat him! I did good!"

Hill, 39, is serving five consecutive life terms for his role in a carjacking murder in which a woman who owned a clothing store was shot in the back of the head.

"I just defended, just defended," Hill said. "He wanted me to make a mistake, but I defended it to the end, baby."



MEL EVANS/*AP*

Princeton University student David Wang makes a move as he plays chess with inmate Kelvin Washington (right) at the New Jersey State Prison Wednesday in Trenton, N.J. Six Princeton students played 46 inmates in the prison gymnasium.

Clubs

Chapter FH, P.E.O.

Chapter FH, P.E.O. met Nov. 4 at Jane Bauer's home with Kathleen Smith and Sheila Zalman as hostesses.

Jane and Bernie Tushaus presented "Punderful Words of Word Play" which showed many errors in communication these days.

O.E.S. Kensington

Order of the Eastern Star Kensington met Nov. 6 at the Hastings Masonic Center with Helen Dye and Shirley Schmidt as hostesses.

Co-president Velma Leech opened the meeting and reminded the members of the November emblematic flower, the chrysanthemum and the color yellow; and the birthstone, Topaz.

The regular order of business was conducted.

Nita Brown presented a program of her favorite readings from the book, "In My Heart of Hearts."

Margaret Hawthorne was remembered for her birthday on Nov. 4.

Marie Rasmussen gave the devotions, "Five Kernels of Thanksgiving" and closed with prayer.

The next meeting is 1:15 p.m. Dec. 4 at the Masonic Center.

4-C Club

Trumbull 4-C Club met Nov. 6 at Hastings Good Samaritan Village Perkins Pavilion Activity Room with Evelyn Samuelson as hostess.

President Fran Kreutz resided as each member told about their favorite pair of shoes.

Samuelson introduced guest speaker Wilma Price, who showed and shared with the group a part of her extensive shoe collection.

The members brought items for the Hastings Food Pantry for their season's gifting to the Hastings community. Dick Kincaid transported the items to the center.

An election of officers for 2009 was declared for the same officers to hold their offices.

The next meeting is Jan. 8, 2009 at Bernardo's Steak House for dinner and cards.

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship of YWCA met Nov. 3 at the YWCA of Adams County with Norma Wilke and Ruth Swingle as hostesses.

Amy Sandeen, executive director of the Prairie Loft Center for Outdoor and Agricultural Learning, spoke to the group about the work being done. The Center provides educational programs in sustainable agriculture and environmental stewardship and targets children as well as adults. Although much cleaning has been done and two buildings at the site have new roofs, there is much restoration still to be done, so volunteers and monetary donations are always needed.

The next meeting is a noon covered dish luncheon Dec. 1 at the YWCA with Margaret Hawthorne playing piano selections for the holiday.

Order of Easter Star

Acacia Chapter No. 39, Order of Eastern Star met Nov. 10 at the Hastings Masonic Center with Karen and Warren Christensen as hostesses.

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated in unison and the regular order of business was conducted.

Worthy matron Dian Larsen greeted the group with the verse, "Veteran's Day Memorial."

The Charter was draped in memory of departed sisters Mary Jane Gray and Marian VonSpreckelson.

The members were reminded of the Youth Christmas Tree Project, which will assist the youth in the following year.

Bob Summers spoke on the Masonic Bear Tree, which holds bears with names of children living at the Masonic Children's Home in Fremont.

A dinner was held for members preceding the meeting, with donations given to the Special Children's Fund in Hastings.

Czech Society

The South Central Nebraska Czech Society met Nov. 9 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Home in Hastings for its annual Thanksgiving carry-in dinner meeting.

Some of the traditional Czech foods were roast duck, bratwurst and sauerkraut, potato dumplings and bratwurst, along with the American roast turkey. Tom Wanek lead the group in a Czech dinner prayer.

President Donna Gruntorad called the business meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and Ivan Valek lead the group in a Czech language lesson.

Secretary Jan Hoffmeister gave the minutes and Wanek gave the treasurer's report.

Members who took part in the Food Fair at Stuhr Museum Nov. 1 were Julie Cerny, Caroline Dyer, Jan Hoffmeister, Elsie Houdek, Margaret Karnatz, Georgia Bishel and Ivan Valek. Cerny and Hoffmeister took kolache to sell and Houdek provided the rolicky. Cerny and Hoffmeister also gave a continuous demonstration of making the deep fried pastries, koblihy and vdolky. Dyer and Karnatz took care of the sales table. Valek provided Czech music on his accordion.

The Chapter plans to participate in this activity in 2009.

Valek reported on the Munden, Kan., Czech festival, which he and Rosemary Peterson attended.

Elsie Houdek's daughter and husband, Dan and Corinne (Houdek) Brockhaus of Lincoln, were awarded the Knights of Columbus State Family of the Year. They are the parents of a daughter, Alex, and have adopted siblings Joseph, Ty and Luis, all born to a dysfunctional couple.

The birthday song was sung for Naomi Harngel.

The 45th anniversary of Tom and Deanie Wanek and the 50th anniversary of Paul and Phyllis Kothe were acknowledged.

The next meeting is 1:30 p.m. Dec. 14 at the VFW in Hastings. Members are to bring finger foods and prizes for Bingo.

United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church met Nov. 5 for a soup luncheon at the fellowship hall with 48 members present. Group 2, along with chairperson Norma Fry and workchairmen Cathy Fricke and Patsy Hoff were hostesses.

President Nancy Strom welcomed and greeted the group by reading "Give Thanks to the Lord."

Bonnie Broderson and Doris Dowling conduced the World Thank Offering.

The Rev. Rosalie Anderson, Pastor of the Inland and Trumbull Methodist Churches gave the program, "To Pray Earnestly."

Strom gave the closing titled "Giving Thanks."

The next meeting is Dec. 3 at the church.

Round Table Book Club

Round Table Book Club met Nov. 4 at Alice Oelke's home.

Mary Jo Emmons reviewed "Patently Female" by Ethlie Ann Vare and Greg Ptacek, which explores female inventions.

First St. Paul's Senior Fellowship

Hastings First St. Paul's Senior Fellowship met Nov. 4 at the Youth and Family Ministry Center with Catherine Williams, Orpha Anderson and Irma Eigenberg as hostesses, along with Diane McLoed as a guest and co-hostess.

Alice Krueger, assisted by her grandson, Ed Krueger of Omaha, showed slides and narrated about her July vacation of 10 days in Alaska. She was accompanied by her three sons and two daughters-in-law traveling on the railroad, by helicopter and cruise ship.

Iris Campbell told an inspirational story for the devotions.

President Betty Haake conducted the business meeting. Reports were shared about church friends, who are ill or hospitalized.

The next meeting is 11:30 a.m. Dec. 2 at Bernardo's Steak House for Christmas dinner celebration. All seniors are invited.

NARFE

National Active and Retired Federal Employees met Nov. 8 at the OK Café for a luncheon meeting with 28 members and two guests present. Harlan Kloepper was the greeter.

Norma Nollmann presided and welcomed everyone. The business meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Joyce Dinnell gave the invocation and her thought for the day was "In Flanders Fields" by Colonel John McCrae.

Peg French introduced Pam Lampman, who told of her experiences as a nurse during World War II. She also will be going on the next Honor Flight.

Margaret Herz announced the birthdays and anniversaries for November.

Legislative chairman Leroy Hahn reported the Cola will be 5.8 percent. It will be reflected in the January annuity payments. Insurance chairman Walter Walker reported that the open season on health insurance is Nov. 10-Dec. 8. Open Season changes can be made via computer, mail or phone. Medicare Part B premiums will remain at $96.40.

Vi Kloepper won the raffle and donated the funds to Alzheimer's Research.

The next regular meeting is Dec. 13. All federal employees, working or retired, are invited to attend.

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Save your retirement money for you

DEAR BRUCE: My wife and I have a Universal Life policy for each of us that is worth $750,000 combined. It also has a surrender value of about $60,000. We've been paying for this policy for 20 years and it costs us $300 a month. We have been very foolish to do this for 20 years. As of now, we can borrow against it for our children's education. We have not had to do this yet.

— J.P., via e-mail

DEAR J.P.: You say your policy is worth $750,000. I think what you mean is that it has death benefits of $750,000. The worth is the $60,000 that you referenced. Whether you were foolish 20 years ago is academic. I would not suggest that it be dropped at this point and I would not borrow against it for your children's education. This is retirement money and should not be touched. If it means that your kids' sights on schools will have to be reduced, so be it. There are plenty of loans and grants out there available. I believe that you owe your kids solid values, roots, etc. — not a college education. It's wonderful if you can afford to help them, but this is not money spent on children.



Bruce Williams

DEAR BRUCE: I'm 30 years old. I was thinking this is a good time to buy life insurance. I did some research and was leaning toward whole life because it has both the protection for my family when I die, and cash at the end if I live. My friend tells me that it's a bad idea because whole life can be expensive because I would be paying for both the life insurance and the investment, but in the end would only get one out of the two. She recommends I buy term insurance instead and invest separately in something else. But term is only for a short time then is gone. Whole life is there forever. My knowledge of life insurance is little to none. Am I completely missing the point here?

— K.S., Connecticut

DEAR K.S.: I am with your friend. Whole life Insurance is not a particularly good investment under most circumstances, particularly for someone as young as you. You didn't mention why you're buying insurance. In my opinion, life insurance should be called "death insurance," because it provides money in the event that you depart prematurely. It is not meant to be an investment vehicle. You suggest that term insurance is only for some time and then is gone. That is not entirely true given that the "renewable convertible term" can be renewed for life. Furthermore, you suggest that whole life is there forever, but you will not be. On balance, it is my contention that you should shop carefully and buy the least-expensive term insurance for a 10- or 20-year term from a well-rated company. This should be renewable/convertible without evidence of insurability. The difference can be profitably invested in many areas. While the equity markets are in disarray right now, it is still my contention that this is the place for someone your age to be.

DEAR BRUCE: My mom, who is 82 years old, recently sold her house and moved into a senior community. What is the best way for her to invest the money from the house, which will also give her a monthly allowance?

— Kay, Washington

DEAR KAY: Things get complicated as soon as you put the word "best" in the equation. There are many ways to invest money, but for a person who is your mom's age, you want to risk very little to nothing. That reduces your options. At this writing, longer-term CDs (over one year) are paying in excess of 4 percent. That is probably the best way to go. You may buy an FDIC-insured CD at any bank, which will cover $250,000. If the amount invested exceeds $250,000, use another bank and get another $250,000 in coverage.

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Donna Speigel, who owns a chain of consignment shops called The Snooty Fox, looks at a shoe for sale in one of her stores in Cincinnati Nov. 14. The New Frugal emphasizes stretching every dollar, whether it's trading down to store brands, buying secondhand clothes, or bypassing the fashion mall for the discount chain store.

Americans returning to thriftiness

DAN SEWELL
The Associated Press

Frugality is making a comeback. Fearful that economic conditions could get worse and stay that way, Americans are showing an enthusiasm for thriftiness not seen in decades.

This behavioral shift isn't simply about spending less. The New Frugality emphasizes stretching every dollar. It means bypassing the fashion mall for the discount chain store, buying secondhand clothes and furniture, or trading down to store brands.

There's more business for repairmen and less for salesmen. Consumers are clipping more coupons and swiping their credit cards less.

Not long ago, yoga teacher Gisele Sanders shopped at the Nordstrom's in Portland, Ore., and didn't think twice about dropping $30 for a bottle of Chianti to go with dinner. That was before her husband, a real estate agent, began to feel the brunt of slowing home sales.

Now Sanders, 53, picks up grocery-store wine at $10 or less per bottle, shops for used clothes and plans to take her mother's advice about turning down the thermostat during winter. "It's been a long time coming," she said. "We were so off the charts before."

That kind of scrimping may be good for stressed family budgets, but it's bad for the nation's overall economy — and that has the potential to reinforce the miserly mood. Yet with home prices, 401(k)s and job stability suffering, such frugality is likely to be more than a fad.

"It is a whole reassessment of values," said Candace Corlett, president of the consulting firm WSL Strategic Retail. "We've just been shopping until we drop and consuming and buying it all, and replenishing before things wear out. People are learning again to say 'No, not today."'

The trend is evident in where cash registers are ringing, and where they are not.

Wal-Mart, BJ's Wholesale Club and Goodwill thrift shops are thriving, while Saks and Abercrombie & Fitch are struggling. Likewise, as casual dining chains such as O'Charley's and Red Lobster see fewer customers, McDonald's is serving more, including people who have given up $4 Starbucks drinks in favor of the fast-food chain's expanding coffee menu. Even Spam has made a comeback.

Tellingly, Wal-Mart said recently it has seen a 2 percent jump this year in shoppers from households earning at least $65,000.

Retail sales fell 2.8 percent in October, the fourth straight monthly drop, as unemployment hit a 14-year high of 6.5 percent.

The National Association for Business Economics on Monday projected that the overall U.S. economy, after shrinking at the annual rate of 0.3 percent in the July-September period, will contract at a rate of 2.6 percent in the current October-December quarter.



AMY SANCETTA/*AP*

Shoppers make their way through the aisle of the Wal-Mart store in Mayfield Heights, Ohio, on Nov. 13.

The housing bust, credit crunch and stock market plunge have eaten away at the retirement savings and confidence of consumers who for years operated on a buy-now, pay-later ethos, chasing bigger homes, bigger cars and better brands. That is forcing families to bring their spending in line with their income and to rethink priorities.

"Everybody has been trying to keep up with the Joneses and trying to look rich when they're not," said Erin Pettingill, 24, a married mother of two preschool children in Provo, Utah, who started a blog called "Iamfrugal."

"You can't necessarily have everything you want when you want it," she added. "And there's nothing wrong with that."

Indeed, some of the behavior associated with the New Frugality betrays an America having difficulty letting go of expensive tastes.

Donna Speigel has built a Cincinnati-area chain of upscale consignment shops called The Snooty Fox aimed at women who still have to have their Louis Vuitton and Ann Taylor products, but want them at a fraction of the retail price. Her sales were up 17 percent in October.

In the suburbs of Dallas, Kay Smith still drives a black Lexus, but now passes by the high-end malls and heads to Wal-Mart.

"I think about everything I buy now," Smith said.

