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Food for thought

HC STUDENTS LEARN TO EAT ON \$6.44 A DAY

TYLER SCHUSTER

tschuster@hastingstribune.com ome say the best way to learn is by doing. A class of Hastings College students did just that this month, as they learned how to budget for a week's worth of food for just \$6.44 a day as a part of a course titled "Challenge Yourself — Live on \$6.44 a Day."

The class was centered around the idea of food insecurity and the role of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistant Program (SNAP). The class forced students to face the reality that many face across the country, including in Hastings.

"The one central goal that I wanted them to take away is that hunger is a big problem in America," said instructor Jean Heriot. "We might not think it's as bad as it is until we look at the statistics and the facts."

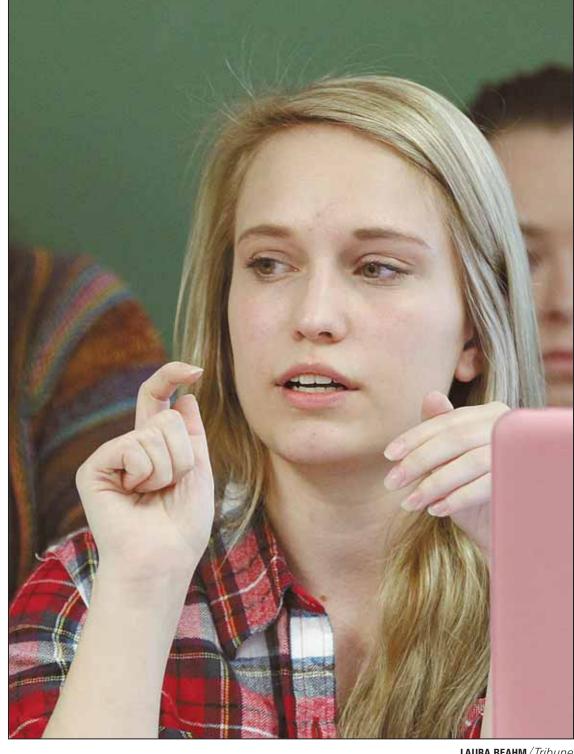
Throughout the three-week course, students learned about food insecurity across the country and got active in the Hastings community to learn about efforts and potential shortcomings involving food security.

While participating in the SNAP Challenge, students were required to blog about their personal experiences and at the end of the course give a presentation on what they've learned and provide some potential solutions.

The challenge was quite difficult for some, and a little easier for others.

Cory Liesch, a sophomore from Lincoln, said that as a football player it was difficult to find time to prepare the food and take in the calories he needed on a daily basis.

"A lot of our meals were carbs, so we (his group) did spaghetti four or five times. We did lots of chicken breast and I did hamburgers one day and then lots of peanut butter and jelly," he said. "There was just no way to get the calories or protein that we really needed."



Cassidy Jurrens talks about the possible use of an Electronic Benefit Transfer card at the Hastings Farmers Market while presenting on food deserts during the Food Insecurities J-Term class Tuesday at Hastings College.

For junior Mallory Gruben of Yuma, Colorado, the task wasn't

terribly difficult. She said it helped having a knowledge of food insecurity after working with the Hastings College chapter of Food 4 Thought, well-developed cooking skills and her groupmate's

price-matching ability.

Even though she and her groupmate managed during the week-long challenge, Gruben believes she learned even more about food insecurity during the

"Jean talks about how food insecurity is a wicked problem

and basically what that means is that there's a log of things that go into it and there's not just one cause or one solution," she said. "There's just so many avenues or ways to fix the problem, so it helped expand on

what I knew and how I view it." Please see FOOD/page A3



NATI HARNIK / AF

In this Jan. 4 photo, state Sen. Bill Kintner of Papillion talks on the phone in the legislative chamber in Lincoln.

Kintner resigns

Unsavory Women's March TWEET IS LAWMAKER'S UNDOING

GRANT SCHULTE

The Associated Press

LINCOLN — An outspoken Nebraska state legislator who was fined for having cybersex using a state computer resigned Wednesday after causing further outrage by sending a tweet that implied participants at a women's march were too unattractive to be victims of sexual assault.

Republican Sen. Bill Kintner announced at a news conference in the state Capitol that he would step down from the seat he has held since 2012. He made the announcement less than an

— hour before Nebraska lawmak-Inside ers were scheduled to debate whether to expel him — the first time the state Legislature would have taken such an

> action in recent history. Kintner said he received many calls from constituents urging him to stay, but that he decided it was time to go. The

blunt-spoken conservative described his last four years in office as "frustrating" and acknowledged that senators likely had

enough votes to remove him from office. "To paraphrase Richard Nixon, you won't

Please see KINTNER/page A3

Farmer vows to keep up pipeline fight

RICKETTS, SMITH HAIL DECISION; 2 HASTINGS RESIDENTS OPPOSED

Staff and wire

President Donald Trump's decision to restart the Keystone XL pipeline approval process is disheartening but not surprising to a central Nebraska farmer whose property is slated to be bisected by the project.

Jim Tarnick, who farms ground near Fullerton, told The Associated Press on Tuesday that he and other landowners who oppose the pipeline will continue to fight. But he says he hopes he doesn't

Please see PIPELINE/page A3



NATI HARNIK/AP

In this Jan. 16, 2015, file photo, Jim Tarnick of Fullerton points to the route of the Keystone XL pipeline, which is planned to run through his property. President Trump's decision to restart the Keystone XL pipeline approval process was disheartening but not surprising to Tarnick, who told the Associated Press on Tuesday that he and other landowners who oppose it will continue to fight.

Your location could determine whether you die from cancer

Sexist, vulgar

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cials. — Page A8

LINDSEY TANNER The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Americans in certain struggling parts of the country are dying from cancer at rising rates, even as the cancer death rate nationwide continues to fall, an exhaustive new analysis has found.

In parts of the country that are relatively poor, and have higher rates of obesity and smoking, cancer death rates rose nearly 50 percent, while wealthier pockets of the country saw death rates fall by nearly half.

Comics

Better screening and treatment have contributed to the improvement in the nation as a whole — but the study underscores that not all Americans have benefited from these advances.

"We are going in the wrong direction," said Ali Mokdad, the study's lead author and a professor at the University of Washington's Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation. "We should be going forward, not backward."

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Weather

Mostly cloudy tonight. Becoming mostly sunny Thursday.



Wrong bike

LEHIGH ACRES, Fla. — A southwest Florida man is facing robbery and kidnapping charges after authorities say he mistook a teen's bicycle for his son's and forced the teen to get into his

Nation

The News-Press reports 43year-old Christian Javier was arrested Tuesday, a day after the boy's mother told authorities she wanted them to prosecute.

Lee County sheriff's deputies say Javier stopped a 15-year-old boy in Lehigh Acres Monday

and accused the teen of riding his son's bike. Officials say Javier tossed the bike in his truck and forced the teen to come with him. When they arrived at Javier's home, his son reportedly said the bike wasn't his.

The Associated Press

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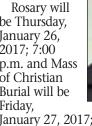


Obituaries

LARRY G. WALFORD

Gresham, Nebraska, resident Larry G. Walford, 62, passed away Tuesday, January 24, 2017, at his

home. Rosary will be Thursday, January 26, 2017; 7:00 p.m. and Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday,



January 27, 2017; 10:00 a.m. at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, Osceola with Rev. Valerian Bartek officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Lawn Cemetery, Gresham. Memorials may be given to the family for a later designation. Visitation will be Thursday, January 26, 2017; 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. with family greeting relatives and friends beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the church. Private condolences may be sent to the family at www.lbvfh.com. Livingston Butler Volland Funeral Home & Cremation Center in Hastings is serving the family.

Larry was born March 7, 1954, in Stromsburg, Nebraska, to Lloyd and Lucille (Gondringer) Walford. He graduated from Gresham High School in 1972 and Southeast Community College, Milford in 1974 with a degree in building construction. Larry married JoAnne Klein on October 24, 1975, at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church in Osceola.

He was a farmer in Polk County for many years and a member of St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church. Larry had a great love for John Deere tractors. He enjoyed doing handy work for anyone. Larry spent a lot of time following and

cheering on his grandchildren at their events. He would drop anything for his family and loved spending time with them. He will be missed dearly by his family, friends and community.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents; brother-in-law, Gerald Klein; sister-in-law, Valerie Klein; mother-in-law, Lorraine Klein-Harbour; and father-in-law, Edgar Klein.

Survivors include his wife, JoAnne Walford of Gresham, Nebraska; daughter and son-inlaw, Nicki and John Butler of Hastings, Nebraska; sons and daughters-in-law, Andy and Autumn Walford of Utica, Nebraska, Matt and Audrey Walford of York, Nebraska; grandchildren, Madi Axtell of Lincoln, Nebraska, Tayelor Butler of Hastings, Shaye Butler of Hastings, Nebraska, Cooper Butler of Hastings, Nebraska, Ella Walford of Utica, Nebraska; siblings and spouses, Roxanna and Ronald Schultze of Gresham, Nebraska, Dale Walford of York, Nebraska, Janis and Roger Neujahr of Gothenburg, Nebraska, Don and Peg Walford of Osceola, Nebraska, Sandra and Curtis Roth of Gordon, Nebraska, Terry and Claudia Walford of Lincoln, Nebraska; brothers-inlaw and sisters-in-law, David and Kathie Klein of Rising City, Nebraska, James and Rosie Klein of Lincoln, Nebraska, Becky Klein of Stromsburg, Nebraska, Michael and Lori Klein of Stromsburg, Nebraska, Daniel and Cindy Klein of Benedict, Nebraska; his dog, Zelda; numerous nieces,

nephews and many friends.

MATTHEW R. GOTTSCH

Hastings, Nebraska, resident Matthew Robert Gottsch, 32, passed away Monday, January 23, 2017 at his

home. Services will be Thursday, January 26, 2017; 10:30 a.m. at Evangelical

Free Church, Hastings with Pastor Matt Sass and Pastor Andy Springer officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Hastings. Memorials may be given to Matthew R. Gottsch Memorial designated to Make-A-Wish Foundation. Visitation will be Wednesday, January 25, 2017; 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. with family present at Livingston Butler Volland Funeral Home and one hour prior to service at the church. Private condolences may be sent to the family at www.lbvfh.com. Livingston Butler Volland Funeral Home &

the family. Matthew was born September 26, 1984, in Omaha, Nebraska, to Robert "Bobby" and Cindy (Mau) Gottsch. He

Cremation Center is serving

graduated from Adams Central High School in 2003. Matthew was a farmer in the family business. He attended Evangelical Free Church.

Matt was preceded in death by his father, Robert "Bobby" L. Gottsch; grandfather, Robert Mau; and grandparents, Bob Gottsch, Sr. and Lois Gottsch. Survivors include his mother,

Cindy Gottsch of Hastings, Nebraska; siblings, Zachary Gottsch of Hastings, Nikki and Tyson Jordening of Blue Hill, Nebraska, children, Rykan and Beckham, Jennifer Gottsch of Hastings, Cheyenne Gottscn and fiancé Brad Jensen of Dannebrog, Nebraska; grandmother, Colleen Mau of Omaha, Nebraska; aunts and uncles, Cheryl and Frank Bramhall of Papillion, Nebraska, Kristi and Todd Gould of Papillion, Lori Groves of Glenwood, Nebraska, Brett Gottsch of Elkhorn, Nebraska, Billy and Carrie Gottsch of Elkhorn, Barry and Carla Gottsch of Elkhorn; close family friends, David and Marcy Luth of Grand Island, Nebraska; numerous cousins and friends; his dog, Niko.

WILLIAM R. 'BOB' DIRKS

Hastings resident William Robert "Bob" Dirks, 87, passed away Sunday, January 22, 2017,

at College View Assisted Living & Memory Support, Hastings, Nebraska.

Services will be Friday,

January 27, 2017; 10:30 A.M. at First Presbyterian Church, Hastings with Pastor Don Canady officiating. Burial will be in Parkview Cemetery, Hastings. Memorials may be given to First Presbyterian Church. Visitation will be Thursday, January 26, 2017; 9:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M. with family present 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. at the funeral home, and one hour prior to service at the church. Private condolences may be sent to the family at www.lbvfh.com. Livingston Butler Volland Funeral Home & Cremation Center is serving the family.

Bob was born August 1, 1929, in Ruskin, Nebraska, to Edward William and Helen B. (Keeler) Dirks. Bob married Marian Meyer on June 5, 1949, at First Presbyterian Church;

she preceded him in death on April 6, 2013.

He owned and operated Custom Pack in Hastings for many years. Bob was an active member of First Presbyterian Church where he ushered, served as a deacon, and taught Sunday school for many years. He was an avid gardener and enjoyed hunting, fishing, and archery. Bob and his wife were members of the Kountry Kruisers Camping Club. He also enjoyed flying his small plane.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Marian Dirks.

Survivors include his children and spouses, Vicki Dirks of Hastings, Nebraska, Linda and James Donohue of Inland, Nebraska, Donna and Lynn Alber of Hastings, David and Sandra Dirks of Hastings, and Larry and Lisa Dirks of Hastings; grandchildren, Angela Key, Bryan Fischer, Andrew Warrings, Jessica Curtis, Shaylee Dirks, Ashton Dirks, Lathan Dirks, Alyssa Dirks, and Morgan Dirks; six great-grandchildren; sister-inlaw, Helen Ochsner of Sutton, Nebraska; brother, Jerald E. Dirks of Hastings; and numerous nieces and nephews.

MARK O. DUGGINS

Hastings, Nebraska, resident Mark O. Duggins, 64, passed away Monday, Jan. 23, 2017, at his home.

Services are pending with Livingston Butler Volland Funeral Home & Cremation Center in Hastings.

Former AP Business Mirror columnist John Cunniff dies

FRANK ELTMAN The Associated Press

NEW YORK — John Cunniff, a business writer for The Associated Press who for 35 years wrote a column that helped readers grasp a better understanding of the economy,

Cunniff, who had been in failing health since 2012, died Friday at a nursing home in Valley Cottage, New York, said his nephew, John Quigley. He was 87. He wrote the Business Mirror column from 1966 until his retirement in December 2001, compiling nearly 5,600 columns and business analysis pieces. At the peak of the column, hundreds of newspapers carried Business Mirror, making it one of the nation's most widely seen financial news features.

"John was a pioneer in the effort to make business news more accessible and a terrific colleague with great instincts and a compelling, easy-to-read writing style," said Randy Picht, who was AP's business editor during the final years of Cunniff's AP tenure. "He also was a colleague who never met a piece of paper he didn't think would have some great use sometime down the road."

Jim Kennedy, AP's senior vice president for strategy and business news editor from 1988 to 1995, said when he joined the business staff, he discovered "the breadth of our coverage ... was predominantly the product of one man's vision and steady work over decades. John Cunniff's contributions to the early development of business journalism at AP were extraordinary."

Cunniff, born in Boston and a lifelong Red Sox fan, graduated from Boston University in 1951. The Army veteran who worked in the counterintelligence corps joined the AP after graduating from Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism in New York.

He was honored with the John Hancock Award, twice as an individual and twice as a member of AP teams; the Polk Award for National Reporting on racial matters in the South; a Distinguished Achievement Award from the Society of American Business Editors and Writers; the Media Award in Journalism from Dartmouth University, first prize, syndicate category; and was a Poynter Fellow in Journalism at Yale University.

Yesterday and Today

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 25, the 25th day of 2017. There are 340 days left in the year.

MEMORY LANE

TRIBLAND

Sixty years ago: The possible purchase of Lib's Park, including all buildings, grounds and swimming pool, was referred to the Finance Committee by the Hastings City Council.

Fifty years ago: Officers of Eight and Forty announced that Mrs. Louis Goldenstein of Hastings would preside at the annual midwinter conference to be held in February in Grand Island.

Forty years ago: Hastings was included in the test area for a new light beer, Budweiser Natural Light, which Anheuser-Busch said had approximately one-third fewer calories than its other beers.

Thirty years ago: Fairfield was considering contracting police protection from the Clay County Sheriff's Department, following the resignation of John Motts as police chief. Motts had moved to Las Vegas.

Twenty years ago: Adams Central band members, director and parents prepared and sold 3,549 submarine sandwiches on Super Bowl Sunday to finance a May trip to Washington, D.C.

Ten years ago: After more than 20 percent of the student body was absent due to influenza, Sutton Public Schools Superintendent Larry Weaver and other administrators decided to close the elementary attendance center.

One year ago: Tim and Pam Smith became the first Hastings Utilities customers to take advantage of LB 436, which allows participants to connect cogeneration installations. Tim had installed 30 solar panels on the roof of his workshop in north Hastings and said ideally the panels would generate enough energy to cover 80 to 90 percent of their consump-

HIGHLIGHT IN HISTORY

On Jan. 25, 1947, gangster Al Capone died in Miami Beach, Florida, at age 48.

TODAY IN NEBRASKA

In 1940, shattering all records for a movie here, "Gone With the Wind" opened at the Paramount in Omaha, with an advance sale of 17,000 tickets.

ON THIS DATE

In 1533, England's King Henry VIII secretly married his second wife, Anne Boleyn, who later gave birth to Elizabeth I.

In 1890, reporter Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochrane) of the New York World completed a round-the-world journey in 72 days, 6 hours and 11 minutes. The United Mine Workers of America was founded in Columbus, Ohio.

In 1915, America's first official transcontinental telephone call took place as Alexander Graham Bell, who was in New York, spoke to his former assistant, Thomas Watson, who was in San Francisco, over a line set up by American Telephone & Telegraph.

In 1924, the first Winter Olympic Games opened in Chamonix, France.

In 1936, former Gov. Al Smith, D-N.Y., delivered a radio address titled "Betraval of the Democratic Party" in which he fiercely criticized the New Deal policies of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In 1945, the World War II Battle of the Bulge ended as German forces were pushed back to their original positions. Grand Rapids, Michigan, became the first community to add fluoride to its public water supply.

In 1955, the Soviet Union formally ended its state of war with Germany.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy held the first presidential news conference to be carried live on radio and television.

In 1971, Charles Manson and three women followers were convicted in Los Angeles of murder and conspiracy in the 1969 slayings of seven people, including actress Sharon Tate. Idi Amin seized power in Uganda by ousting President Milton Obote in a military

In 1981, the 52 Americans held hostage by Iran for 444 days arrived in the United States.

In 1990, an Avianca Boeing 707 ran out of fuel and crashed in Cove Neck, Long Island, New York; 73 of the 158 people aboard were killed. Actress Ava Gardner died in London at age

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Country singer Claude Gray is 85. Actress Jenifer Lewis is 60. Actress Dinah Manoff is 59. Country musician Mike Burch (River Road) is 51. Rhythmand-blues singer Kina is 48. Actress China Kantner is 46. Actress Ana Ortiz is 46. Drummer Joe Sirois (Mighty Mighty Bosstones) is 45. Musician Matt Odmark (Jars of Clay) is 43. Actress Mia Kirshner is 42. Actress Christine Lakin is 38. Rhythm-and-blues singer Alicia Keys is 36. Actor Michael Trevino is 32. Actress Olivia Edward (TV: "Better Things") is 10.

TODAY IN SPORTS

In 1924, the first Winter Olympic Games began in Chamonix, France. The Canadian ice hockey team dominated the games, winning all five of its contests while outscoring the competition 110-3.

LUNAR LANDING

Between last quarter moon (Jan 19) and new moon (Jan.

Sources: The Associated Press. Newspaper Enterprise Assn. and World Almanac Education Group

GLORIA CLOWE

Hastings, Nebraska, resident Gloria Clowe, 88, passed away Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017, at Mary Lanning

Hastings. In honoring her wish to be cremated there is no

Healthcare in

service or visitation. DeWitt Funeral Home

to donor's choice.

and Cremation Service is handling arrangements. Memorials may be directed

Condolences can be left at www.dewittfuneral.com. Gloria Clowe was born Sept.

4, 1928, in Clay Center, Kansas, the daughter of Arnold and Myrtle (Miller) Nanninga. Gloria received her bachelor's degree in business administration from Kansas State University. She married Derrel Clowe on March 17, 1957, in Manhattan, Kansas. She was a teacher in schools in Kansas

along with St. Cecilia High School and Hastings Senior High School in Hastings, from which she retired in 1992. Gloria enjoyed corresponding with friends, the Caption Game in the Omaha World Herald, crossword puzzles, and trying new recipes. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Hastings. Gloria's greatest wealth was her husband and treasured friends.

Gloria is survived by her husband, Derrel Clowe of Hastings; son, Curtis Clowe of Bellevue, Nebraska; grandson, Anthony Clowe of Omaha, Nebraska; granddaughter, Kelsey Clowe of South Pasadena, Florida; sister, Wanda Winters of Tulsa, Oklahoma; brother- and sister-in-law, Jere and Carol Noe of Topeka, Kansas; one niece; three

nephews; and many cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, an infant brother, and one niece.

CRAIG CZARNEK

Hastings, Nebraska, resident Craig Czarnek, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2017, at his home.

Apfel Funeral Home in Hastings is in charge of arrangements.

Jerry L. Yeager of 3000 Wendell Drive reported Monday that his vehicle was taken at the 200 block of East A

Scott E. Witte of 3215 W. Paradise Drive reported Monday that a door was damaged at the 300 block of South Elm Avenue.

James P. Nemetz of 725 N. Lincoln Ave. reported Monday that a rosary and headphones were taken from a vehicle at his residence.

Letitia R. Jackson of 522 N. Ash Ave. reported Monday that her cellphone was taken from a vehicle at her residence. Adams County Judge

Michael Burns on Monday sentenced Kevin J. Arnold, 25, of Fayetteville, Ark., to seven days in jail, a \$500 fine and oneyear driver's license revocation for driving under the influence of alcohol on Friday. Arnold pleaded no contest Friday. DUI is a Class W misdemeanor punishable by up to 60 days in jail and a \$500 fine.

Eagles Bingo, Thursday 7:00; \$1,000 progressive jackpot, bonanza 59 numbers, and pig. All welcome. -Adv.

A vehicle reportedly driven by Tara L. Hartman of 813 N. Minnesota Ave. struck a parked vehicle Monday owned by Russell D. Bera of 1114 N. Minnesota Ave. at Minnesota Avenue near 11th Street.

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

Adams County District Judge Terri Harder recently granted a decree of dissolution to the marriage of Jessica L. Northrup and Ryan W. Northrup.

Concealed carry class, February 11, 2017. Clark, 984-5305. -Adv.

Lotteries

WINNING NUMBERS

Tuesday	
Nebraska Pick 3	8
MyDaY	7
Nebraska Pick 5 7-10-12-14-2	
Jackpot: \$54,000	
MegaMillions 8-42-54-63-6	7
Mega Ball: 11, Megaplier: 4	
2by2 Red 17-23, White 2-1	4
Kansas Midday Pick 3	0
Kansas Daily Pick 3	

Calendar

THURSDAY

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◆ Toddler Time for ages 3 and under, 10:30 a.m., Hastings Public Library, 1330 N Burlington Ave. For more information, call 402-461-2346 or visit hastingslibrary.us.

◆ Bingo, 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Eagles Club, 107 N. Denver Ave. Al-Anon, noon, The Kensington, 233 N. Hastings Ave.

◆ Alcoholics Anonymous, 8:30 a.m., noon, 5:15, 7 p.m. (Spanish) and 8 p.m., 521 S. St. Joseph Ave.; 7 p.m. (women's group), 907 S. Kansas Ave.; and 8 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church, 837 Chestnut

◆ Red Cross Bloodmobile, noon to 5:15 p.m., First Congregational United Church of Christ. Make appointment at 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

◆ Narcotics Anonymous, 8 p.m., 422 N. Burlington Ave., rear entrance.

 Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., 521 S. St. Joseph Ave.

◆ GriefShare, 7 p.m., Youth & Family Ministry Center (west door), Fourth Street and Lexington Avenue. For more information call 402-463-1329 or visit www.griefshare.org.

◆ Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m. Thursday, United Methodist Church basement, 610 N. Adams Ave.

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Area funerals

Thursday

◆ Darrell L. Kingwood, 53, of Sutton, 2 p.m. at Hope Reformed

◆ Matthew R. Gottsch, 32, of Hastings, 10:30 a.m. at Evangelical Free Church in Hastings. **Friday**

♦ William R. "Bob" Dirks, 87, of Hastings, 10:30 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Hastings.

Public notices

See today's notices on Page B6 Notice, Estate of Elaine B.

Goldenstein ◆ Notice to Bidders, F.O.B.

Hastings ◆ Notice to Bidders, UNK Fiber

Infrastructure Upgrades Notice, Estate of Ladonna L.

◆ Legal Notice, Kenesaw Village Proceedings ◆ Notice of Organization, VK

◆ Notice of Meeting, Midland

Area Agency on Aging Governing Board

◆ Notice of Special Meeting, Adams Central Board of Education

◆ Notice, Estate of Marjorie L.

◆ Notice, Estate of Francis J.

Shaughnessy



LAURA BEAHM/Tribune

Riley Johnson (left) and Shaun Vandertorre respond to questions about food pantries following their presentation in the Food Insecurities J-Term class Tuesday at Hastings College.

Food: Students learn to eat on \$6.44 a day

Continued from page A1 Heriot said the goal of the course was to make her students realize how big of a problem hunger is in the United

course accomplished. Where does Hastings fall in terms of food insecurity? Heriot says it impacts more people than you might think

States, which she feels the

in the Hastings area. "What I see and the interviews I did, we're an integrated community and a lot of people who provide services know each other and do a good job," she said. "But, similarly, we have a lot of need."



LAURA BEAHM/Tribune

Michaela Wright talks about grocery stores and food waste during the Food Insecurities J-Term class Tuesday at **Hastings College.**

Kintner: Unsavory Women's March tweet is state senator's undoing

Continued from page A1 have Bill Kintner to kick around anymore," he said.

He did not apologize for his social media faux pas and left the press conference without taking questions.

Kintner, of Papillion, retweeted a comment Sunday by conservative radio personality Larry Elder that mocked three women pictured with signs protesting Donald Trump's comments about touching women inappropriately. Above the photo, Elder wrote: "Ladies, I think you're safe."

Kintner's office later released a statement saying: "By retweeting a message, I was not implying support for putting women in fear of their personal safety. I took down the retweet as soon as I became aware that it was being misconstrued."

Kintner's resignation won't go into effect until Mondav at 12:01 a.m. Speaker of the Legislature Jim Scheer said he has asked Kintner not to partic-

ipate in any more floor debates or votes.

Kintner's decision to step down and spare the Legislature the "toil and disruption" of a vote to expel him. He said he met with Kintner Tuesday night and again on Wednesday morning, but declined to elaborate on what they discussed.

Nebraska Democratic Party chairwoman Jane Kleeb celebrated Kintner's announce-

"The Women's March just took down their first politician. The Nebraska Democratic Party welcomes the resignation of Bill Kintner and looks forward to electing a candidate who stands up for women and working class families," Kleeb

Even before Kintner's Twitter blunder, he was already under

scrutiny for his behavior. He paid a \$1,000 fine last year for misuse of state proper-

ty, after he admitted to engag-

July 2015 with a woman using Scheer said he appreciated Skype, an online video-chatting service. Kintner reported the transgression to the Nebraska State Patrol after the woman threatened to expose the encounter unless he paid

her \$4,500.

That scandal drew calls for him to resign from top state officials, including Republican Gov. Pete Ricketts, but Kintner refused to bow to the pressure.

ing in mutual masturbation in

In a statement Wednesday, Ricketts said Kintner "did the right thing" and promised to fill the vacancy quickly.

Lawmakers said they were bombarded with calls, emails and letters this week from constituents outraged by Kintner's most recent indiscretion.

Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha, Kintner's longtime adversary, urged him to resign, calling his behavior "disgusting" and embarrassing for his wife, who works for the gover-

Cancer: Could your location determine if you live or die?

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Stark differences in regional cancer death rates have been found in previous research, but this one stands out for providing detailed estimates for deaths from nearly 30 types of cancer in all 3,100 U.S. counties over 35 years.

From 1980 to 2014, the U.S. death rate per 100,000 people for all cancers combined dropped from about 240 to 192 — a 20 percent decline. More than 19 million Americans died from cancer during that time, the study found.

The picture was rosiest the Colorado ski country, where cancer deaths per 100,000 residents dropped by almost half, from 130 in 1980 to just 70 in

2014; and bleakest in some eastern Kentucky counties, where they soared by up to 45 percent.

"We all know this is unacceptable ... in a country that spends more than anybody else on health," Mokdad said.

The Affordable Care Act took effect in the study's final years and emphasized prevention services including no-cost screenings for breast, colorectal and cervical cancers. Any resulting benefits wouldn't be evident in the latest results, since cancer takes years to develop. It's unknown whether similar coverage will be part of the replacement system the Trump administration and Congressional Republicans are

An editorial published with a University of North Carolina health policy specialist and Dr. Ethan Basch, a University of highest cancer death rates also strongly supported Donald Trump, "raising hopes that incoming administration will provide resources" for these communities.

Researchers estimated county death rates using U.S. government death records and U.S. Census Bureau data. Results were published Tuesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

the study by Stephanie Wheeler, North Carolina cancer specialist, notes that many areas with the future policies developed by the

Pipeline: Farmer vows to fight

Continued from page A1 have to do so "for the rest of my life."

Tarnick says he's confident landowners in Nebraska will continue to block the pipeline through lawsuits and other procedural challenges.

Tarnick has previously rejected at least six financial offers from TransCanada for access to his land, ranging from \$30,000 to \$58,000. He says he's concerned about the pipeline's possible effects on groundwater

The president moved swiftly Tuesday to advance the contro-

versial

Inside

What's next for Dakota, Keystone XL pipelines? — Page A5

Keystone XL and Dakota Access oil pipelines, signing executive actions to aggressively overhaul America's

energy policy and deal a sharp blow to Barack Obama's legacy on climate change.

Nebraska Gov. Pete Ricketts issued a statement following Trump's executive order in support of the president's action.

"Keystone XL will create good-paying jobs for Nebraska workers and bring property tax relief to counties along the route," Ricketts stated. "Today's decision represents years of extensive environmental reviews that confirm Keystone XL complies with federal safety and environmental standards. With the federal approval process complete, state regulators must now work through the process in Nebraska to conduct their own thorough consideration of the project."

Third District Rep. Adrian Smith, R-Neb., also released a statement to show support for the Keystone XL pipeline.

"The Obama administration put Keystone XL on hold for years for political reasons, despite bipartisan support for the project and its own State Department determining it to be safe," Smith said. "As the need for reliable energy sources grows, I prefer moving more oil safely through dedicated

pipelines rather than increasing Department for a presidential surface transport demand on existing infrastructure.

"A large majority of Nebraskans want to see Keystone XL completed, knowing we need long-term solutions for affordable energy. I am pleased President Trump is acting right away to encourage private investment in our infrastructure and move this project

Jane Kleeb and Tom Genung, two Hastings residents who oppose the pipeline, also weighed in on Trump's decision.

"Nebraska farmers and ranchers need a president standing up for property rights and our clean water to produce American food," Kleeb, president of Bold Alliance, stated in a news release. "Foreign tarsands pipelines headed to the export market have no place in the Heartland. There is no application for Keystone XL and there never has been an approved route in Nebraska. The president should focus on American energy independence rather than taking land away from farmers using eminent domain for private gain."

Genung stated that "Nebraskans are strong, independent people who will not be intimidated."

"We stood up to TransCanada before and we will do it again," said Genung, chair of landowner collective Nebraska Easement Action Team. "Our newly elected president has no credibility and TransCanada has no permit. As we know, the promises of hundreds of jobs and millions dollars of revenue are bogus claims; Keystone XL is an export pipeline."

Obama had personally halted the Keystone XL project, which was to bring oil from Canada to the U.S., and major protest demonstrations have frozen work on the Dakota pipeline.

Trump, in his continuing effort to undo the past eight years of a Democratic president, invited the Keystone builder, TransCanada, to resubmit its application to the State

permit to construct and operate the pipeline. The company said it would reapply.

Obama halted the proposed pipeline in late 2015, declaring it would undercut U.S. efforts to clinch a global climate change deal that was a centerpiece of his environmental

Trump also ordered the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to quickly review and approve construction and easement requests for the Dakota Access pipeline, a project that has led to major protests by American Indian groups and their supporters.

"From now on we are going to start making pipelines in the United States," Trump said from the Oval Office, where he also vowed to require the actual pipe for Keystone to be manufactured in America.

Trump's actions four days after he took office came on the heels of his decision to withdraw from a major trade agreement as he upends Obama's policies, winning praise from congressional Republicans. Democrats in energy-producing states also hailed Trump's actions on the pipelines as long-awaited steps to boost jobs and move the country toward energy independence.

But environmental groups and Native American tribes who have fought both projects for years pledged to defy Trump.

"President Trump will live to regret his actions today," said Michael Brune, executive director of the Sierra Club. "Unwittingly he is beginning to build a wall — a wall of resistance. This fight is far from over."

The 1,179-mile Keystone XL pipeline would run from Canada to Nebraska, where it would join other lines already leading to refineries along the Gulf Coast.

Trump directed the State Department and other agencies to make a decision within 60 days of a final application and declared that a 2014 State Department environmental study satisfies required reviews under environmental and endangered species laws.

A timeline of the Keystone XL oil pipeline

The Associated Press

Notable events in the dispute over the Keystone XL oil pipeline, which is slated to rur from Canada to U.S. refineries in the Gulf Coast.

◆ March 2008 — The U.S. State Department issues a presidential permit for a \$5.2 billion Keystone pipeline to transport crude oil.

◆ September 2008 -TransCanada files paperwork to expand the existing Keystone pipeline with a new Keystone XL route. The pipeline would extend from Canada's tar sands through Montana, South Dakota and Nebraska, where it would connect with the existing Keystone pipeline route to carry more than 800,000 barrels of crude oil a day to specialized refineries along the Texas Gulf Coast.

The original Keystone pipeline route runs through North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Because the Keystone XL would cross the U.S. border, the State Department must determine whether the project is in the national interest

◆ June 2010 — First Keystone

pipeline goes into operation. ◆ August 2011 — Then-Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman sends a letter to President Barack Obama asking that the proposed Keystone XL pipeline avoid the Sandhills, an area consisting of fragile, grass-covered sand dunes in western Nebraska.

◆ Aug. 26, 2011 — The U.S. State Department issues its final environmental impact statement determining "there would be no significant impacts to most resources along the proposed project corridor."

◆ Oct. 15, 2011 — As the permit is reviewed, then-Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton says the department is "inclined" to approve project. The project begins to galvanize the environmental movement to pressure the Obama administration to act on climate change. Republicans and other project sup-

porters argue the project will create jobs and help the economy.

◆ November 2011 — Amid growing public resistance to the Keystone XL, Heineman calls lawmakers into a special session to address environmental concerns in Nebraska. Lawmakers approve a pipeline siting law that requires companies to apply through an independent state commission. Obama announces a delay, pushing off the decision until after his reelection campaign. His administration says other potential routes through Nebraska need to be stud-

◆ Dec. 23, 2011 — Congress tries to force Obama's hand by passing legislation requiring approval of the Keystone XL pipeline within 60 days unless the president determines the project does not serve the national interest. Weeks later, Obama rejected the application but allowed TransCanada to re-apply. ◆ April 2012 — Nebraska law-

makers rewrite the pipeline law to give the governor the power to approve the Keystone XL route through the state. ◆ May 4, 2012 — TransCanada

reapplies and restarts the federal review process. ◆ March 1, 2013 — The State

Department issues an environmental review that raises no major objections to the Keystone XL oil pipeline and says other options to get oil from Canada to Gulf Coast refineries are worse for climate change.

◆ June 25, 2013 — Obama declares he will only approve the project if it doesn't worsen carbon pollution. "Our national interest would be served only if this project does not significantly exacerbate the problem of carbon pollution," Obama says in a speech declaring that fighting climate change will be a major priority his second term. ◆ Jan. 31, 2014 — The State

Department releases another final environmental impact statement,

again voicing no major environmental objections to the project.

◆ Feb. 19, 2014 — A Nebraska judge overturns the state law that allowed the pipeline, throwing the project into legal limbo. ◆ April 18, Ž014 — The State

Department announces it is again delaying its review, citing the legal dispute over the Nebraska route. ♦ January 2015 — TransCanada

files legal papers in nine Nebraska counties to invoke eminent domain for the land that's needed to construct, operate and maintain the pipeline. ◆ Feb. 11, 2015 — Congress

again tries to push the Obama administration to decide on the permit by passing legislation forcing the decision and sending it to the White House. Obama vetoes the bill days later.

◆ Sept. 22, 2015 — Clinton, now seeking the Democratic nomination for president, says she opposes construction of the Keystone

◆ Nov. 2, 2015 — As it appears increasingly likely that Obama will reject the pipeline, TransCanada asks the administration to suspend the company's application. The State Department reviews the request for a day, and then rejects it. ◆ Nov. 6, 2015 — Obama

announces he is rejecting the permit to build the Keystone pipeline. The project is not in the national interest, he says. "America is now a global leader when it comes to taking serious action to fight climate change. And frankly, approving this project would have undercut that global leadership," he says.

◆ June 2016 — TransCanada seeks \$15 billion in damages from the federal government in response to the Obama administration rejecting the Keystone XL pipeline.

◆ Jan. 24, 2017 — President Donald Trump signs executive actions to advance the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline, along with the four-state Dakota Access oil pipeline.





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No evidence of voter fraud

The Dallas Morning News

President Donald Trump would do himself, and his ambitious agenda, much good if he could find a way to quickly get comfortable with the fact that he is, after all, the president.

Unfortunately, he seems to have deep-seeded doubts. How else to explain his astonishing statement to congressional leaders Monday night — and repeated by his spokesman on Tuesday — that millions of non-citizens had voted in the November elec-

It was a claim he first made via Twitter in late November, apparently to rebut the fact that Hillary Clinton, despite losing the election in the Electoral College, had won nearly 3 million more votes.

The assertion, made without a scrap of evidence, was roundly debunked and left the president-elect diminished just as he ought to have been ebul-

One hoped at the time that he would grow comfortable with the reality of his victory, and the awesomeness of his responsibility, and wear the presidency with more dignity once he took the oath of office on Jan. 20. He dashed that hope at a White House reception for congressional leaders on Monday night, when he repeated his lament about millions of illegal voters having stolen the popular vote from him.

Whatever other message he had hoped to convey was overshadowed by such an astounding claim — this time straight from the sitting president's mouth.

Senior members of Congress, including Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn, confirmed the report of his renewed allegations. And, unsurprisingly, the claim took center stage at a White House press conference on Tuesday. Press secretary Sean Spicer was asked if the president really believed such massive voter fraud was present in the election.

Yes, said Spicer: "The president does believe that. He has stated that before. I think he has stated his concerns of voter fraud ... and he continues to maintain that belief based on studies and evidence that people have presented to him," he said.

But exactly what evidence? The claims have been debunked. On Tuesday, Speaker Paul Ryan said so. The National Association of Secretaries of State has said so.

"I think the president has believed that for a while based on studies and information he has," Spicer repeated — and then moved on.

That's absurd. Voter fraud is a felony. Why would the president make such a claim, and insist on it, without any evidence he's willing to share?

A reporter pressed Spicer on this point. If 3 to 5 million illegal votes were cast, that would be the biggest scandal in U.S. electoral history. Why wouldn't the justice department be investigating if the president have evidence to support that?

"Maybe we will," Spicer said. This is a regrettable way to begin a presidency. Trump's thin skin is more than a personality quirk. It threatens to rob his agenda of the energy it needs, even on a day that began with a critical meeting with captains of the automotive industry and included orders by the new president to revive the Keystone XL and Dakota Access pipelines.



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Proud to be Elle's nana

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he video is priceless. I've watched it a dozen times and it keeps getting better. I am writing this on my granddaughter's birthday. Eleanor Rose is 2 years old today, and every bit as lovely as her name suggests.

She has dark brown almond-shaped eyes, just like her mother's, and golden brown curls that bounce down her back, and a smile that can cure, or at least make me forget, most any

ache or pain or worry. Also, I'm told she has my toes.

In the video that my daughter-in-law sent last night, Elle was in a diaper, fresh out of the tub, almost ready for bed. But first she had to get Honey, her baby doll,

ready to go "night night." Before tucking Honey in bed, Elle decided to strap her in her stroller and take her for a spin.

So in the video, for the next several minutes, they popped wheelies around the room, whirling in circles at breakneck speed, with Elle pushing the stroller and singing her heart out (her mom said it was a Monster Jam tune she learned from her brothers) and Honey hanging on for dear

I don't know if it made Honey sleepy. But I can assure you that watching it wiped me

Elle has learned so much in her two short years: How to walk. How to talk. How to sing her ABC's, count to 13 and ride herd on her brothers. ("Stop it, guys!") How to understand the finer points of human nature.

She wrestles with Wiley, who is 4, and insists on playing "monster trucks" with him, no matter if he wants her to or not. She goes to Randy, who is 6, and tender-

hearted, for hugs. She wraps her dad like Silly Putty around her little finger.

And if she needs anything — food or milk or comfort of any kind — she's learned it's smart to go running to her mom.

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THE MORNING ...

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Area State Senators

she has learned that if she makes her wishes known, they might magically appear at her door in a FedEx truck.

She has learned the joy of being read to by someone she loves, and the even greater joy of curling up on a sofa with snow falling outside her window and reading to herself.

She has learned to be kind to creatures who need her — to her parents, her brothers, her dogs, her cat and even to her nana. When we FaceTime, if I shake my hair at

her, she will shake her hair back, noting with a grin that it's our special thing. She has even learned to wait until every-

one is asleep, then stand on a box to turn on the light and ride her Pretty Pony.

All that in just two years.

I don't remember, at her age, being half as smart or half as adored as she surely is. But I do recall over the years the people who pulled for me — my parents and grandparents and several teachers, who dreamed big dreams in my behalf.

Having someone to dream for you can make all the difference. Elle is fortunate to have lots of people who dream for her.

Today, on her birthday, I phoned her long distance to sing the happy birthday song. To assure her that I am so very glad she

To watch her twirl (via FaceTime) in her birthday dress, ballet slippers and tiara. And to tell her that I love her "all," which

is as much as any human can possibly love, even her very own nana. Later tonight, after Elle and her brothers in Montana, and their cousins in California,

are all tucked safely in their beds fast asleep, I will say a prayer for them and for their parents, God bless them, who need all the help they can get. I will ask God to bless them with abun-

dant grace, enduring peace and steadfast safekeeping, for always and forever. Amen.

Most of all, for Elle on her birthday, I will dream big dreams. I'm her nana. That's what nanas do.

And then, one more time, or maybe two, I will watch her birthday video. I wish you could see it.

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Finally rid of Sen. Kintner

Hastings Tribune

The Nebraska Legislature finally rid itself of a bad egg today — but not without leaving the state with a whole lot of egg on its face.

Sen. Bill Kintner, a Republican, announced this morning he would step down after coming under fire for a social media post about this weekend's Women's March.

Kintner, of Papillion, retweeted a comment Sunday by conservative radio personality Larry Elder that mocked three women pictured with signs protesting Donald Trump's comments about touching women inappropriately. Above the photo, Elder wrote: "Ladies, I think you're safe."

Kintner took down the post as soon as he realized it was being "misconstrued," he said, but the damage was already done.

The tasteless tweet took to social media like wildfire and appeared in newspapers and on major news station across the nation.

While Kintner's resignation won't go into effect until Monday at 12:01 a.m., Speaker of the Legislature Jim Scheer said he asked Kintner not to participate in any more floor debates or votes.

We agree with Scheer's sentiments that Kintner's decision spares the Legislature the "toil and disruption" of a vote to expel him.

What's disappointing to us is that this new scandal could have been avoided if Kintner had been ousted after his previous scandal last summer – which has now stretched to six months.

Kintner violated state law in July 2015 by using his government-issued laptop to have cybersex with a woman he met online.

The incident came to light in July 2016 in advance of the Accountability and Disclosure Commission meeting to discuss Kintner's civil

He reached a settlement with the commission in August 2016 and was assessed a \$1,000 fine for misusing public resources.

Kintner rejected calls from Gov. Pete Ricketts and others to resign.

In December, The Cass County Republican Party called for his resignation, saying Kintner has "repeatedly embarrassed" the district by participating in cybersex on his state-issued computer,

making inappropriate comments about women and making derogatory comments about fellow lawmakers.

The state should have washed its hands of Kintner and the cybersex scandal a long time ago when it became clear that he didn't possess the character or moral aptitude to willingly

While Kintner's cybersex actions were completely despicable, that scandal slowly developed over time and didn't have quite the national newsmaking qualities that this weekend's tweet did.

What's also bothersome is that neither the cybersex scandal nor the Women's March tweet were out of character for Kintner.

For years someone has been posting to a Facebook page called "Kintner's Quotes," in which a record of the lawmakers' rude, tacky, hurtful and downright dumb comments are published.

A couple of instances: In 2015, the Nebraska Latino American Commission condemned Kintner for repeatedly using an ethnic slur during a debate over allowing driver's licenses for certain youths brought to the country illegally.

When a newspaper asked him in 2013 what he considered the biggest mystery, Kintner responded, "Women. No one understands them. They don't even understand themselves."

Please make note: This isn't a partisan issue. This is a personal issue regarding one man's poor character. Lawmakers on both sides of the aisle (nonpartisan though the Legislature is) have been calling for his resignation since last summer.

We'd like those watching this scandal from a distance to know this: Kintner doesn't represent Nebraskans. Our tourism slogan is "Nebraska Nice" for crying out loud. What Kintner did, and what Kintner said, are not OK. We are better than that.

We all know bad eggs. Sometimes they make it into high places, like the Nebraska Legislature. And sometimes they just won't leave. But sooner or later, their actions will get them into trouble.

To quote a passage from the Gospel of Luke, "Out of the overflow of the heart, the mouth speaks."

Kintner's words finally did him in. We just hope the damage isn't too great.

Moderately Confused

Do Just One Thing

Have a hard time remembering to water your houseplants? When it's time to replace an old sponge, disinfect it by placing it in the microwave for about 90 seconds. Put the cooled sponge at the bottom of a planter. This will prevent soil from falling out, and it will also absorb excess water each time you water the plant. The wet sponge in the planter will slowly release needed moisture, helping to keep the plant alive in case you forget to water.

By Danny Seo/Universal Click

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Celebrity Cipher

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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Previous Solution: "I've not sat with my agent going: 'Where is the next hopeless girl I can play?' They just come along." - Laura Carmichael TODAY'S CLUE: S spenbe O © 2017 by NEA, Inc., dist. by Andrews McMeel Syndication 1-25





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Tribland five-day forecast

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SNOWY TODAY High: 29 Low: 18 Wind: Northwest 20-25 Mostly cloudy tonight.



Sunny Thursday High: 32 Low: 19 Wind: Northwest 10-15 Partly cloudy Thursday



Sunny Friday Low: 25 High: 36 Clear Friday night.



Partly Cloudy Saturday High: 41 Low: 26 Partly cloudy at night.



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MURDER CASE

DAKOTA CITY — Both men charged with killing and dismembering another Nebraska man have pleaded not guilty to murder and related crimes.

Eighteen-year-old Brayan Galvan-Hernandez made his pleas Tuesday in Dakota County District Court in Dakota City. His trial is set to begin May 9. Online court records say 26-year-old Andres Surber entered his pleas Dec. 29, but the records don't show that a trial has been scheduled.

The two are accused of shooting to death 41year-old Kraig Kubik, of Emerson. Parts of his body were found in a car and in a creek about 4 miles away. Authorities say Surber and Galvan-Hernandez had gone to Kubik's trailer home Nov. 1, 2016, and demanded that he give them a car that once belonged to Surber.

HIRING FREEZE

LINCOLN — Gov. Pete Ricketts says a hiring freeze implemented last fall has eliminated nearly 300 state government positions that he described as unnecessary.

The number of employees in state agencies fell from about 13,800 to 13,500 between October and January. The state's chief human resources officer said Tuesday the reduction was achieved mainly through attrition.

The hiring freeze will remain in effect for the foreseeable future, as Nebraska again faces a projected budget shortfall of nearly \$900 million during the next two years. Positions considered critical for public safety or services are exempted from the freeze.

Ricketts says the hiring freeze and other efforts to cut expenses are beneficial to taxpayers.

UNO SPENDING

OMAHA — The university system president is providing extra oversight on spending at the University of Nebraska at Omaha campus that he's not requiring at the three other university campuses.

President Hank Bounds confirmed to the Omaha World-Herald that he's reviewing any new nonroutine expenditure of \$10,000 or more. He says the state's budget bind and particularly tight financial margins at the Omaha campus prompted his move.

Bounds also says the extra oversight is no slight to Omaha's chancellor, John Christensen, who is retiring in the middle of the year.

Christensen says the directive indeed reflects the state's budget challenge and also is based on the fact that a new person will be in his office this year.

The Associated Press

Tribe planning lawsuit

LYNDA V. MAPES The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — While President Donald Trump issued an executive order Tuesday intended to advance construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline, restarting the stalled project may not be

Jan Hasselman, attorney for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in North Dakota, said Tuesday the tribe would push back with a lawsuit defending the decision by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to undertake a full environmental impact review that includes looking at alternative routes for the 1,100-mile oil pipeline through four states.

The tribe has opposed the pipeline out of concern a spill could pollute drinking water in the Missouri River and threaten Native American cultural sites.

The tribe quickly issued a statement in response to Trump's executive action, declaring the order a violation of its treaty rights and the rule of law.

"The Trump Administration's politically motivated decision violates the law and the Tribe will take action to fight it," Tribal Chairman Dave Archambault II said in a prepared statement.

The Corps withheld action on the easement late last year and instead called for an environmental review that could take more than a year.

The pipeline company, Energy Transfer Partner, needs an easement from the Corps to complete the final crossing under the river.

Trump's executive order asked the review be expedited and also that the Corps consider rescinding the decision to undertake the environmental review and just issue the easement.

If the easement is granted, construction on the crossing could begin and continue unless a court took action to stop it.

The necessary work takes about two weeks, working 24 hours shifts. But the job could take far longer — or not get started at all depending on court decisions.

Crews are already in hotels waiting to get to work, and all equipment is on site to begin the job, a source close to the project

The drill pad for the crossing is secured behind multiple barriers and police are promising a stiff resistance to interference.

The Morton County Sheriff's Office also has requested assistance from the federal government to provide an increased police presence if necessary.

"I would like to remind any protesters to please remain peaceful and lawful in your actions," Morton County Sheriff Kyle Kirchmeier said in a prepared statement. "Protesters have a right to take a position on the pipeline, but they do not have the right to break the law. To introduce rule of law within the camp, we will be asking the Trump administration for muchneeded law enforcement support and public safety resources.

The tribes called for demonstrators to leave last week out of concern for their safety because of predicted seasonal flooding of the river near the area of the camps.

However. Trump's long-anticipated action to restart the project will likely attract more opponents to North Dakota.

The fight against the pipeline became an international cause, drawing opponents to the area from around the nation and world, including many members of Washington state tribes with experience battling fossil fuel projects in the Pacific Northwest.

The company could not immediately be reached for comment. Even if the pipeline is completed, the fight still isn't over,

Hasselman said. A court could stop the flow of oil in a finished project, he noted.

Archambault said in a phone interview Tuesday the tribe is considering all its options.

"We are trying to focus on what we can do legally, and politically, to get our voices heard."



JAMES MACPHERSON/AP

Hay is stacked up to feed horses at a protest encampment along the route of the Dakota Access oil pipeline near Cannon Ball in southern North Dakota on Tuesday. President Donald Trump on Tuesday issued an executive action to advance construction of the pipeline, which opponents believe threatens drinking water and cultural sites. The pipeline developer disputes that.

What's next for Dakota, Keystone XL pipelines?

BLAKE NICHOLSON The Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. — President Donald Trump's executive actions on the Dakota Access and Keystone XL pipelines are aimed at turning the much-protested pipelines into reality. Here's a look at what may be next for the two pipelines:

WHAT THEY ARE

The \$3.8 billion Dakota Access pipeline to carry North Dakota oil through South Dakota and Iowa to a shipping point in Illinois is nearly complete, except for a stretch underneath Lake Oahe, a Missouri River reservoir in southern North Dakota. Construction is stalled due to a court fight between developer Energy Transfer Partners and the Army Corps of Engineers over permission for the pipeline to cross under the lake amid objections from the Standing Rock Sioux tribe, which gets its drinking water from the lake.

The \$8 billion Keystone XL proj-

ect was to bring oil from Canada's oil sands to Nebraska, where it would join other lines already leading to refineries along the Gulf Coast. Former President Barack Obama halted it in late 2015, declaring it would undercut U.S. efforts to clinch a global climate change deal that was a centerpiece of his environmental agenda.

WHAT THE ORDERS MEAN

Trump's move on Dakota Access didn't immediately clear the way for construction to resume, but it did order the Corps to quickly consider whether to approve the Lake Oahe crossing.

Tribal attorney Jan Hasselman said what happens next will depend on how the Corps interprets the language. He said the tribe will fight in court any reversal of the Corps' recent decision to conduct a full environmental study of the crossing — a process that could take up to two years.

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Hastings man denies involvement in jail fire

wvraspir@hastingstribune.com A 31-year-old Hastings man denies that he helped start a fire in

the Adams County Jail last year. Derek A. Nelson of 1410 E. South St. No. 42 pleaded not guilty Tuesday in Adams County District Court to one charge of aiding and abetting first-degree arson.

Judge Terri Harder set a pre-trial hearing in the case for April 11 at 1:30 p.m.

A second suspect was also in court on Tuesday.

Last week, an attorney for Jacob

a plea in abatement to challenge the charge being bound over to the district court. He faces one charge of first-degree arson.

On Tuesday, Harder ordered that a hearing on the motion should be set in March when Judge Stephen Illingworth will rotate in as the main judge for Adams County.

A third man, Christopher R. Weir, 35, of Lincoln, also faces a charge of aiding and abetting firstdegree arson. A plea in abatement was filed in his case on Friday.

All three men were inmates at

L. Hodgdon, 28, of Saronville filed the jail at the time of the fire on bustibles in a trash can and anoth-Nov. 10, 2015.

Marty Neilan with the Nebraska Fire Marshal's Office investigated the incident. He testified Dec. 22, 2016, that after reviewing video surveillance of the jail and interviewing other inmates, the three suspects gathered toilet paper and torn clothing and then around noon spread the combustible materials out into the hall and day area of the jail.

Using blankets over their heads to disguise themselves, one of the men used a lighter to ignite com-

er man pushed the can into the day area with the other combustible materials.

Neilan said an inmate told him that Hodgdon used a lighter to start the fire in a trash can and Weir pushed the can into the day

After the fire started, a corrections officer used two fire extinguishers to put the fire out.

First-degree arson and aiding and abetting first-degree arson are each a Class 2 felony punishable by up to 50 years in prison.

Washington, other states eye school bus seat belts

ALEXIS MYERS The Associated Press

OLYMPIA, Wash. — A bill

that would require school buses to have seat belts is being considered by lawmakers in Washington, one of more than a dozen states where school seat belt measures are on the legislative agenda this year.

The Senate Transportation Committee held a public hearing Tuesday for Senate Bill 5054. It would mandate that all public and private school buses purchased after the bill takes effect have a safety belt for each rider.

California, Florida, Louisiana, New Jersey, New York and Texas have existing variations of a seat belt law for school buses, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. At least 17 states, including Washington, have introduced legislation regarding seat

belts on school buses in the 2017 sessions.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration approximately 23.5 million children use school buses to get to and from school and schoolrelated activities. On average, six school-age children die each year in school bus crashes as passengers.

Jane Terry of the National Safety Council said the organization supports the push for school bus safety restraints, citing a bus crash in Chattanooga, Tennessee, last year that killed six children.

"It's really the safest way for occupants to ride and it comes down to the bottom line of seat belts save lives and we've known this for years," Terry said in an interview. "There's no reason, especially when people are looking at purchasing new buses, why they

shouldn't try to get ones with this type of common sense safety equipment on board."

Terry said from the time a child is born they are placed in a car seat and are taught to buckle up in a car, but for some reason a school bus is treated differently.

"A school bus should not be a time where you say 'it's OK you don't need to buckle up this time,"' she said.

Republican Sen. Michael Baumgartner, a member of the Transportation Committee, referenced a time when his son, a kindergartener, was surprised when he didn't have to wear a seat belt on a school bus to a field trip.

where kids are killed because they don't have the option of putting on a seat belt," Baumgartner said.

A former school bus driver, Brian

"We shouldn't be having tragedies

Lang, opposed the bill at the hear-

"The idea is a good one; however, as a driver it is the driver's responsibility to ensure that all of the passengers in the bus remain buckled up," Lang said.

Lang said it can be challenging to keep 5-year-olds strapped in their seat belts, but the hardest part of all is, "You can't see them."

"It's going to be difficult for one driver to control," he said. Baumgartner said the responsibil-

ity should be taken off the drivers in some way. The other states considering

school seat belt legislation include: Arkansas, Connecticut, Hawaii, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Virginia and Utah.

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Pipelines: What's next?

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Not completing a study "would be a gross violation of the tribe's treaty rights," he

The Corps' Northwestern Division didn't immediately comment, saying

it was still studying Trump's action.

Trump's Kleeb nominee for Army secre-

tary hasn't yet been confirmed. But U.S. Rep. Kevin Cramer, a North Dakota Republican who has advised Trump on energy issues, said he doesn't think that needs to happen for the Army to consider Trump's message.

On Keystone XL, Trump invited TransCanada to reapply to the State Department for a presidential permit to build and operate the pipeline. State Department approval is needed because the pipeline would cross the northern U.S. border.

Trump directed the State Department and other agencies to make a decision within 60 days of a final application and declared that a 2014 State Department environmental study satisfies required reviews under environmental and endangered species laws. Environmental groups promised a legal challenge, arguing a new application requires a new review.

THE PROTESTS

Opposition to Dakota Access resulted in hundreds and sometimes thousands of people camping on federal land along the pipeline route in North Dakota. The area since August has been the site of numerous, sometimes violent clashes between protesters and police, with nearly 625 arrests.

The camp has dwindled to fewer than 300 people after the Tribal Council recently told protesters to leave due to harsh winter weather and the need to get the area cleaned up before spring flooding.

Trump's action could reignite protests, but "to what degree, we don't know," said Dallas Goldtooth of the Indigenous Environmental Network, which had been one of the main camp organizers before heeding the tribe's call to leave last month.

That group and other organizers have since called on Dakota Access opponents to spread out around the country rather than concentrate in southern North Dakota.

Aaron Dorn, 32, from Utica, New York, said he has no plans to leave the camp.

"I'm glad Trump got elected — it wakes people up to government-controlled capitalism," he said.

Keystone XL sparked several big protests across the country, including some at the White House that ended with hundreds of arrests, as well as an encampment on South Dakota's Rosebud Reservation that lasted for several months in 2014.

Jane Kleeb, founder and

president of the Nebraskabased Bold Alliance, which fought Keystone XL, said the renewed fight to stop Keystone XL will take place on several fronts. The route still needs approval from the Nebraska Public Service Commission, which she said normally takes eight months to a year. Keystone's developers can't use eminent domain to acquire the land they need until the PSC approves the route, she said, and affected farmers and ranchers have already dug in against it. She

protests on the land. "You'll see tepees, you'll see tractors," Kleeb said. "You'll see lots of people who are directly at risk, then all of our allies who support us. ... Now everybody's awareness level is a hundred times more because of Dakota Access."

said that will mean more

fights in court — and more

THE DEVELOPERS

Dakota Access developer Energy Transfer Partners didn't immediately respond to a request for comment on Trump's action. But a recent court filing indicates the company is ready to drill under Lake Oahe if it gets permission from the Corps. The company has entry and exit holes drilled on either side and has already put oil in the pipeline leading up to the lake in anticipation of finishing the project.

Keystone XL developer TransCanada said it will take up Trump on his invitation to reapply for a permit.

Sexual assault crimes redefined

The Asssociated Press

OMAHA — Law enforcement agencies in Nebraska have started using the FBI's definition of sexual assault when recording crime data to provide a clearer picture of the state's sexual violence.

The new, broader definition includes same-sex assaults, forcible penetration with an object, female-on-male assaults and an array of other assaults not covered under the previous definition. The old definition's focus was maleon-female assaults.

Police say the new definition will not affect how sex crimes are investigated and prosecuted, because state law already uses a broader defini-

tion, The Omaha World-Herald reported.

The FBI updated its sexual assault definition in January 2013. The Nebraska Crime Commission told local law enforcement agencies in June 2016 to begin using the broader definition by Jan. 1. Omaha Police Department Capt. Kerry Neumann said the department continued to use the old definition through the end of 2016 to make sure that year's statistics were consistent.

The new definition is expected to show a jump in rape statistics.

Emily Wright, an associate professor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha's School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, said the way society thinks of sexual assault is

evolving. "We are more knowledgeable about how you can be sexually assaulted, and by who," Wright said.

"Broadening the definition is certainly a good thing, and it is going to give us a better idea of what is going on in Nebraska."

Amy Richardson, CEO of the Women's Center for Advancement in Omaha, praised the change.

"The definition in everyone's mind is so narrow," Richardson said. "It always helps to have a broader — yet specific — definition that law enforcement can react to, that medical staff can react to."

City has new plans for campground

The Associated Press

PLATTSMOUTH —

Plattsmouth officials are considering plans for a campground and marina on property once envisioned as a premier riverfront resort.

The former Castaway Pointe development site along the Missouri River would instead hold up to 150 recreational vehicles adjacent to Schilling Wildlife Management Area.

City Administrator Erv Portis said a campground would expand the tax base and job opportunities and fit well with the nearby historic Plattsmouth downtown some 20 miles south of Omaha.

"We think without doubt that commercial recreation is the best and highest use of that land," Portis told the Omaha World-Herald.

The original plans for the Castaway Pointe development called for a \$45 million getaway resort that would include house, cottage, villa and condominium lots.

They were to be clustered near a marina with 200 boat slips, a floating restaurant, outdoor concert stage, swimming pools and a convenience store for boaters. Developers said it would rival such destinations as Lake Okoboji in Iowa and Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri.

But the development was stymied in 2010 after the Army Corps of Engineers concluded it was in a flood

The 2011 river flooding isolated the site, washing away roads and water and sewer lines.

The city bought the 28.5 acres three years ago with plans to turn it into parkland.

But an unidentified developer wants to acquire the land and construct the commercial recreation campground and marina.

Construction would begin this spring, if various city panels approve the project plans and tax increment financing. Development costs include \$1.5 million for land acquisition from the city, \$600,000 for construction, \$275,000 for repairs of flood damage and \$200,000

Sandy Creek Middle School honor roll

HASTINGS TRIBUNE

tribune@hastingstribune.com **FAIRFIELD** — The following Sandy Creek Middle School students made the honor roll for the first semester:

Distinction

- ◆ Eighth grade: Breanna Brennfoerder, Blake Janda, Noah Shackelford, Samuel VonSpreckelsen
- ◆ Seventh grade: Jenna Heinz, Joshua Shaw, Hayden Shuck, Jake Shuck
- ◆ Sixth grade: McKenzie Bohlen, Kassydi Garvin, Teagan Jarosik, Leiah Mueller, McKenzie Petr, Aisley Schliep

Honor roll

- ◆ Eighth grade: Keifer Anderson. Aspen Binder, Hunter Cox, Brayton Jarosik, Kristen Rohrer, Parker Sintek, Derek Story, Hannah Wenske
- ◆ Seventh grade: John Brodrick. Brynn Claycamp, Hannah Fischer, Claire Galaway, Madaline McDaniel, Caitlin Rempe, Kirstyn Sherbeck, Parker Shuck, Kvnnzie Skalka, Megan Slechta, Jaylin Sutton, Kennedi Tripe, Jaley Wigget-
- ◆ Sixth grade: Kierra Black, Kadyn Clark, Itzamna Diaz, Garrett Fisher, Xander Herron, Allen Houseman, Drake Lally, Christopher Paulk, Jesse Puyot, Breanna Svoboda

Honorable mention

- ◆ Eighth grade: Jason Brockman, Jaden Claycamp, Lillian Cox, Sierra Dittmer, Avery Essink, Rodney McDonald, Jenna Meers, McKenzy Raastad-Sanders, Jacob Scott, Caileigh Tripe, Tobey Turman
- ◆ Seventh grade: Zachary Brennfoerder, Arianna Clark, Jacob Hagemeier, Leah Hatch, Jenna Kempf, Alexis League, Tyler Pavelka, Davina Rivera, Destiny Schultz, Karson Sherman, Parker Spitz, Tucker Stevens, Vincent
- ◆ Sixth grade: Ethan Devlin, Alyssa Fisher, Sean Heaton, A'nijha Hoyt, Emma Kistner, Cale Lovgren, Victoria Ockinga, Blaine Tessman

Lincoln keeps ban on large theaters outside downtown

The Associated Press

LINCOLN — Lincoln will continue to keep its downtown theater protection policy that prohibits large multiscreen movie theaters elsewhere in the city.

The City Council voted Monday to retain the more than 30-year-old rule allowing six-screen theaters in larger regional shopping areas, The Lincoln Journal Star reported. The larger theater complexes will only be allowed in the downtown area.

The city's policy was created

as part of a larger effort to encourage the transition of downtown Lincoln from office and retail businesses to an entertainment destination.

Councilman Roy Christensen wants to end the downtown protection to allow more competition.

"Free markets create competition and competition creates innovation," said Christensen.

The council did change the city's theater code so businesses can put a theater with no more than 250 seats in smaller neighborhood shopping

centers. Christensen said that move would likely lead to dinner theater types of business-

But other council members who like the protection say the theaters boost business downtown.

Theater experts say allowing large multiscreen theaters in regional areas would likely put a smaller east-central Lincoln theater out of business.

The policy began in 1984 as part of an effort to make downtown Lincoln an entertainment destination.

Adams Central honor roll

HASTINGS TRIBUNE

tribune@hastingstribun.com The following students made the honor roll for first the semester at Adams Central Junior/Senior High School:

'A' honor roll (Average of 93 or above with no grade lower than 86)

◆ Seniors: Kirsten Ábbott, Sara Hartman, Colton McWhirter, Hannah Alexander Austin Heikkinen, Sarah Millard, Cameron Anderson, Allison Johnson, Matthew Moller, Jessy Baxter, Eric Johnson, Kailee Pohlson, Breann Becker, Kaitlyn Jurrens, Emma Raders, Hundter Biede, Clare Keller, Sierra Richey, Jack Birky, Elyse Keller, Jarrun Schernikau, Samuel Bosle, Gradyn Kershner, Taylor Soucie, Peyton Brodrick, Nathaniel Kiolbasa, Cole Spady, Marcus Brooks, Jenny Kiernsholen, Kenna Steinkruger, Joey Caraballo, Morgan Konen, Tyler Stoeger, Javan Clement, Rachel Kort, Emily Vonderfecht, Sydney Dierks, Emalie Krabel, Kento Warner, Dawson Eckhardt, Drake LeBar, Landon Wright, Hannah Fleischer, John

Ludemann, Kelsey Wrightsman ◆ Juniors: Caleb Ackles, Madison Hunt, Avery Muff, Emma Allen, Sarina Janssen, Michaela Nissen, Nolan Barry, Nathan Karr, Seth Ostrander, Alexa Brodrick, Jack

Keller, Abby Queen, Trenton Bruntz, Abby Klammer, Erikka Rhodes, Taylor Bunde, Cody Knehans, Emilea Rogers, Nathan Cannady, Alayna Kyle, Trenton Schumm, Sophia Conant, Faith Marino, Megan Shipman, Daria Dart, Brooke Meyer, Jayden Swayze, Adam Eddy, Cory Meyer, Emma Wellensiek, Amber Hollister, Madilynn Miller,

Linea Wischmeier

Sydney Kerr

◆ Sophomores: Sebastian Boelhower, Kori Kimberly, Hailey Moore Taylor Buss Bonnie Kort Jacob Placke, Morgan Carver, Hannah Krabel, John Pohlson, Sophia Cass, Luke Krabel, Andrew Richey, Jake Fleischer, Shelby Lagueux, Noah Sass, Sabrina Hess, Hannah Lonowski, Nolan Sughroue, Blake Hessler, Rachel Mieth, Annie Wawrzynkiewicz, Malachi Hood, Thomas Moller, Landon Weber,

◆ Freshmen: Jocelyn Allen, Sadie Carpenter, Alexis Lavene, Tara Allen, Kole Claussen, Makena Lindblad, Alexis Anderson, Gabe Conant, Alex Lowry, Nathan Anderson, Jules Diecker, Melinda Nienhueser, Stefanie Anderson, Kylie Dierks, Elijah O'Dey, Morgan Baker, Riley Eckhardt, Shavlee Reed, Jordyn Barbee, Allison Everhart, Gabriel Reiman, Kiarra Biede, Kieren Feeney, Alexandra Richards, Timothy Birky, Micah Gengenbach, Jayna Stroh, Allison Bohlke, Ashley Gompert, Gracie Swayze, Colton Bredenkamp, Max Granstrom, Alexx Uecker, Kara Buss, Savannah Harper, Drake Vorderstrasse, Christopher Carpenter, Grant Johnson, Ariel Willems

◆ Eighth grade: Teagan Abbott, Mackinzi Hill, Tyler Slechta, Devon Ackles, Merci Hood, Slade Smith, Claire Anderson, Macrae Huyser, Isabella Stickels, Dante Boelhower, Tyson Kerr, Nathan Sughroue, Hunter Collins, Owen Kershner, Daemeon Walther, Mya Engel, Mollie Kubicka, Logan Walther, Abigail Faris, Isabella Lane, Kyto Warner, Cameron Foster, Jaden Nienhueser, Camille Wellensiek, Maguire Gangwish, Dylan Pfeifer, Tristan Weston, Audrey Glaser,

Caitlyn Scott

◆ Seventh grade: Trevor Ahlers, Haylei Jennings, Evan Schumm, Jessica Babcock, Nathan Kerr, Abby Stroh, Jackson Balfour, Claire Kiolbasa, Brianna Stroh, Alexandra Birky, Tyson LeBar, Jorden Swayze, Drew Bonifas, Sadie Loehr, Elizabeth Trausch, Luke Bonifas, Elli Marker, Maxxwell Uecker, Mari Conant, Grant Miller, Hailey Vontz, Jacob Eckhardt, Elijah Mulligan, Spencer Willems, Samuel Himmelberg, Tyler Rockefeller, Johannah Winfield, Tayler Holdsworth, Breck Samuelson, Chelsey Wiseman, Taylia Huyser, Lexie Schultz, Julianna Zubrod, Allie

Janssen 'B' honor roll (Average of 86 with no grade

lower than 81) ◆ Seniors: Madison Anderson, Shianne Everhart, Ethan Mullen, David Bohlen, Beatriz Garcia, Dylan Nonneman, Taraesha Cole, Alexus Hopkins, Carlie Sitzman, Lacee Consbruck, Jacob Kubicka

◆ Juniors: Tyler Clay, David Jelken, Dylan Ochsner, Richard Dawes, Blake Johnson, Alexis Rickert, Sidnee Fuller, Jaden

McNeil, Danielle Rostvet, Garrett Furrow, Hannah Mulligan, McKenna

Schmer, Reggie Gangwish ◆ Sophomores: Jordan Anderson, Natalea Eigenberg, Madison Marker, Brooke Becker, Abby Engel, Alexa Mitcham, Nicholas Bohlen, Emily Garcia, Haylee O'Dey, Conner Brown, Beth Gill, Karley Oberheide, Brant Collingham, Thomas Hunt, Kayden Saurer, Shaelyn Confer, Karis Huyser, Sydney Shestak,

Libbie DeBusk, Logan Kershner ◆ Freshmen: Aaron Beck. Claire Johnson, Brenden Molina, Maggie Buhr, Evan Johnson, Travis Niemeyer, Maggie Engel, Jackson Johnson, Leif Spady, Jersie Frerichs, Bryn Lang, Eli Werner, Taylor Ground, Shaylee McNeil, Gage Wright, Taylen Hoffman, Ashlyn Mohling, Brennan

Wrightsman, Laif Hultine ◆ Eighth grade: Gracie Anderson, Breanna Goodon, Cameron

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Pearson, Shyanne Baxter, Kye Hewitt, Blaine Pleak, Lucas Bohlen, Jonathan Jones, Xavier Robinson, RaeAnn Buller, Nicholas Kulwicki, Tyler Rystrom, Carissa Choyeski, Kylie Mangers, Nathaniel Sheehan, Grace Eckhardt, Hailey McKimmey, Andrew Vonderfecht, Jordyn Fayle, Jordan Peak, Emily Vuong, Blake

Frink ◆ Seventh grade: Eric Brader, Paxton Hoagland, Leslie Palacio Parra, Payden Buhr, Konnor Howard, Koraleigh Paquin, Corinne Choyeski, Chloee Johnson, Connor Reichstein, Hannah Crawford, Caitlin Knehans, Jake Sayer, Alyssa Dusatko, Emalee Koepke, Emily Schaefer, Lydia Fitzke, Alexandra Maldonado, Taylin Schernikau, Keelin Frank, Terran McIntyre, Barrett Shea, Jeret Frerichs, Tessa Menke, Oaklyn Smith, Cody Gerloff, Kara Ochsner, Emily Stoeger, Madalynn Hilgendorf



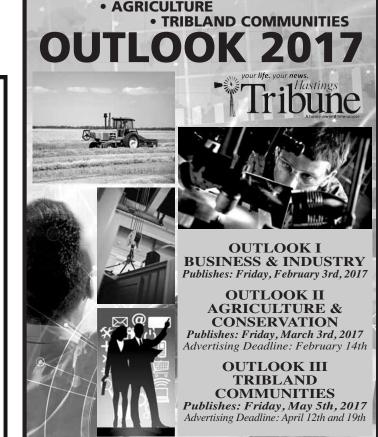
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3rd line sneaks into the picture

red Allen, a comedian who died in 1956, said, "I always have trouble remembering three things: faces, names and — I can't remem-

ber what the third thing



Phillip Alder

A and line B; in another, he could try line A and, if it failed, fall back on line B. Today's deal is a third variation. Against three no-trump, West leads the club ace, under which East signals enthusiastically with the 10. West continues with the club four (in case his partner has only queen-third of clubs). East wins with the queen, returns the club three and takes the fourth trick with his club eight. (South discards the spade four and a high diamond.) Then East shifts to a spade. What should South

South showed a balanced hand with a good 22-24 points. North tried for the lucrative vulnerable game

How should South play? The spade finesse is 50-50, and a 3-3 heart split is only a 35.53 percent shot. But there is a third, more complicated, line C. If a defender has four hearts and the spade king, he can be squeezed — that dreaded word!

Declarer can win trick five with his spade ace and run the diamonds, pitching his spade queen. Dummy retains the spade jack and three hearts; South has four hearts. Here, West cannot keep both the spade king and four hearts. He is squeezed.

Note that South does not need to count anything — he looks only for the spade king. If that card has not appeared by trick 10, declarer hopes to run the hearts.

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North

Dealer: South Vulnerable: Both

South West North East Pass Pass 3NT All Pass

Opening lead: A

Phillip Alder is a columnist for Newspaper Enterprise Association.

EMMYS

NEW YORK — Stephen Colbert will host the annual Emmy Awards telecast, this year to be shown on his home network of CBS.

The annual awards show honoring the best in television will take place on Sept. 17 in Los Angeles.

Colbert is host of the "Late Show" on CBS, and the former host of Comedy Central's "Colbert Report." In talking about hosting the 69th Emmy telecast, Colbert made sly reference to the Trump administration's unprovable assertion that Trump's inauguration was the most watched ever.

Said Colbert: "This will be the largest audience to witness an Emmys, period. Both in person and around the globe." The Associated Press

Miranda, Timberlake, Sting get Oscar music nods

MESFIN FEKADU

The Associated Press **NEW YORK** — Lin-Manuel Miranda is getting closer to EGOT status, thanks to his Oscar nomination for best original song.

The "Hamilton" creator picked up a nod Tuesday for composing "How Far I'll Go" from the animated film "Moana."

"You know, I feel fine," Miranda said with a laugh in an interview with The Associated Press moments after he learned of the nomination.

"I am thrilled to get to go to the Oscars, honestly," he added. "I won't even be a little

modest about that. I've been a fan of the Oscars telecast since I was a kid — I used to memorize Billy Crystal's musical monologues."

For his work on "Hamilton" and "In the Heights," Miranda has won three Tonys and two Grammys. He won an Emmy with songwriter Tom Kitt for outstanding original music and lyrics for the 2013 Tony Awards.

His competition at the Academy Awards includes another multi-award winning musician: Justin Timberlake. The former boy band leader, who has won 9 Grammys and 4 Emmys, earned his first Oscar nomination Tuesday for his

No.1 hit "Can't Stop the Feeling!" from the animated film "Trolls."

Sting and J. Ralph also scored a nomination for the song "The Empty Chair," giving Sting his fourth nomination in the category and marking Ralph's third. The song is from the HBO documentary "Jim: The James Foley Story," about freelance journalist James Foley, who went to Syria in 2012 to cover the country's war, and was beheaded by Islamic State militants in a video released in August 2014.

"We're surprised and we're delighted, mainly for the movie," Sting said in a phone interview from Los Angeles. "We believe more people should see this movie. It's very important. If it gets more attention, we're happy."

"This was something that Sting and I really wanted to create — a celebration of this incredible man's life. We didn't want to focus on the horrific tragedy that ultimately fell upon him," Ralph added.

'Audition (The Fools Who Dream)" and "City of Stars" from the hit "La La Land" both by Justin Hurwitz, Benj Pasek and Justin Paul — round out the five nominees. "City of Stars" won the Golden Globe for best original song earlier

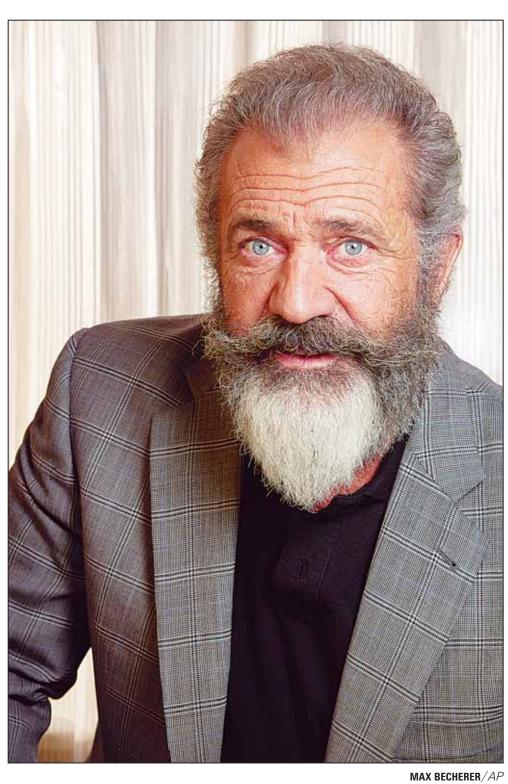
this month, besting Miranda and Timberlake's songs.

Miranda, 37, is currently in London filming "Mary Poppins Returns." He said he didn't realize the Oscar nominations were happening today.

"I'm so messed up with time zones," he said.

Miranda said writing the music for Disney's "Moana" which also earned a nomination for best animated feature film — was a dream job.

"I wanted to write a Disney song since I was 9 years old when Sebastian the crab (in 'The Little Mermaid') started singing calypso music — it changed my life," he said.



This Oct. 26, 2016, file photo shows director Mel Gibson posing to promote his film, "Hacksaw Ridge," at the Ritz Carlton in New Orleans. Gibson was nominated for an Oscar for best directing on Tuesday for his work on the film.

Comeback complete?

MEL GIBSON GETS AN OSCAR NOD

MARK KENNEDY

The Associated Press **EW YORK** — Mel Gibson is having quite a week: On Friday, he became a father for the ninth time and on Tuesday he earned an unexpected Oscar nomination, capping what appears to be a remarkable comeback from Hollywood's version of Siberia.

"What could be more exciting than listening to the nominations being announced while holding my newborn son!" Gibson said in a statement after his "Hacksaw Ridge" earned six nominations Tuesday, including one for him as best director.

Gibson as little as five years ago was a pariah and fodder for late-night comedians after a series of rants and scandals prompted some of the industry's top players to say they won't work with him.

Gibson was one of the world's biggest box office draws following roles in the "Mad Max" and "Lethal Weapon" popcorn franchises, as well as more serious fare such as "Ransom," "The Patriot" and "Braveheart," which earned him Oscars for best picture and best director.

But his profile nosedived in 2006 after he went into an anti-Semitic tirade as he was being arrested on the Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu, California, on suspicion of driving while drunk. Gibson later apologized and was sentenced to probation and alcohol treatment. He was listed the third-worst celebrity in 2006 in an AP-AOL News poll, behind only Britney Spears and Paris Hilton.

Gibson then pleaded no contest in 2011 to one count of misdemeanor spousal battery of his former girlfriend Oksana Grigorieva. He was sentenced to three years of probation, domestic violence counseling and two days of community service. Audio recordings surfaced of disturbing arguments between the two.

"Hacksaw Ridge," the story of a pacifist army medic in World War II, is Gibson's first film he's directed since 2006's "Apocalypto." He also directed the controversial 2004 boxoffice hit "The Passion of the Christ."

Gibson, whose girlfriend is the writer Rosalind Ross, has said he's been sober for many years. Andrew Garfield, who earned an Oscar nomination in "Hacksaw Ridge," said Gibson has changed, calling it "a new dawn."

"I'm just really glad that his work has been recognized in this way and that his talents are being recognized," said Garfield. "And also what's being recognized, I feel, is that he's done a lot of healing and a lot of work within himself and that whatever happened 10 years ago happened 10 years ago."

Gibson's Hollywood rehabilitation began in 2011 with the dark comedy "The Beaver," directed by and co-starring his longtime friend Jodie Foster, his co-star in 1994's "Maverick."

Minnesota author Kelly Barnhill wins Newbery Medal

HANNAH WEIKEL The Associated Press

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MINNEAPOLIS — Before winning the most prestigious prize in children's literature, Kelly Barnhill

Barnhill

Medal for her fantasy novel "The Girl Who Drank the Moon," started writing children's stories in her late 20s — after two kids and a yearslong hiatus from the craft she studied as an undergraduate.

"I was doing all the wacky stuff that early 20s people did," Barnhill said in a telephone interview. "I worked for the National Park Service, I got trained as a volunteer firefighter, I went to Florida for a little while, I fell in love, I had my first baby when I was 25 and moved back to Minnesota, got my teaching license and was really not writing at all during that time."

She said she wasn't "drawn back to the page" until after she had her second baby girl and began making a dent in a stack of library books, starting with "The Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse" by Louise Erdrich.

"That book unlocked something in me and I've been writing ever since," she said. Barnhill started with short

stories, which eventually turned into children's novels, including the coming-of-age tale "The Girl Who Drank the Moon" and her other critically acclaimed book "The Witch's Boy." Most of her stories start with a sticky conundrum or some sort of fundamental question, she said.

"The Girl Who Drank the Moon" started with Barnhill examining how narratives can be manipulated and true stories can be changed into falsehoods. The book is set in a town where the villagers sacrifice a newborn baby each year to a witch because they fear her. But the witch is secretly good and brings those babies to loving families in a town on the other side of the woods.

"This notion of rumor spreading and of getting the wrong idea about a person," she said, "that's like real stuff for these kids, that's what their life is like right now."

These days, the mother of three teaches in Minneapolis for COMPAS, a statewide nonprofit arts education organization. The Newbery award comes after her book was a New York Times bestseller; movie rights were sold in the fall to Fox Animation.

Barnhill said the most rewarding part of being a children's author is discussing the book with kids.

"It's particularly fun when I go someplace where the kids have already read the book. It's amazing how deep of thinkers they are," she said.

Erin Andrews had cervical cancer surgery

The Associated Press LOS ANGELES — Erin Andrews says she battled cervi-



a lawsuit against a stalk-

The 38-yearold Fox Sports sideline reporter and

son, months

after winning

Andrews

"Dancing with the Stars" co-host tells Sports Illustrated's MMQB she underwent surgery at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles on Oct. 11.

Before she was wheeled into the operating room, Andrews says she told her oncologist: "I'm not watching any football games at home. This is (Fox's) Super Bowl year, and I'm not missing the Super Bowl."

She was back on the sidelines five days later. She says her doctor didn't recommend a return to work so soon.

"Should I have been standing for a full game five days after surgery? Let's just say the doctor didn't recommend that," Andrews says. "But just as I felt during my trial, sports were my escape. I needed to be with my crew."

Andrews says she underwent a second procedure Nov. 1 and was told later that month radiation and chemotherapy would not be needed.

Andrews settled last year with two hotel companies that were found partially to blame for the stalker, who got a hotel room next to hers and posted nude video of her on the inter-

"After the trial everyone kept telling me, 'You're so strong, for going through all of this, for holding down a job in football, for being the only woman on the crew," Andrews says. "Finally I got to the point where I believed it too. 'Hey, I have cancer, but damn it, I am strong, and I can do this."



Officials pay for posts on women's marches

BRIAN SLODYSKO The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — A school board member in Hillary Clinton's hometown resigned after making a derogatory reference on Twitter to the female anatomy in describing women marching against President Donald Trump. An Illinois teacher was pulled from the classroom for a tweet deemed sexist. And a freshman Indiana lawmaker was inundated with criticism over a Facebook post mocking "fat women."

These are a handful of examples from across the U.S. of mostly male public officials who have been reprimanded, called out or disciplined over social media postings about the women's marches around the globe last weekend.

The rash of incidents, which range from boorish to downright vulgar, highlight how nasty political discourse has become since the divisive presidential election. But in an era when Trump made lashing out against "political correctness" central to his appeal, the consequences these officials face for unfiltered use of social media once again demonstrate that what you say on the internet still can hurt you.

"Very few people in public life, even today, get away with what Trump was able to get away with," said Michael Cornfield, a George Washington University professor who studies politics in the internet age. "I wonder what these gentlemen were thinking."

It's not the first time rantings on social media have sparked backlash. Public officials for years have found themselves in trouble, and even resigned from office, over comments that were impolitic, distasteful and sometimes even racist. It's also not strictly a partisan issue. A writer for "Saturday Night Live" was suspended this week



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Protestors march past the Civil Rights Museum during the Triad NC Women's March in Greensboro, N.C., Saturday.

after writing an offensive tweet about Trump's 10-year-old son Barron. The writer, Katie Rich, deleted the tweet, briefly deactivated her account and then apologized after a social media outcry led to calls for a boycott of the show.

Still, the number of incidents following the women's marches, which packed public squares in blue states and some red as well, has put a few elected officials and supervisors in an awkward spot. And it's not clear where to draw the line.

In Indiana, Republican House Speaker Brian Bosma says he's conducting social media tutorials after posts from at least two state lawmakers.

A weekend Facebook post by Indiana state Rep. Jim Lucas, a Republican, showed a photo of a woman sprayed in the face with pepper spray with a caption that read: "PARTICIPA-TION TROPHIES. NOW IN LIQUID FORM."

Another post by newly elected Indiana state Sen. Jack Sandlin, also a Republican, credited Donald Trump with getting "more fat women out walking than (former first lady) Michelle Obama did in 8 years."

Sandlin, who says he didn't knowingly share the sincedeleted post, was inundated with criticism on his Facebook page and has apologized. He says the incident was a powerful lesson on the "unintended consequences" of opening up "your social media to try to get it out as broadly as you can."

Bosma partially blamed "the Twitter storm created by our president" which he said makes people feel this is an appropriate vehicle to communicate." He added: "We're elected officials, we're held to a higher standard."

On Monday, Dathan Paterno, a school board member in Park Ridge, Illinois, where Hillary Clinton grew up, abruptly resigned after he called the protests a "farce" by "vagina screechers" on Twitter.

Paterno, who did not respond to a request for comment, later deleted his social media accounts, said district Superintendent Laurie Heinz. He wrote in his letter of resignation that the tweets were "understandably misinterpreted."

In the Quad Cities, along Illinois' western border, a teacher was "removed from the classroom" for posting a view of women that "does not reflect the values" of the school, district officials said in a statement.

The teacher, Mark Kaczmarek, tweeted a photo of a 1950s housewife, and commented that the protesters "all went home to make dinner."

One online petition called his tweet "unacceptable" while a rival petition said there is "no proof" that he "ever engaged in any kind of sexist, racist or even homophobic hate speeches in his classroom."

A person who answered the phone at a number listed to Kaczmarek declined to comment.

In Nebraska, a retweet of an offensive joke was the final straw for state Sen. Bill Kintner, who admitted last year to having cybersex on a state computer with a woman who later tried to blackmail him. The Republican resigned Wednesday after causing further outrage by sending a tweet that implied participants at a women's march were too unattractive to be victims of sexual assault.

An elected town official in Providence, Rhode Island, faces criticism for tweeting that the women's march was a man's idea because it's the "perfect way to get the wives outta the house."

Sean Todd, a Republican, is vice president of East Greenwich's town council. He quickly deleted the tweet about Saturday's nationwide post-inauguration march and apologized.

Todd says the tweet was meant as a joke but was in poor taste.

Other incidents were reported in Mississippi and New

Cornfield, the political science professor, said that he thought most people learned the lesson about crossing the line in social media posts years ago during the early days of email.

Anti-violence options for feds limited despite Trump tweets

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — President Donald Trump is again taking notice of the homicide count in Chicago, indicating that he's ready to "send in the Feds" if the city can't reduce its homicide figures.

Trump tweeted Tuesday night: "If Chicago doesn't fix the horrible 'carnage' going on, 228 shootings in 2017 with 42 killings (up 24% from 2016), I will send in the Feds!"

Earlier this month, before he took office, Trump tweeted that Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel should ask for federal help if he isn't able to bring down the homicide rate. Last year, the death toll soared to 762 — the most killings in the city in nearly two decades and more than New York and Los Angeles combined.

Čhicago Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson responded to Trump's Tuesday night tweet, saying the department is "more than willing to work with the federal government to build on our partnerships" with the Department of Justice, the FBI, the Drug Enforcement Administration and others.

Trump isn't the first to broach the idea that the U.S. government could do more to help stem predominantly gangrelated violence on Chicago's South and West sides. But now, as on earlier occasions, what more the federal government can do isn't at all clear.

Here's a look at the issue and some of the options that might be available:

NATIONAL GUARD

The most direct — and most extreme — intervention would be sending National Guard troops into Chicago to try and tamp the violence. Both the U.S. president and the Illinois governor have the authority to mobilize the Illinois National Guard. But a federal statute, known as the Posse Comitatus Act of 1878, prohibits the deployment of federal troops in president could try to find legal their resources to help tamp loopholes to get around that prohibition, the legalities of any such deployment would pose major obstacles. A heavyhanded intervention could upset many conservatives who advocate for states' rights.

Trump has not broached the possibility of using troops, although the idea comes up from time to time in Illinois. When someone asked Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner about the possibility in August, he ruled it out. He said he had discussed the idea with police, community leaders and the National Guard and that "no thoughtful leader thinks that's a good idea or (that it would) would really provide a solution."

U.S. ATTORNEY

Current U.S. Attorney Zachary Fardon came under pressure when selected to be the top federal law enforcement official in Chicago three years ago to put violent crime at the top of the city's agenda. But from the start of his tenure, he tempered expectations about what a U.S. attorney's office could do. He had said repeatedly that communities couldn't arrest their way out of the problem of violence and that a more holistic approach — one that also addresses socio-economic problems — is required.

Fardon said in a September speech that his office and federal agencies including the FBI, DEA and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and

civil law enforcement. While a Explosives "have ramped up down this spike in violence." He also said federal agencies had launched new crime-fighting programs with city and state officials, though he didn't provide details. "Suffice it to sav. all oars from those agencies, including the FBI, are in the water right now," Fardon

GUN CHARGES

Then-U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder promised in 2014 that the Department of Justice would do what it could to fight gun violence in Chicago. That was easier said than done. A records review by the Chicago Sun-Times found numbers of federal gun cases out of Chicago declined from 2012 to 2015. It started trending back up in 2015, with 84 defendants charged under U.S. gun statutes from mid-2015 and mid-2016. Responding to the Sun-Times, Fardon wrote in October that the drop-off in gun charges in 2014 to less than 60 had at least something to do with a federal hiring freeze, when his office went from 172 prosecutors to below 130. The numbers are getting back up to where they need to be, he said. He said half of his prosecutors are focused on the types of cases linked to street-level violence.

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Going back decades, a cornerstone of anti-violence measures by U.S. attorneys in Chicago has been to convict and imprison gang leaders.

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Vikings out-muscle Patriots 48-26 in dual

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GRAND ISLAND — The Adams Central wrestling team was not ready for the physical output from Northwest.

The Vikings won nine of the dual's 14 matches, seven of which were by pin, en route to a 48-26 win over the Patriots. Two of Northwest's pins were in the third period or overtime of a match that could have gone either way.

"We got caught in five headlocks, and three of the matches we were ahead when it happened," said Adams Central head coach Dan Lonowski. "We have to learn to scramble a little better. We got in a lot of scramble situations and we looked like deer in the headlights, and they threw a headlock. We got a real good butt-kicking."

The dual started with the 138-pound match, which featured Adams Central's Peyton Brodrick in his first match back from injury.

Brodrick led Northwest's Hunter Cook 8-2 going into the third period and added to it with a pair of escapes. Two unsportsmanlike penalties on the Vikings ballooned the lead to 12-4, but, in the closing seconds, Cook took Brodrick to the mat and would have been awarded back points if the clock had not expired.

Brodrick held on for the decision to give his team three early points.

Lonowski said he was glad to see Brodrick back on the mat, but the coach said that match should have been a warning to the rest of the team of Northwest's aggressive mentality.

"It was good to see him get back out there. It was good for Peyton," Lonowski said. "Still, you don't want to end the match getting thrown. That should have indicated to the rest of our guys what we have to do."

In the ensuing match, the Vikings took the lead with a 17-second pin by Dalton Quandt. But Adams Central 152-pounder Caleb Ackles put the Patriots back in front with a third-period pin of Northwest's Justin Strong.

"Caleb fought hard off his back and came back for the win" Lonowski said.

Ackles held a 2-1 lead after the first period, but

Strong recorded an escape, takedown and received three nearfall points to take a 7-2 lead going into the third period. As time was winding down in the match, Ackles reversed position and pinned Strong with just 13 seconds left in the

The win gave Adams Central a 9-6 lead, but the Vikings won the next three matches — two via pin and one decision — to go on top 21-9.

Ethan Mullen, the Patriots' 195-pounder, kept Adams Central in the dual with a pin in the second period against Chevy Stout. Mullen was leading 13-3 in the match before earning the

The pin pulled Adams Central within six points, but again Northwest went on a run, winning four consecutive matches.

The 106-pound match had a wild finish, as Adams Central's Tristen Obermiller led Northwest's Collin Quandt 10-8 going into the final period. Quandt started the third with an escape and a takedown to pull ahead 11-10, but Obermiller quickly escaped Quandt's grasp to tie the match at 11-all.

But the Vikings' grappler again took down Obermiller and pinned him in the final minute, sending the Northwest crowd into a frenzy.

Grayson Fries pinned Camaron Kort in the next match to officially put the dual out of reach for the Patriots. But that didn't stop Jacob Kubicka (120) and Nolan Barry (126) from earning victories. Kubicka recorded a 20-4 tech fall against Caden Isley, while Barry pinned Jack Butler in 17 seconds.

The final match of the night pitted Adams Central's Cody Barbee against Matt Meyer. In the closing seconds, Barbee earned an escape point that was nearly a reversal before the two wrestlers went out of the circle.

A reversal would have given Barbee a onepoint lead. Instead, the two wrestlers were tied at 9-apiece. But in the overtime period, Meyer earned the takedown and the pin with 7 seconds left on the clock to put an exclamation point at the end of the dual victory.

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Raiders 'own paint' against Blue Hill boys

STRONG START HELPS Blue Hill Girls

TYLER SCHUSTER

tschuster@hastingstribune.com **NELSON** — Entering the fourth quarter of Tuesday night's game between Blue Hill and Lawrence-Nelson, offense had been fairly hard to come by and the Raiders led by just four points.

But thanks to a huge rebounding differential and a 23-point offensive explosion in the fourth quarter, Lawrence-Nelson (9-7) won big against Blue Hill (7-9) by a score of 59-41.

"That's been sort of something that has plagued us the past four games," Lawrence-Nelson head coach Decker Brown said of the fourth quarter. "We've kept games close, we've preached patience in the first half and really tried to put the pedal down in the second half and tonight we waited until the fourth quarter. I told them to be patient, keep doing what we're doing and that we'll have a chance to really put the pedal to metal and we did."

Although the fourth quarter was the stamp on the Raiders' win, it was their effort on the offensive and defensive glass that made a difference from start to finish.

In total, the Raiders outrebounded the Bobcats 49-24, had three different players tally 10 or more rebounds and converted on a number of secondchance baskets throughout the game.

The number one thing was they wanted it more and they came after us," said Blue Hill head coach Joe Hubl. "They played so hard, Lawrence-Nelson, and we knew they would. They really wanted to win this game and they played smart and that was the difference in the boards. Our guys, just for some reason, when things got rough in there, we just gave up."

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Silver Lake girls earn second win

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ROSELAND — The Silver Lake girls basketball team won its second game of the season Tuesday night and head coach Alyssa Willicott said it's a sign of the steady improvement her players have been making since their first game against Deshler.

On Tuesday, the Mustangs (2-14) defeated Wilcox-Hildreth (4-13) 35-31 on their home court.

"I thought everyone played well tonight," Willicott said. "They hustled, crashed the boards, took good shots and just worked hard. We've been working hard all year and it's nice to see that pay off. I'm just really proud of our girls."

The game featured two teams with similar style of play and it was a back-and-forth battle all the way down to the wire.

The Mustangs got on the board first on a basket by senior Autumn Woodard, but the Falcons had an answer in sophomore Abby Quadhamer with a left-handed finish at the basket.

After that, both teams experienced a dry spell for most of the quarter, with each team picking up the pace on the defensive end.

Silver Lake senior Leanna Wardenburg ended the drought with a basket followed by another bucket by Woodard to put the Mustangs up 6-2 with 18.5 seconds left in the opening quarter.

Junior Sydnie Voichoskie scored for the Falcons in the final two seconds to bring them within one basket as the quarter came to a close.

The Mustangs connected on 4 of 6 shots to open the second quarter, extending their lead to 14-4.

"We've been talking a lot about getting more shots up," Willicott said. "If we're not shooting we can't score so we've been working a lot on being more confident shooters and taking shots when we're open. I thought we did that tonight."

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No. 1 Bluehawks earn tough win

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t may have been the top seed versus the No. 9, but the St. Cecilia boys basketball team knew better. Class C-2, No. 1-ranked

St. Cecilia (12-3) defeated Omaha Concordia (6-8) 52-45 Tuesday in the quarterfinal round of the Centennial Conference Tournament.

Four of the Mustangs' starting five are at least 6-foot, 2-inches tall.

on the court, they make it very difficult," St. Cecilia head coach Kevin Asher said. "They're long and they're very, very athletic — as athletic as any we see in the conference. We knew the record is deceiving. They had a transfer starter come in right after four games into the season. They're just a very athletic team. They're hard to guard because they can do it all."

There were 11 lead changes before the Bluehawks scored nine consecutive points "With the personnel they put between the end of the third

quarter and beginning of the fourth quarter, putting themselves ahead for good.

St. Cecilia combated Concordia's size and athleticism by limiting the Mustangs' inside

"They like to play in the perimeter, so we did a good job of keeping anything out of the paint," Asher said. "Defensively, we had to be really good in help and recover and we had to be really good on our closeouts in balance. Mainly it's just the basic principals of good man-toman defense." Senior Grant Schmidt was a

In addition to scoring a game-high 20 points, he used his 6-3 frame to play inside for much of the second half, playing a defensive foil to Concordia's top scorers Tyreese Johnson, who had 13 points, or 6-6 JJ Schomberg, who had

big part of that defensive success.

"He had a great game at both ends and did a good job on (Johnson)," Asher said.

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Big second half lifts No. 6 STC over No. 7 Bergan

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The Class C-2, No. 6-ranked St. Cecilia girls basketball team turned a 20-19 halftime deficit into a convincing 53-35 victory over No. 7 Archbishop Bergan in Centennial Conference tournament play at Chapman Gymnasium Tuesday.

The Hawkettes (11-5) outscored the Lady Knights (11-4) 22-8 in the third quarter alone, making eight of 10 shots from the floor. All this while the defense also stepped up and began forcing the opposition into tough

"That was our goal defensively — force them into taking tough shots. We did a good job of that, but they still made some tough ones in the first half. Offensively, though, it just wasn't us in the first half. We didn't share

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AMY ROH/ Tribune St. Cecilia's

Tori Thomas shoots against Archbishop Bergan's Reagan Tolle during their game Tuesday in Hastings. The Class C-2 No. 6ranked **Hawkettes** turned a 20-19 halftime deficit into a 53-35 victory over the No. 7 Lady Knights. They'll play at Bishop Neumann on Thursday in the Centennial Conference tournament semifinals.

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NCAA Men's Results

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Abbie Skupa.

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Falcons in period two on a pair of

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right back on a bucket by freshman

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Voichoskie and Quadhamer

Falcons with six points with just

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Mustangs up 17-10 with 1:03 left in

With 10.2 seconds left, Woodard

hit a 3-point field goal to help the

Woodard had five of her game-high

15 points in the second quarter of

the half. Junior Jaden Lewis

Mustangs extend their lead.

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Hemingford vs. Alliance, ppd. Homer vs. Siouxland Community Christian, Iowa, ppd. Kimball vs. Mitchell, ppd. Mead vs. Oakland-Craig, ppd. Morrill vs. Lingle-Fort Laramie, Wyo., ppd. Neligh-Oakdale vs. West Holt, ppd.

Silver Lake: Mustangs top Falcons

Norfolk vs. Columbus, ppd. North Bend Central vs. Madison, ppd. North Central vs. Ewing, ppd. O'Neill vs. Norfolk Catholic, ppd. Ord vs. Wood River, ppd.
Osmond vs. Laurel-Concord/Coleridge, ppd. Pierce vs. West Point-Beemer, ppd. Ponca vs. Hartington Cedar Catholic, ppd. Sioux County vs. Upton, Wyo., ppd. Sioux Falls Lincoln, S.D. vs. South Sioux City, ppd.

to Jan 26. St. Mary's vs. Creighton, ppd. St. Paul vs. Centura, ppd. to Feb 6. Stanton vs. Twin River, ppd. to Jan 26. Sutherland vs. Creek Valley, ppd.
Tekamah-Herman vs. Omaha Mercy, ppd. to Feb

Football **NFL Playoffs**

Sunday, Jan. 29 At Orlando, Fla. AFC vs. NFC, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Sunday, Feb. 5 At Houston Atlanta vs. New England, 6:30 p.m. (FOX)

> Hockey **NHL Standings EASTERN CONFERENCE**

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W L OT Pts 31 16 2 64 27 14 9 63 San Jose Anaheim 133 125 3 51 131 147 4 50 120 121 Calgary 24 24 23 21 22 20 6 50 116 135 15 26 6 36 105 152 Vancouver NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for Tuesday's Games

St. Louis 3. Pittsburgh 0 N.Y. Islanders 4, Columbus 2 Los Angeles 3, New Jersey 1 Boston 4. Detroit 3. OT Montreal 5, Calgary 1 Ottawa 3, Washington 0 Buffalo 5. Nashville 4. OT San Jose 4, Winnipeg 3 Tampa Bay 5, Chicago 2 Minnesota 3, Dallas 2, SO

Wednesday's Games Toronto at Detroit, 7 p.m. Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, 8 p.m. Vancouver at Colorado, 9:30 p.m. Edmonton at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Montreal at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m. Pittsburgh at Boston, 6 p.m. Toronto at Philadelphia, 6 p.m. Los Angeles at Carolina, 6 p.m. Washington at New Jersey, 6 p.m. Tampa Bay at Florida, 6:30 p.m. Calgary at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m. St. Louis at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

Buffalo at Dallas, 7:30 p.m

Winnipeg at Chicago, 7:30 p.m. Vancouver at Arizona, 8 p.m. Edmonton at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

Transactions

Major League Baseball Promoted Billy Bean to vice president and special assistant to the commissioner Renee Tirado to vice president of talent acquisition and diversity & inclusion, and Melanie LeGrande to vice president of social responsibility.

American League

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Agreed to terms with INF Luis Valuena on a two-year contract.
TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms with 1B
James Loney on a minor league contract.
National League
MIAMI MARLINS — Acquired RHP Severino
Gonzalez from Philadelphia for a player to be named or cash.

or cash.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Joba Chamberlain on a minor-league contract with an invitation to the spring training. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Agreed to terms with C Nick Hundley on a one-year contract.

Designated INF Ehire Adrianza for assignment.

Baskethall

National Basketball Association MEMPHIS GRI77LIES — Announced the team acquired the right to own and operate an NBA D-League expansion team that will begin play for the 2017-18 season

Football National Football League BUFFALO BILLS — Named David Culley quarter-CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed LB Bryson

CIVILINIVALI DENOALS — Signed LD DISSON Albright to a reserve/future contract. GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed C Jacob Flores, LB Reggie Gilbert, WR Antwan Goodley, LB Derrick Mathews, G Lucas Patrick, DT Brian Price, TE Beau Sandland and S Jermaine Whitehead. TENNESSEE TITANS — Signed DT Caushaud Lyons to a reserve/future contract.

Hockey

National Hockey League
NHL — Fined Arizona F Peter Holland \$3,611.11, for punching an unsuspecting opponent, Tampa Bay F Ondrej Palat, during a Jan. 21 game. CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Activated F Marcus Kruger from injured reserve.
COLORADO AVALANCHE — Recalled F Jim O'Brien from San Antonio (AHL).
DETROIT RED WINGS — Recalled LW Drew
Miller from Grand Rapids (AHL).

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Activated D Yohann Auvitu off injured reserve and assigned him to SAN JOSE SHARKS — Traded F Tommy Wingels

to Ottawa Senators for Fs Buddy Robinson and Zack Stortini and assigned them to San Jose (AHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Recalled F Chandler Stephenson from Hershey (AHL).

Soccer

Major League Soccer ATLANTA UNITED — Signed D Tyrone Mears. COLUMBUS CREW — Acquired M Mohammed Abu as a special discovery player.
D.C. UNITED — Signed F Sibastien Le Toux to a

one-year contract.

FC DALLAS — Terminated the contracts of D Moises Hernandez and D Jose Salvatierra. MINNESOTA UNITED — Signed M Bernardo Anor, D Jermaine Taylor and M Rasmus Schuller. NEW YORK RED BULLS — Signed G Rafael Diaz and M Arun Basuljevic.
ORLANDO CITY SC — Signed D Jonathan

Spector. North American Soccer League NEW YORK COSMOS — Signed M Andres Flores. National Women's Soccer League WASHINGTON SPIRIT — Named Denise Reddy

College

HEART OF AMERICA ATHLETIC CONFERENCE — Named Lynn Meredith assistant commissioner.

effective March 1.
CINCINNATI — Named Ron Crook offensive line coach. Al Washingtons defensive line coach and Kevin Carroll to assistant volleyball coach. Promoted Phillip White to associate head volleyball coach. CLEMSON — Named Todd Bates defensive line

recievers coach. HAMILTON — Named Miriam Merrill associate director of athletics/senior woman administrator. IOWA — Announced senior WR Jonathan Parker

will transfer.

NOTRE DAME — Named QB Tommy Rees guar RICE — Named Curtis Canty director of compli-

sive end of the floor," Whipkey

Wilcox-Hildreth

Silver Lake.

Silver Lake (35)

Voichoskie led the Falcons with

13 points, and Quadhamer chipped

Wilcox-Hildreth (31) Bridget Beisel 0-4 0-5 0-1 0, Skylar Marsh 0-0 0-0 0-2 0, Jodyn Preston 1-5 0-0 2-4 4, Abby

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0 2, Rebecca Saathoff-Beck 0-2 1-5 0-0 3, Sydnie Voichoskie 3-6 1-6 4-4 13.

Erickson 0-0 0-0 0-0 0, Quinn Kilmer 0-6 0-0 0-0 0, Jaden Lewis 0-1 0-0 1-4 1, Brie Meyer 2-3 0-0

2-3 6, Abbie Skupa 2-2 0-4 0-0 4, Elizabeth Traush

0-0 0-0 0-1 0, Leanna Wardenburg 3-9 0-0 0-1 6, Autumn Woodard 6-8 1-8 0-1 15.

Three-point field goals: Wilcox-Hildreth 3-22

(Beisel 0-5, Quardhamer 1-5, Saathoff-Beck 1-6, Voichoskie 1-6) Silver Lake 1-12 (Skupa 0-4, Wardenberg 1-2, Woodard 1-8).

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Thursday's television

ance services. SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI — Named Jon Gilbert

Tribland

Wednesday

College women's basketball: Hastings College at Concordia University.
College cheer and dance: Hastings College at Concordia University......
College men's basketball: Hastings College at Concordia University......

THURSDAY Prep wrestling: Hastings, Omaha Burke at Bellevue West ... Prep girls basketball: St. Cecilia at Bishop Neumann

Prep boys basketball Doniphan-Trumbull at Ord Sandy Creek at Sutton Superior at Red Cloud Deshler at Kenesaw
Prep girls basketball

Sandy Creek at Sutton Superior at Red Cloud Prep wrestling Doniphan-Trumbull, Minden at Gibbon

TV/Radio broadcasts

Wednesday's television COLLEGE BASKETBALL

5 p.m. CBSSN CBSSN — Memphis at Temple ESPNEWS — SMU at UCF 5:30 p.m. FS1 — St. John's at Providence

6 p.m. BTN — Minnesota at Ohio St. ESPNU — UConn at South Florida FSN — Creighton at Georgetown SEC — Missouri at Mississippi St. **6:30 p.m.** ESPN2 — Texas A&M at Mississipp

7 p.m. CBSSN — Rhode Island at Richmond ESPNEWS — Texas Tech at Baylor 7:30 p.m.

FS1 — Butler at Seton Hall **8 p.m.** BTN — Iowa at Illinois ESPNU — Alabama at Georgia SEC — Florida at LSU

9 p.m. CBSSN — Nevada at Boise St. ESPNU — Washington at Arizona St.

FS1 — UCLA at Southern Cal CRICKET 2 p.m. NBCSN — Big Bash League, semifinal, Brisbane Heat vs. Sydney Sixers (same-

dav tape) FIGURE SKATING

NBCSN — ISU, European Championships, Ladies Short Program, at Ostrava, Czech Republic (same-day tape)

NBCSN — ISU, European Championships, Pairs Short Program, at Ostrava, Czech Republic GOLÉ

2 p.m. GOLF — Web.com Tour, The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic, final round, at Great Abaco, Bahamas 12:30 a.m. (Thursday)

GOLF — European PGA Tour, Commercial Bank Qatar Masters, first round, at Doha, Qatar **NBA BASKETBALL 7 p.m.** ESPN — Golden State at Charlotte

9:30 p.m. ESPN — L.A. Lakers at Portland NHL HOCKEY **7 p.m.**NBCSN — Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers TENNIS

8:30 p.m. ESPN2 — Australian Open, Women's semifinals, at Melbourne, Australia 2:30 a.m. (Thursday) ESPN — Australian Open, Men's semifi-

nals, at Melbourne, Australia Wednesday's radio MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

8 p.m. KHAS 1230 — Hastings at Concordia WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL 5:45 p.m. KHAS 1230 — Hastings at Concordia COLLEGE BASKETBALL

CBSSN — Robert Morris at Mount St Mary's ESPN2 — Xavier at Cincinnati ESPNU — Campbell at Radford ESPN — Virginia Tech at North Carolina

7:30 p.m. FS1 — Oregon St. at Colorado 8 p.m. CBSSN — UT Martin at Austin Peay ESPN2 — Indiana at Michigan 9:30 p.m. FS1 — Oregon at Utah

10 p.m. ESPNU — BYU at Santa Clara EXTREME SPORTS 9 p.m.

FSPN — X Games Snowhoard Rig Air Women's Final, Snowboard Superpipe Men's Final, at Aspen, Colo. FIGURE SKATING

11 a.m. NBCSN — ISU, European Championships, Ice Dance Short Program, at Ostrava, Czech Republic (same-day tape)

1 p.m. NBCSN — ISU, European Championships, Pairs Free Skate Program, at Ostrava, Czech Republic GOLF

GOLF - Furnnean PGA Tour Commercial Bank Qatar Masters, first round, at Doha, Qatar 10:30 a.m.

GOLF — LPGA Tour, Pure Silk-Bahamas Classic, first round, at Paradise Island, 2 p.m. GOLF — PGA Tour, Farmers Insurance Open, first round, at San Diego

3 a.m. (Friday)
GOLF — European PGA Tour, Commercial Bank Oatar Masters, second 7 p.m.
TNT — Dallas at Oklahoma City

9:30 p.m. TNT — L.A. Lakers at Utah NFL FOOTBALL ESPN — 2017 NFL Pro Bowl Skills

7 p.m. NBCSN — St. Louis at Minnesota WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

5 p.m. BTN — Nebraska at Purdue 6 p.m. SEC — South Carolina at Georgia 8 p.m. SEC — Alabama at Vanderbilt

TENNIS 2:30 a.m. (Friday) ESPN — Australian Open, Men's semifi-nals, at Melbourne, Australia Thursday's radio

COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL 7 p.m. KLIQ 94.5 — Nebraska at Northwestern

Local

AC BOYS GAME RESCHEDULED

Due to weather conditions, Tuesday's Adams Central boys basketball game against Columbus Lakeview has been rescheduled to Wednesday at

YOUTH WRESTLING

Results for the 2 Tuff Gym wrestling club.

Columbus Lakeview, 1-22-17 1st — Noah Goings; Trindyn DeGodt; Wesley Martin; Zander Lockling; Zane Thomsen; Tayte Rogers; Luis

Rodriguez; Grayhm Beck 2nd — Noah Goings; Bailey Shoemaker 3rd — Jaden Meyer; Hunter Moore

4th - LJ Martin; Coy Shoemaker Crete Tournament 1-21-17 1st — LJ martin

2nd — Wesley Martin; Patrick Davis 4th — Jaxon Obermiller Standings for CWS Nebraska Wesleyan, 1-14-17

2nd — Wesley Martin; Participant: LJ Martin Standings for Lincoln Warrior Tournament 1-15-17

2nd — Trindyn DeGodt 3rd — Logan Stenka Participant: Daniel Hernandez 2017 UNK Midwest Duals Champions, 2TG Team Trindyn DeGodt, Noah Goings, Bailey Shoemaker, Maddox Wagoner, Sean Stanton, Markus Miller,

Braiden Kort, Landon Weidner, Grady Arends, Blake

Kile, Caden Svoboda, Jeret Frerichs, Broedy Pape, Garret Kluthe, Cameron Schrad, Blake Davis Nation

Brent Musburger is retiring FROM SPORTSCASTING AT AGE 77

NEW YORK — Brent Musburger is calling an end to his broadcast career. Millions of Americans experienced sporting events through his folksy narration, most often when he was the lead voice of CBS Sports during the

Musburger will call his last game for ESPN on Jan. 31, a college basketball contest pitting Kentucky against Georgia. Musburger, who is 77 years old, plans to move to Las Vegas and help his family start a sports handicapping business. His visit to Kentucky's Rupp Arena brings him back to where he called Villanova's upset NCAA basketball championship victory over Georgetown in 1985.

Both Musburger and ESPN say his recent Sugar Bowl comments criticized as being insensitive to a female assault victim had nothing to do with his exit.

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press. Sophomore Jodyn Preston minutes and creating several scored four of the Falcons' eight turnovers, but couldn't get any points in the quarter to bring the closer than four points, as the

Hudson 6

kets by Woodard.

Voichoskie hit a bucket from created a lot of opportunities, we beyond the arc in the opening

Prep boys basketball **Cross County 34,**

Exeter-Milligan 31 Exeter-Milligan Points — Eric Olsen 2, Spencer Pribyl 2, Patrick Murphy 6, Trevor Luzum 6,

Caleb Horne 5, Cameron White 10 Fairbury 59, Sandy Creek 55

Sandy Creek Points — Alex Paus 2, Jaeden Traudt 5, Gabe Munoz 24, Gavin Lipovsky 14, Warren Wilson 7, Nick Bailey 3

Rebounds — Paus 3, Traudt 2, Munoz 2, Wilson 4, Bailey 5 Assists — Paus 1, Traudt 3, Munoz 4, Wilson 3, Bailey 2 Steals — Paux 2, Munoz 6, Lipovsky 1,

Wilson 2, Bailey 2 Loomis 75, Franklin 14

Franklin Points — Michael Edgar 2, Sam Gerdes 2, Payton Rose 6, Jacob Cooper

Rebounds — Edgar 1, Gerdes 1, Ryan Weiss 4, Saxson Rose 2, P. Rose 2, Cooper 4

Assists — Colby Ingram 1, Gerdes 1, S. Steals — Weiss 1, Cooper 1

Superior 48,

Deshler 45

Superior

Points — Eric Schiermeyer 4, Tyler

Blackstone 14, Blake Kirchhoff 8, Cale

Frahm 10, Hunter Healey 9, Trenton Theis 3 Rebounds — Adam Baker 2, Schiermeyer 5, Blackstone 8, Kirchhoff

Down 10 points, the Falcons

extended their zone into the full

court in third quarter.

Cody Whipkey.

Mustangs.

came out aggressive on defense and

"We played with great energy in

the second half and our press creat-

hard time getting things to flow on

The Falcons held the Mustangs to

just four points in the third quarter

thanks, in part, to their full-court

Falcons within six points of the

ed some turnovers. We just had a

offense," said Falcons head coach

6, Frahm 1, Healey 1, Theis 1 Assists — Schiermeyer 5, Blackstone 2. Kirchhoff 1, Frahm 2, Healey 1, Theis 2 Steals — Baker 1, Schiermeyer 1, Blackstone 3 Deshler

Points — Peyton Dubbert 12, Mason

Roth 10, Grant Hansen 15, Hutch Finke

2, Derrick Buescher 6

Rebounds — Dubbert 8, Roth 4, Hansen 4, Finke 4, Buescher 4 Assists — Dubbert 3, Roth 3, Finke 1, Buescher 1, Ryan Brandt 1

> Smith Center 60, Russell 57

Steals — Roth 1, Brady Fangmeyer 1

Smith Center Points — Thaine Benoit 18, Jesse Staples 10, Colby Benoit 6, Brett Meyer 16, Brett Decker 5, Rece Buckmaster 2, Kyle Sasse 1, Camden Dietz 2

Rebounds — T. Benoit 4, Staples 5, C. Benoit 1. Mever 9. Decker 4. Buckmaster 1, Trace Haven 2, Dietz 4 Assists — T. Benoit 2, Staples 2, C. Benoit 1, Meyer 1, Buckmaster 1, Dietz 1 Steals — Staples 3, C. Benoit 4, Meyer 1, Decker 1, Buckmaster 2, Dietz 1

> Rock Hills 55, **Tescott 29 Rock Hills**

Points — J. Spiegel 9, D. Beam 3, D. Gillett 13, A Eilert 2, B. Jeffery 10, T. Higer 18

just couldn't connect on the offen-**Tribland Roundups**

"We had a lot of great looks and

Mustangs held on to win.

minute of the final quarter to bring

Skupa, who had 10 rebounds in

the game, and senior Brie Meyer hit

the Falcons to within three points.

a pair of buckets to take a 28-21

Carlie Rupe would score for the

Falcons but the Mustangs would

answer on a free throw by fresh-

man Makayla Dinkler and two bas-

The Falcons would make a late

run scoring eight points in the final

lead with 6:04 left to play. Junior

BDS 57, **Dorchester 31**

Prep girls basketball

BDS Points — Jadyn Kleinschmidt 8, Lexi Kadel 12, Megan Grote 7, Regan Alfs 12, Carley Elznic 9, Emilie Schardt 3, TaraLee

Franklin 40, Loomis 38 Franklin

Points — Courtney Meade 4, Lilia Aberle 4, Karsen haussermann 10, Kirsten Plank 14, Sierra Bruce 2, Jordan Wilbur 6

Rebounds — Meade 5, Aberle 3, Haussermann 4, Plank 15, Bruce 3, Wilbur 2 Assists — Meade 2, Aberle 2,

Haussermann 2, Emma Goosic 2, Plank

3, Wilbur 4 Steals — Meade 3, Wilbur 3, Haley Shannon 1 Russell 65,

Smith Center Points — Bree Frieling 11, Kacie Timmons 2, Mikayla Dietz 3, Holly Timmons 2, Lizzy Pfortmiller 9, Kendra Maydew 4

Rebounds — Frieling 5, Natasha Colby

Smith Center 31

2, Gracen Hutchinson 3, K. Timmons 2, Dietz 3, Jessalyn Kirchooff 1, Pfortmiller 6, Maydew 1 Assists — Frieling 3, Hutchinson 5, Pfortmiller 1

Steals — Frieling 3, Hutchinson 2, Dietz 1, H. Timmons 2, Kirchhoff 3, Pfortmiller 1, Maydew 1

Superior 64, **Deshler 45**

Superior Points — Hallie Miller 7, Megan Miller 7, Emma Schnakenberg 3, Trisha Hayes 4, Evin Miller 5, Michelle Unruh 6, Kalynn Meyer 17, Nicki Kirchhoff 5, Lexi Webber

Rebounds — H. Miller 1, M. Miller 3,

Schnakenberg 3, Natalie McMeen 1, Taylor Bargen 1, E. Miller 7, Unruh 3, Meyer 11, Kirchhoff 9, Webber 6 Assists — H. Miller 2, M. Miller 1, McMeen 1, Sidney Willett 1, E. Miller 4, Meyer 1, Kirchhoff 1, Webber 2 Steals — M. Miller 1, Hayes 1, McMeen 1, E. Miller 2, Unruh 1, Meyer

2, Kirchhoff 1, Webber 1

Schmidt 1, Roth 4

2, Schmidt 1, Roth 4

Reinert 3, S. Fogo 10

Points — Braelyn Isernhagen 1, Tori Schoof 5, Elle Baker 2, Kayla Oakman 4, Leah Schmidt 2, Cassady Mundhenke 4, Sydney Roth 23, Jaden Siegle 4

Deshler

Rebounds — Tyra Mohrmann 1, Isernhagen 3, Schoof 7, Baker 3, Oakman 3, Schmidt 1, Mundhenke 1, Roth 3, Siegle 10 Assists — Schoof 2, Oakman 1,

Steals — Schoof 3, Baker 1, Oaklman

Tescott 42, **Rock Hills 20 Rock Hills**

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Points — E. Whelchel 5, J. Yelken 2, K.

Boys: No. 1 Bluehawks earn tough win

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"Offensively, I thought he was excellent because we don't see a lot of 2-3 zones and he did a great job on the high post of attacking in the second half.'

Schmidt, Asher said, would excel at any level of basketball in the state.

"They'd take him from Class A on down on his defensive side," he said. "Offensively, he's just really quiet at times. We've got a lot of weapons and really balanced scoring. It seems like every night we've got that one guy who goes 15-plus in the point column and tonight it was Grant."

As a team, the Bluehawks were always in place to make the smart

One prime example of that came on the last possession of the first quarter when Austin Esch was guarding Concordia's Johnson.

Seconds after Johnson made a move that caused Esch to stumble and the Concordia bench to whoop in astonishment, Esch grabbed the ball and made an outlet pass to Ashton Valentine for a transition lay up.

Asher said Esch, who leads the Bluehawks in steals, is an instinc-

tive player. "Austin's a really cagey defender," Asher said. "Sometimes he puts himself in harm's way by gambling, but I kind of give him that leash because of the fact that he does get tips and he gets steals. He changes

the game in a couple possessions." The Bluehawks now face Boys Town in the tournament semifinals Friday in St. Cecilia's Chapman Gymnasium. Boys Town (9-5), the No. 5 seed, defeated No. 4 seed Grand Island Central Catholic 70-55 on Tuesday.



AMY ROH/Tribune

St. Cecilia's Blane Boyd shoots against Omaha Concordia's JJ Schomberg during their game Tuesday in Hastings.

"It'll be a little different style than what we've seen," Asher said. "As far as athleticism, they will be very similar to what we saw tonight, maybe even up a level more. We're going to have to do a great job on our preparation. Our kids will be prepared. It's going to be a great ball game."

St. Cecilia......12 15 13 12 — 52 Omaha Concordia......13 11 10 11 — 45

St. Cecilia (52)
Trey Asher 4, Grant Schmidt 20, Austin Esch 9,
Grant Farmer 5, Blane Boyd 12, Ashton Valentine

Omaha Concordia (45) Kyle Amsberry 2, JJ Schomberg 12, Buck Leinen 10, John Pfeiffer 3, Anthony Tews 2, Chris Timmons 3, Tyreese Johnson 13



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St. Cecilia's Austin Esch shoots past Omaha Concordia's JJ Schomberg during their game Tuesday in Hastings.

Girls: Big second half helps No. 6 STC beat No. 7 Bergan

Continued from page B1 the ball as well as we can, we didn't move the ball or play through each other. We were just kind of

flat," said STC head coach Greg Berndt. "After a little pep talk in the locker room, we came out a different offensive team. That set the tone."

St. Cecilia led 10-9 after one quarter and built that lead to 16-10 in the second quarter, but Bergan caught fire with a 10-0 scoring run to secure its halftime lead.

In those first two quarters, Hawkette post Lucy Skoch had just two points on only three shot

attempts. The emphasis to work the ball high-low offensively in the second half resulted in Skoch matching a team-high with 14 points, as she combined to shoot 4-of-4 from the floor and 4-of-4 at the line in the final two quarters.

"We wanted to take advantage of our height. I know Bergan has some quick guards, but as far as height goes, we probably had three or four girls out there who were taller than them," Berndt said. "The emphasis of our game and the strength of our team is working the ball into the post. We were working a lot of high-low action and we were just more patient with the ball in the second half.

"Fortunately for us, Lucy did a good job of finishing tonight. When she gets the ball, it doesn't always mean she's going to get a shot. We play inside-out well. We have shooters across the perimeter. But in the first half, we weren't getting the ball inside and we forget that it's a crucial aspect to our game. We reemphasized that at halftime and obviously you saw what happened in the second half. We made Lucy a threat and it opened things up for every body."

Four St. Cecilia players ended up finishing in double-figures offensively, as Lexi Vertin netted three 3-pointers to also finish with 14

Makenna Asher and Kameron Kissinger each tallied 11 points,



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Above: Archbishop Bergan's Katie Sleister and St. Cecilia's Gracie Daly battle for possession of the ball during their game Tuesday in Hastings. Right: St. Cecilia's Kameron Kissinger shoots against Archbishop Bergan's Alyssa Mendlik.

helping the Hawkettes finish 17for-36 from the floor.

"I don't know how many times that's happened this year. But I do know, going into the season, that was one of our goals — to be a balanced team," Berndt said. "When we're like that, we're extremely difficult to defend. We've got options all over the floor. If we can keep that up, we'll be difficult to defend."

Bergan made just 12 of its 42 field goals as Haley Kempf led the Lady Knights with nine points. Alyssa Mendlik had seven points while both Allison Dieckmann and Mackenzie Peitzmeier had five

St. Cecilia will play at Bishop

Neumann on Thursday night.

Archbishop Bergan......9 11 8 7 — 35 St. Cecilia......10 9 22 12 — 53 St. Cecilia (53)

Grace Daly 1-2 0-0 3, Lexi Vertin 5-8 1-2 14, Claire Rasmussen 0-2 0-0 0, Kameron Kissinger 3-7 4-6 11, Lucy Skoch 5-7 4-4 14, Makenna Asher 3-5 5-7 11, Tori Thomas 0-4 0-0 0, Chloe McCauley 0-0 0-0 0, Claire Landgren 0-1 0-0 0. Totals: 17-36 14-19 53.

Archbishop Bergan (35) Allison Dieckmann 1-7 2-4 5, Katie Sleister 1-4 0-0 2, Reagan Tolle 1-2 1-2 3, Mackenzie Peitzmeier 2-8 1-2 5, Haley Kempf 2-10 5-8 9, Alyssa Mendlik 3-9 0-0 7, Allie DeGroff 2-2 0-0 4. Totals: 12-42 9-16 35.

Three-point field goals — STC 5-13 (Daly 1-2, Vertin 3-5, Kissinger 1-4, Asher 0-2), BER 2-15 (Dieckmann 1-6, Sleister 0-2, Peitzmeier 0-3, Kempf 0-1, Mendlik 1-3). Rebounds — STC 26 (Daly 1, Vertin 6, Rasmussen 2, Kissinger 3, Skoch 6, Asher 4, Thomas 4), BER 16 (Dieckmann 1, Sleister 2, Tolle 2, Peitzmeier 2, Kempf 3). Steals — STC 2 (Kissinger 1, Thomas



1), BER 6 (Dieckmann 1, Sleister 2, Kempf 2, Mendlik 1). Turnovers — STC 13, BER 9.

Bracketology: NCAA hoops committee to give tournament peek

RALPH D. RUSSO The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The selection committee for the NCAA men's basketball tournament is getting into the bracketology business and borrowing an idea from the College Football Playoff, hoping it will get more fans thinking about March Madness in February.

The NCAA, CBS Sports and Turner announced Tuesday that for the first time the committee will give a look at its top 16 seeds one month before the 68-team field locks in on March 12.

The top four teams in each region will be revealed on Feb. 11 during a March Madness preview show on CBS. It's the first time the men's basketball selection committee has revealed its thinking during the season, giving teams an idea where they stand heading

down the stretch of the season. Bracketology, the art and science

of projecting the final tournament field, has become a staple of college basketball coverage for media outlets. During the final month of the season, prognosticators are updating their brackets daily.

"We value the interest bracketologists bring to the process and the tournament," said Dan Gavitt, the NCAA's vice president of men's

basketball championships. "All the bracketologists are good, but only one group has the final say."

The committee will only give a glimpse of where the top teams stand. The 68-team field consists of 36 at-large teams and 32 conference champions who automatically qualify through postseason tournaments. Projecting the whole field would be been too complex and speculative, Gavitt said.

Raiders: L-N 'owns paint' against Bobcats; Blue Hill girls win

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Brown said rebounding has been a focal point of late and that he was pleased to see his team dominate in that facet of the game.

"Rebounding is such a mentality, and, yeah, positioning is a part of it, but our motto the past couple weeks has been own the paint," he said. "And I said if we can own the paint that we would be in good shape and us owning the paint got them in foul trouble and really put us in some good positions."

Up by just four after a back-and-forth three quarters, the hometown Raiders got a big lift from seniors Colton Biltoft and Tim Herbek.

Biltoft, who had just four points through three quarters, tallied eight points and six rebounds in the final eight minutes of the game.

Herbek took it a step beyond his teammate and scored 11 points to finish tied for a game-high 16

The Raiders outscored the Bobcats in all four quarters Tuesday night with the biggest difference coming in the form of the 23-9 final period.

Outside of the big fourth quarter, the Raiders had a tall order on defense attempting to guard Blue Hill sharpshooter Kody Mans, who averages over 20 points per game.

Mans scored 16 points on 5 of 15 shooting.

"Every time he touched the ball, they had two or three guys on him and somebody has got to be open and we have to find that guy. We have to do a better job of doing that," Hubl said. "But they made him work for every one and we just have to adjust to that. We just didn't adjust very well at all tonight."

J.C. Himmelberg and Maccoy Menke combined for 14 points for the Bobcats.

Along with Herbek's 16-point output for L-N, Kevin Schroer tallied five points and 14 rebounds, while big man Micah Dalnicek finished with eight points and 12 rebounds.

Brown said although its just one game, he hopes this emotional win can help his side keep a four-game win streak going.

"It's always emotional against Blue Hill. These boys in this locker room, these seniors, they were 0-6 against Blue Hill, so you're dang right it was emotional," he said. "We wanted it more than anything and I can't say enough about how each and every one of them played tonight."

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Blue Hill (41)

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Lawrence-Nelson (59)
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GIRLS

NELSON — The Blue Hill girls basketball team jumped on top of Lawrence-Nelson and never looked back. The Bobcats outscored the Raiders 18-9 in the opening quarter, en route to a 51-28

Blue Hill's only lull in the offense came in the third quarter, when it scored just three points. But the Bobcat defense held the Raiders to just two points in the period. Blue Hill found its groove again in the fourth, outscoring Lawrence-Nelson

Kenzie Hubl and Jamie Bonifas each scored 12 points. Rylee Kohmetscher added 10 points on 3for-5 shooting. Bonifas led the Bobcats with nine rebounds, while Yuriko Hernandez-Piel hauled in seven boards. Hubl led the team with three assists and six steals.

Also scoring for the Bobcats was Hernandez-Piel (2 points), Kacey Allen (5), Tyalor Bonifas (2), Brianna Danehey (3), Emily Meyer (3) and Halee Kohmetscher (2).

Statistics for Lawrence-Nelson were not available.

AC: Patriots drop dual to Vikings

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The Patriots will host their home dual on Friday, beginning at 1 p.m. After that, Adams Central has just the conference tournament remaining before districts.

Lonowski believes his team can make the necessary adjustments in the practice room to get to where it needs to be by Feb. 10, when the Patriots will compete in the Class B, District 4 meet in McCook.

Northwest 48, Adams Central 26

138 — Peyton Brodrick, AC, dec. Hunter Cook, NW; 12-8 145 — Dalton Quandt, NW, pinned Gage Wright, AC; 0:17

 Caleb Ackles, AC, pinned Justin Strong, NW; 5:47 160 — Dylan Friesen, NW, pinned Noah Machnicki, AC;

170 — Grady Griess, NW, dec. Cory Brown, AC; 4-0 Jeb South, NW, pinned Austin Heikkinen, AC;

 Ethan Mullen, AC, pinned Chevy Stout, NW; 195

3:45 Cooper Kiser, NW, dec. Jarrun Schernikaus, AC;

285 — Zac Nowak, NW, pinned Zachary Wioskowski, AC; 2:23

106 — Collin Quandt, NW, pinned Tristen Obermiller, 113 — Grayson Fries, NW, pinned Camaron Kort, AC;

120 — Jacob Kubicka, AC, tech fall Caden Isley, NW;

126 — Nolan Barry, AC, pinned Jack Butler, NW; 0:17 132 — Matt Meyer, NW, pinned Cody Barbee, AC; 6:53

Family, fans mourn for Yordano Ventura

EZEQUIEL ABIU LOPEZ The Associated Press LAS TERRENAS,

Dominican Republic — Dozens of children wearing blue T-shirts with the name "Ventura" emblazoned on the back gathered around a coastal home on Monday to pay their respects to their idol: Kansas City Royals pitcher Yordano Ventura.

He died Sunday in a car crash in his native Dominican Republic, where he was known for practicing with his former youth baseball team every time he visited the Caribbean country, said Silvano Santos, who coached Ventura from age 7 to

"He was an inspiration to every kid," Santos told The Associated Press, recalling how Ventura took time to meet with members of the Kelly youth team that he once played for and gave them gifts, including uniform T-shirts.

The children talked quietly among themselves as they sat in the patio of the house Ventura bought after signing with the Royals. Inside, friends, family and admirers gathered around his coffin and tried to consoler Ventura's

"This is very painful for me because he was such a great baseball player," said his nephew, Yonfer Ventura, an 11-year-old member of the youth team.

Ventura was born in the town of Samana on June 3, 1991, and quit school at 14. He was working on a construction crew to support his family when he heard about a baseball tryout, which led to a spot in the local Royals' academy. The right-handed wound up pitching his entire career for the Royals, going 38-31 with a 3.89 EŔA.

The mayor of the Dominican town of Las Terrenas declared a two-day mourning period for the 25year-old player, who died on a highway about 40 miles (70 kilometers) northwest of the capital of Santo Domingo.

Authorities have not determined what caused the accident but suspect speeding.



JOHN SLEEZER, The Kansas City Star/AP

Above: Members of the Kansas City Royals organization pay their respect to their teammate Yordano Ventura during a visitation in Ventura's home in Las Terrenas, Dominican Republic on Tuesday. Right: The casket containing the body of Kansas City Royals pitcher Yordano Ventura is taken from his home to begin the funeral procession in Las Terrenas, Dominican Republic on Tuesday. Royals teammates Salvador Perez (center left) and Eric Hosmer rode in the truck with the casket.

Ventura was driving by himself in a vehicle he had imported from Florida last October after making some modifications to

Angela Martinez, mother to Ventura's only daughter, said the player wasn't known for speeding because he was affected by the 2014 death of his friend, former St. Louis Cardinal outfielder Oscar Taveras, who crashed at 22 in his hometown of Puerto Plata.

"I always told him to be careful," said Martinez, who recalled Ventura as intense and very cheerful.

However, Santos, his former

coach, said Ventura owned several motorcycles and liked to race.

"That was his weakness: racing," he said. "It was his hobby."

The Dominican Republic has the highest traffic-related death rate in the Western Hemisphere with nearly 30 deaths per 100,000 people. Four current or former major league players have died in traffic accidents here in recent years, including Andy Marte, a 33-year-old infielder who also was killed Sunday. He had played in the Major Leagues from 2005-2010 with Atlanta



and Cleveland and returned in 2014 with Arizona. Authorities said Marte died

when the Mercedes Benz he was driving hit a house along a road between San Francisco de

Macoris and Pimentel, about 95 miles (150 kilometers) north of the capital.

A look inside some key numbers for Super Bowl matchup

JOSH DUBOW

The Associated Press From Tom Brady looking to become the first quarterback to win five Super Bowl titles to Matt Ryan seeking to give Atlanta its first, there are plenty of numbers that will get a lot of attention leading up to the Big Game.

Here's a look at some others that fans might not be as familiar with:

BEST VS. BEST: This marks the sixth Super Bowl matching the NFL's highestscoring team (Atlanta) against the team that allowed the fewest points (New England) during the regular season. The top defense won four of those previous five matchups, including Seattle over Denver three years ago. The only time the top offense came out on top was in the 1989 season when San Francisco topped Denver.

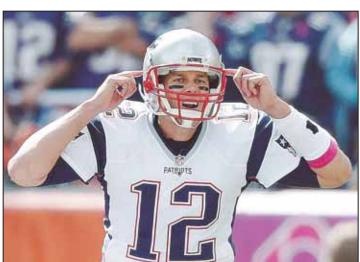
FAST STARTERS: The Falcons have set an NFL record by scoring a touchdown on eight straight opening drives. That figures to be tougher against a Patriots team that was second best in the league this year, allowing just 16 points on opening drives with the only TD coming for Buffalo on Oct. 2. The Patriots have allowed an average of just 19 yards on those drives with half of their opponents failing to generate even a single first down.

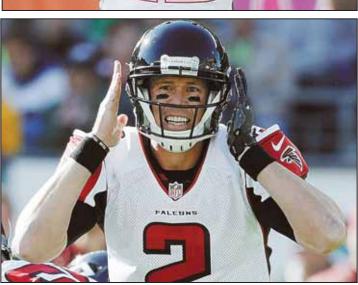
FRONT RUNNERS: The Patriots haven't trailed in a game since Nov. 27 against the Jets. Brady threw a game-

winning TD pass to Malcolm Mitchell with 1:56 remaining in a 22-17 victory that day and New England has gone 421:56 without being behind in a game. New England trailed by 10 points at one point in that game, their largest deficit of the season with Brady active. If it's hard to take a lead against the Patriots, it's even harder to come back. New England has won 57 of the past 58 games when leading after three quarters with the lone loss coming last season to Brock Osweiler and Denver.

THIRD TO NONE: Forcing an offense into third down is usually a good step for a defense. Doing it against Brady or Ryan isn't much help. Including the playoffs, Brady leads the NFL with a 132.8 rating on third down, with Ryan next among starters at 120.6. Brady has converted on 51.8 percent of his third-down passes and Ryan is at 49.7 percent. Ryan has been even better of late, with a 141 rating and first downs on 59.3 percent of his

throws the past six games. BETWEEN THE HASH-**ES:** Ryan has been nearly unstoppable when targeting the middle of the field in the regular season and playoffs, according to Sportradar. He has completed 86 of 117 passes between the hashes for 1,230 yards, nine TDs and no interceptions and a 132.8 passer rating. Ryan is 13 for 14 for 138 yards throwing down the middle





RON SCHWANE and MATT ROURKE /AP

Top: In this Oct. 9, 2016 file photo, New England Patriots' Tom Brady gestures during a game against the Cleveland Browns in Cleveland. Bottom: In this Nov. 13, 2016 file photo, Atlanta Falcons' Matt Ryan gestures during a game against the Philadelphia Eagles in Philadelphia. The Falcons and Patriots will play in the Super Bowl on Feb. 5 in

in the playoffs. **GO DEEP:** Ryan also was the most efficient deep

thrower in the NFL in the regular season and playoffs, according to Sportradar, going

30 for 63 for 1,122 yards, 10 TDs, no interceptions and a league-best 133.4 rating on throws at least 21 yards downfield. The Patriots were the second-best defense against the deep pass, allowing just 28.2 percent to be completed with only three TDs, five interceptions and a 47.5 rating that was the second lowest.

BEAT THE HEAT: Teams blitzing the Patriots and Falcons have had little success this season, with Brady leading the NFL with a 124.3 rating against the blitz, according to Sportradar, and Ryan ranking second at 122.0. The Steelers tried to combat that by rushing three on 19 of Brady's pass attempts last week, but he completed 13 of those for 137 yards.

WATCH THE FAKE: No team ran play-action as much as Atlanta this season, doing it on 26 percent of offensive plays in the regular season, according to game-charting data from Football Outsiders. The Falcons averaged 10.4 yards per play on play-action, compared to 7.8 on other plays. New England faced the second-lowest percentage of play-action plays at 13 percent, allowing 8 yards per play, compared to 6.1 yards on other plays.

COMEBACK KIDS: Brady has led the Patriots on a game-winning, fourth-quarter drive in all four of his Super Bowl wins, rallying from 10 points down to beat Seattle two years ago, overcoming a

one-point deficit against Carolina in 2004 and leading tiebreaking drives against St. Louis (2001) and Philadelphia (2005). Brady came up short in two last-minute desperation drives in both losses to the Giants, but still has a 50-37 career record in game-winning and comeback attempts, according to Scott Kacsmar of Football Outsiders. Brady has the best winning percentage among active players with at least 10 attempts, with Ryan not far behind in fourth place with a 34-37 mark.

SNEAKY TOM: Brady has been one of the best QBs at converting sneaks in his career, getting first downs on 98 of 108 (90.7 percent) runs on third or fourth-and-1 in his career, compared to a league-wide rate of 69.8 percent in that span. After being nearly perfect (66 for 67) from 2004-12, Brady has been more ordinary of late at 21 for 28 the past four years.

BIG-PLAY THREATS: It's no surprise that Julio Jones is the NFL's most dangerous bigplay receiver. His 31 catches this season of at least 20 yards lead the NFL. But he hasn't been able to match the far less heralded Chris Hogan in the postseason. Hogan has eight catches of at least 20 yards in New England's two playoff wins and needs just one more in the Super Bowl to tie Larry Fitzgerald (2008) and Greg Jennings (2010) for the most in a single postseason since 2000.

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Crossword

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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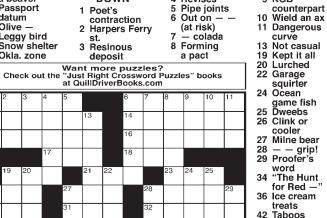
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4 Revises

Wife wonders if counseling will help husband mature

EAR ABBY: I'm having a hard time deciding if I should forgive my husband or tell him enough is

enough. In the year since our wedding, he became infatuated with one of my bridesmaids to the point of telling her and me -



that he loved her. He also flirted with women online, lied to my face about it, and asked for and received nude pictures from a "friend" and an ex.

We have been in counseling for about a month now, but we're moving soon, and I'm not sure I want to move with him, even though he now says he wants to fix things. We have a small child together, which affects my decision. What should I do? — NOT SURE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR NOT SURE: It appears that the man you married was not mature enough to make that commitment. That the two of you are now in counseling and he wants to make things work is hopeful. However, considering what has been going on for the past year, I can understand your serious doubts. Because you already have a counselor helping you to work on your marriage, I think you should take your question to — and your cues from — the person with whom you are working.

DEAR ABBY: I am going to be a great-grandmother soon, and I'm very excited about it. I didn't think I would live to experience this great joy. My beautiful granddaughter is not married to the baby's father, but is a mature and loving per-

Although her immediate family is supportive, the extended family is not and refuses to acknowledge it. My sisters will call me and talk

about anything and everything except my granddaughter and the baby that is coming. I don't know what to make of their conduct. I feel like hanging up on them, or telling them off and being done with them.

They are never going to experience being great-grandmothers themselves. Could they be jealous or angry that this happened? Please tell me how to handle it. Their health isn't good, so if I cut them off, it could be forever. — PER-PLEXED IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR PERPLEXED: Your sisters could be jealous or angry, as you suspect. They could also be judgmental and trying to 'punish" your granddaughter for being pregnant and unwed

by ignoring her.
I don't blame you for feeling angry, and possibly hurt, for the way they are behaving. You're entitled. But the question you must answer for yourself is, would you be better off with or without those "sweethearts" in your life? Only you can answer that one.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating my boyfriend for nine months, and for the first time, at 28, I can say I know what love is. Marriage is in the future, which brings me to my question. How and when do I tell him I was adopted? — EAST COAST GIRL

DEAR EAST COAST GIRL: Frankly, I'm surprised this hasn't already been discussed as part of your getting to know each other. You are acting like having been adopted is some kind of guilty secret, and it's not. Tell your boyfriend in a quiet environment in which you can discuss it, preferably when you're having dinner and when you both feel relaxed and comfortable, so you can answer any questions he may ask you.

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Astrograph

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e-evaluate your personal finances and career, and look at all your options. You can tend to legal, medical and domestic matters, putting an end to unfinished business that has been standing in your way and dragging you down. Don't feel guilty about putting your needs first.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Disciplined actions will be rewarded. Put your energy into setting goals and reaching your destination. A personal change will do you good.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — A romantic gesture will be met with an interesting response. Don't feel pressured to spend too much. You can have fun doing something simple or enter-

taining at home.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

— Handle important partnerships with care. Listen to complaints and suggestions, and look for a way to compromise. It's best to keep the peace to avoid emotional backlash.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Share your thoughts and collaborate with people heading in a similar direction. A chance to travel or communicate with people who have something to offer will be enlightening. Romance is highlighted.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) – Learn from watching what others do, not by opposing those who will never do or see things your way. If you want change, it's up to you to make it hap-

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Partners and children will be demanding. Before you think about giving in, set down some ground rules. Don't overspend just because someone makes you feel guilty. Offer love, consideration and understand-

ing.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) —
Changes at home will come as a surprise if you haven't been paying attention.
Don't neglect the little
things. Pay close attention to detail, especially where personal relationships are concerned.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't sign any contracts until you negotiate the deal you want. Your ability to persuade others to see and do things your way must not be wasted.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - It will be difficult to choose between an emotional and an intelligent response. Don't let anyone goad you into an argument you aren't prepared for. Gather facts and make your point clear.

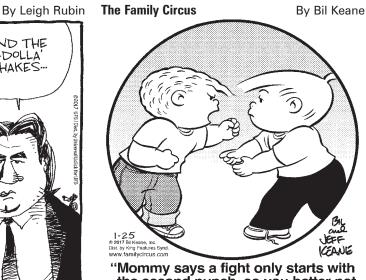
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Plan to have some fun or find a creative outlet that will give you the platform you need to display your talents, skills and foresight. Engage in romance to celebrate your achievements.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Added responsibilities can work for or against you, depending on how you handle matters. Dig in and get the work out of the way fast in order to garner praise and avoid criticism.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You'll discover a unique way to use your knowledge, expertise and skills to bring in extra cash. Don't reveal your plans until you have every detail in place.

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VINCENT, MAYBE AND THE 5-DOLLA' SHAKES... WE BETTER AY OFF ALL THOSE ROYALES WITH CHEESE ...



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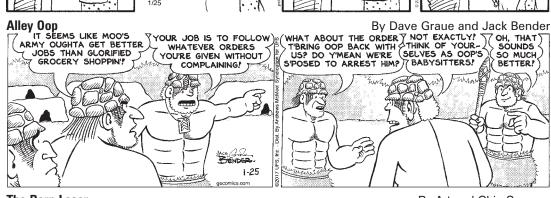




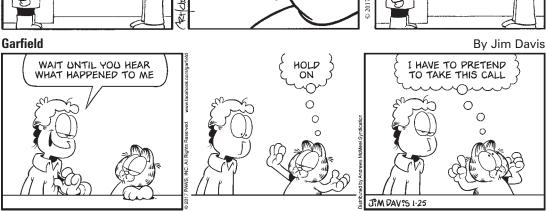












WHATS

IN EMP



Keep kids cell-free while on the road

BY HARRIETTE COLE

United Media DEAR HARRIETTE: I tell my daughter to never use her cellphone on the road, not even for a second. It is the law, and texting while driving causes countless deaths. She retorts that using it for navigation is different, but I still think it's a dangerous distraction. I'd rather have her use the car's navigation. Is using the phone as a GPS a loophole for the

law? — No Distractions, Baltimore DEAR NO DISTRACTIONS: The law requires that drivers never use cellphones when they are driving. There are not supposed to be exceptions to that rule. You are right to be concerned about your daughter's cellphone use, primarily because people break that law so often. But there is a way to use the GPS navigation on the phone effectively and within the parameters of the law. By setting up the GPS before driving and then linking it through Bluetooth in your car, she will not need to use her hands to get directions or even to

answer the phone.

DEAR HARRIETTE: My dog is a small Chihuahua mix and hates being outside in this winter weather. People think I torture her when I take her on walks because she shakes and looks petrified. I make her wear a coat, but I still get judgmental looks and comments from strangers in my dogloving city. She can't do her business in the house. How do I defend myself when my dog looks tortured in temperatures below 40 degrees? — Walking in the Snow,

DEAR WALKING IN THE SNOW: One of the challenges that owners of exotic dogs have is getting them acclimated to the climate in which they live. This can be tricky in a case like yours. Chihuahuas are native to Mexico, a country that is typically tropical in climate, or at least very warm. Chihuahuas are typically very small dogs with little body weight, so it is unsurprising that they would be cold walking out-

side in inclement, cold weather. This is why many Chihuahua owners (as well as owners of other small, short-haired dogs) buy doggy gloves and coats to help protect them from the elements. . You say you already do put a coat on your dog. Consider a heavier one — for the dog's sake, not for the onlookers. In some instances, dog owners carry the dogs to the park or wherever they take them to relieve themselves and put them on the ground to do their business.

When it's really cold, you may want to put a pad outside your home so that the dog can relieve itself without a true walk. You can also check with your dog's veterinarian to learn the best recommendations for protecting the dog in the winter months. After you have done what is suggested, feel confident that you can walk with conviction, knowing that you are properly caring for your dog. If others give you the side eye, ignore them.

Restaurants: The next front for the immigration debate?

SOPHIA TAREEN

The Associated Press **CHICAGO** — The national debate over immigration policy could be coming to a diner

From down-home delis to upscale bistros, dozens of restaurants nationwide are seeking "sanctuary" status, a designation owners hope will help protect employees in an immigrant-heavy industry and tone down fiery rhetoric sparked by the presidential campaign. First inspired by churches, the label is something cities and other public entities have sought to offer local protections to immigrants living in the U.S. illegally, whether it's barring police from asking citizens about immigration status or refusing to cooperate with federal agents.

Roughly 80 restaurants are participating, in locations including New York, Minneapolis, Detroit, Boston, Oakland, California, and Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The restaurants agree to antidiscrimination policies, put up signs on windows that pronounce their sanctuary status and receive know-your-rights training, such as webinars on how to ask federal immigration agents for proper paperwork if there's an attempted raid. Some will also offer a text line for customers or employees to report any incidents of harass-

At Detroit's Russell Street Deli, customers walking in the front door of the racially diverse restaurant see a sign that reads: "SANCTUARY RESTAURANT, a place at the table for everyone."

"I have this one little place where I get to decide how peo-



PAUL SANCYA/AP

In this Jan. 18 photo, Ben Hall, owner of the Russell Street Deli, poses with a sanctuary restaurant sign in Detroit.

ple treat each other," said owner Ben Hall, who is biracial and was moved to sign up after a few customers' racially tinged comments. "If someone has the need to insult someone ... then they don't get to participate. I've told them, 'There's another diner next door."

The movement is loosely defined and largely symbolic. Restaurants are private businesses subject to workplace law and regulations, and a sanctuary designation will do nothing to prevent federal agents from

arresting any workers in the country illegally.

But organizers of the sanctuary restaurants movement say it's a response to the uncertainty surrounding President Donald Trump, whose campaign cornerstones included stepped-up deportations and a wall along the Mexican border, though he has not given details on how either would be carried out. They argue the restaurant industry is more vulnerable than others, given its heavy reliance on immigrant labor.

Not all restaurant industry groups agree with the tactic.

The National Restaurant Association, which represents roughly 500,000 businesses, is instead pushing for an immigration overhaul, including an updated verification system that confirms employees' eligibility to work in the country legally. Association Senior Vice President Steve Danon said the organization "is looking forward to working with the Trump administration" on ways to make verification "easier and more cost-efficient."

Roughly 12 million workers are in the restaurant industry and immigrants make up the majority, including up to 70 percent in big cities such as New York and Chicago. An estimated 1.3 million in the industry are immigrants living in the country without legal permission, according to Restaurant Opportunities Centers United, which launched the campaign and works to improve industry conditions.

They pitched the program

with an economic argument, saving restaurants need a "robust pool of workers." In a recent letter, they appealed to Trump as a businessman and urged him to "speak out to alleviate the fear of deportation and other harassment.

"This is not about a restaurant harboring people in a closet. This is about creating a safe space," said Saru Jayaraman, a co-founder of ROC United. "Employers have a responsibility to protect their workers."

In Chicago, the general manager at the rustic French restaurant Campagne Bistro said he applied to become a sanctuary restaurant because he wanted his employees to feel supported. Half the employees at his neighborhood bistro are immigrants, including from Romania, Ecuador and Mexico.

"Restaurants are part of embracing other cultures," said Todd Feinberg. "We are all an immigrant culture. The idea that we might not accept that disturbs me a bit."

At Brightwok Kitchen, an Asian inspired build-a-bowl restaurant in downtown Chicago, owner Jeremy Klaben said he sought sanctuary status because he wants employees and customers to feel included. The restaurant draws a busy lunchtime crowd of college students, corporate employees and tourists.

Employee Iris Quijano, 22, said it's an extension of how she and colleagues feel. The Chicago native who has family in Mexico was drawn to the restaurant after she graduated from college.

"In terms of all the negativity and the hatred we have in social media and in general ... it'll be good to be known as a sanctuary restaurant," she said.

Public Notices

VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS

The Village of Kenesaw Board of Trustees held a regular board meeting on January 12, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Kenesaw Village Office, as was advertised. Board Members present: Ronda Ehly, Sarah Kroos, JR Pulver, Teresa Uden and Dale Long. Also present: Robb Woodward, Larry Knaub, and Henry Wilson. Clerk: Cindy Kiefer. Maintenance: Jeff Edmondson. (Shortened for publication)

Meeting was called to order at 7:31p.m.
 Approved the Minutes of December 13, 2016 Regular Meeting.

3. Approved the Expenditures for December 2016.

Approved Treasurer's Report for December 2016.

5. Approved Woodward Disposal Service Inc. Contract Extension 6. Approved Olsson & Associates Work Change Direct-

7. Approved Olsson & Associates, Certificate of Pav-

8. Approved Pavelka Trucking to transport new fire en-

gine from Gering for \$500.00

9. Approved Water Service Connection/Disconnection charges: \$30- Delinquent Account Reconnection fee

during business hours. \$50 -Delinquent Account reconnection fee for after hour services. \$25 fee for each voluntary request of connection change during business hours/Disconnection fee will be waived if there is 6 months of consecutive paid services without delinquen-10. Approved to pay Title Company for title search on

106 N Perkins property. 11. Approved to provide a PRN Maintenance employ-

ment position for emergency services such as snowplowing 12. Old Fire Truck - To post for sale and publish ad for

sealed bid closing on February 14th, 2017. 13. Adjourned regular meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Claims Report- January 2017 Ace Machine Shop & Sales-705.00; Adams Machine Shop & Sale-2,740.00; Ben Pavelka Trucking, Inc-500.00; Black Hills Energy-593.87; Business World Products Inc-60.94; Cash-30.26; Central Community

College-259.50; Consolidated Concrete-8,859.53; Credit Management Services-745.28; Dana F Cole & Company LLP-3,683.44; Double A Electric-165.98; EFTPS-3,665.21; Kim Ehly-76.16; Ronda Ehly-85.00; EMC Insurance Companies-2,876.51; EMC National Life Companhy-357.06; EMS Billing Services-9.00; Fill-N-Chill-256.52; Glenwood-62.22; Great Plains Asbestos-1,300.00; Vance Harpham-40.00; Hastings Tribune-70.02; Hometown Leasing-82.68; Integrity Home Inspection-649.00; J.I.L. Asphalt Paving Co.-73,490.12; Johnson's Heating & A/C-719.00; Kenesaw Market-7.98; Sarah Kroos-135.00; Krull Agency-202.00; Kully Pipe & Steel-199.53; Scott Enninga-25.00; Brent Schleeman-25.00; Jerry Jacobsen-125.00; KVFD EMT Capt Legg-35.00; Kim Ehly-35.00; Lieske Law Firm-548.71; Dale Long-85.00; Lord Abbett-1,429.22; Menards-376.14; Mike Hansen-375.00; Municipal Supply Inc-314.42; Myers Construction Inc-370.42; NDEQ-Fiscal Services-34.00; NE Department of Revenue W/H-901.28; NE Dept of Revenue-Sales Tax-906.05; NMC Exchange LLC-81.8; NPHEL-NE Public Health ENV Lab-16.00; Olsson Associates-7,800.10; One Call Concepts Inc-92.34; Platte Valley Communications-354.55; JR Pulver-85.00; Southern Power District-2,798.00; Teresa Uden-85.00: United States Postal Service-128.52; Verizon Wireless-219.06; Village of Kenesaw-125.20; Walgreens-314.85; Walmart-40.38; Windstream-213.13; Total Accounts Payable-120,565.98; Payroll Checks-12,600.37; Paid Total-133,166.35; Report Total-133,166.35 January 25, 2017

NOTICE Repr ESTATE OF MARJORIE tate. L. JOHNSON, Deceased Cre Case No. PR17-12

TO: All Persons Interested in Said Estate Notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of January, 2017, in the Adams County Court, at Hastings, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of MAR-JORIE L. JOHNSON, Deceased, GREGORY D. ERNST, whose address is 3200 Durado Court, Lincoln, Nebraska 68520 has

been appointed Personal

Representative of this es-

Creditors of this Estate must present their claims on or before the 27th day of March, 2017, or be forever barred. Dated this 18th day of January, 2017.

Tom Hawes Clerk of the County Court Mark A. Beck, #18760 Beck Law Office, P.O. Box 10 Hastings, N 68902-0010 Nebraska January 25, February 1, 8,

Notice to Bidders UNK Fiber Infrastructure Upgrades

Project No.: K800P010 University of Nebraska at Kearney Kearney, Nebraska 68849 Project Description:

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General Services Building, Conference Room

2507 19th Avenue Kearney, Nebraska 68849

Address for Delivery of Mailed Bids: University of Nebraska Kearney General Services Building

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University of Nebraska Kearney General Services Building, Conference Room

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Date: February 2nd, 2017 Time: 2:00 p.m.

UNK Campus

General Services Building, Conference Room

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January 25, 28, February 1, 2017 NOTICE

ESTATE OF FRANCIS J. SHAUGHNESSY, Deceased Case No. PR17-13

TO: All Persons Interested in Said Estate Notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of January, 2017, in the Adams County Court, at Hastings, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of FRAN-CIS J. SHAUGHNESSY, Deceased. MARK A. BECK, whose address is P.O. Box 10, Hastings,

Nebraska 68902-0010,

has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate.

Creditors of this Estate must present their claims on or before the 27th day of March, 2017, or be forever barred. Dated this 18th day of January, 2017. Tom Hawes

Clerk of the County Court Mark A. Beck, #18760 Beck Law Office, P.C., L.L.O. P.O. Box 10 Hastings, Nebraska 68902-0010

January 25, February 1, 8,

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF ADAMS COUNTY,

NEBRASKA GOLDENSTEIN Case No. PR 17-06

Notice is hereby given that on January 6, 2017, in the County Court of Adams County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that DONNA J. KOTHE and DARRELL R. GOLDEN-STEIN, were informally appointed by the Registrar as Co-Personal Representat-

ives of this estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before the 13th day of March, 2017, or forever be barred.

Tom Hawes Clerk of the County Court Adams County Courthouse 500 West 4th Street

Hastings, Nebraska 68901 Matthew D. Baack, 23868 Skalka & Baack, L.L.C. P.O. Box 907 200 North Burlington,

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January 11, 18, 25, 2017

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January 18, 25, 2017

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City of Hastings Kimberly Jacobitz, City Clerk

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NO. PR17-11

Notice is hereby given that on January 19, 2017, in the County Court of Adams County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written Statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent, and that Lisa L. Malone. whose address is 3220 West Covered Bridge Drive, Lincoln, Nebraska 68523, and Barbara A. Johnson, whose address is 15655 Columbine Street, Thornton, Colorado 80602, were informally appointed by the Regiśtrar as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate. Creditors of this estate must file their claims with this Court on or before March 27, 2017, or be forever barred.

Tom Hawes Clerk of the County Court Adams County Courthouse

Hastings, Nebraska 68901 Richard C. Witt #16787 Sullivan Shoemaker P.C., L.L.O. **Burlington Center** Suite 305 747 North Burlington Avenue

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AFTER NEWS LEAKS, USMARC PARENT AGENCY SAYS 'GAG ORDER' TO BE NIXED

MICHAEL BIESECKER **AND JOHN FLESHER** The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Trump administration freeze on new **Environmental Protection** Agency contracts and grant awards raised fears that states and other recipients could lose essential funding for drinking water protection, hazardous waste oversight and a host of other programs — while a communications blackout left them dangling in uncertainty.

The agency also took a potential first step Tuesday toward potentially killing environmental rules completed as President Barack Obama's term wound down. At least 30 were targeted in the Federal Register for delayed implementation, including updated pollution rulings for several states, renewable fuel standards and limits on the amount of formaldehyde that can leach from wood products.

President Donald Trump signed a directive shortly after his inauguration ordering a

"freeze pending review" on all federal rules issued by agencies but not yet in effect.

But what the administration described Tuesday as a temporary suspension of new business activities at the department, including issuing work assignments to EPA contractors, sowed widespread confusion about its reach. EPA contracts with outside vendors for a wide array of services, from engineering and research science to janitorial supplies.

Emails to staff banning press releases, blog updates or posts to the agency's social media accounts contributed to the information vacuum.

"Is President Trump the only one allowed to tweet in government right now?" Liz Purchia, who was EPA press secretary for the Obama administration, said in an email to The Associated Press.

"I just keep thinking how thankful I am there isn't an emergency disaster EPA needs to respond to right now. ... It's one thing to get your ducks in a row, but to put a gag order on public servants and all agency activities, not only prevents them from doing their jobs. It puts our country at risk."

Similar orders barring external communications have

been issued at agencies within the departments of Transportation, Agriculture and Interior.

"Vladimir Putin must be proud," said Ken Cook, president of the Environmental Working Group, an advocacy organization. "The EPA, like all federal agencies, is funded by taxpayer dollars, and Americans have the right to know what's being done to protect or harm public health

White House spokesman Sean Spicer said Tuesday he had no specific information on the blackout but added, "I don't think it's any surprise that when there's an administration turnover, that we're going to review the policies."

and the environment."

Doug Ericksen, communications director for Trump's transition team at EPA, said the communications clampdown probably would be lifted by the end of the week.

"We're just trying to get a handle on everything and make sure what goes out reflects the priorities of the new administration," Ericksen said.

The freeze on EPA contracts and grants won't apply to pollution cleanup efforts or infrastructure construction activities, he said. The agency said

later the delay was for a review of transactions in the works and it should be finished by Friday.

Still, confusion reigned in states led by Democrats and Republicans alike that depend on EPA funding.

"We are unsure of the immediate or long-term impact" to programs in Montana involving wastewater treatment, underground storage tanks, air quality and more, said Kristi Ponozzo of the state Department of Environmental Quality.

Members of Michigan's congressional delegation raised concern that the freeze could jeopardize aid to Flint, a city still dealing with lead contamination of its water supply.

Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer of New York urged the Trump administration to drop the media blackout and contracting holdup.

The executive director for the advocacy group Public **Employees for Environmental** Responsibility, Jeff Ruch, said the Trump orders go beyond what has occurred in prior presidential transitions.

Ruch noted that key posts at EPA have not yet been filled with Republican appointees, including Trump's nominee

for EPA administrator, Scott Pruitt. That means new senior personnel are not in place to make key decisions.

Environmentalists said the orders were causing low morale among EPA staff already beleaguered by repeated criticism from Trump and Pruitt.

Staff at the Agriculture Department's Agricultural Research Service also received orders not to issue any news releases, photos, fact sheets and social media posts. After an email of the order leaked to the media, the agency said it would rescind the memo.

"Gag orders that freeze communications with the public and government officials go against basic notions of government transparency and accountability," said Michael Macleod-Ball of the American Civil Liberties Union.

ARS, headquartered in Beltsville, Md., is the parent organization for the Roman L. Hruska U.S. Meat Animal Research Center in Clay County.

Flesher reported from Traverse City, Mich. **Associated Press writers** Mary Clare Jalonick and Darlene Superville in Washington, Matthew Brown in Billings, Mont., and Dan Elliott in Denver contributed to this report.

Markets

Wednesday's 11 a.m. local markets

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Ikea said Tuesday it had received five reports from Finland, Germany, the United States, Denmark and Australia in which users sustained injuries.

The Associated Press

Trump's trade, geopolitical moves consequential for China

JOE McDONALD

AND GILLIAN WONG The Associated Press

BEIJING — With his rejection of an Asian trade pact, U.S. President Donald Trump has tackled the first in a promised series of far-reaching policy changes that

could inadvertently give China room to assert itself as a regional leader and worsen strains over the South China Sea and Taiwan.

The U.S. departure from the Trans-Pacific Partnership could help President Xi

Jinping's effort to cast Beijing as a champion of free trade and might increase official interest in a Chinese-led alternative trade deal. The TPP, which excluded China, has been seen as a gambit by Trump's predecessor, Barack Obama, to counter Beijing's influence.

It could also strengthen ties with China's neighbors as Beijing prepares for potential challenges from

Washington on thorny issues including claims over the South China Sea and the status of Taiwan, the self-ruled island Chinese leaders claim as part of

Here is a look at these issues and what they mean for China.

TPP AND AN OPENING

The U.S. withdrawal from TPP gives China an opening to step up as a leader in forging Asian trade agreements.

In an implicit rejection of Trump's promises to restrict imports, Xi defended free trade in a speech last week at the World Economic Forum in Switzerland, calling on other governments to reject protectionism.

"China is likely to play a much stronger lead role in the future Asia Pacific trade architecture," Rajiv Biswas, chief Asia economist for IHS Markit, said in a report.

Beijing has launched its own initiatives to develop Asian trade centered on China including a bank to finance roads, ports and railways and the "One Belt, One Road" project to develop links with European markets.

The cost of Trump's decision will fall most heavily on Chinese neighbors such as Vietnam and Malaysia that stood to gain from easier access to the U.S. market.

That could increase interest in another Chinese-led initiative, the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership. It is less sweeping than the TPP and would allow more protection for state-owned industry.

At the same time, Trump also has promised to pursue trade deals with individual TPP countries.

"This bilateral approach may also provide opportunities for further trade liberalization," Biswas said.

TRUMP AND TRADE

Trump's rejection of TPP is the first step in an ambitious agenda aimed at rearranging trade with Asia — with sweeping potential repercussions for regional economies.

Trump has promised to raise tariffs on Chinese goods to 45 percent and to induce American manufacturers to shift production to the United States. He says he will negotiate bilateral trade deals with individual Asian countries, which could redirect trade flows.

Those moves could erode China's influence, which stems in part from being its neighbors' biggest export market on the strength of demand by Chinese factories for raw materials and components that go into U.S.-bound goods.

The American Chamber of Commerce in China said last week that Beijing is preparing to retaliate in the event Trump goes ahead with measures to restrict imports. The chamber said Chinese authorities already have toughened their stance by imposing unusually high duties in an anti-dumping case in January aimed at a U.S. chemical used in livestock feed.

Disruption in U.S.-China trade "could have negative impact effects on supply chains throughout Asia," said Biswas. Trump's plan to shift manufacturing to the United States "could also have some negative investment diversion effects on manufacturing investment away from China.'

SOUTH CHINA SEA, TAIWAN Trump's choice for secretary of state

has rattled Beijing by saying Washington might try to block access to artificial Chinese islands in the South China Sea, prompting warnings the United States might face a military clash if it does.

White House press secretary Sean Spicer said Monday the Trump administration would "defend international territories" including in the South China Sea, a region of conflicting claims by China and its neighbors. Trump's nominee for top U.S. diplomat, Rex Tillerson, said earlier the United States should stop Beijing from constructing artificial islands and deny it access to them.

Beijing has protested the sailing of U.S. warships in the waters as provocative.

"If the U.S. takes actions against China's moves to protect their own sea territories, it may result in serous military confrontation." said Sun Hao, an international relations expert at the China Foreign Affairs University in Beijing.

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