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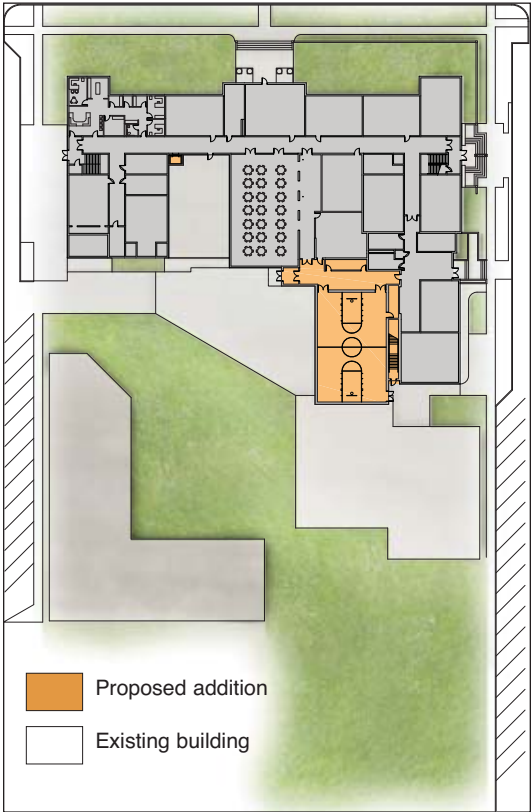
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Longfellow Elementary

The Community Facilities Advisory Committee for Hastings Public Schools is proposing adding a new gymnasium to Longfellow and gutting all of the classrooms and office spaces and rebuilding them with the addition of utilities, including new air conditioning, new wiring and new plumbing.



Source: Cannon Moss Brygger & Associates of Grand Island

New gym, infrastructure improvements recommended

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Most of the proposed \$6.5 million redevelopment of Longfellow Elementary would involve upgrading the building's utility and climate control infrastructure without disturbing much of its historic integrity and distinctive physical characteristics.

At least that's the plan offered by a Community Facilities Advisory Committee that spent a year evaluating the elementary system at Hastings Public Schools before offering its recommendation to school officials.

In October, Superintendent Craig Kautz revealed the local advisory committee's recommendations for the future of the elementary buildings.

Under the committee's proposal, the Hawthorne, Lincoln and Watson elementary buildings would be expanded, while Alcott and Longfellow would be expanded and renovated.

Meanwhile, Morton Elementary would be

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Doniphan-Trumbull fan Grace Schultz holds a picture of her brother Reid as she cheers for the Cardinals during the Class C-2 state championship game Tuesday at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln.

Backyard to big time

'CARDINAL FAMILY' CELEBRATES D-T'S FIRST FOOTBALL TITLE

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LINCOLN — It began more than a decade ago.

On a field not much larger than a rural backyard, youngsters wielded scrawny limbs and grasped at colored flags tied around the waists of their opponents.

There were few planned plays executed, few fans except parents, and fewer pounds on the Doniphan-Trumbull area athletes, who were then sixth-graders.

But it was those moments, those sparks of passion for the game of football, that ignited a

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Doniphan-Trumbull students celebrate a touchdown by the Cardinals during the Class C-2 state championship Tuesday at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln. For more on the game, see page C1.

Market surveys still aim to connect consumers, Hastings businesses

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The Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce's Retail

Development Committee is hoping to connect the wants of consumers and the offerings of local businesses as it continues a series of market research surveys.

In a retail survey conducted



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this spring, the chamber found that citizens of Adams County and the surrounding counties tend to shop locally more often than they shop online or in bigger cities, and that the trend is true regardless of age, geographic location or income level. The study also found, however, that many consumers believe that Hastings' retail offerings are lacking or declining.

Now, the retail committee is taking that data and building on it with an analysis of the

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LAURA BEAHM/Tribune

Luther Young and Donnie Streck work in the kitchen at the Salvation Army Tuesday afternoon as they prepare to make a Thanksgiving meal.

Thanksgiving feasts on two groups' menu

CROSSROADS, SALVATION ARMY SERVING UP COMMUNITY MEALS

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Thanks to combined efforts of volunteers, Crossroads Center and the Salvation Army, hundreds of area residents with no place to go on Thanksgiving will have two chances to share a traditional Thanksgiving meal with others.

More than 500 guests are expected to dine on turkey and all the fixings between the two agencies, with the

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Weather

Lo: 22 Hi: 40

Mostly clear and not as cold tonight. Mostly sunny Thursday.



Art by Jerzie Kapastka, 7, Adams Central East



The Tribune business offices will be closed Thursday and no paper will be published. Normal publication resumes Friday. Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

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This undated photo provided by the Williams family shows Merrell Williams Jr., a one-time Kentucky paralegal who took on Big Tobacco as a whistleblower and leaked internal documents exposing health risks and the addictiveness of cigarettes. Williams Jr. died last week of a heart attack in Ocean Springs, Miss. at age 72.

Big Tobacco whistleblower dies at age 72

BRUCE SCHREINER
The Associated Press
LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Merrell Williams Jr., a one-time Kentucky paralegal who took on Big Tobacco as a whistleblower who leaked internal documents exposing health risks and the addictiveness of cigarettes, has died in Mississippi, decades after he joined the fight that forever changed perceptions of smoking. Williams died last week of a heart attack in Ocean Springs, Miss., his daughter, Jennifer Smith, said Monday. He was 72. He worked for a Kentucky law firm representing the then-Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. and leaked thousands of pages of internal memos and studies concerning smoking and health that provided newfound ammunition to tobacco opponents.

The information made national headlines. News organizations reported the information showed Brown & Williamson executives knew decades earlier that nicotine was addictive and that they funneled potentially damaging documents to lawyers to keep them secret. A few years later, the tobacco industry agreed to a massive settlement with the states over smoking-related health costs. Mike Moore, who as Mississippi's attorney general during that era, was at the forefront of the legal fight against the tobacco industry. He remembered Williams on Monday for making a significant contribution to the effort that put cigarette makers on the defensive. "The now famous Brown &

Williamson documents that Merrell was able to provide us, under extraordinary circumstances and threat, changed the course of our litigation," Moore said in an email. "We got on a plane and took those documents to Congress and the FDA (U.S. Food and Drug Administration)." "The three big lies — cigarettes don't cause cancer, nicotine is not addictive and we don't market to kids — were all refuted by the B&W documents Merrell obtained." It was another tobacco industry whistleblower from Louisville, however, who gained considerably more notoriety during the turbulent era. One-time Brown & Williamson executive Jeffrey Wigand revealed industry secrets to the CBS news show "60 Minutes." His role inspired the movie "The Insider," which focused on Wigand and a battle within CBS over whether to air the "60 Minutes" story about his allegations that tobacco companies manipulated nicotine levels in cigarettes and lied about their addictive power. Williams said his role in the legal fight took a personal toll. He told The Courier-Journal that the pressures contributed to a divorce, and he eventually moved to Mississippi. In a 1995 interview with the Louisville newspaper, Williams said he felt like he never saw a friendly face in Louisville, where Brown & Williamson was headquartered. The company was a big employer and donor to the community until it merged with another tobacco giant based in North Carolina.

Longtime Progressive CEO Peter Lewis dies

The Associated Press
MAYFIELD VILLAGE, Ohio — Peter Lewis, who shepherded Progressive Corp. from a small-time operation to one of the largest auto insurers in the country and later became the billionaire backer of marijuana legalization, died Saturday. He was 80. Philanthropic adviser Jennifer Frutchy said Lewis died at his home in Coconut Grove, Fla. Progressive President and CEO Glenn Renwick said the company owes its growth and its culture of openness to Lewis. He said Lewis' caring and honesty are "bedrock" values of the company. "The history of Progressive is very much the history that Peter Lewis laid down," Renwick said. A willingness to take risks and constantly learn and grow are principles that can be traced to Lewis, he added. "He really was a special person, there's no doubt about that," Renwick said.

Lewis became chief executive officer of Progressive in 1965, built from the company his father co-founded in 1937. Lewis held the leadership post for 35 years, during which Progressive — and Lewis' fortune — steadily grew. In 2006, Forbes calculated his net worth at \$1.4 billion. Lewis turned his wealth into support for a number of progressive causes, including strong support for marijuana law reform that began after he used it following a leg amputation. Lewis helped bankroll marijuana-related causes in Ohio, Washington and Massachusetts. In a 2011 interview with Forbes Magazine, Lewis said he first tried marijuana at age 39. He said he found it to be "better than scotch" and later relied on it for pain management. "I don't believe that laws against things that people do regularly, like safe and responsible use of marijuana, make any sense," he told Forbes.

Yesterday and Today

Kitty in a tree



ARIEL SCHALIT/AP

Salam, 5, an African lion, stands on the branches of a tree at the Ramt Gan safari Tuesday near Tel Aviv, Israel. Tree-climbing lions are relatively uncommon and are best known for their populations in Uganda's Queen Elizabeth National Park and Tanzania's Lake Manyara National Park.

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 27, the 331st day of 2013. There are 34 days left in the year.

MEMORY LANE

TRIBLAND

Sixty years ago: The 1953 Hastings Community Chest campaign ended with \$34,883. Fifty years ago: Newly elected officers of the Adams County Fair were Don Butler, president; Merle Anderson, vice president; L.L. Lemonds, secretary; and Fred Hansen, treasurer. Forty years ago: Only one of Hastings' 30 service stations planned to remain open on Sundays after President Nixon requested that no gasoline be sold on Sundays in order to conserve fuel. Thirty years ago: A weekend storm that rolled into central Nebraska left most area residents holed up in their homes and road crews fighting a no-win battle against the wind. Hastings had recorded about 11 inches of snow. Twenty years ago: A letter-writing campaign was under way to try to save the Inavale post office, which the U.S. Postal Service announced would become a community post office. Ten years ago: Fans were expressing both shock and excitement at the news that Nebraska football coach Frank Solich had been fired. One year ago: Fillmore County officials were moving county offices currently renting space throughout Geneva into the old Fillmore County Hospital.

HIGHLIGHT IN HISTORY

On Nov. 27, 1978, San Francisco Mayor

George Moscone and City Supervisor Harvey Milk, a gay-rights activist, were shot to death inside City Hall by former supervisor Dan White. **TODAY IN NEBRASKA** In 1932, in Cheyenne, Wyo., a tri-state conference involving Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming adjourned after it apparently is unable to reach an agreement over allocation of water from the North Platte River. In 1983, a blizzard dumped more than 7 inches of snow on Omaha and forced the temporary closing of a 120-mile stretch of Interstate 80 between Ogallala and the Wyoming state line.

ON THIS DATE

In 1701, astronomer Anders Celsius, inventor of the Celsius temperature scale, was born in Uppsala, Sweden. In 1901, the U.S. Army War College was established in Washington, D.C. In 1910, the Pennsylvania Railroad began regularly serving New York's Pennsylvania Station. In 1942, during World War II, the French navy at Toulon scuttled its ships and submarines to keep them out of the hands of German troops. In 1953, playwright Eugene O'Neill died in Boston at age 65. In 1962, the first Boeing 727 was rolled out at the company's Renton Plant. In 1970, Pope Paul VI, visiting the Philippines, was slightly wounded at the Manila airport by a dagger-wielding Bolivian painter disguised as a priest. In 1973, the Senate voted 92-3 to confirm Gerald R. Ford as vice president, suc-

ceeding Spiro T. Agnew, who'd resigned. In 1983, 181 people were killed when a Colombian Avianca Airlines Boeing 747 crashed near Madrid's Barajas airport. In 1989, a bomb blamed on drug traffickers destroyed a Colombian Avianca Boeing 727, killing all 107 people on board and three people on the ground. In 1999, Northern Ireland's biggest party, the Ulster Unionists, cleared the way for the speedy formation of an unprecedented Protestant-Catholic administration. In 2009, Tiger Woods crashed his SUV outside his Florida mansion, sparking widespread attention to reports of marital infidelity.

TODAY IN SPORTS

In 1985, Vince Coleman became the fourth person ever to be unanimously named National League Rookie of the Year. He had stolen 110 bases for the St. Louis Cardinals.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Man's loneliness is but his fear of life." — Eugene O'Neill, *American playwright* (born 1888, died this date in 1953)

FACT OF THE DAY

Pierre and Marie Curie are the only husband and wife to receive the Nobel Prize in Physics (1903).

NUMBER OF THE DAY

45 — Nobel Prizes that have been awarded to women since 1901. Sources: The Associated Press, Newspaper Enterprise Assn. and World Almanac Education Group

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Vehicles reportedly driven by Kelsey N. Yeomans of 826 N. Bellevue Ave. and Juan Bueno of 1131 N. Minnesota Ave. collided Thursday at Colorado Avenue and 10th Street. Eagles, Friday, fish fry, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. All welcome. - Adv. Vehicles reportedly driven by Dorla M. Bucknell of 1943 Boyce St. and Lynn T. Cordell of 1912 W. Sixth St. collided Friday at Third Street and Bellevue Avenue. 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. Four Seasons Gifts & Decor now has Classic Metal Barn Quilts, 743 West 2nd Street. - Adv.

Lotteries

WINNING NUMBERS

Tuesday
Nebraska Pick 3 **8-9-9**
MyDaY **3-2-43**
Nebraska Pick 5 **9-17-20-22-24**
Jackpot: \$62,000
MegaMillions **27-44-59-74-75**
Mega Ball: 3; Megaplier: 5
2by2 **Red 13-22, White 18-19**
Kansas Pick 3 **1-8-9**

Vehicles reportedly driven by Diane K. Shardelow of 1421 Apache Ave. and Benjamin J. Hahn of 1009 S. Lincoln Ave. collided Friday at Burlington Avenue near Fifth Street. Authorities cited a 27-year-old Hastings man Friday for reportedly shoplifting at Sun Mart Foods, 920 S. Burlington Ave. The value of items taken was \$6.84. A hit-and-run driver Friday reportedly struck a parked vehicle owned by Randall C. Lemke of Lawrence at 3350 E. Military Drive. Save money...Wink's Family Holiday Special. 402-462-4171. - Adv.

Public notices

See today's notices on Page C5
◆ Notice of trustee's sale, Karen Peterson
◆ Notice to creditors, Robert Songster
◆ Notice of organization, M&M Fabrication, LLC
◆ Request for proposals, city water system study, Minden
◆ Adams County Board of Supervisors proceedings
◆ Notice of hearing, Alan Anderson
◆ Notice of meeting, Midland Area Agency on Aging Governing Board

Rashell D. Hillis of 1914 W. Eighth St. No. 21 reported Saturday that shoes and a cell-phone were taken at the 200 block of North Marian Road. It was reported Friday that a garage door owned by First St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 501 N. Burlington Ave., was damaged at the church. Kenneth T. Nehls Jr. of 114 S. Ross Ave. reported Friday that his residence was damaged. Godfather's Pizza Black Friday Special...large, one-topping pizza \$10, 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Black Friday only! 1414 North Burlington, 461-0386. - Adv.

Authorities cited a 39-year-old Hastings man Saturday for reportedly shoplifting at Uncle Neal's Country Convenience Store, 202 E. Second St. The value of items taken was \$3.49. YWCA Holiday Home Tour December 7, 14. 402-462-8821. - Adv. Stephanie A. Swanson of 1125 W. H St. reported Friday that her cellphone was taken at her residence. North Shore Mpac Holiday Home Tour December 7, 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.; five beautiful homes. Tickets \$6.00/advance, \$8.00 at door. 402-462-5742. - Adv.

Calendar

◆ **Cards**, 1:30 p.m., YWCA of Adams County, 604 N. St. Joseph Ave. Call 402-462-8821.
◆ **Crystal Meth Anonymous**, 7:45-9 p.m. Friday, 521 S. St. Joseph Ave.
JUNIATA
◆ **Alcoholics Anonymous**, 8 p.m. Thursday, United Methodist Church basement, 610 N. Adams Ave.
MINDEN
◆ **Minden Community Players Presents "Christmas Revue IV,"** 7:30 p.m. Friday, Minden Opera House. For tickets, call 308-832-0588 or visit MindenOperaHouse.com.

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D-T: ‘Cardinal family’ celebrates school’s first state football title

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high standard of play for the group of young guys and ultimately paid off in the Nebraska C-2 state football championship game Tuesday at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln.

Online

For video of the Doniphan-Trumbull state championship game, go to hastingstribune.com.

From humble beginnings on the flag football field all the way to the state finals, history has been made for the Cardinals.

“There are no words to describe today,” said Brenda Wiltfong, mom to senior quarterback Riley Wiltfong and freshman Carson Wiltfong, as her sons and the rest of what she calls “the Cardinal family” secured and celebrated the school’s first appearance and a 32-13 victory over Aquinas Catholic in the state championship finals.

Wiltfong remembers the days when many of the Doniphan-Trumbull players were half their height and beginning to love the game of football.

“Before the game today, I told Riley, ‘You’re not playing in the backyard anymore.



AMY ROH/Tribune

Doniphan-Trumbull head football coach Brent Breckner hugs Reid Schultz during the medal ceremony for the Class C-2 state championship Tuesday at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln.

You’re playing in Memorial Stadium!”

And there were hundreds of other members of the Cardinal fan base huddled into the stands Tuesday who realized the weight of the day just as Wiltfong did.

A bundled-up student section jumped and waved signs, echoing the cheerleaders’ rally cries: “Who are we? D-T!” Parents sported photo signs of their sons and rived the decibel level produced by the high schoolers.

“It’s unreal,” said Barry Keller, father of junior tight end Noah Keller and former flag football coach. “It’s been a long year of practice and preparation for these guys. And just to see the energy in the town has been so fun to watch. The guys have been feeding off of it. We all have. It was hard to focus on work this week with so much excitement going on.”

The Cardinal momentum reached a peak, Keller said, at last week’s semifinal game against Battle Creek, after which a legion of firefighters and ambulance personnel from Doniphan met the returning victors at I-80 and ushered them back into town. The mayhem hasn’t ceased since then, Keller said.

That spirit is what Wiltfong refers to when she talks about “the Cardinal family.”

“The fan base is tremendous,” she said. “Instead of saying that these boys are ‘our sons,’ we know they’re the whole community’s sons. The community has embraced them.”

Wiltfong and many of the players and fan attest that a strong part of the Cardinal support system is the coaching staff.

Head coach Brent Breckner has been at D-T for six seasons

and is known as a strong and caring leader. The coaches back a standard of hard work, focus, tradition and teamwork.

“They are amazing, down-to-earth guys who have great work ethic and fundamentals. As a mom, I couldn’t ask for better coaches. They are good leaders, good role models for our kids,” Wiltfong said.

“They’re extremely encouraging,” said Quin Mlinar, a freshman at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and a 2010 graduate of D-T. He and a crowd of other former Cardinal football players packed together at the front of the cheering section Tuesday. “The coaches expect the best and want you to do your best, and they do their best to help you get there. Breckner is a good speaker and gets you motivated, but he’s also a good guy to talk to about anything, in general. He’s gonna check up on his players.”

With the mix of fans and family members in attendance Tuesday, and a powerhouse of talent coaching and executing on the field, it seemed the Cardinals had the perfect formula for its first state title.

Because so many facets of the community participated in the upbringing, nurturing and supporting of the D-T athletes,

hundreds in turn celebrated their victory.

At the beginning of the fourth quarter, with three touchdowns on the board over to Aquinas’ one, excitement precipitated in the Cardinal stands.

“I’m so pumped to be here. The hard work is paying off!” said Cale Buhr, former D-T football player and brother to senior receiver Creighton Buhr.

“We will be celebrating for at least a week,” Keller said.

Beside him, his brother Brent Keller and several friends sported red wigs and hats that, combined with yellow beaks, created Cardinal costumes.

Wiltfong simultaneously held a camera aloft and wiped away several tears of joy.

“They say that cardinals know family,” she said. “That once a cardinal joins the family, they stay forever. That’s us, too.”

The clock ran out. Buzzer. A beat of silence. Then, a familiar pandemonium ensued. Cardinal history was made.

“This is the furthest Doniphan has ever made it. Today, win or loss, they would have still been champions in our mind,” Keller said.

“The fact that we’re going to go home happy is just an added bonus.”

Longfellow: New gym, new utilities on committee’s wish list

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closed with the option of turning it into a preschool hub for the district as well as other uses.

Under the proposal, the historic columns that face Ninth Street and the spacious library inside Longfellow, which was built in the mid-1920s, would remain untouched.

However, all of the classrooms and office spaces would be gutted and rebuilt with the addition of utilities, including new air conditioning, new wiring and new plumbing.

Longfellow, which is the largest elementary building in the district, doesn’t need any additional classrooms, as it already serves three sections of each grade. The proposed expansion part of the project would focus primarily on a new gymnasium to be built on the south side of the building. The current gymnasium shares space with the lunchroom, meaning that lunch and PE classes often overlap, which



Today is the final part of a series on a proposed \$21.5 million project to expand and renovate five of Hastings Public Schools’ six elementary sites. To read the entire series, go to hastingstribune.com.



LAURA BEAHM/Tribune

A group of students eat in the Longfellow Elementary gymnasium Thursday.

causes scheduling issues.

In addition to the new gymnasium, kitchen space would be built onto the cafeteria area and the school’s offices would be moved next to the building’s main entrance.

“The goal is to restructure the interior to get best classroom space we can and to create actual offices where offices should be,” Kautz said.

The architects and others involved in the planning process had hoped

that the building’s original entrance along Ninth Street once again could become the building’s main entrance. However, due to the drop-off and pick-up situation with students, it was determined that putting that much

traffic onto Ninth Street would not work.

Instead, the main entrance, which hasn’t been determined, would be on the east or west side of the building.

By today’s standards, Kautz said, the Longfellow, Alcott and Morton elementary sites are considered inadequate for a school.

Part of the reason is that there is no extra space to create driveways to help get cars off the street and create safer drop-off and pick-up points.

“Today’s elementary buildings typically start with five acres and for every 100 students you add an acre,” Kautz said.

Longfellow sits on a space that is only about 2.6 acres total.

The difference between today’s standards and those when Longfellow was built are that years ago most students walked to school. Today, Kautz estimates that as many as 90 percent of elementary students in the district are brought to school by vehicle.

“So the 10-acre site allows you to create structures to manage the traffic,” he said.

Unfortunately, he said, there is no way to expand the Longfellow site, as it is landlocked.

Kautz said the new plan for Longfellow will include ways to help address traffic congestion. However, he said drivers need to always be aware of small children and other pedestrians.

Thanksgiving: A home-cooked meal for the holiday

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Salvation Army meal served between 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Masonic Center, 411 N. Hastings Ave., followed by the Crossroads meal served from 4-7 p.m. at the center at 702 W. 14th St.

At Crossroads, volunteer coordinator Kellie Kreutz said preparations for Thursday’s feast began Monday. Turkeys were being cooked, potatoes peeled and other items readied to serve between Monday and Thursday by a crew that includes staff, Crossroads residents and an ample group of volunteers.

As is always the case, all items served have been donated by area stores and individuals.

About half the meals served are consumed by Crossroads’ 100-plus residents, while the remaining diners include volunteers and others with no place to go for the holidays. That diverse mix serves to melt away the stigma commonly attached to those dealing with

homelessness, Kreutz said.

“It kind of takes that ‘fail’ off of what homelessness is,” she said. “A lot of people have that preconceived idea of who the homeless are and why they are that way. But a lot who come from the community just need a place to stay warm and have a good meal and fellowship.”

For volunteers like Hastings resident Dave Nitzel and his family and Dave Worrell of Kopz ‘N Konz, the opportunity to give back to the community is regarded as a blessing unto itself, Kreutz said.

“It’s a phenomenal thing,” she said. “I’ve had to turn people away this year because we have so many volunteers. That’s how generous Hastings is.”

Now in its 25th year, the Salvation Army meal is expected to draw more than 300 people, Maj. Abe Tamayo said. Volunteers are still needed to help prepare and serve the meal. Shifts begin at about 6

a.m. and continue through roughly 3 p.m. The meal is co-sponsored by the Masons.

Desserts and salads are also needed. To donate or volunteer, call 402-463-0529.

“It’s a meal for anybody, not just the homeless or poor,” Tamayo said. “It’s also an opportunity for volunteers who just want to give back to the community and be part of it.”

While planning for the event begins in July, Tamayo said volunteers and staff begin actual preparations in earnest roughly six weeks before Thanksgiving. Most of the food served is donated by area businesses and individuals.

“It’s about six weeks of pure adrenaline,” Tamayo said. “It’s when I catch the cold I’ve been eluding the whole season.”

The event has been well received by the community through the years, he said. Both to those who serve and those who are served, it fills a warm spot inside that may otherwise have been denied.

“We get compliments from people from all walks of life,” Tamayo said. “They all just

appreciate having a place to be with other people.

“It gives some the opportunity to pay forward their bless-

ings. They realize the intrinsic reward of giving. And everybody’s spirit is just so much brighter.”

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EPA should stand by ethanol

The Grand Island Independent

The Obama administration took a big step backward in its commitment to renewable energy last week.

The EPA proposed reducing by 3 billion gallons the amount of ethanol and other biofuels that would be required to be used in blended gasoline in 2014. This is a significant reduction in the Renewable Fuels Standard that could have a ripple effect throughout Nebraska and the Corn Belt.

Ethanol has played an important role in bolstering the ag economy during the last five years. Corn prices were kept high because of the great demand for corn to produce ethanol.

Now, unfortunately, as the country's commitment to ethanol has seemed to decline, so have corn prices.

The administration and Congress have faced unrelenting pressure from the oil industry to weaken or eliminate the Renewable Fuels Standard. Oil companies see ethanol as a competitor, cutting into their enormous profits. Greed is at the heart of their opposition.

Unfortunately, the oil companies have been able to pick up some allies in their crusade against ethanol. Some environmental groups have wrong-headedly opposed ethanol. They contend that too many acres of conservation land are being planted because of the high corn prices. They also contend that it's not efficient to produce ethanol. Cattle producers also have spoken out against ethanol because higher corn prices increase their feed costs.

The benefits of ethanol are numerous. Ethanol reduces the country's dependence on foreign oil. Oil production in the U.S. has increased tremendously, but ethanol is a fuel that is produced throughout the U.S., including 24 plants in Nebraska that employ approximately 1,200 Nebraskans. The Nebraska plants produce 2 billion gallons of ethanol a year and use 700 million bushels of grain.

Ethanol production increases the demand for corn, raising corn prices and helping farmers to be profitable, even during rough weather years. This bolsters the rural economy. Farmers spend more on new equipment and new vehicles. Land prices increase.

More profit in the fields means more money spent on Main Street.

Ethanol is also a cleaner burning fuel that reduces air pollution. This has played an important role in reducing smog in big cities where traffic gets stuck in gridlock.

The timing of the EPA's plan is unfortunate as farmers have been harvesting what may be a record corn crop. Farmers also have been waiting for Congress to pass a new Farm Bill that will give them some stability in farm policy for the future. On top of that, now the country's renewable fuels policy is being thrown into doubt.

The reduction in the RFS is only a proposal at this time. President Barack Obama has always been a strong supporter of biofuels. There is still time for the administration to step back from this mistake, and it should do so.



Shopping: The new Thanksgiving tradition?

In the Black Friday of the not-so-distant past, shoppers lined up for store openings at 6 a.m. the day after Thanksgiving. If a retailer was really pushing the envelope, its stores might open at 5 a.m.

That seems pretty quaint now.

In recent years, retailers have pushed opening hours ever earlier, and this year is no exception. Retailers nationwide are experimenting with a variety of approaches, including Thanksgiving Day openings and pre-Thanksgiving special events, in an attempt to maximize holiday sales.

Black Friday, which is still an important day for retailers, is losing its claim as the unofficial start to the holiday shopping season.

"When does it actually begin? No one really knows any more," said John Talbott, associate director for the Center for Education and Research in Retailing at Indiana University's Kelley School of Business.

Thanksgiving used to be one of the few days when retailers remained closed. But based on retail-industry data, shopping may be turning into a new Thanksgiving Day tradition.

According to a National Retail Federation survey, the number of Thanksgiving Day shoppers climbed dramatically in recent years. In 2009, the survey said, 18.1 million people shopped on Thanksgiving Day. That number has increased every year, hitting 35.4 million last year.

Shoe Carnival is among the retailers opening earlier this year than ever before.

"Our feeling is that we've got to make ourselves available for the customers when they want to shop," said Todd Beurman, senior vice president of marketing at Shoe Carnival.

Last year, Shoe Carnival opened its stores at midnight on Black Friday. ... This year, Shoe



Susan Orr

Carnival's stores will open at 6 p.m. on Thanksgiving. The stores will remain open until midnight, then close before reopening at 6 a.m. on Black Friday. ...

IU professor Talbott described Black Friday as "a retail arms race" that has retailers extending their hours and offering big doorbusters in a competition for consumer dollars.

"Once one guy gets the weapon, the other guy has to get the same thing."

The competition is fierce for a couple of reasons, Talbott said.

For one thing, he said, consumers have a set amount of money to spend on holiday shopping. Someone with a gift budget of \$500 will spend about the same amount no matter when the stores open. So retailers may choose to open early in hopes of getting some of those sales before the customer's wallet runs dry.

Another factor, he said, has to do with the fact that most major U.S. retailers are public companies. How does this make a difference? First, a bit of background:

In the retail industry, a metric called comparable-store sales is considered an important measure of performance. This metric measures a retailer's sales only at its stores that have been open for the past 12 months, which eliminates the year-to-year variance caused by store openings and closings.

Black Friday is not an especially profitable day for retailers, Talbot said, because much of the merchandise is offered at a discount. But it is a day when retailers typically see higher-than-normal sales numbers.

So retailers always want their stores to sell

more than they did a year ago. If they don't have a good sales day on Black Friday, same-store sales for the month may decline. If same-store sales decline, Wall Street will take notice and the retailer's stock price will likely drop.

Even if the retailer comes back with good results on its next quarterly earnings report, Talbott said, by that time the stock price has already been affected.

"Once you take a hit like that, sometimes it's tough to get it back."

As shopping encroaches on Thanksgiving Day, not everyone is happy about it.

Some shoppers are visiting retailers' Facebook pages to register their displeasure with the stores' decision to open on Thursday because it intrudes on employees' family time.

Talbott said his own brother-in-law, who works for a major retailer, will have to leave the family Thanksgiving celebration early to go to work that evening.

"He doesn't like that, and I don't like it either," Talbott said.

But, he acknowledged, not everyone has the same point of view.

"I think that there's this mythical notion of what Thanksgiving is like," Talbott said.

The reality is that not everyone enjoys a big meal with loved ones.

"For some people, they may be in an apartment by themselves and perhaps would like the opportunity to walk around the mall."

For those who disagree with Thanksgiving Day shopping, Talbott offers a simple solution: Stay home.

"If people don't shop on Thanksgiving Day, stores will discontinue the practice. Retailers are excellent at giving us what we want."

Susan Orr is a writer for the Evansville (Ind.) Courier and Press and for Scripps Howard News Service.

Carterization of Obama presidency at hand

The Carterization of Barack Obama's presidency, a largely self-inflicted debacle, has overtaken America's once popular and trusted young chief executive with stunning, startling rapidity.

Suddenly, 53 percent of Americans surveyed are telling pollsters they don't think Obama is honest or trustworthy, according to the latest CNN/ORC poll. And Obama scores even lower in questions of competence; only 40 percent now believe he can manage the government effectively. Obama's lowest-ever polls were taken just after the disastrous failures of the rollout of his signature healthcare program — including revelations that Obama misled Americans when he had promised repeatedly that those who liked their old health plans and doctors could keep them under his so-called Obamacare program. Most can, but some can't.

But this week, we are seeing a rather bizarre twist in Obama's presidency, even as public concerns about his competence are reminiscent of concerns about President Jimmy Carter during the economic downturn of the late 1970s. For, Obama — who, like Carter, arrived in Washington as a veritable political newcomer with no international credentials — finds his presidential legacy entwined in, of all things, an Iranian crisis. Of course, Obama's Iranian crisis is nothing like Jimmy Carter's hostage crisis (which began in 1979 when Iranian rebels seized the U.S. embassy and its staff in Tehran). Obama and five nuclear allies forged an historic but very limited interim pact with Iran's rulers and five of America's nuclear nation allies that is aimed at trying to halt Iran's never-admitted, but never-doubted virulent quest to develop a nuclear arsenal.



Martin Schram

Not since Carter's hostage crisis has Iran been willing to take even this limited diplomatic step. But we must not fool ourselves. This interim pact isn't a hit of a diplomatic (let alone nuclear) reset button — it is just a tap on the pause button. It sets terms for six months of negotiations toward a comprehensive accord, with no assurance any long-term agreement can be reached.

But the future of the turbulent Middle East is now up for negotiation. And that means Americans and the world must hope that Obama and his diplomatic team can perform with the competence and trust that it turned out they did not have in shaping his healthcare legacy. Israel, of course, but also Saudi Arabia, have been sharply critical of the new Iranian nuclear pause agreement. And in Washington, Democrats as well as Republicans have been sharply critical of interim pact. Members of Congress have begun drafting a new round of sanctions, despite strong objections from the Obama administration and bipartisan experts including Ford and G. H. W. Bush national security adviser Brent Scowcroft and Carter's national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski.

In the new interim pact, Iran makes some promises that are geared at preventing its uranium from being enriched to anywhere near the 90 percent considered weapons grade. Iran promises that over the next six months, it will not enrich its uranium above 5 percent, will not increase the enrichment of its existing 3.5 percent uranium, and will dilute its uranium that is near 20 (that's the level it

supposedly needs for medical isotopes).

There is no doubt that Iran agreed to this interim pact because of the dire economic hardships imposed by the international economic sanctions imposed by the United States and its allies. Under the new pact, Iran will get some relief from just a portion of the tough sanctions imposed by the international community — netting Iran some \$6 billion over six months.

But Iran's Supreme Ruler, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, has reportedly insisted that Iran must maintain the "right" to enrich uranium in the future. Do you need a translator on that? Iran wouldn't need this "right" to enrich if its nuclear programs were really just for electric power and medicine, as Iran claims.

But don't overlook another powerful force in Iran that the nuclear experts frequently forget or underestimate. Many thousands of Iranians cheered the announcement of the interim pact. Iran has a huge middle class that is fond of the culture of America and the west and has suffered from life under economic sanctions. In Iran's recent elections, they overwhelmingly rejected a number of hardliners to elect the more moderate Hassan Rouhani as president.

In the next six months, Iran may discover that the joys of living in a world community are better than returning to a life of sanctions imposed because of their supreme ruler's nuclear pursuit. And we may discover whether Iran's western-yearning middle class can possibly moderate the self-inflicted pain of a continued nuclear quest.

Meanwhile, we may also discover whether our president can possibly regain the competence we once thought he had. And whether he can re-earn our trust.

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Tribland five-day forecast

Art by Jerzie Kapastka, 7, Adams Central East



SUNNY TODAY

High: 41 **Low:** 22
Wind: South 10-15 with gusts to around 25 mph
Not as cold tonight.



SUNNY THURSDAY

High: 40 **Low:** 19
Wind: North 10
Mostly clear Thursday night.



PARTLY CLOUDY FRIDAY

High: 41 **Low:** 26
Partly cloudy Friday night.



SUNNY SATURDAY

High: 47 **Low:** 26
Partly cloudy Saturday night.



PARTLY CLOUDY SUNDAY

High: 46 **Low:** 27
Partly cloudy at night.

Today's weather records

High: 70 in 2009 and 1998

Low: 0 in 1976

Local weather ♦ From 7 a.m. Nov. 26 to 7 a.m. Nov. 27

High Tuesday	.34
High in 2012	.32
Overnight low	.7
Overnight low in 2012	.14
Precipitation last 24 hours	.00
November precipitation	.100
November 2012 precipitation	.66
Year to date precipitation	25.07
Jan. to Nov. '12 precipitation	18.78
Snowfall last 24 hours	.00
November snowfall	.40
November 2012 snowfall	.30
Year-to-date snowfall	.40
Jan. to Nov. '12 snowfall	.30

Local

HALL OF FAME

LaVern Franzen of Hastings was recently inducted into the Central Community College Foundation Hall of Fame.

Inductees are selected on the basis of their philanthropy, service to CCC and/or the CCC Foundation, and community service.

Franzen began his career with CCC in 1967 as an accounting instructor at the Hastings campus. He served in various other capacities before retiring as the college's president in 2008.

Since his retirement, Franzen has continued his support of CCC. He is the current chairman of CCC's Facilities Bond Corporation and has continued as an ex officio member of the CCC Foundation.

Earlier this month, he was honored by the Nebraska Community College Association for his commitment to the community college system.

State

SLEEPING ATTACK

WYMORE — A man in southeast Nebraska has been accused of breaking into a home and assaulting a man sleeping on a couch.

Wymore police say Brandon Imes was arrested Tuesday morning after he allegedly entered the home and attacked the man. Witnesses say the man was hit several times in the head, face and torso. A woman told authorities Imes hit her in the face when she tried to intervene.

Items damaged in the alleged assault include a chair and computer table.

Additional information about the incident has not been released. Imes, of Wymore, faces third-degree assault, criminal mischief, criminal trespassing and disturbing the peace.

Court records do not list an attorney for Imes. His next court appearance is scheduled for Dec. 10.

TOWN VANDALIZED

MITCHELL — Vandals have smashed and slashed their way through a Nebraska Panhandle town.

Police Chief Mike Cotant says there was an estimated total of \$10,000 damage reported from all areas of Mitchell.

The vandals struck between 3 a.m. and 5 a.m. on Sunday. They slashed tires on more than 60 vehicles, tore down flags and took landscape objects from porches and yards and smashing them in the streets.

Cotant also says someone cut a telephone line into the home of an elderly woman and slashed her window screens.

JUDGE NAMED

LINCOLN — Gov. Dave Heineman has announced his appointment to fill a vacant eastern Nebraska district court judgeship.

Heineman said Monday that James C. Stecker of Columbus will oversee the 5th Judicial District Court. The vacancy had been created by the retirement of District Judge Alan G. Gless.

Stecker, who has been practicing law for 31 years, was a finalist for the job along with Thomas J. Klein, of Wahoo, and Kent E. Rauert, of York.

The 5th Judicial District consists of Boone, Butler, Colfax, Hamilton, Merrick, Nance, Platte, Polk, Saunders, Seward and York Counties.

The Associated Press

Nurse receives March of Dimes award

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Throughout her 23-year nursing career, Carol Hamik has been working to keep children in the Hastings area healthy and safe.

As clinical manager of pediatrics for Mary Lanning Healthcare, Hamik coordinates the hospital's nurses who treat sick children. She also contributes to the South Heartland District Health Department's immunization efforts and educational opportunities to deal with special health awareness needs at Head Start.

She received the Pediatric Award during the March of Dimes'



Hamik

Excellence in Nursing Awards ceremony and was one of 140 nurses to be honored during the Nov. 7 event.

Hamik, 45, has been a nurse at Mary Lanning since 1995. Before that, she worked at St. Francis Medical Center in Grand Island.

"I was excited to receive it and honored, but I almost feel like the award is a representation of not only myself but the pediatric unit at Mary Lanning," she said. "You really can't run a unit with one person; it takes a team. You have to have those people who work together, come together, have each others' back. That only makes my job easier and more successful."

She also is a local car-seat safety expert, having served as a car-seat technician since September 1998.

Her first exposure to car seats was

in 1991 when she participated in a one-hour presentation to nurses about car-seat safety.

"I can tell you that didn't really impact me until I went to the training in 1998 when I was the mother of a 4-year-old," she said. "Within the first three hours of class, I realized I had done everything wrong with my car seat. As a parent and as a pediatric nurse I had installed it incorrectly, and that just empowered me to want to know more."

Back then, she said, the common emphasis was being able to turn the car seat so it faced the front as soon as possible, using a three-point harness and getting the kid out of the booster seat once they were 40 pounds, regardless of age.

Now, she said, the safest practices are to keep children in rear-facing

seats until they are 2 years old, use a car seat with five-point harness and for children to remain in booster seats until at least the age of 8.

Each one of a car seat's points is a contact point with the body: Crotch, pelvis and shoulders.

Mary Lanning has long emphasized car seat education. For Hamik's first 10 years doing car seats, there were fewer than 10 technicians who traveled through the state.

"For the longest time, Mary Lanning had more car-seat technicians in our facility than what Omaha had in their Children's Hospital or at any of the larger medical facilities in Lincoln or Omaha," she said. "That was a reflection on the administration seeing the urgency of the message to be spread."



AMY ROH/Tribune

Newly crowned Miss Christmas City Amy Nielsen (right) watches as the Christmas lights are turned on at the Kearney County Courthouse Friday with outgoing Miss Christmas City Shyanne Thompson (left) during Minden's Christmas Traditions Nov. 23, 2012.

'Thousands of lights'

NEBRASKA'S CHRISTMAS CITY ABOUT TO EARN ITS NICKNAME

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MINDEN — With Thanksgiving one day away, Christmas activities in Nebraska's Christmas City are right around the corner, also.

The Christmas Traditions cele-

bration organized by the Minden Chamber of Commerce, now in its sixth year, begins 10 a.m. Friday and ends with the first of two performances of "Christmas Revue IV," which begins at 7:30 p.m.

Then, on Saturday, "The Light of the World" Christmas pageant will be performed for the 67th year, culminating with the lighting of thousands of Christmas bulbs on the town square and surrounding streets.

"I just really do think the citizens of Minden appreciate the

Christmas lights and, I hope, the pageant," said Ted Griess, pageant committee member and former pageant director. "Obviously, I'm fired up about it. To me, Christmas doesn't get started until that happens."

The pageant, written by Clayton J. Morey and the Rev. Arthur W. Johnson, portrays the biblical events leading to the birth of Jesus Christ. It is performed on the north and west sides of the Kearney County Courthouse.

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Probation and fines for local woman

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A 27-year-old Hastings woman was sentenced to 18 months of probation and \$650 in fines on various counts Friday.

Heather L. Fischer, whose last known address was 1501 N. Kansas, was sentenced by Adams County Judge Michael Burns for criminal trespass, aiding and abetting violation of protection order on April 16, shoplifting on June 18, leaving the scene of an accident, driving under suspension and licensing a vehicle without insurance on July 13.

Fischer was also ordered to pay restitution in the amounts of \$52.06 to Walmart Supercenter, \$35 to Jonathan Fischer and \$200 to Angela Whiterlik.

Fischer pleaded no contest Aug. 30, and prosecutors dropped a second count of shoplifting, a second count of driving under suspension, a second count of criminal trespass, theft by unlawful taking and no proof of insurance.

Criminal trespass is a Class 1 misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Aiding and abetting violation of protection order, theft by shoplifting, value less than \$200, and leaving the scene of an accident are each a Class 2 misdemeanor punishable by up to six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

DUS is a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by up to three months in jail and a \$500 fine.

Licensing a vehicle without insurance is a Class 4 misdemeanor punishable by up to a \$500 fine.

Collision under investigation

The Associated Press

GERING — Authorities in the Nebraska Panhandle are investigating what caused a man to drive his car into a moving train.

Gering police say 60-year-old Michael Green, of Scottsbluff, became disoriented Tuesday morning and went around the gate arms at a train crossing. He drove his pickup into an empty coal car attached to a moving train.

Scottsbluff radio station KNEB reports the pickup was damaged but Green was not injured.

Lincoln County wins food drive competition

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Nebraskans were more than twice as generous this holiday season as they were a year ago

"Do a Good Deed Feed Those in Need," the food drive competition pitting employees from counties across the state against each other concluded Friday and saw a total of 32,963 items donated to food

pantries across the state. The 2012 total was 13,625.

Winners are determined by the average of items given per full-time county employee.

The top county, Lincoln County, received 10,749 items and with 140 full-time employees had a winning average of 76.78 items per employee. In 2012, Lincoln County collected 1,467 items.

Clay County, which won the competition in 2012, was second this year with 3,640 items donated and with 50 full-time employees had an average of 72.80 items per employee.

Hamilton County placed third with 2,259 and 72 full-time employees for an average of 31.38 items per employee.

Adams County, which originated

the food drive in 2007, came in fourth place with 3,867 items and 138 full time employees for an average of 28.02 items per employee. Adams County collected 678 items in 2012.

In addition to food, money could also be donated. One dollar equals one item. Donated money purchases perishable goods such as meat, milk and butter.

Surveys: Objective to align supply, demand

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business side of the market.
“This is our next step in developing a long-term strategy to enhance the retail market in Hastings,” said Corey Stutte, president of Strategic Pioneer, a local market research company that has conducted both surveys on behalf of the chamber.
The most recent market analysis collected demographic data for Hastings and surrounding towns for 2013 as well as forecasted data through 2018. This included information such as population and income.
Then, the survey collected data from retailers about what they sell and the success or popularity of certain items. Collectively, the data might reveal, for example, that electronics or home furnishings are often-purchased items in Hastings, while clothing and shoes are less popular.
After determining how successfully businesses are able to sell certain products, the surveyors intend to connect that data with consumer spending habits, asking questions such as “how does what businesses are selling compare to what consumers want to purchase?” and “are in-demand products offered by local retailers?”
An important focus of this phase of retail analysis was decreasing the “leakage” of sales from the community. This refers to times when consumers choose to shop for certain

goods outside of Hastings because they believe they cannot find it locally, even though those goods are indeed available locally.
By decreasing the amount of leakage, local businesses could see their sales increase, and the overall attitude of consumers could take a turn for the positive.
“If people know they can find what they want here, that is what it’s all about. That will make them happy and help our businesses prosper,” Stutte said.
The overall intent of the survey is to align supply and demand as much as possible. This could mean recruiting new businesses to town to fulfill the desires of residents, or working with local businesses to expand their offerings to include what people request.
The study will be used by the chamber of commerce for both recruitment and retention of businesses.
“What excites me is that this data will help us get a better understanding of what people in this community shop for and, in turn, we can talk to the retail segment to make sure they have the goods and services that people desire,” said Chamber President Tom Hastings.
This phase of the survey will conclude at the end of this month and then be packaged and distributed by the chamber.
The packaging of the data is crucial, Stutte said. If a retailer looked only at the population

of Hastings to determine the attractiveness of the community, they would miss a lot of important market indicators.
“If a national retailer looked at Hastings and just saw the population of 25,000, they might brush on over it. But by looking at our large market of customers to the south and the area retail spending habits, you can paint a different picture,” Stutte said.
When national retailers or restaurant chains are conducting market analyses to determine where to put new locations, they often collect data similar to what this latest study will provide.
“A site selector usually looks at an area’s demographics and their retail spending habits to determine if their business will be a good fit,” Stutte said. “This report will cut out that middle ground. Site selectors will have all that information in a nice package, from which they can make a clear decision.”
The survey also will be a valuable resource for existing local businesses or those who might be thinking about starting a business in Hastings.
“What we learned from our initial surveys is that the behavior of consumers shows there’s opportunity here. If you’re looking at starting your own business or franchise, this report cuts down on that research that needs to be done, and that can be significant,” Stutte said.

DEQ director leaving

GRANT SCHULTE
The Associated Press
LINCOLN — The director of the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality is stepping down next month to take a new job with an Omaha law firm.
Mike Linder said Tuesday he’d accepted a job practicing environmental law with the firm Koley Jessen. Linder, 56, of

Lincoln, has worked for the state’s environmental agency since 1986.
“It has been an honor to serve the citizens of the state of Nebraska,” he said in a statement. “The balance of protecting the environment and sustaining a vibrant economy has been a great mission. I have

enjoyed every minute of it.”
Linder joined the agency as a staff attorney and was appointed director in 1999 by then-Gov. Mike Johanns. Linder’s last day is Dec. 20.
In a statement, Heineman praised Linder for his years of service within the department.

State champs!



Doniphan-Trumbull’s Kalen Garrett (50) and Zach McNally celebrate their Class C-2 state championship Tuesday at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln.

Lights: Minden ready for festival

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Other pageant performances will be Sunday and Dec. 8, also at 7 p.m.
Activities Dec. 7 include the Minden Rotary Club pancake feed from 8 a.m. to noon at the Westminster United Presbyterian Church at 109 N. Colorado Ave., and road races beginning at 8:30 a.m. with the Little Elf 1 mile Run and 5K at 9 a.m. — both starting at the church.
It was Christmas Eve 1915 when Minden City Light Commissioner J. H. Haws surprised the residents of Minden by tripping a light switch to illuminate four strings of white lights running from the flagpole atop the Kearney County Courthouse to the corners of the courthouse square.
The latest count of the lights involved is 12,000, but Griess believes that estimate is selling the city short.
“Any more, I say ‘thousands of lights’ because I don’t even know how old that report is,” he said. “I think there’s probably more than that because we’ve expanded down the street.”
He said he appreciates all the other Christmas activities that

have been added in recent years to join the pageant.
“Anything and everything,” he said. “I think it’s a good idea to get the community more involved in the theme that we are the Christmas City. That’s how it got started and lets build upon it.”
Christmas Traditions provides families with a day of activities on Black Friday.
Once again, the day will include a Kids Carnival with a roomful of games sponsored by local businesses from 3-5 p.m. at the Windmill — former home to Watson’s Steakhouse and Shay’s Restaurant and Lounge in the first block northwest of the square.
The day begins with soup, pie and gift wrapping sponsored by Holy Family Catholic Church from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Minden Senior Center. Other activities include a bake sale from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., sponsored by Girl Scout troop 657; photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and a free screening of the movie “Super Buddies” 1:30-3 p.m., sponsored by First Bank & Trust Co. at the

Minden Opera House.
Christmas Traditions also involves the crowning of Miss Christmas City and a parade around the downtown square at 5:30 p.m.
“Christmas Traditions is very important to the Minden area,” said Chamber administrator Marcia Davis. “First, we are the Christmas City and we’ve been celebrating with lights on the courthouse and the ‘Light of the World’ Christmas pageant for 98 years. So, it really kicks off the holiday season and helps us celebrate our heritage of the Christmas City.”
Minden’s Tour of Homes, an event that occurs every other year, will be from 1-3 p.m. Dec. 8.
“It will showcase homes in the area and spread the Christmas cheer,” Davis said.
The tour includes the homes of Randal and Angie Horine at 138 N. Gilman, Rusty and Hailey Rhynalds at 935 W. First St., Don and Rhonda Ellis at 218 N. Aspen Ave., and Pat and Darla Haight at 609 S. Nance Ave.
A cast of around 20-25 will perform several Christmas

numbers, both sacred and secular, during the “Christmas Revue IV,” at 7:30 p.m. Friday and 4 p.m. Dec. 8.
“I think it makes a nice fit for the Christmas Traditions theme that the Chamber of Commerce sponsors the first day after Thanksgiving and it spills over to a little bit more of the other activities such as our pageant,” said Tim Beck, co-director of the revue.
During December, the Opera House also will play host to Joseph Hall as Elvis at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 15; the Nebraska Brass at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 21; and Polar Express Storytelling and movie at 6 p.m. Dec. 22.
Beck said the Christmas Revue show evolved over its first three years.
“I think the first year we learned a lot about what works or doesn’t work,” he said. “The second year, I think, it became more suitable to what people were hoping to have when they came to our revue. Last year was clearly our best year in terms of popularity. We discovered it works better not to perform too many times, so our performers have more time with their families.”

Man held after Kearney standoff faces 3 charges

The Associated Press
KEARNEY — A 32-year-old Kearney man arrested after a nearly three-hour standoff has been charged with three felonies.
Trenton Nielsen is charged with two felony weapons counts, two counts of false imprisonment and two of terrorist threats. Police say Nielsen held two relatives against their will in their home on Sunday night and threatened them with various sharp weapons. Police were sent to the house around 6 p.m. Sunday. Nielsen was taken into custody without incident around 8:50 p.m.
Buffalo County Jail records say Nielsen remained in custody on Tuesday, pending \$500,000 bail. Online court records don’t list the name of his attorney in the case.
His preliminary hearing is scheduled for Dec. 11.

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Holiday shopping 2013



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Shoppers carry Victoria's Secret bags while crossing an intersection in Herald Square Saturday in New York. Despite signs that the economy is improving, big store chains like Wal-Mart and Kohl's don't expect Americans to have much holiday shopping cheer unless they see bold, red signs that offer huge discounts.

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The Associated Press

NEW YORK — This holiday season, Americans may not spend their green unless they see more red.

Despite signs that the economy is improving, big store chains like Wal-Mart and Kohl's don't expect Americans to have much holiday shopping cheer unless they see bold, red signs that offer huge discounts. As a result, shoppers are seeing big sales events earlier and more often than in previous holiday seasons.

Retailers are trying to lure shoppers like Marissa Anwar, who has been doing more bargain hunting compared with last year.

The operations consultant, who lives in Toronto and New York City, said the economy "hasn't been great" and she's lost clients. As a result, she cut her shopping budget to \$2,800 from last year's \$4,000.

"I was a former 'spend-aholic,'" said Anwar, 29. "Now, I want to make sure I have the money before I spend it."

It's a problem that retailers know all too well. Since the recession began in late 2007, stores have had to offer financially-strapped Americans ever bigger price cuts just to get them into stores. But those discounts eat away at profits.

So far, Wal-Mart, Target and Kohl's are among more than two dozen major chains that lowered their profit outlooks for either the quarter or the year. A big reason is the expectation that they'll have to offer huge discounts in order to get shoppers to spend.

There are already signs that retailers are aggressively discounting. Wal-Mart, for instance, on Friday started matching or beating the prices that certain competitors like Best Buy are advertising for some toys and electronics for the day after Thanksgiving — known as Black Friday. Best Buy also plans to match rivals' prices, even after customers have purchased items. And Target, better known for its whimsical advertising, is touting its prices in holiday TV ads for the first time in at least a decade.

The tempered expectations, earlier discounting and lowered profit outlooks from retailers come even though there are indications that the economy is recovering. The job mar-



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A shopper carries large bags from JC Penney Saturday in New York.

ket is making strides. The housing market is starting to come back. And the stock market keeps hitting new highs. All that would ordinarily lead Americans to spend more.

But so far, those improvements haven't been enough to shore up consumer confidence. In fact, Americans' confidence in the economy is at its lowest level since April.

"Stores know that they are well into a fight," said Ken Perkins, president of the research firm RetailMetrics. "The vast majority of consumers are distressed."

Not that there aren't glimmers of hope that Americans will spend again.

Retail sales were up 0.4 percent in October, after being flat the previous month, according to the Commerce Department. Americans spent on big ticket item such as cars and furniture, but that may have left them with less room for more discretionary times like clothing this holiday season.

Overall, The National Retail Federation expects retail sales to be up 3.9 percent to \$602.1 billion during the last two months of the year. That's higher than last year's 3.5 percent growth, but below the 6 percent pace seen before the recession.

Retailers say economic worries continue to weigh on shoppers heading into the holiday shopping season.

"We continue to see anxiety regarding the economy and the ability to stay within household budgets, particularly among lower and middle-income consumers," said Kathee Tesija, executive vice president of merchandising for Target, which trimmed its annual profit outlook on Thursday.

In particular, some Americans still

are getting used to smaller paychecks because of a 2 percentage point increase in the Social Security payroll tax that started on Jan. 1. That means that take-home pay for a household earning \$50,000 a year has been cut by \$1,000. That was a concern Wal-Mart noted on Nov. 14 when it lowered its annual profit guidance for the second time in three months.

"It's going to be as competitive of a market as we've ever seen," said Charles Holley, Wal-Mart's chief financial officer, adding that among the issues that the discounter faces are "the economic conditions that the customer is under."

Stores also say customers don't want to spend because they're uncertain about their health care costs next year due to the U.S. health care overhaul. Additionally, stagnant wages aren't keeping up with daily living costs. Not to mention, some people are still out of work.

Leslie Lynch, 52, said she won't be buying any holiday gifts because she was laid off from her job in marketing at an insurance company in August 2012 and hasn't been able to find a job since. Lynch, who lives with her wife who works in quality control at a machine shop, said she is behind in mortgage payments and is afraid she will lose her house.

"We will probably have dinner and that's about it," said Lynch, who lives in Glastonbury, Conn. "Hopefully, we will have Christmas next summer."

AP Economics Writer Chris Rugaber in Washington contributed to this report.

U.S. consumer confidence hits 7-month low

CHRISTMAS RETAIL
DECISIONS MAY OR MAY
NOT FOLLOW ALONG

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The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. consumers' confidence in the economy fell in November to the lowest level in seven months, dragged down by greater concerns about hiring and pay in the coming months.

The Conference Board said Tuesday that its index of consumer confidence dropped to 70.4 from 72.4 in October. The October reading was higher than initially reported, but still well below the 80.2 reading in September.

November's drop comes after the 16-day partial government shutdown caused confidence to plunge in October. The declines in both months were driven by falling expectations for hiring and the economy over the next six months.

Some economists also attributed the weakening confidence to Americans' frustrations and worries about the implementation of the Obama administration's health care reform.

"Disgust with politicians and government policy is what's holding back expectations," said Ted Wieseman, an economist at Morgan Stanley.

Less optimism among Americans could slow the holiday shopping season and weigh on economic growth. Consumer spending drives 70 percent of economic activity.

But spending patterns don't always closely follow measures of confidence. Americans sometimes shop more even when they say they are less optimistic.

That's what happened last

month. Despite a sharp fall in confidence in October, consumers spent 0.4 percent more at retail stores and restaurants than in September.

Strong auto sales accounted for about half the gain.

Restaurants also reported a healthy increase in spending. Americans also spent more on furniture, electronics and clothing. There were some signs of caution: sales at grocery stores were flat and department stores reported only slightly higher sales.

Wieseman said the report included some good news: Consumers' assessment of the current job market improved a bit, which bodes well for November's jobs report, to be released next week.

Steady hiring could boost confidence in the coming months, Wieseman added, particularly if the government's health care web site is fixed and as memories of the shutdown fade.

Employers added an average of 202,000 jobs from August through October, up from just 146,000 in the previous three months.

And lower gas prices have put more money in consumers' pockets. Prices fell for nine straight weeks to the lowest level in nearly two years before moving up slightly in the past two week. The average price for a gallon of gas nationwide Monday was \$3.28.

Economic growth is expected to slow in the current October-December quarter, partly because consumer spending growth is likely to be moderate. The economy expanded at a 2.8 percent annual rate in the July-September quarter, but most economists expect it will slow to about a 2 percent rate or lower in the fourth quarter.

Feared Colorado boycott over gun restrictions a bust

The Associated Press

DENVER — A boycott by hunters opposed to Colorado's new laws meant to curtail gun violence has failed to materialize.

The state's primary big game hunting seasons have closed with no trace of the boycott gun-rights advocates had warned about, The Denver Post reported Monday.

"Through the main big game seasons, we were up about 5,000 licenses over last year at this time," said Randy Hampton, spokesman for Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

Final numbers won't be available until next year, but the initial figures are a positive sign for Colorado's \$1.8 billion hunting and fishing industry.

The significance is magnified within CPW, the agency charged with managing the state's wildlife resources. It draws a significant portion of its operating budget from nonresident

big game licenses. The division last year collected \$38 million in elk and deer licenses from non-residents, compared with \$7.6 million from in-state hunters.

The biggest revenue generators are nonresident elk licenses, both the \$589 limited licenses hunters must apply for and \$586 over-the-counter licenses that become available later in the summer. By comparison, a limited elk hunting license for adult Colorado residents costs only \$49, and over-the-counter resident licenses are \$46.

"Again, we don't have the final figures, but we know that our net sales dollars are up as well. Pretty substantially," Hampton said. "Based on that, your gut tells you that nonresident licenses were either stable or up as well. There certainly wasn't a significant decline because a large number would be noticed on the end result."

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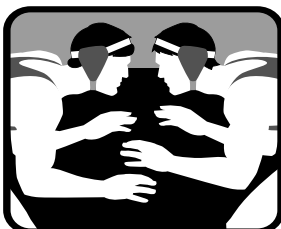
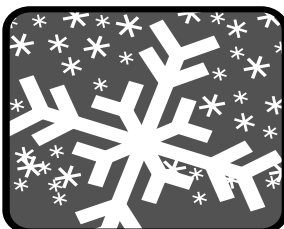
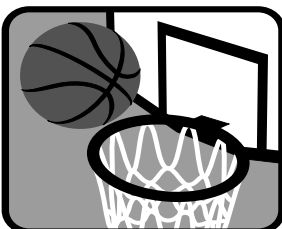
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Level 3	30.01	+ .11
McDonald's	97.19	-1.01
PepsiCo	84.12	- .27
Tricon Global Restaurants	76.98	- .67
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This photo provided by Under Armour shows a workout bra by Under Armour. Workout clothes, long relegated to the far end of the closet, are fast becoming a basic wardrobe staple.



MAE ANDERSON
The Associated Press
NEW YORK — So long, dingy sweatpants.

Workout clothes for women, once relegated to the back of the closet, are moving to the front of the fashion scene.

Yoga pants are the new jeans, neon sports bras have become the "it" accessory and long athletic socks are hipper than high heels.

"I've actually had more excitement buying workout gear than normal jeans and dresses," says Amanda Kleinhenz, 27, who wears workout gear both in and outside of the gym in Cleveland. "I want to look good."

Blame it on the push by many Americans toward a more active lifestyle. Or call it an extension of the nation's fascination with fashion. Either way, these days jogging

suits are just as likely to be seen on a runway in New York as a treadmill in Texas.

In fact, sales of workout gear are growing faster than sales of everyday clothing — by a lot. Spending on workout clothes jumped 7 percent to \$31.6 billion during the 12-month period that ended in August from the same period a year ago. That compares with a 1 percent rise in spending for other clothing to about \$169.2 billion.

But these aren't cheap cotton T-shirts and spandex jumpsuits. Top designers like Calvin Klein, Stella McCartney and Alexander Wang all rolled out fitness chic clothing lines, with everything from \$50 leggings to \$125 zip-front hoodies and \$225 long john sweatpants. And big nationwide retailers like Gap, Forever 21, Victoria Secret and Macy's have fitness lines, too.

"Active has become an important part of what customers are wearing," says Karen Hoguet, chief financial officer at Macy's, which is expanding its

active wear label to 400 stores from 160. "Sometimes it's for athletic endeavors. Sometimes it's just to run errands."

This is the latest evolution in fitness fashion. Sweatpants and tees were the hallmark of athletic clothing for decades. That changed with the invention of spandex in 1959, then again with the aerobics craze of the 1980s when tights, leotards, legwarmers and nylon track suits became popular.

Athletic gear giants like Nike, Reebok and Adidas were popular for years as synthetic material like Gore-Tex and Lycra gained popularity because of their performance qualities. Then, in the late 1990s, it became cool to wear workout clothes everywhere after the Lululemon athletic chain opened and gained a loyal following of fitness enthusiasts willing to shell out \$100 for yoga pants.

Annie Georgia Greenberg, a New York editor for style blog Refinery29, says she noticed the trend at the New

York Fashion week in September as more people were choosing shoes like the neon Nike Free Flyknit over designer pumps. Greenberg herself paired a "Gold's Gym" t-shirt and Adidas Samba sneakers with a two-piece bejeweled suit — something she wouldn't have done a couple years ago.

"It is almost cooler to be comfortable and athletic and feel like yourself than to be overly glam," Greenberg says.

Fitness chic also sends a message to others that you are living a healthy lifestyle, says Noreen Naroo, senior creative director for apparel at fitness brand Under Armour. Recently, Naroo did a mile run at her daughter's elementary school with leggings, a sports bra, t-shirt and sneakers. She changed from her sneakers into boots to go to work.

"This is exactly what women are doing — running between work and play," Naroo says.

Nike says that's one reason its

women's business has added \$1 billion in revenue since fiscal 2010 to reach \$4 billion in fiscal 2013. It's been fueled in part by demand for fashionable workout gear like its leggings with compression technology that is made to be flattering. Another hit has been its "tights of the moment," limited edition running tights with geometric or neon prints.

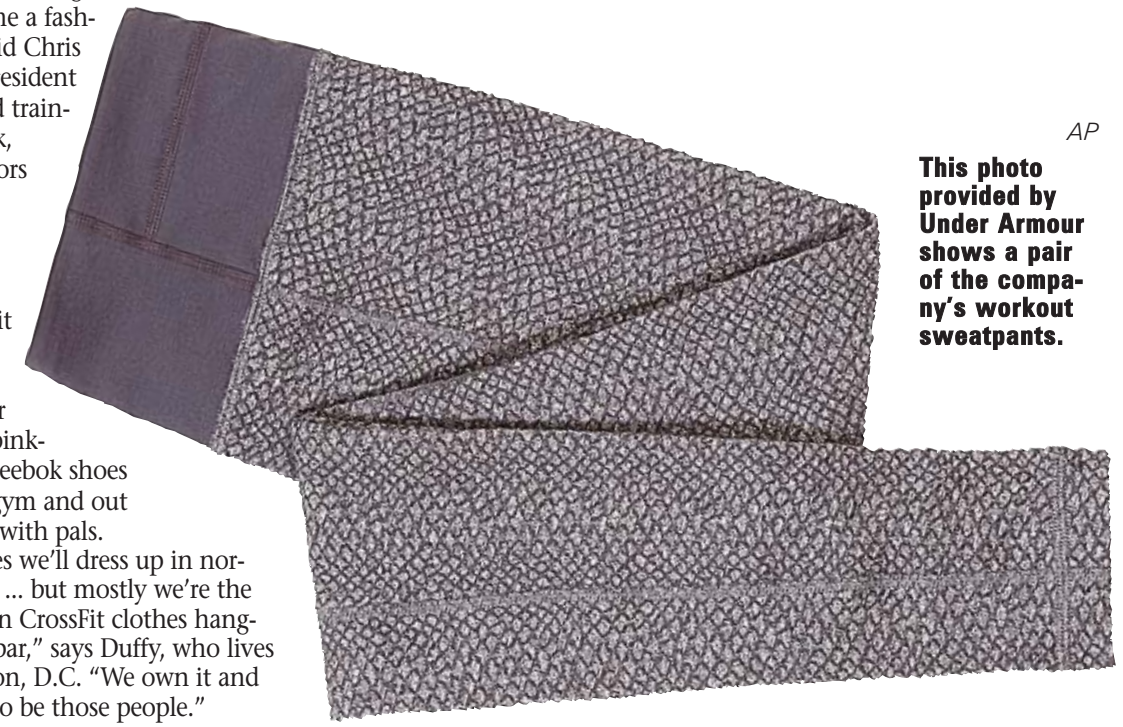
And to capitalize on the popularity of classes like Barre and Pilates in which people usually go barefoot, Nike says it created a lightweight foot wrap called the Studio Wrap which helps with hygiene and slippage, but also looks stylish. "Women don't want to compromise performance or style," says Heidi O'Neill, Nike's vice president and general manager of women's training.

CrossFit, a high intensity group training program, also has inspired fitness chic with brightly colored knee-high socks, colorful tanks and accessories like headbands and compression arm

bands. "We're seeing fitness become a fashion look," said Chris Froio, vice president of fitness and training at Reebok, which sponsors the CrossFit Games.

Danielle Duffy, 31, wears CrossFit t-shirts and sparkly silver headbands or customized pink-and-purple Reebok shoes both in the gym and out hanging out with pals.

"Sometimes we'll dress up in normal clothing ... but mostly we're the sweaty girls in CrossFit clothes hanging out in a bar," says Duffy, who lives in Washington, D.C. "We own it and we're going to be those people."



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This photo provided by Under Armour shows a pair of the company's workout sweatpants.

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Penny Lane: Gitmo’s other secret CIA facility

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The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In the early years after 9/11, the CIA turned some Guantanamo Bay prisoners into double agents then sent them home to help the U.S. kill terrorists, current and former U.S. officials said.

The CIA promised the prisoners freedom, safety for their families and millions of dollars from the agency’s secret accounts.

It was a risky gamble. Officials knew there was a chance that some prisoners might quickly spurn their deal and kill Americans.

For the CIA, that was an acceptable risk in a dangerous business. For the American public, which was never told, the program was one of the many secret trade-offs the government made on its behalf. At the same time the government used the risk of terrorism to justify imprisoning people indefinitely, it was releasing dangerous people from prison to work for the CIA.

The program was carried out in a secret facility built a few hundred yards from the administrative offices of the prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The eight small cottages were hidden behind a ridge covered in thick scrub and cactus.

The program and the handful of men who passed through these cottages had various official CIA code names.

But those who were aware of the cluster of cottages knew it best by its sobriquet: Penny Lane.

It was a nod to the classic Beatles song and a riff on the CIA’s other secret facility at Guantanamo Bay, a prison known as Strawberry Fields.

Nearly a dozen current and former U.S. officials described aspects of the program to The Associated Press. All spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the secret program publicly by name, even though it ended in about 2006.

Some of the men who passed through Penny Lane helped the CIA find and kill many top al-Qaida operatives, current and former U.S. officials said. Others stopped providing useful information and the CIA lost touch with them.

When prisoners began streaming into Guantanamo Bay in January 2002, the CIA recognized it as an unprecedented opportunity to identify sources. That year, 632 detainees arrived at the detention center. The following year 117 more arrived.

“Of course that would be an objective,” said Emile Nakhleh, a former top CIA analyst who spent time in 2002 assessing detainees but who did



This Sept. 2, 2010, satellite image provided by TerraServer.com and DigitalGlobe shows a portion of Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, including the secret facility known as Penny Lane (upper middle in white). In the early years after 9/11, the CIA turned a handful of prisoners at the secret facility into double agents and released them. The program was carried out in the secret facility, built a few hundred yards from the administrative offices of the prison in Guantanamo Bay (bottom of image). The eight small cottages were hidden behind a ridge covered in thick scrub and cactus.

not discuss Penny Lane. “It’s the job of intelligence to recruit sources.”

By early 2003, Penny Lane was open for business.

Candidates were ushered from the confines of prison to Penny Lane’s relative hominess, officials said. The cottages had private kitchens, showers and televisions. Each had a small patio.

Some prisoners asked for and received pornography. One official said the biggest luxury in each cottage was the bed — not a military-issued cot but a real bed with a mattress.

The cottages were designed to feel more like hotel rooms than prison cells, and some CIA officials jokingly referred to them collectively as the

Marriott.

Current and former officials said dozens of prisoners were evaluated but only a handful, from a variety of countries, were turned into spies who signed agreements to work for the CIA.

CIA spokesman Dean Boyd declined to comment.

The U.S. government says it has confirmed that about 16 percent of former Guantanamo Bay detainees rejoined the fight against America. Officials suspect but have not confirmed that 12 percent more rejoined.

It’s not clear whether the men from Penny Lane are included in those figures. But because only a small number of people went through the program,

it would not likely change the figures significantly either way. None of the officials interviewed by the AP knew of an instance in which any double agent killed Americans.

Though the number of double agents recruited through Penny Lane was small, the program was significant enough to draw keen attention from President George W. Bush, one former official said. Bush personally interviewed a junior CIA case officer who had just returned home from Afghanistan, where the agency typically met with the agents.

President Barack Obama took an interest in the program for a different reason. Shortly after taking office in 2009, he ordered a review of the for-

mer detainees working as double agents because they were providing information used in Predator drone strikes, one of the officials said.

Infiltrating al-Qaida has been one of the CIA’s most sought-after but difficult goals, something that other foreign intelligence services have only occasionally accomplished.

Candidates for Penny Lane needed legitimate terrorist connections. To be valuable to the CIA, the men had to be able to reconnect with al-Qaida.

From the Bush administration descriptions of Guantanamo Bay prisoners at the time, the CIA would have seemingly had a large pool to draw from. Vice President Dick Cheney called the prisoners “the worst of a very bad lot.” Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said they were “among the most dangerous, best trained, vicious killers on the face of the Earth.”

In reality, many were held on flimsy evidence and were of little use to the CIA.

While the agency looked for viable candidates, those with no terrorism ties sat in limbo. It would take years before the majority of detainees were set free, having never been charged. Of the 779 people who were taken to Guantanamo Bay, more than three-fourths have been released, mostly during the Bush administration.

Many others remain at Guantanamo Bay, having been cleared for release by the military but with no hope for freedom in sight.

“I do see the irony on the surface of letting some really very bad guys go,” said David Remes, an American lawyer who has represented about a dozen Yemeni detainees at Guantanamo.

But Remes, who was not aware of Penny Lane, said he understands its attraction.

“The men we were sending back as agents were thought to be able to provide value to us,” he said.

Prisoners agreed to cooperate for a variety of reasons, officials said. Some received assurances that the U.S. would resettle their families. Another thought al-Qaida had perverted Islam and believed it was his duty as a Muslim to help the CIA destroy it. One detainee agreed to cooperate after the CIA insinuated it would harm his children, a former official said, similar to the threats interrogators had made to admitted 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed.

All were promised money. Exactly how much each was paid remains unclear. But altogether, the government paid millions of dollars for their services, officials said. The money came from a secret CIA account, code-named Pledge, that’s used to pay informants, officials said.

Conn. gunman’s motive may never be known

**MICHAEL MELIA
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The Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — A yearlong investigation into the Newtown school shooting has provided disturbing insights into the gunman who killed his mother and then massacred 26 other people, but it still has not provided a motive.

Prosecutors closed the case Monday on the Sandy Hook Elementary shooting last December. Their report offered a chilling portrait of 20-year-old Adam Lanza as a loner who was obsessed with violence and bound by ritualistic behavior.

But they were unable to answer the question that everyone has been asking since the tragedy: Why?

“The obvious question that remains is: ‘Why did the shooter murder 27 people, including 20 children?’ Unfortunately, that question may never be answered conclusively,” the report said.

To try to figure out the motive, investigators said, they interviewed members of Lanza’s family — his father and brother cooperated fully — along with teachers and others. They said they also tried within the limits of privacy laws to gather information on his medical treatment.

They found no evidence he had taken any medication that would have affected his behavior or explain the bloodbath.

Lanza “was under no extreme emotional disturbance for which there was a reasonable explanation or excuse,” the report concluded.

It said that in fifth grade, Lanza wrote a book that included tales of children being

slaughtered and a son shooting his mother in the head.

In the years that followed, he was obsessed with mass murders, assembling articles, photos, books, footage and violent video games, including one in which players gun down students in school. He even kept a spreadsheet ranking mass murders.

The summary released by the lead investigator, State’s Attorney Stephen Sedensky III, describes Lanza as having “significant mental health issues” but sure knowledge of what he was planning: Besides having the spreadsheet, he smashed his computer hard drive and used earplugs during the shooting.

Lanza killed 20 first-graders and six educators with a semi-automatic rifle at the school on Dec. 14. He also shot his mother in the forehead inside their home. He committed suicide with a handgun as police arrived at the school.

Sedensky said there was no clear indication why Lanza chose Sandy Hook Elementary other than that it was close to his home. He attended Sandy Hook from first through fifth grade, but he was never assigned to the classrooms where the shootings took place.

The spiral-bound manuscript that Lanza wrote in the fifth grade, “The Big Book of Granny,” was among items seized from his home. There is no indication he ever handed in the book at school.

The main character has a gun in her cane and shoots people, and another character likes hurting people, especially children.

Lanza also became obsessed

with the 1999 Columbine High shootings and other such mass killings, the report said.

The guns he used in the attack had been purchased legally by his mother, who often took her son shooting and, according to the report, had written out a check to buy him a pistol for Christmas. Their house also contained knives, swords, spears and other sharp weapons.

The report said that in 2005, Lanza was diagnosed with Asperger’s disorder — an autism-like condition that is not associated with violence — and that he lacked empathy for others and behaved strangely. He seemed to have few friends.

Nobody was allowed into his bedroom, not even to clean, according to the report. The windows of the room were cov-

ered with black trash bags. The report also said Lanza also disliked birthdays, Christmas and holidays and did not like to have his hair cut.

He also wouldn’t touch door-knobs, his food had to be arranged on the plate in a certain way, and he changed clothes and washed his hands often during the day. He was a loner at school and was repelled by crowds and loud noises. His mother got rid of a cat because her son didn’t want it in the house.

Weeks before the Newtown shooting, Nancy Lanza was concerned about her son and said that he hadn’t gone anywhere in three months and would communicate with her by email only, even though they lived in the same house, according to the report.

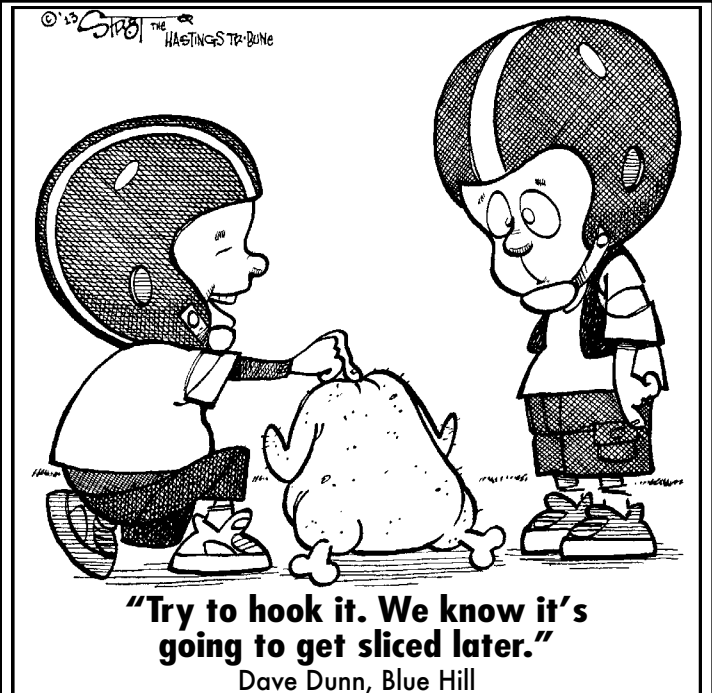


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Dave Dunn, Blue Hill

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Oma Tuck of Blue Hill

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Sherry Tjarks of Edgar

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Benny Congrove of Hastings

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Iowa takes step forward with big win over Michigan

LUKE MEREDITH
The Associated Press
IOWA CITY, Iowa — It might be easy to look at Iowa's recent win over Michigan as proof that the Hawkeyes have returned to national prominence. They are certainly getting closer. Iowa's 24-21 victory over Michigan last weekend left it at 7-4 and 4-3 in the Big Ten, clinching a winning record overall. The Hawkeyes can finish with a winning mark in the league for the first time since 2009 with a win on Friday at Nebraska — and signal to their fan base that their

series with the Cornhuskers may become a rivalry after all. Even the most optimistic Iowa fans had trouble seeing the Hawkeyes reaching seven wins after last season's 4-8 flameout. But they're one of just eight teams from a BCS-affiliated conference to improve by at least three wins in 2013. "I wouldn't say it's strictly one win. It's just a combination of how the year has been going. We weren't happy with what happened last year, and this senior class especially took it upon themselves to say 'Hey, we're not going to let that happen again,'" Iowa

sophomore quarterback Jake Rudock said. "We're trying to win every game we can and understand that last year was not acceptable." Though Michigan has failed to live up to its expectations in 2013, the Wolverines still represented a serious test for Iowa. The Hawkeyes had beaten all the teams they were expected to beat, including road wins at Minnesota, Purdue and Iowa State. Given that its four losses came against teams with a combined record of 42-3, Iowa essentially lost to teams they were expected to lose to.

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MICHAEL CONROY/AP
Purdue quarterback Danny Etling throws over Iowa's Drew Ott, a Giltner graduate, during the first half of a game in West Lafayette, Ind., on Nov. 9.

HC women upset No. 5 Concordia

BRONCO MEN ALSO WIN
TO COMPLETE SWEEP

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SEWARD — The Hastings College women's basketball team survived a late push by NAIA No. 5 Concordia to earn a 94-89 upset Tuesday night. The Broncos improved to 7-2 (2-2 in the GPAC) while handing the Bulldogs (6-2, 2-1) their first loss in conference action. HC earned a 52-38 lead by halftime — the best offensive output the team has had in the first half all season. But Concordia gave itself a chance in the second half, cutting the deficit to 79-77. The Bulldogs never gained the lead. Silver Lake grad Cami Bruckman and Sutton grad Jamie Van Kirk hit back-to-back 3-pointers after that point to create some space on the scoreboard. Three Broncos finished with 20-plus points, led by Laurel Zwienen's 25. She was 7-of-15 from the field and 11-of-15 from the free throw line. She also tallied 14 rebounds for the double-double. Bruckman had 21 points while Van Kirk provided 20. The Broncos finished 53 percent from the field and 50 percent from beyond the arc.

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2013 STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Omaha North topples Warriors for first state title

The Associated Press

LINCOLN — Calvin Strong ran for 197 yards and a touchdown, and second-ranked Omaha North won its first state football championship with a 23-21 victory over No. 3 Omaha Westside in the Class A final Tuesday night. Strong matched his career high with 39 carries, and he finished the season with more than 2,900 yards rushing. North went 73 yards in 12 plays to take a two-point lead with 7:21 left. Payton Nelson scored from the 1 two plays after the Vikings converted a fourth-and-2. Westside punted and turned the ball over on downs on its next two series. The Warriors got the ball back at its 27 with 11 seconds left. North began celebrating after two incomplete passes. Nelson was 9 of 13 for 124 yards. Marquise Lewis caught three passes for 104 yards and a TD for the Vikings. Westside's Christian Hagan passed for 194 yards and two TDs.

Cozad defeats Ashland-Greenwood 47-21 for C1 crown

The Associated Press

LINCOLN — Jake Paulsen rushed for 198 yards and scored two touchdowns, Colin Wetovick and Alex Boryca ran for two touchdowns apiece, and second-ranked Cozad won the Class C1 state championship with a 47-21 victory over No. 8 Ashland-Greenwood on Tuesday. The Haymakers (13-0) led 41-0 in the middle of the third quarter and went on to win their first state title since 1991. Paulsen broke a 66-yard run on the third play from scrimmage to open the scoring. Wetovick's runs of 4 and 50 yards and Nathan Bubak's 19-yard pass to Paulsen made it 28-0 at half. The Haymakers rushed for 277 of their 360 total yards. Conor Young caught three passes for 64 yards. Ashland-Greenwood's Gunnar Garner completed 17 of 44 passes for 266 yards and three touchdowns, but he was intercepted three times. Tyler Craven caught 10 passes for 174 yards and two TDs for the Bluejays (11-2).

ONE FOR ONE



AMY ROH/Tribune

Doniphan-Trumbull's Noah Keller (5), Zach McNally (6) and Riley Wiltfong (17) celebrate their Class C-2 state championship Tuesday at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln.

Cardinals win first football title

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LINCOLN — Tuesday's Class C-2 football state championship was a clash of a traditional powerhouse against a new-age up and comer. A power option team versus a no-huddle offense. A team with six state titles taking on a squad in search of its first. Doniphan-Trumbull made sure it was out with the old and in with the new. The Cardinals controlled Aquinas Catholic from the beginning, winning 32-13 for D-T's first-ever state championship. "It's awesome. It's the first one at the school, it's the first one for football, we're pretty excited about it," said sixth-year Doniphan-Trumbull head coach Brent Breckner. "We told the kids way back at the start that we thought we could get to this point. A lot of people didn't believe it a few years ago, but now we're state champs. It's fantastic." Doniphan-Trumbull had everything working for it. The offense ran all over the Monarch's defense, while the Cardinals D suffocated Aquinas Catholic's option attack. The Cardinals' big three of senior running backs Jordan Slough and Lorenzo Williams, and senior quarterback Riley Wiltfong led the team on the ground as each rushed for more than 100 yards. But each credited the big guys up front on the offensive line for the success.

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AMY ROH/Tribune

Doniphan-Trumbull's Jordan Slough dives for more yards against Aquinas Catholic's Trev Semrad during the Class C-2 state championship Tuesday at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln.

D-T defense earns respect

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LINCOLN — Years from now, when fans will look back on Doniphan-Trumbull's first state football championship, they'll likely focus on the team's exciting, gimmicky offense. And that's fair. The hurry-up, zone read is more reminiscent of Ducks rather than Cardinals. The tempo. The play cards. A dual-threat quarterback and his two versatile friends at running back. All that was

put on display in D-T's 32-13 win over Aquinas Catholic at Memorial Stadium. The Cardinals' defense, though, earned respect with its play Tuesday and throughout the season. At least, head coach Brent Breckner thinks so. "The defense has played outstanding the second half of the year," he said. "I couldn't be more proud. We played well all over the place." Aquinas pieced together a pair of scores in the second

half to end the threat of a shut out, but its power, triple-option attack could barely move against Doniphan-Trumbull. A telling stat: the Monarchs finished with 118 yards of total offense. Cardinals' senior Jordan Slough tallied 206. "We talked all week about playing sound, assignment football. We responded to (the triple option) well," Breckner said. "Aquinas is a team that doesn't make any

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Basketball

NBA Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	6	8	.429	—
Philadelphia	6	9	.400	1/2
Boston	10	3	.750	1
Brooklyn	4	10	.286	2
New York	3	10	.231	2 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	11	3	.786	—
Atlanta	8	7	.533	3 1/2
Charlotte	7	8	.467	4 1/2
Washington	6	8	.429	5
Orlando	5	9	.357	6

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	13	1	.929	—
Chicago	6	7	.462	6 1/2
Detroit	6	8	.429	7
Cleveland	4	10	.286	9
Milwaukee	2	11	.154	10 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	13	1	.929	—
Houston	10	5	.667	3 1/2
Dallas	9	6	.600	4 1/2
Memphis	7	7	.500	6
New Orleans	6	8	.429	7

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	13	2	.867	—
Oklahoma City	9	3	.750	2 1/2
Denver	7	6	.538	5
Minnesota	8	8	.500	5 1/2
Utah	2	14	.125	11 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	10	5	.667	—
Golden State	9	6	.600	1
Phoenix	7	7	.500	2 1/2
L.A. Lakers	7	8	.467	3
Sacramento	4	9	.308	5

Tuesday's Games

Washington 116, L.A. Lakers 111	
Brooklyn 102, Toronto 100	
Orlando 109, Atlanta 92	
Golden State 102, New Orleans 101	

Wednesday's Games

Philadelphia at Orlando, 6 p.m.	
Indiana at Charlotte, 6 p.m.	
L.A. Lakers at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.	
Memphis at Boston, 6:30 p.m.	
Miami at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.	
Chicago at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.	
Denver at Minnesota, 7 p.m.	
Atlanta at Houston, 7 p.m.	
San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.	
Washington at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.	
Golden State at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.	
Portland at Phoenix, 8 p.m.	
New York at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.	

Football

NFL Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East				
	W	L	T	Pct
New England	8	3	0	.727
N.Y. Jets	5	6	0	.455
Miami	5	6	0	.455
Buffalo	4	7	0	.364

South

	W	L	T	Pct
Indianapolis	7	4	0	.636
Tennessee	5	6	0	.455
Jacksonville	2	9	0	.182
Houston	2	9	0	.182

North

	W	L	T	Pct
Cincinnati	7	4	0	.636
Pittsburgh	5	6	0	.455
Baltimore	5	6	0	.455
Cleveland	4	7	0	.364

West

	W	L	T	Pct
Denver	9	2	0	.818
Kansas City	5	6	0	.455
San Diego	5	6	0	.455
Oakland	4	7	0	.364

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct
Dallas	6	5	0	.545
Philadelphia	6	5	0	.545
N.Y. Giants	4	7	0	.364
Washington	3	8	0	.273

South

	W	L	T	Pct
New Orleans	9	2	0	.818
Carolina	8	3	0	.727
Tampa Bay	3	8	0	.273
Atlanta	2	9	0	.182

North

	W	L	T	Pct
Detroit	6	5	0	.545
Chicago	6	5	0	.545
Green Bay	5	5	1	.500
Minnesota	2	8	1	.227

West

	W	L	T	Pct
Seattle	10	1	0	.909
San Francisco	7	4	0	.636
Arizona	7	4	0	.636
St. Louis	5	6	0	.455

Tuesday, Nov. 28

Green Bay at Detroit, 11:30 a.m.	
Oakland at Dallas, 3:30 p.m.	
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 7:30 p.m.	

Sunday, Dec. 1

Chicago at Minnesota, Noon	
New England at Houston, Noon	
Tennessee at Indianapolis, Noon	
Jacksonville at Cleveland, Noon	
Tampa Bay at Carolina, Noon	
Arizona at Philadelphia, Noon	
Miami at N.Y. Jets, Noon	
St. Louis at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.	

Atlanta vs. Buffalo at Toronto, 3:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at San Diego, 3:25 p.m.
Denver at Kansas City, 3:25 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Washington, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 2

New Orleans at Seattle, 7:40 p.m.

Prep playoffs

State Finals

Monday, Nov. 25

Class D-1
Exeter-Milligan 20, Hemmingford 8

Class D-2
Falls City Sacred Heart 63, Stuart 14

Class B
Omaha Skutt Catholic 30, York 0

Tuesday, Nov. 26

Class C-1
Cozad 47, Ashland-Greenwood 21

Class C-2
Doniphan-Trumbull 32, Aquinas 13

Class A
Omaha North 23, Omaha Westside 21

Hockey

NHL Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division				
	GP	W	L	OT
Boston	24	16	6	2
Tampa Bay	24	15	8	1
Toronto	24	14	9	1
Detroit	25	11	7	7
Montreal	24	13	9	2
Ottawa	24	9	11	4
Florida	25	7	13	5
Buffalo	25	5	19	1

Metropolitan Division				
	GP	W	L	OT
Pittsburgh	25	15	9	1
Washington	24	12	10	2
N.Y. Rangers	24	12	10	2
New Jersey	24	9	10	5
Carolina	24	9	10	5
Philadelphia	23	10	11	2
Columbus	24	9	12	3
N.Y. Islanders	24	8	13	3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division				
	GP	W	L	OT
Chicago	25	17	4	4
St. Louis	23	17	3	3
Colorado	22	17	5	0
Minnesota	25	15	6	4
Dallas	23	12	9	2
Nashville	24	12	10	2
Winnipeg	26	11	11	4

Pacific Division				
	GP	W	L	OT
Anaheim	27	17	7	3
San Jose	23	15	3	5
Los Angeles	25	16	6	3
Phoenix	24	14	6	4
Vancouver	26	12	9	5

Calgary 23 8 11 4 20 64 84
Edmonton 25 7 16 2 16 65 89
NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Tuesday's Games

Dallas 6, Anaheim 3

Wednesday's Games

Montreal at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Carolina at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
Winnipeg at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Ottawa at Washington, 6 p.m.
Nashville at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Boston at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Los Angeles at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

Transactions

Baseball

National League

CHICAGO CUBS — Acquired C George Kottaras from Kansas City for a cash consideration.
CINCINNATI REDS — Agreed to terms with INF-OF Skip Schumaker on a two-year contract.
Designated OF Derrick Robinson for assignment.
COLORADO ROCKIES — Named Blake Doyle hitting coach and Eric Young Sr. baserunning/outfield and first base coach.
MIAMI MARLINS — Named Mike Berger vice president, assistant general manager and Jeff McAvoy director of pro scouting.
NEW YORK METS — Agreed to terms with OF Chris Young on a one-year contract.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Agreed to terms with C Nevin Ashley and RHP Cody Eppley on minor league contracts.

Basketball

National Basketball Association

MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES — Traded F Derrick Williams to Sacramento for F Luc Mbah a Moute.

Football

National Football League

NFL — Suspended Seattle CB Walter Thurmond four games for violating the NFL policy and program for substances of abuse.
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed LB Jojo Dickson to the practice squad.
ATLANTA FALCONS — Signed OT Terren Jones.
Waived WR Brian Robiskie.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Agreed to terms with QB Alex Tanney. Claimed TE Andre Smith off waivers from Dallas. Waived OL Patrick Lewis and WR Brian Tynes.
DALLAS COWBOYS — Released TE Andre Smith. Signed CB Sterling Moore. Released LB Taylor Reed from the practice squad.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed LB Josh McNary from the practice squad. Waived TE Justice

Cunningham and WR David Reed. Placed S Delano Howell on the injured reserve list.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Terminated the practice squad contract of OT Jamaal Johnson-Webb. Signed DB Kip Edwards to the practice squad.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Released DL Marcus Forston and DB Justin Green.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Placed C Jim Cordile on the injured reserve list. Signed C Stephen Goodin from the practice squad. Signed OL Steven Baker to the practice squad. Terminated the practice squad contract of DB Brandon Jones.

NEW YORK JETS — Placed LB Troy Davis on the injured reserve list.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Activated WR Michael Crabtree from the PUP list. Waived QB McLeod Bethel-Thompson.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Signed CB Perrish Cox.

TENNESSEE TITANS — Agreed to terms with KR Leon Washington and DT Frank Kearse. Waived KR Devon Wylie and C Kevin Matthews.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed WR Josh Bellamy from the practice squad. Signed CB Peyton Thompson to the practice squad. Waived CB Jerome Murphy. Placed DE Stephen Bowen on the injured reserve list.

Hockey

National Hockey League

NHL — Suspended Carolina F Kevin Westgarth two games for boarding Ottawa D Mark Borowiecki during a Nov. 24 game.
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Reassigned F Jeremy Morin to Rockford (AHL).
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Placed F Jared Boll on injured reserve, retroactive to Nov. 22. Recalled F Sean Collins from Springfield (AHL).
NEW YORK RANGERS — Assigned F J.T. Miller to Hartford (AHL).
SAN JOSE SHARKS — Recalled F Matt Pelech from Worcester (AHL). Assigned F Matt Nieto to Worcester.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Reassigned D Dmitry Korobov to Syracuse (AHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Reassigned D Dmitry Orlov to Hershey (AHL).

College

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE — Named John Griffin associate commissioner for communications and brand marketing.

FLORIDA ATLANTIC — Withdrew the resignation of football coach Carl Palfini and fired him because he "failed to timely report certain conduct" of a member of his staff.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE — Fired football coach Tony Samuel.

ST. JOHNS — Reinstated men's freshman basketball G Rhyseh Jordan after a one-game suspension.

ST. JOSEPH'S (LI) — Named Shantey Hill director of intercollegiate athletics and the chairperson for the physical education department.

VANDERBILT — WR Chris Boyd announced he will enter the NFL draft.

WEBER STATE — Fired football coach Jody Sears.

TV/Radio broadcasts

Wednesday's television

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

4 p.m.
ESPN2 — Maui Invitational, fifth place game, teams TBD, at Lahaina, Hawaii
6:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — Maui Invitational, third place game, teams TBD, at Lahaina, Hawaii

8:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — NIT Season Tip-Off, semifinal, Alabama vs. Duke, at New York

9 p.m.
ESPN — Maui Invitational, championship, teams TBD, at Lahaina, Hawaii

NBA BASKETBALL

6:30 p.m.
ESPN — Miami at Cleveland

NHL HOCKEY

6:30 p.m.
NBCSN — Boston at Detroit

SOCCER

1:30 p.m.
FSN — UEFA Champions League, Copenhagen at Juventus

FS1 — UEFA Champions League, Manchester United at Bayer Leverkusen

Wednesday's radio

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

6:30 p.m.
KHAS 1230 — Nebraska at Iowa

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

8:30 p.m.
KXPN 1460, KICS 1550 — Maui Invitational Final, teams TBD

Thursday's television

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

6:30 p.m.
ESPN — Mississippi at Mississippi St.

FS1 — Texas Tech at Texas

GOLF

3:00 p.m.
TGI — European PGA Tour, Alfred Dunhill Championship, first round, at Mpumalanga, South Africa

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

11 a.m.
ESPN2 — Old Spice Classic, first round,

Purdue vs. Oklahoma St., at Orlando, Fla.

1 p.m.
ESPN2 — Old Spice Classic, first round, Butler vs. Washington St., at Orlando, Fla.

3:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — Wooden Legacy, first round, Marquette at Cal St.-Fullerton

5:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — Old Spice Classic, first round, Memphis vs. Siena, at Orlando, Fla.

6 p.m.
NBCSN — Battle 4 Atlantis, first round, Xavier vs. Iowa, at Paradise Island, Bahamas

7:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — Old Spice Classic, first round, LSU vs. Saint Joseph's, at Orlando, Fla.

8:30 p.m.
NBCSN — Battle 4 Atlantis, first round, Tennessee vs. UTEP, at Paradise Island, Bahamas

10 p.m.
ESPN2 — Wooden Legacy, first round, Creighton vs. Arizona St., at Fullerton, Calif.

11:30 a.m.
FOX — Green Bay at Detroit

3:30 p.m.
CBS — Oakland at Dallas

7:30 p.m.
NBC — Pittsburgh at Baltimore

PREP FOOTBALL

9 a.m.
FS1 — Don Bosco Prep (N.J.) at St. Joseph Regional (N.J.)

SOCCER

Non

FS1 — UEFA Europa League, Tottenham at Tromso

2 p.m.
FS1 — UEFA Europa League, Zulte Waregem at Wigan

Thursday's radio

NFL FOOTBALL

11:30 a.m.
KXPN 1460, KICS 1550 — Green Bay at Detroit

3:30 p.m.
KXPN 1460, KICS 1550 — Oakland at Dallas

7:30 p.m.
KXPN 1460, KICS 1550 — Pittsburgh at Baltimore

Nation

WALL STAYS HOT AS WIZARDS
BEAT LAKERS 116-111

WASHINGTON — John Wall stayed hot with 31 points and nine assists and Nene had a career high 30 to carry the Washington Wizards to a 116-111 victory over Los Angeles on Tuesday night that broke the Lakers' three-game winning streak.

Wall scored more than 30 points for the third straight game for the first time in his career, with his 13 fourth-quarter points coming in the final 4:40 to help Washington hold off Los Angeles. Wall was 10 for 18 from the field and made 11 of 12 free throws.

Nene surpassed his previous career best by two points on 13-for-22 shooting from the field. Martell Webster added 20 points with four 3-pointers.</

C-2: Doniphan-Trumbull wins first championship

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“Our backs did a great job and our offensive line did a great job,” Wiltfong said. “They’re the best offensive line in the state, and they proved that today.”

Wiltfong rushed for 104 yards and a touchdown, while also throwing for 57 yards and two scores.

Slough ran for a game-high 154 yards, scoring two touchdowns on the ground and two through the air — he caught three passes for 52 yards. His 206 yards of total offense is more than Aquinas Catholic could muster (188). He said winning the title was the Cardinals’ goal since losing last year in the semifinals.

“Last year, we tasted it. We got to the semifinals and fell a little short. This offseason, we talked about finishing,” Slough said. “We were hungry for them. It has been a dream of all of ours, and we got it done.”

Williams rushed for 132 yards on 17 carries, averaging 7.8 yards per attempt.

“Our goal was to come out quick and get ahead of them,” Williams said. “We knew they didn’t have as explosive of an offense, but they had a really good defense. We did what we needed to do.”

A terrific Aquinas Catholic punt by quarterback Trev Semrad pinned Doniphan-Trumbull at its own 1-yard line in the Cardinals opening drive, which eventually stalled after a pair of first downs.

After a three-and-out, Semrad again forced the Cardinals to start a drive deep in its own territory with another great punt. This time the ball stopped at the D-T 6-yard line. But even the long field couldn’t stop the Cardinals this time.

It took Doniphan-Trumbull 12 plays to march 94 yards in 4:13 to score the game’s first points. The Cardinals converted two third downs and one fourth-down attempt on the drive.

Williams, Slough and Wiltfong combined to rush nine times for 58 yards,



AMY ROH/Tribune

Doniphan-Trumbull head coach Brent Breckner yells instructions to his team during their Class C-2 state championship game Tuesday at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln.

leading to a 22-yard pass from Wiltfong to Slough.

D-T kept the momentum as it scored on its next drive, this one lasted 11 plays and 56 yards. Williams rushed four times for 47 yards, even with a holding penalty. Doniphan-Trumbull converted another big fourth-down play when Wiltfong found senior Creighton Buhr on a 5-yard pass for a first-and-goal from the 3. Slough punched the ball in on a third-and-goal play to put the Cardinals up 14-0.

Doniphan-Trumbull’s big play ability is well known, but on Tuesday it was all about efficiency. The Cardinals moved the ball methodically with its longest play going for 26 yards.

“We talked about that all week, just executing. It’s not extraordinary plays, it’s just the little plays when we need it,” Breckner said. “Our kids did a great job of that, and they came up big in those situations.”

The Cardinals continued to pour it on the Monarchs with two straight scoring drives to open the third quarter. Slough scored on an 11-yard run to

cap a 10-play, 83-yard drive. On the ensuing possession, Wiltfong and Slough connected one more time on a 16-yard pass on a fourth-and-10 to go up 26-0.

Wiltfong put the finishing touches on D-T’s scoring with a 19-yard keeper. The touchdown made it a 32-6 lead.

The defense allowed one more score before the end of the game, but it was virtually untouchable for nearly three quarters. Aquinas Catholic came into the game averaging 34.8 points and 303.2 yards per game. The Cardinals held the Monarchs to just 13 points and 148 yards on the ground.

“Those guys have played outstanding the second half of the year. I couldn’t be more proud of those guys,” Breckner said. “Some different guys are playing out there, but those guys up front like Adam Gomez played great in the middle for us. Jake Critel did a fantastic job for us. Our defense played well all over the place for us.

“We have a great offense, and when you put a defense with it, we’re hard



AMY ROH/Tribune

Doniphan-Trumbull’s Lorenzo Williams runs against Aquinas Catholic during the Class C-2 state championship game Tuesday at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln.

to beat.”

Critel, a junior, led Doniphan-Trumbull with 12 tackles and a sack. Senior Eric Toben added nine tackles, and fellow senior Grady Koch had eight.

Wiltfong was thankful for all the support he and his teammates received from the Cardinals’ fans throughout the season.

“It feels great to get this win in front of all these people who have been supporting us all year,” Wiltfong said. “We went to the northeast part of the state twice and made home games out of those. Then, we came here and made a home game out of this. These guys are awesome. I love them to death.”

Breckner said he couldn’t be more proud of Doniphan-Trumbull’s 14 seniors.

“They’ve been outstanding. They do whatever we ask of them. They’re a great group of football players, and probably even better kids and better people,” he said. “They work their tales off and put a lot of hours in the weight room and on the practice field. I can’t be anymore proud of them.”

Slough said this was the perfect end-

ing to the seniors’ careers, which extends beyond the last four years for many of them.

“This group’s been together since we were third graders playing football,” he said. “This is everything we’ve ever dreamed of. It’s a dream come true. It means a lot to us.”

Aquinas Catholic (10-3).....	0	0	6	7	— 13
Doniphan-Trumbull (13-0).....	8	6	12	6	— 32
D — Jordan Slough 22 pass from Riley Wiltfong (Wiltfong pass to Creighton Buhr)					
D — Slough 2 run (pass failed)					
D — Slough 11 run (pass failed)					
D — Slough 16 pass from Wiltfong (pass failed)					
A — Matt Jakub 1 run (run failed)					
D — Wiltfong 19 run (pass failed)					
A — Kenton Kobza 1 run (Preston Smith kick)					
	A	D			
First downs	11	27			
Rushes-yards	45-140	60-389			
Passing yards	48	57			
Comp-Att-Int	2-4-0	4-7-0			
Total offense	188	446			
Punts-Avg.	4-37.8	3-27.3			
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0			
Penalties-Yards	0-0	8-56			
RUSHING — A, Matt Jakub 11-37, Eric Kobza 10-33, Kenton Kobza 11-32, Noah Pelan 3-22, Evan Kranda 4-15, Trev Semrad 3-3, Brandon Svoboda 1-1, Trevor Dozier 1-(minus) 3; D, Jordan Slough 26-154, Lorenzo Williams 17-136, Riley Wiltfong 13-104, Tate Mazour 1-4, Chet Quist 2-0, Dan Uden 1-(minus) 5.					
PASSING — A, Semrad 2-4-0 48; D, Wiltfong 4-7-0 57.					
RECEIVING — A, Nathan Kovar 1-32, Logan Kahler 1-16; D, Slough 3-52, Creighton Buhr 1-5.					

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Doniphan-Trumbull’s Eric Toben tackle Aquinas Catholic ball carrier Evan Kranda during the Class C-2 state championship Tuesday at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln.



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mistakes. They find a crease and can hit one for a big play. We did a good job in the first half of eliminating that and we put our defense in a good position to put the game away.”

The Cardinals set the tone early on defense.

By halftime, the Monarchs had no passing yards and just 64 yards on the ground off of 19 carries — 3.4 yards per play.

Aquinas had just three first downs and was 1-of-6 on third down. Time and time again, Doniphan-Trumbull’s defense made a key stop, leaving the Monarchs empty nine times on third down for the game.

Last season, the Cardinals were a win away from making Memorial Stadium.

But Sutton’s power offense — similar to Aquinas’ — bruised the Cards defense for 288 rushings yards in a 36-18 semifinal win.

It was imperative to get the defense

“
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”
- Jordan Slough, Doniphan-Trumbull senior

shored up for the 2013 campaign. After all, Doniphan-Trumbull’s offense had nearly all of its weapons back.

“I don’t think we had a bad defense last year, but a lot of people didn’t think we played defense in Doniphan — that all we tried to do was score more points,” Slough said. “Our defense

has been phenomenal. I mean, 12 points to Aquinas?”

Aquinas head coach Ron Mimick agreed.

“We didn’t play bad. (Doniphan-Trumbull’s) just a better football team on both sides,” he said. “They were better up-front. They’re well coached and they play physical.”

After Aquinas’ 12 points, the Cardinals’ defense finished the year giving up just 11.9 points per game. Matched with an offense that scores and gains yards in bunches, Breckner said it created a scary combination.

The final verdict: 13 wins, zero losses. Defense still wins championships.

“It was a team victory. I thought we played outstanding defense,” Breckner said. “(Aquinas) got a couple scores there, but I thought our defense has played really well down the stretch and in this game.”

City: Winston case was investigated immediately

GARY FINEOUT

The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — A top Tallahassee official said that an investigation into allegations of sexual assault against Florida State University quarterback Jameis Winston was placed on hold for months because the alleged victim decided she did not want to press charges.

One of the lingering questions surrounding the case involving the Heisman Trophy candidate for the No. 2 ranked Seminoles is why it took 11 months for Tallahassee police to hand over information about the alleged December 2012 assault to local prosecutors.

City Manager Anita Favors Thompson, saying that she

anticipated national news media interest because of Winston’s celebrity, emailed the information to the Tallahassee mayor and city commissioners on Nov. 12. The Tallahassee Democrat first reported the existence of the email, which The Associated Press later obtained.

Favors Thompson, who reports to the city commission, oversees the police department, which currently does not have a permanent police chief.

Favors Thompson said the woman who filed the complaint got “intoxicated at a local bar” and was then allegedly assaulted. The city manager said that city police immediately began investigating the case after it was first

reported to authorities.

But as they started interviewing witnesses, “they stopped getting responses from the young woman and could no longer contact her for additional follow up and information after many attempts to do so,” Favors Thompson wrote.

Favors Thompson said that an attorney representing the victim’s family said she “changed her mind and did not wish to prosecute.”

News media outlets have been requesting information about the case from the Tallahassee Police Department. David Northway, a spokesman for the department, said that it is normal policy for the department to review any case that is inactive before informa-

tion is handed over to the media. He added that investigations are not reactivated solely because of media requests.

In her email, Favors Thompson told city commissioners that the city reached out to the victim to let her know the information had been requested by the news media.

Last week, Tallahassee police released a heavily redacted two-page incident report that does not mention Winston by name, but says an assault took place between 1:30 a.m. and 2 a.m. last Dec. 7. It describes the suspect as being between 5-foot-9 and 5-11. Winston is listed by Florida State at 6-4.

Timothy Jansen, the attorney representing Winston,

maintains his client has done nothing wrong. Last week he gave affidavits from two eye-witnesses that he said will “completely exonerate my client.” Jansen has said that he believed the investigation was closed last February.

Four days after the first media request for information, Tallahassee police turned over information to local prosecutors. Prosecutors have begun their own investigation and State Attorney Willie Meggs said he wants to interview the alleged victim, who now lives out of state.

City Commissioner Scott Maddox said that “it is important that the process for this case is handled the same way as any other case.”

“I am going to demand that

this case is handled fairly and have full confidence that it will be,” Maddox said.

Meggs told the AP on Saturday that he is concerned that media attention has focused primarily on 19-year-old Winston.

“We have a female victim here, too, and my job is to make sure that this victim or any victim of a crime has their rights protected,” Meggs said. “Everything is now focused on Winston and what’s going to happen to him.”

Winston has continued to play football. Florida State hosts Idaho this week, then takes on the Florida Gators on Nov. 30. Prosecutors have said that they anticipate concluding their investigation in the next couple of weeks.

No. 8 Syracuse tops California 92-81 in Maui

OSKAR GARCIA

The Associated Press

LAHAINA, Hawaii — Syracuse is used to winning at the Maui Invitational. One more victory for the Orange and it will be three titles in three trips.

Tyler Ennis scored 28 points and led two key second-half runs that carried No. 8 Syracuse past California 92-81 on

Tuesday night in the tournament semifinals.

The Orange will play for the championship Wednesday against No. 18 Baylor, which edged Dayton 67-66. Syracuse won the Maui Invitational in 1990 and 1998.

“These two games out here have been great games, great for our team,”

coach Jim Boeheim said.

Syracuse scored 51 points in the second half, shooting 55 percent and making five of seven 3-point attempts. Ennis had 17 points and Trevor Cooney scored 20 of his 23 after the break.

“Our guards were unbelievable today and I didn’t even know that until I looked at the stat sheet,” Boeheim said.

“I knew they were pretty good, but they were better.”

Jerami Grant finished with 19 points while C.J. Fair had 14 points and seven rebounds.

Cooney said it’s different to shoot in a small gym.

“We play in a dome, it’s open, different backdrop and this is totally differ-

ent for us,” Cooney said. “The gym is warm, the legs get going and you can get into a rhythm here and that’s what we have been doing.”

Ennis hit a layup during a nine-point run started by Grant’s putback dunk. The spurt lasted more than 2 minutes and gave Syracuse (6-0) its first double-digit lead with less than 8 minutes left.

Bosnians panic as sinkhole swallows pond



People gather around a huge sinkhole in the village of Sanica, Bosnia, Thursday. Only weeks ago, the spot was a pond full of fish and floating green algae, lined with old willow and plum trees, and a grass field where cattle used to peacefully graze.

AMEL EMRIC
The Associated Press
SANICA, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Just outside the rustic village, children fished in a tranquil pond bobbing with green algae and lined with willow trees, as cattle grazed nearby.

Now, Rezak Motanic gazes in disbelief down a gigantic moonlike crater where the pond used to be. It's like something from a science fiction movie: a sinkhole swallowed the water, the fish and even nearby trees.

"I sat here only a day before it happened, sipping plum brandy," Cemal Hasan said. "And then, there was panic. Fish were jumping out, and a big plum tree was pulled down like someone yanked it with a hook."

The villagers of this remote northwestern Bosnian village

have been in shock since the pond vanished two weeks ago.

Their pond was some 20 yards in diameter and about eight yards deep. Now, the "abyss," as the villagers have dubbed the crater, is some 50 yards wide and 30 meters yards — and growing.

Scientists say it is not uncommon that ponds and small lakes suddenly disappear. They say it could be caused by drying underground water currents, or changes in soil drainage due to irrigation.

The Sanica villagers, however, are having none of the scientific explanations.

"It could have been a giant cave that opened its doors," offered Milanko Skrbic. "Or a volcano."

Another popular theory — one that experts dismiss along with the others proposed by

townsfolk — is that fish could have triggered the explosion of one of several World War II German bombs believed to have been thrown into the pond by an old woman after the war.

"She herself died when one of the bombs exploded in her arms," Cemal Hasan said as he stood on the edge of the "abyss."

Another spooky explanation: The owner of the pond took it with him when he died about a month ago.

"Only days before Hasan passed away he said: 'I'll take everything with me when I die.' And that's what he did," Motanic said. "His daughter saw him walk on the lake the night he died."

Husein Nanic said it could be a sign that the end is nigh: "All sort of miracles happen before the doomsday," he said.

Ariz. abuse cases to be reviewed by next week

BOB CHRISTIE
The Associated Press
PHOENIX — An Arizona government official says his department will review more than 6,000 unexamined reports of child abuse and neglect by Dec. 2.

The director of the Department of Economic Security, Clarence Carter, also said in a plan submitted Monday night that all reports forwarded to case workers will be investigated by Jan. 31.

Carter sent the plan to members of the Legislature's Child Protective Services oversight committee.

Carter revealed the problems with the botched cases last week and was grilled by members of the oversight committee on Thursday. He told the committee he would deliver the plan by "the close of business" Monday.

Child advocates have said that the debacle in Arizona reflects a common problem nationwide as child protective agencies are burdened with high case loads, lack of funding and dismal resources that force social workers to prioritize calls based on the most egregious reports.

Still, the reports need an initial review to determine whether they are worthy of investigation, said Michael Petit, president of the advocacy group Every Child Matters and former commissioner of Maine's Human Services Department, which oversees child protective services.

"They can't just park them and say we're really busy and

put them aside," Petit said Monday.

Carter has identified a number of Child Protective Services staffers who will be assigned to investigate the cases, department spokeswoman Tasya Peterson said earlier Monday. An exact number of staffers hasn't been determined, but Gov. Jan Brewer has approved using overtime for the urgent job.

So far, authorities re-examining the cases have identified at least 125 in which children were later alleged to have been abused. No deaths have been connected to the lapses.

Brewer added 200 new CPS positions in her budget this year to help the agency deal with skyrocketing case loads.

Meanwhile, state police are reviewing how the mistakes occurred. A captain, sergeant and four detectives will have their caseloads reassigned and focus only on the CPS investigation.

The investigation is designed to determine who authorized the cases to be designated as "not investigated" and to review the department's policies. It is administrative in nature, and any findings of potential criminal actions would be handled by another team or agency, Department of Public Safety spokesman Bart Graves said.

State law requires that reports phoned into a child abuse hotline be investigated. Yet beginning in November 2009, some cases were closed before being sent to a field office for investigation by a team of specialists trying to clear a backlog, Graves said.



In this photo taken Sunday provided by George Loegering is a large spinning circle of bits of ice that Loegering spotted in North Dakota's Sheyenne River while out hunting with friends.

Unusual ice circle forms in N.D. river

BLAKE NICHOLSON
The Associated Press
BISMARCK, N.D. — When George Loegering saw a large spinning circle of ice in the Sheyenne River while out hunting with relatives, the retired engineer couldn't believe his eyes.

"At first I thought, no way! It was surreal," Loegering, 73, said Tuesday of the large ice disk he witnessed Saturday. "You looked at it and you thought, how did it do that?"

Then his engineering background kicked in. He calculated the disk's diameter to be about 55 feet, took photos and videos of it and then turned to the Internet for more information about what he, his brother-in-law and nephew had seen.

"It's not an unknown phenomenon, but it is relatively rare," said Loegering, who lives in rural Casselton, about 20 miles west of Fargo.

Allen Schlag, a National Weather Service hydrologist in Bismarck, and Greg Gust, a weather service meteorologist in Grand Forks, said a combination of cold, dense air last weekend and an eddy in the river likely caused the disk.

"It's actually quite beautiful," Schlag said.

The cold, dense air — the air pressure Saturday in nearby Fargo was a record high for the city for the month of November, according to Gust — turned the river water into ice, but since the water was relatively warm it didn't happen all at once. Floating bits of ice got caught

in the eddy and started to spin in a circle.

"It's not a continuous sheet of ice," Schlag said. "If you were to throw a grapefruit-size rock on it, it would go through. It's not a solid piece of ice — it's a collection of ice cubes."

Loegering said the spinning disk had frozen up but was still visible in the river.

"I'm not sure how long it was there (spinning)," he said. "It had to be quite a long time. If you look at the picture, you can see growth rings on the disk."

Schlag said he was surprised by the size of the ice circle, which he said would be more likely on a larger river such as the Missouri.

"That might be one of the better examples I've seen," he said. "It's a pretty cool one."



Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine announces indictments against four additional people in relation to the 2012 rape of a high school student on Monday in Steubenville, Ohio.

School staff on leave after rape-case charges

ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS
The Associated Press
COLUMBUS, Ohio — An Ohio school superintendent and two other employees have been placed on leave after they were charged following an investigation prompted by the rape of a 16-year-old girl by two high school football players, school officials said Tuesday.

The Steubenville school board did not address the allegations against the employees and referred all questions to the state attorney general, who is leading the investigation.

The employees were placed on leave at an emergency board meeting Monday and a former superintendent was tapped to lead the district temporarily, the board

said in a statement.

"Our primary focus is on making sure the School District is able to conduct the business of educating our students," the board said.

A grand jury on Monday charged superintendent Mike McVey and three others with lying or failing to report possible child abuse after an investigation prompted by the rape of the West Virginia girl following an alcohol-fueled party in August 2012.

Also charged Monday were football team strength coach Seth Fluharty, volunteer football coach Matthew Belardine and elementary school principal Lynnett Gorman. All four are due in court Dec. 6.

McVey, Fluharty and Gorman were

placed on leave. Belardine is not a school employee.

The investigation included crimes committed in connection with the case against two members of the celebrated Steubenville High School football team as well as a separate alleged rape that happened in April 2012, four months before the assault that drew nationwide attention over demands that prosecutors should have charged more players.

McVey's charges include felony counts of obstructing justice and tampering with evidence and a misdemeanor charge alleging he made a false statement in April 2012. Messages were left with McVey's attorney Tuesday after he didn't return messages Monday.

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Public Notices

Supervisor Proceedings COURTHOUSE, HASTINGS, NEBRASKA Tuesday, November 5, 2013 The Board met in regular session and took the following actions: Took roll call and declared a quorum. Approved minutes from the October 15, 2013 meeting. Approved Case #13-10.4 Hayland Second Subdivision. Approved Case #13-11.2-Freeland Creed 5th Subdivision. Met in closed session for contract negotiations. Approved the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding for Crime Commission Coalition grant funds. Approved the signing of a Certificate of Compliance and Maintenance Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Roads. Approved authorized signers on the Wells Fargo bank account. Approved an amendment to the Adams County Employee Handbook clarifying available benefits to regular part-time employees. Approved the appointment of Belinda Gentert and Kelli Knott to the Board of Adjustments. Approved a request for rental of the assembly room at the Adams County Office Building. COUNTY GENERAL		
Jack Hynes, Travel Expenses	\$	90.54
NACO, Dues, Subscription, Registration, Training		600.00
Business World Products, Supplies - Office		245.57
NACCTFO, Dues, Subscription, Registration, Training		75.00
Beverly Davis, Equipment Rental - Office		25.00
Business World Products, Supplies - Office		18.86
Hometown Leasing, Equipment Rental - Office		240.16
Hastings Tribune, Dues, Subscription, Registration, Training		102.00
MIPS, Data Processing Equipment Special		703.69
Eakes Office Plus, Equipment Rental - Office		24.42
Quill Corporation, Supplies - Office		131.08
IACREOT, Dues, Subscription, Registration, Training		195.00
NACO, Dues, Subscription, Registration, Training		120.00
Holiday Inn of Kearney, Travel Expenses		165.90
Janice Johnson, Mileage Allowance		87.00
Jim Knott, Mileage Allowance		62.15
Kal Halbmaier, Mileage Allowance		36.16
Business World Products, Supplies - Office		69.99
Computer Consultants, Inc., Office Equipment Repair		1,418.45
Microfilm Imaging System, Data Processing Software		4,156.00
Business World Products, Supplies - Data Processing		429.95
Eakes Office Plus, Supplies - Office		411.80
Saunders County Sheriff, District Court Costs		38.23
Russ's Market, Juror Fees		125.91
Business World Products, Supplies - Office		350.00
Adams County Clerk of District Court, District Court Costs		3,252.00
Clerk of Supreme Court, District Court Costs		125.00
Hall County Sheriff, District Court Costs		62.94
Hometown Leasing, Supplies - Office		62.57
Axis Capital, Inc., Equipment Rental - Office		290.00
Microfilm Imaging system, Supplies - Data Processing		175.00
Eakes Office Plus, Supplies - Office		492.93
Culligan of Hastings, Miscellaneous		31.65
Microfilm Imaging System, Equipment Rental - Office		375.00
Boys Town, Juvenile Care Costs		1,022.00
West Payment Center, Dues, Subscription, Registration, Training		82.50
Hometown Leasing, Equipment Rental - Office		574.81
ACCO Brands Direct, Dues, Subscription, Registration, Training		13.98
Skalka & Baack Law Firm, Attorney Fees - Court Appoint		3,114.60
Skalka & Baack Law Firm, Attorney Fees - Court Appoint		1,991.00
Seiler, Parker, P.C., Attorney Fees - Court Appoint		2,894.08
Michael Mead, Building Rental, Utilities		2,321.85
Elite Court Reporting, Inc., Court Costs		35.30
Borley Moving & Storage, Miscellaneous		1,866.00
Clerk of Supreme Court, Court Costs		7.39
AT&T, Telephone Services		159.06
Paper Tiger Shredding, Supplies - Office		30.00
Windstream, Telephone Services		290.93
Shamberg, Wolf, McDermott, Attorney Fees - Court Appoint		703.00
Sullivan Shoemaker, P.C., Attorney Fees - Court Appoint		700.50
Stacie Goding, Attorney Fees - Court Appoint		536.75
Langvardt, Valle & James, Attorney Fees - Court Appoint		9,099.17
Lawson Products, Janitorial Supplies		134.19
Harold Johnson, Travel Expenses		56.50
Marathon Systems, Janitorial Supplies		389.47
Hastings Utilities, Utilities		2,982.13
Culligan of Hastings, Contract Labor		460.35
SimplexGrinnell, Contract Labor		1,452.00
Precision Sprinklers, Contract - Labor		102.50
Williams Exterminating, Inc., Contract Labor		85.00
MIPS, Contract Labor		823.66
MIPS, Equipment Rental - Office		190.00
Heartland Pet Connection, Law Enforcement Costs - Court		8,400.00
West Payment Center, Contract Service		207.00

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CITY WATER SYSTEM STUDY AND IMPROVEMENTS
MINDEN, NEBRASKA
I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
The City of Minden is requesting proposals for professional services from registered engineering firms with experience in municipal engineering, water studies, and water system modeling. This will be a two phase project. First phase is completing a water study of the entire City system. The study is to include cost estimates for the recommended improvements to be utilized for the May City Sales Tax Ballot. If the sales tax is approved, the second phase of the project will be design and construction phase services of the selected proposed water improvements.
II. SCOPE OF SERVICES:
The City of Minden is requesting proposals for professional services from registered engineering firms with experience in municipal engineering, water studies, and water system modeling. In general, the project includes modeling of the City's Water System. The consultant will research, identify, collect, field investigate/verify and compile water system data and perform Water Systems Hydraulic Modeling. The consultant will make recommendations for water system improvements to improve fire flow, system pressures, and future city growth. Consultant will also provide recommendations to improve water quality which is to include replacement of old cast iron mains. Recommended improvements shall be outlined in the report, including maps and estimates, for the sales tax ballot and future improvements.
Dependent on funding, the second phase for the project will be for design and construction phase services for recommended improvements. Construction plans will be developed for the recommended improvements while evaluating alternatives to minimize construction impacts and stay within budget. A bid package shall be compiled and bid phase services will be provided to award the project to a contractor. Construction phase services will then be provided for the awarded improvements to include construction observation, testing, and staking.
A detailed scope of services will be developed as part of contract negotiations. In addition to normal survey and design responsibilities, the consultant will be responsible for attending and supporting various meetings with City public works officials.
The City of Minden has prepared a list of tasks necessary for completion of this project as noted below, which will be used as a basis for the preparation of the proposal. Additional tasks or modifications to the task list that will produce a more effective project should be included in the proposal. The Consultant shall clearly define the tasks and anticipated deliverables for this project. The actual scope of services and tasks will be re-

West Payment Center, Dues, Subscription, Registration, Training	510.00
Computer Hardware, Inc., Law Enforcement Costs - Court	3,376.00
Nebraska Public Health Eviro Lab, Law Enforcement Costs - Court	210.00
Eakes Office Plus, Supplies - Office	208.23
Business World Products, Supplies - Office	211.62
Gregg Magee, Mileage Allowance	262.99
Allen's of Hastings, Inc., Law Enforcement Costs - Court	100.43
Telvent DTN, Equipment - Fuel	492.00
Great Plains Chrysler-Dodge, Equipment - Fuel	38.80
Hastings Ford-Lincoln, Equipment - Fuel	69.36
Graham Tire Company, Equipment - Fuel	23.49
Jordan Osborne, Mileage Allowance	241.07
Nebraska.gov, Court Costs	12.00
Alyson Keiser-Roudebush, Coroner Costs	25.00
David A. Bergin, Coroner Costs	25.00
Austin Vandever, Coroner Costs	25.00
Andrew C. Butler, Coroner Costs	25.00
Business World Products, Supplies - Office	696.11
Adams County Attorney's Office, Law Enforcement Costs	1,000.00
Adams County Attorney, Court Costs	38.27
Buffalo County Court, Court Costs	7.50
Carpenter Reporting, Inc., Court Costs	101.20
Elite Court Reporting, Inc., Court Costs	115.45
Franklin County Sheriff, Court Costs	6.00
Furnas County Sheriff, Court Costs	6.00
Hall County Sheriff, Court Costs	108.88
Hall County Sheriff, Juvenile Costs	20.88
Hometown Leasing, Equipment Rental - Office	631.81
Lancaster County Sheriff, Court Costs	96.60
Nebraska Public Health Eviro Lab, Court Costs	26.83
Nebraska State Bar Association, Dues, Subscription, Registration, Training	35.00
Secretary of State, Court Costs	40.00
Valley County Sheriff, Court Costs	6.00
York County Sheriff's Office, Juvenile Costs	6.50
AS Central Services, Equipment Rental - Office	704.00
Verizon Wireless, Telephone Services	1,472.61
Windstream, Telephone Services	3,178.26
Mary Lanning Healthcare, Board of Prisoners - Food	3,054.31
Mary Lanning Healthcare, Medicine-Hospital Prisoners	859.46
Frito-Lay, Commissary	751.70
Securus Technologies, Inc., Commissary	1,830.00
Cash-Wa Distributing, Commissary	74.10
Central Dental Group, Medicine-Hospital Prisoners	25.00
Village Pharmacy, Medicine-Hospital Prisoners	92.28
Surgery Group of Grand Island, Medicine-Hospital Prisoners	2,254.02
Pathology Specialists, Medicine-Hospital Prisoners	20.56
Windstream, Commissary	66.48
Cash-Wa Candy Company, Commissary	601.51
Witt Plumbing, Other Equipment Repair	265.00
Adams County Jail, Board of Prisoners - Food	2,849.30
Keith's Pharmacies, Medicine-Hospital Prisoners	210.24
Culligan of Hastings, Commissary	72.95
Graham Tire Company, Travel Expenses	119.15
Kenesaw Motor Company, Inc., Travel Expenses	36.00
State of Nebraska, Board of Prisoners - Food	2,307.42
Williams Exterminating, Inc., Miscellaneous	46.00
Big G Commercial Hardware, Law Enforcement Supplies	56.59
Raquel Maar, Part-time Salary - Employ	60.00
Myers Refrigeration Company, Other Equipment Repair	508.88
Medical Office Management, Medicine-Hospital Prisoners	67.70
Grand Island Imaging Center, Medicine - Hospital Prisoners	594.95
The Physician Network, Medicine-Hospital Prisoners	1,380.88
Saint Francis Medical, Medicine-Hospital Prisoners	16,656.76
Grand Island Radiology, Medicine-Hospital Prisoners	324.43
ER Professional Services MLMH, Medicine-Hospital	213.68
ML Professional Service, Medicine-Hospital	418.24
Bert's Rexall Drugs, Medicine-Hospital Prisoners	235.79
Hall County Department of Corrections, Board of Prisoners - Food	29,565.32
Aus Des Moines McLockbox, Miscellaneous	255.65
Computer Hardware, Inc., Office Equipment	1,050.80
Culligan of Hastings, Miscellaneous	78.72
Glenwood Telephone, Telephone Services	49.95
Grace's Locksmith Services, Miscellaneous	50.00
Nebraska Technology & Telecommunication, Telephone Services	86.13
Phelps County Treasurer, Telephone Services	104.62
Windstream, Telephone Services	27.35
Cornhusker Press, Supplies - Office	173.60
Capital Business Systems, Equipment Rental - Office	88.00
Axis Capital, Inc., Equipment Rental - Office	380.00
Cornhusker State Industries, Furniture	1,800.00
Officemax, Inc., Supplies - Office	813.61
City of Hastings, Ambulance Costs	5,208.33
Presto-X, Maintenance Agreements	33.52

viewed and agreed to between the City and selected consultant.
A. WATER SYSTEM STUDY
The consultant will review operating records, reports, plans, specifications, past water construction projects for the past ten (10) years; past, interview city staff, and other additional information available for the completion of water system hydraulic modeling.
The Consultant shall perform field investigation to verify the available data and shall collect additional data necessary for the hydraulic models. The data shall include, but not be limited to, pump station capacities, pump curves, water storage tank volumes, pressure relief valve capacities and settings, elevations, water demands including average daily flow (ADF) and maximum daily flow (MDF).
After records review and field investigation, the Consultant shall develop a water system hydraulic model. The Model shall include, but not be limited to, the following attributes:
• Line lengths
• Line diameters
• Friction factors of pipes
• Node elevations
• Representative demands at each node
• Water storage elevations
• Control valves
• All pumping stations characteristics in the water system
The Model shall be calibrated to observe the current field conditions. Field calibration measurements shall be conducted at key locations to provide accurate calibration. The City plans to perform some fire flow tests for calibration in the fall of 2014 to be provided to the Consultant. Calibration shall provide a model that is accurate to within 7 psi at 85% of the chosen field locations. Hazen-Williams C-Factors shall be assigned based on relative historical values and calibration changes shall be made to the model values on a global basis. Once the base model is calibrated, the Consultant shall perform the following:
•Steady-state analyses of the water distribution system with pumps and tanks under average daily demand and maximum daily demand.
•Fire Flow Analyses on the water system to determine how the system will behave under extreme conditions and if specified fire flows can be achieved.
At the completion of modeling, the consultant shall prepare a summary report. Shortcomings in flow, pressure, head loss, and fire flow shall be noted in the report based on a criteria supplied by the City or developed in coordination with the Consultant. A plan shall be developed prioritizing recommended improvements for sales tax ballot and for future improvements.

Dawna Whitcomb, Mileage Allowance	117.83
Big G Commercial Hardware, Supplies - Shop	11.43
Coast to Coast Solutions, Printing and Publishing	566.10
Hastings Utilities, Utilities	259.57
Adams County Highway Department, Miscellaneous	78.20
Auto Glass Experts, Road Equipment Repair Labor	161.72
Axis Capital, Inc., Equipment Rental - Office	360.00
BGNE, Equipment - Fuel	446.40
City of Hastings, Waste Disposal	11.52
Deweese Sand & Gravel, Materials - Gravel and Borr	523.35
Eakes Office Plus, Supplies - Office	44.33
Larry Einspahr, Telephone Services	25.00
EZ-Liner, Road Equipment Repair Parts	2,395.83
Fairbanks International, Road Equipment Repair Parts	368.00
Marty Feldman, Telephone Services	25.00
Filter Care, Supplies - Shop	297.00
Computer Consultants, Inc., Data Processing Costs	360.00
Friesen Chevrolet, Road Equipment Repair Parts	4,129.07
Harvey Goings, Telephone Services	25.00
Island Supply, Welding Supplies/Chains	26.90
Cecil Kissell, Telephone Services	25.00
Lawson Products, Road Salt	1,485.00
Lawson Products, Welding Supplies/Chains	239.20
Menards, Building Repair	16.07
Michael Todd, Materials - Grader Blades	995.97
Mid-Nebraska Aggregate, Inc., Materials - Gravel and Borr	7,223.84
NAPA Auto Parts, Small Tools, Etc.	234.72
Nebraska Salt & Grain Company, Road Salt	2,622.64
Nebraska Truck Center, Road Equipment Repair Parts	310.31
Newman Traffic Signs, Signs	2,691.59
Nebraska Machinery Company, Road Equipment Repair Parts	3,810.52
Oregon Trail Equipment, Road Equipment Repair Parts	304.32
First Call, Road Equipment Repair Parts	61.96
Overhead Door, Building Repair	65.00
Paramount Linen & Uniform, Janitorial Supplies	105.62
Platte Valley of Hastings, Radio Repair	29.55
Raynor Garage Doors, Inc., Building Repair	321.32
Road Building Machine & Supply, Road Equipment Repair Parts	312.76
Robert Rust, Telephone Services	25.00
SourceGas, Heating Fuels	419.86
Thomsen Oil Company, Equipment - Fuel	21,315.00
Village of Kenesaw, Water and Sewer	45.11
Werner Construction, Materials - Asphaltic	6,121.45
Woodward's Disposal Service, Garbage	122.50
Revive, Inc., Public Assistance	840.00
NACO, Travel Expenses	120.00
Holiday Inn of Kearney, Travel Expenses	93.95
Business World Products, Supplies - Office	77.98
Kim Wilder, Travel Expenses	384.71
Community Action Partnership, Handi-Bus	3,010.49
ASAAP, Alcoholism Services	833.34
Heartland Pet Connection, Humane Society Expense	416.67
Midland Area Agency, Area Agency on Aging	1,233.42
CASA, CASA	2,833.34
South Heartland District Health, Head Start	191.67
Spouse Abuse Sexual Assault, Domestic Abuse	1,041.67
Mid-Nebraska Individual Services, Developmentally Disabled Service	2,613.67
Meals on Wheels, Local Match	687.50
RSVP, Local Match	437.50
Region III Program Administrative Office, Mental Health Services	5,488.34
Hastings Economic Development, Economic Development	1,666.67
Adams County Court, County Court Costs	528.00
Woods & Aitken, LLC, Miscellaneous	322.00
Wells Fargo Bank, NA, Miscellaneous	317.05
NIRMA, Miscellaneous	254.86
Preferred Mail Service, Inc., Postal Services	3,000.00
Adams County Bank	81,043.84
Region III Program Administrative Office, Emergency Services	2,118.00
MIPS, Budget Preparation Costs	37.67
Rinder Printing Company, Court Costs	252.00
Juror Fees	1,562.75
Veterans Service Office, Provisions and Clothing	3,894.00
City of Hastings, Library	12,457.50
Patricia Vacek, Abandoned Cemetery Maintenance	1,740.00
Adams County Historical Society, Historical Society	933.34
Computer Consultants, Inc., Miscellaneous	6,250.00
Sleuth Systems, Miscellaneous	5,425.00
Windstream, Emergency Phone	536.18
Glenwood Telephone Company, Miscellaneous	54.54
Windstream, Emergency Phone	68.71
InfoGroup/Polk Directory, Supplies - Office	380.00
/s/Ramona R. Thomas /s/Chuck Neumann	
County Clerk Board Chairman	
/s/Pamela J. Witte	
Deputy Clerk	
November 27, 2013	

1. Replacing old cast iron lines, making recommendations for replacement sizes.
2. Completing system loops to provide proper system backbone, residual disinfection, and elimination of maintenance problems caused by dead ends.
3. Additional/replacement of water lines where flow and pressure deficiencies, known areas of chronic red water calls and main breaks are identified.
4. Correcting inadequate system pressures and flow to meet AWWA standards.
5. Providing for Fire Flow Protection.
6. Analysis of existing storage and water treatment plant capacity
B. WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS
Dependent on funding, construction plans will be developed for the recommended improvements. A bid package shall be compiled and bid phase services will be provided to award the project to a contractor. Construction phase services will then be provided for the awarded improvements to include construction observation, testing, and staking.
III. PROBABLE TIMETABLE:
The desired schedule is as follows:
•December 16, 2013 Receive Proposals from Consultant Firms
• December 16 – January 3, 2014 Selection Committee review proposals (interviews optional)
•January 3, 2014 Notify Firms of selected firm or shortlisted firms to interview
•January 13, 2014 Interview firms (optional)
•January 20, 2014 City Council concurs with selection and authorizes negotiations
•February 3, 2014 City Council approves contract
•May 2014 Sales Tax Ballot
•June 2014 Phase two Contract Amendment Approved
•Summer 2015 Construction
IV. SELECTION PROCESS:
A Selection Committee will be composed of city staff members, mayor, and City Council members. The Selection Committee will review the proposals and make a determination of which consultant to recommend. Should the committee decide to short list firms, an interview will remain an open option that will be determined based on quality and substance of the submitted proposals at that time.
The successful consultant will have experience in municipal engineering, water studies, and water system modeling. In addition, the successful consultant will be

Notice of Hearing
TAKE NOTICE: That the Mayor and Council of the City of Hastings, Nebraska, will hold a public hearing on a request to rezone the following described tract of land, to wit:
Lot 2, Anderson Subdivision, Adams County, Nebraska
APPLICANT: Alan Anderson
The property is presently zoned R-1, Single Family and is being requested to be rezoned to C-O, Commercial Office.
Said matter will be heard the 9th day of December, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 220 North Hastings Avenue, Hastings, Nebraska, at which time all persons wishing to speak will be heard.
Connie Hartman
City Clerk
November 27, 2013
be forever barred.
Tom Hawes
Clerk of the County Court
Adams County Courthouse
Hastings, Nebraska 68901
Michael E. Sullivan
#14103
Sullivan Shoemaker, P.C., L.L.O.
Burlington Center, Suite 305
747 North Burlington Avenue
P.O. Box 309
Hastings, Nebraska 68902
402-463-0300
November 13, 20, 23, 2013
Notice Public Meeting
The Midland Area Agency on Aging, an eight (8) county senior citizens community services agency, serving Adams, Clay, Hall, Hamilton, Howard, Merrick, Nuckolls and Webster counties, will be holding its monthly governing Board meeting at the Landmark Center, 2727 West 2nd Street, Hastings, Nebraska on Thursday, December 5, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. For more information call (402) 463-4565. Agenda available at MAAA main office. November 27, 2013
NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
TAKE NOTICE that M&M FABRICATION, LLC has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The address of the designated office is 1806 West A Street, Hastings, Nebraska 68901. The company is organized to engage in and do any lawful act concerning any and all lawful business for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The company commenced on November 8, 2013, and its existence is perpetual. The company will be managed by its members.
Daniel C. Pauley, #24582
DUNMIRE, FISHER & HASTINGS
P.O. Box 1044
Hastings, Nebraska 68902-1044
(402) 463-1383
November 13, 20, 27, 2013
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
You are hereby notified that pursuant to a power of sale contained in the deed of trust in the original principal amount of \$56,700.00 executed by Karen M. Peterson, a single person, which was filed for record on November 1, 2007, as Instrument No. 20074858 in the office of the Register of Deeds of Adams County, Nebraska, the property described below will be sold by the undersigned at public auction to the highest bidder for cash or certified or cashier's check, in the main lobby of the Adams County Courthouse, 500 West 4th Street, in the City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska at 10:00 a.m. on December 12, 2013:
The West Sixty feet (W60) of Lot One (1) and the West Sixty feet (W60) of the South Twenty feet (S20) feet of Lot Two (2), Block Five (5), Haire's Addition to the City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska, except that portion of said lots now occupied by a certain brick garage, and thence North to the North line of said tract, according to the recorded plat thereof.
also known as;
The West Sixty feet (W60') of Lot One (1) and the South Twenty feet (S20') feet of the West Sixty feet (W60') of Lot Two (2), in Block Five (5), in Haire's Addition to the City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska, except that portion of said lots now occupied by a certain brick garage, being the East Three feet (E3') of the North Thirteen and One Half feet (N13.5') of the said South Twenty feet (S20') of the West Sixty feet (W60') of Lot Two (2), according to the recorded plat thereof.
The highest bidder is required to deliver cash or certified funds to the undersigned by the close of business on the day of sale, except this requirement is waived when the highest bidder is the beneficiary. The purchaser is responsible for all fees or taxes, including the documentary stamp tax. This sale is made without any warranties as to title or condition of the property.
Eric H. Lindquist
Successor Trustee
Eric H. Lindquist, P.C., L.L.O.
Attorney at Law
8712 West Dodge Road, Suite 260
Omaha, Nebraska 68114
October 30, November 6, 13, 20, 27, 2013
able to provide innovation, cost savings measures both for design and construction, and the ability to work with the public, City Council and City Administration. The firm will have the necessary staff to perform the study, surveys, and designs in a timely manner.
Qualification based proposals are requested. After the review of the proposals and potential interviews, the selection committee will recommend an award. A recommendation will then be made to the City Council, regarding the top ranked firm. Once authorization is received from the City Council, a contract will be prepared and an appropriate fee negotiated. The contract will include a detailed scope of services.
Submittals will be evaluated with the following considerations, along with the weight percentages assigned to each element, which will be used to rank and evaluate the proposals:
•Firm experience on similar work. (15%)
•Team experience. (15%)
•The capacity to accomplish the work in the required time. (20%)
•Approach to the project. (20%)
•Past experience working with the City of Minden. (15%)
•Local knowledge of the area and project. (15%)
V. SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS:
(Limit 15 pages excluding staff resumes)
In order to be carefully evaluated, the proposal shall include:
•Brief Firm Profile.
•Project Team
•Brief approach to the project not to exceed four (4) pages.
•Brief summary of no more than three (3) similar projects the firm has completed including references.
VI. DIRECTIONS FOR SUBMISSION:
Eight (8) copies of the project proposals must be submitted to arrive no later than 4:00 p.m. on December 16, 2013. Proposal submittals should be clearly marked "City Water System Study and Improvements" and should be mailed or delivered to the following address: City of Minden, 325 North Colorado, Minden, Nebraska 68959. Depending on the number of project proposals received the City of Minden reserves the right to short list firms based on the project proposals. Questions concerning the project should be directed to Matthew Cederburg, City Administrator, at the above address or phone (308) 832-1820. All persons entering into a contract with the City of Minden shall be subject to and required to comply with all applicable City, State, and Federal provisions pertaining to nondiscrimination, equal employment opportunity, and affirmative action.
November 21, 27, 2013

Nation

PARENTS GET JAIL FOR STARVING SON
MINNEAPOLIS — A southern Minnesota couple accused of starving their adopted son have been sentenced to jail.

Mona and Russell Hauer reached a plea agreement on neglect charges last month.

Mona Hauer was taken into custody Tuesday to serve a 60-days sentence. Defense attorney Chris Rosengren says she'll likely serve 40 days with good behavior.

Russell Hauer was sentenced to 30 days in jail and 15 days of home monitoring. He'll likely serve 20 days in jail, beginning after his wife's sentence.

They were charged last year when their then-8-year-old son was found to weigh less than 35 pounds. He is now in foster care.

In a statement read in court, the Hauers said they are sorry, they love their son and that they fell short in getting him help.

TURKEY PATROLS LAS VEGAS — A giant turkey is roving crosswalks in Las Vegas to squawk on drivers who don't yield to pedestrians.

Officers dressed in Thanksgiving bird finery are walking across the road Tuesday as part of a sting operation. It's the fifth annual appearance of the safety mascot dubbed "Butterball One."

Police waiting to the sides of the crosswalks are slapping drivers who don't stop with fines starting at \$191.

The festive campaign underscores a sobering problem in southern Nevada. Safety advocates say 46 pedestrians have died so far this year in Clark County, where Las Vegas is located. That's ahead of last year's pace.

Butterball One is patrolling at Balzar Avenue and Martin Luther King Boulevard, near where two pedestrians were killed in two separate crashes since September.

CASEY ANTHONY SETTLEMENT
TAMPA, Fla. — A federal bankruptcy judge has approved a settlement between Casey Anthony and a Texas search group that helped look for her missing 2-year-old daughter, Caylee.

Texas Equusearch Mounted Search and Recovery will be allowed to have an unsecured claim of \$75,000 in Anthony's bankruptcy case under the terms of the settlement.

Judge K. Rodney May approved the settlement Monday in Tampa.

The search group won't be entitled to any other claims and won't be allowed any further dealings in the case.

The group had objected to the bankruptcy, claiming it spent more than \$100,000 searching for the girl in 2008. Attorneys for the group said Anthony knew her daughter was already dead.

Anthony was acquitted of murder in the girl's death during a 2011 trial and has been in hiding since then.

She filed for bankruptcy in January, claiming just \$1,000 in assets and \$792,000 in liabilities.

ANNIE OAKLEY GUN
DALLAS — Somebody got Annie's gun, though the person did have to pay \$293,000 for it.

A shotgun once owned by the legendary sharpshooter Annie Oakley sold at auction Sunday to an anonymous buyer.

Oakley found fame in Buffalo Bill's Wild West show. She was fictionalized on Broadway in "Annie Get Your Gun."

A great-grandniece of Oakley put her 16-gauge Parker Brothers Hammer shotgun up for auction.

Dallas-based Heritage Auctions sold it. The buyer also obtained the gun's canvas scabbard and documents of authentication.

A charm bracelet owned by Oakley also was put up for auction and was sold to a separate buyer for \$245,000.

The Associated Press

Man: No fear trying to catch woman at stadium

TERRY COLLINS
The Associated Press
OAKLAND, Calif. — When he saw a woman jumping from the upper deck at the Oakland Raiders' stadium on Sunday, Donnie Navidad said his military instincts immediately kicked in as he lunged forward trying to catch her.

But though he was injured in the process and authorities say he saved the woman's life, he maintains that he's no hero and that he would do it again.

"I just wished I would've grabbed her and held on to her," Navidad said. "I couldn't live with myself if I didn't do anything."

Both Navidad and the woman hit the concrete hard

from the impact about 15 minutes after the Raiders' 23-19 loss to the Tennessee Titans.

Navidad said he was among several people pleading with the woman not to jump as he positioned himself to try catching her. When she plunged about 45 feet from the upper deck at the O.co Coliseum, Navidad, with his arms open, ended up breaking her fall.

The 61-year-old Marine Corps veteran was hospitalized overnight and was recuperating from a severely bruised arm at his home in Stockton.

"He simply saved her life," Alameda County sheriff's Sgt. J.D. Nelson said. "Otherwise, she'd be dead."

The woman remained hospi-

talized in critical condition. Her name has not been released.

A Raiders season ticket holder, Navidad said he was with a buddy lingering near the Al Davis commemorative flame at the Coliseum when he saw and heard the commotion around the woman, who was on the ledge in the upper deck concourse area that's covered by tarp.

"I yelled up at her yelling, 'Don't do it, don't do it. Please don't jump,' " Navidad said. "And she started to descend and she let herself go."

Navidad said his military instincts kicked in as he lunged toward the woman trying to catch her.

"He couldn't grab and hold her, and that's what bothers

him," his wife, Lora Navidad, said Monday. "He had no fear or thought for his own well-being."

Navidad said well-wishers have besieged him, including Raiders' hall of fame cornerback Willie Brown, who visited personally. Team officials came to his home, and he received a phone call from Hall of Fame wide receiver Fred Biletnikoff.

Nelson, who visited Navidad in the hospital Sunday evening, called him "a hero."

Navidad, a father of four with 12 grandkids who works as an inventory surveillance worker for the General Services Administration in nearby French Camp, Calif., modestly thinks otherwise.

"They want to label me a

hero, but how do you define a hero?" Navidad asks. "I would've done it for anybody."

He plans to be at the Raiders' next home game against the Kansas City Chiefs on Dec. 15.

The incident in Oakland was the second such fall at an NFL game Sunday. In Baltimore, a 48-year-old man was hospitalized with life-threatening injuries after he fell on some stairs at M&T Bank Stadium during the Ravens game against the New York Jets, authorities said.

Last weekend, two fans were injured in Orchard Park, N.Y., after one fan slid down a railing from the upper deck of Ralph Wilson Stadium during the Buffalo Bills' home game against the Jets.



ZACK WITTMAN, The Flint Journal/AP

Lisa Davenport leads Dolly the llama into the back of a trailer in Holly Township, Mich., on Saturday. The llama, who has been spotted wandering for nearly six months in Michigan, was found Saturday in Oakland County's Holly Township, about 40 miles northwest of Detroit. Davenport plans to take the llama back to her own farm, where she has three llamas of her own along with other animals.

Driver with untied bikini top cleared in fatal crash

The Associated Press
NEW YORK — An appeals court has cleared a driver in a fatal crash after agreeing she faced an "unforeseen emergency" when a back-seat passenger untied her bikini top.

Brittany Lahm of Manhattan briefly took her hands off the wheel when her bikini top came off while she was driving on the New York Thruway in July 2008.

Lahm and a group of friends were returning to Rockland County after a day at the New Jersey shore when Brandon Berman allegedly pulled the bikini strings. He was killed when the vehicle hit a guardrail and flipped.

In a 3-1 decision, the Brooklyn Appellate Division last week upheld a Rockland jury verdict, which found Lahm's bikini top problem constituted

"a sudden and unforeseen emergency not of her own making."

The verdict came after a 2011 civil trial brought by Jason Pelletier, one of four passengers in Lahm's car.

Pelletier, who was injured in the crash, sued Lahm for damages. He testified that she leaned forward for about 20 seconds as she attempted to retie her bathing suit top. His lawyers argued that she should have pulled over before trying to adjust her top.

Lahm testified that she took her hands off the wheel for only a second.

All the occupants of the car were 19 at the time.

In his appeal, Pelletier argued that the judge should not have instructed the jury on an emergency doctrine that says a motorist facing an unexpected circumstance may not be negligent.

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Things we want you to know: Offer valid for limited time only, while supplies last. A new 2-yr. agmt. (subject to a pre-rated \$150 early termination fee for feature phones, modems and hotspot devices) and a \$350 early termination fee for Smartphones and tablets) required. \$35 device act. fee and credit approval may apply. Regulatory Cost Recovery Fee applies (currently \$1.57/line/month); this is not a tax or govt. required charge. Add. fees, taxes and terms apply and vary by svc. and eqpt. Offers valid at participating locations only and cannot be combined. See store or uscellular.com for details. **Promotional phone** subject to charge. **4G LTE** not available in all areas. See uscellular.com/4G for complete coverage details. 4G LTE service provided through King Street Wireless, a partner of U.S. Cellular. LTE is a trademark of ETSI. Limited time offer. Trademarks and trade names are the property of their respective owners. ©2013 U.S. Cellular



NAM Y. HUH/AP

Emanuel Jumatate of Chicago hugs his new Xbox One after he purchased it at a Best Buy on Friday in Evanston, Ill. Microsoft is billing the Xbox One, which includes an updated Kinect motion sensor, as an all-in-one entertainment system rather than just a gaming console.

10 games to make any player happy

LOU KESTEN

The Associated Press

A video game store can be daunting if you don't know what you're looking for. It's not easy to tell the winners from the losers, and sales clerks typically make the same salary whether they sell you a gem or a stinker. ("Farming Simulator," anyone?)

So when you head to the mall, take this list. These are some of the best games of 2013, and any gamer on your holiday shopping list will be thrilled to see one of them under the tree.

Two important things to keep in mind:

- ◆ Know what kind of game console the gift recipient owns. Maybe Santa's delivering a PlayStation 4? Make sure the game you buy says "PS4" on the box. Sony's PlayStation 4 won't play PlayStation 3 games, and if you stick an Xbox or Wii disc into it, you're just asking for trouble. Likewise, the new Xbox One from Microsoft won't play games for the older Xbox 360 console. However, last year's Wii U from Nintendo can play games made for its predecessor, the Wii.

- ◆ Games that have an "M" rating (for Mature) are not appropriate for kids. They are violent, probably include some rough language and may flash some bare skin every now and then. Games labeled "E" (Everyone) and "E10+" (Everyone 10 and older) are fun for the whole family —

even the grown-ups.

FOR ADULTS

- ◆ "Assassin's Creed IV: Black Flag" (Ubisoft, for the PS4, PS3, Xbox One, Xbox 360, PC, \$59.99): Jack Sparrow's got nothing on Edward Kenway, the swashbuckling hero of this pirate romp. There are treasures buried everywhere in this version of the 18th century New World, but the real prize is the rousing ship-to-ship combat across a churning Caribbean.

- ◆ "Need for Speed: Rivals" (Electronic Arts, for the PS4, PS3, Xbox One, Xbox 360, PC, \$59.99): The latest edition of EA's street-racing franchise is packed with enough high-octane challenges to satisfy the most demanding speed freak. But the chases really get chaotic once the police get involved. And because even the cops drive Ferraris, they're thrilling no matter which side of the law you're on.

- ◆ "Grand Theft Auto V" (Rockstar, for the PS3, Xbox 360, \$59.99): A gangbanger, a former bank robber and a psychopath cross paths in the new chapter of the blockbuster crime series. It's vicious, profane and thoroughly entertaining, as the three hoodlums bounce from one ridiculous situation to another in a stylized, ultraviolent nightmare version of Los Angeles.

- ◆ "The Last of Us" (Sony, for the PS3, \$59.99): Twenty years after an infection decimated American society, a jaded sur-

vivor and a teenage girl set out on a cross-country journey. Their battles against mutants and other humans are nerve-racking, but the most memorable element of "The Last of Us" is the growing affection between its protagonists.

- ◆ "BioShock Infinite" (2K Games, for the PS3, Xbox 360, PC, \$39.99): A detective explores a city floating high above the clouds in this dark satire of American "exceptionalism," the idea that the United States is inherently superior to other countries. Months after its release, players are still arguing over the meaning of its time-bending, brain-twisting plot — and marveling over its gorgeous setting and unforgettable monsters.

FOR EVERYONE

- ◆ "Skylanders Swap Force" (Activision, for the PS4, PS3, Xbox One, Xbox 360, Wii U, \$74.99): The Skylanders franchise, which combines collectible figurines with video games, is satisfying on both fronts. The toys are durable and attractive, while the games are clever and packed with a wide variety of activity. Bonus: A kid who already owns "Swap Force" will be just as thrilled to receive some new characters, which cost \$10 to \$15 each.

- ◆ "Rayman Legends" (Ubisoft, PS3, Xbox 360, Wii U, PC, \$59.99): This utterly beguiling cartoon adventure from France takes Rayman — an armless, legless creature who

can nonetheless punch and kick with the best of them — across a hallucinatory landscape filled with tricks and traps. It has more than 100 levels to explore. Each one feels fresh and inventive.

- ◆ "Super Mario 3D World" (Nintendo, for the Wii U, \$59.99): The beloved plumber and his pals Luigi, Princess Peach and Toad explore a sprawling environment jammed with running and jumping challenges. The major upgrade, a cat suit that lets characters crawl up walls, is essential to finding all the secret goodies hidden in the world's nooks and crannies.

- ◆ "The Legend of Zelda: A Link Between Worlds" (Nintendo, for the Nintendo 3DS, \$39.99): Link, the hero of the long-running "Zelda" series, can now flatten himself down to two dimensions. Sounds useless, but it opens up a whole range of clever spatial puzzles and elevates the 3D capabilities of Nintendo's handheld beyond mere gimmickry.

- ◆ "Tearaway" (Sony, for the PlayStation Vita, \$39.99): The new game from the studio behind "LittleBigPlanet" takes full advantage of the hand-held Vita. You can help characters by drawing objects on the front screen. You can tap on the back of the Vita to poke holes in the papercraft settings. You can use the Vita's camera to put your own face in the sun. It's the best game yet for Sony's portable device.

PS4, Xbox One won't disappoint

LOU KESTEN

The Associated Press

The game consoles have landed. Millions of PlayStation 4 and Xbox One owners are getting their first taste of what to expect from this new generation of high-powered video games.

Perhaps you weren't one of those eager fans who waited in line at midnight to get first crack at the new consoles. Perhaps there's a gamer in your family who would love to unwrap a shiny new machine on Christmas morning. So you're wondering: Which console to buy?

Our verdict, after playing with both devices for a couple of weeks: Either way, you can't lose.

Both are first-rate game players that bring cutting-edge computer graphics to your living room. Both come with plenty of games to choose from. Both hold the promise of delivering state-of-the-art entertainment for years.

But there are differences. The obvious distinction is price: Sony's PlayStation 4 retails for \$400, \$100 less than Microsoft's Xbox One.

The primary reason for that price difference is the Kinect camera and microphone that comes with every Xbox One. Microsoft wants it to be the center of everything you do in your media room, not just games where you wave your arms around a lot. The device, an update of the Kinect that was sold separately for the Xbox 360, now understands a wide range of verbal commands, so you can change cable channels, launch Skype calls and find movies and music without ever touching a controller.

It's a nifty chunk of technology, but it's not for everyone. In this age of surveillance, people might be uncomfortable with having a camera pointed at them all the time — though Microsoft assures us that it won't be snooping.

The PlayStation 4 is less ambitious. First and foremost, it's a game player, and you operate it the old-fashioned way: by pressing buttons on a controller you hold in your hands.

That said, the PS4 doesn't skimp on non-gaming activities. You can also use it to watch movies from such services as Netflix and Hulu Plus or to listen to tunes from Sony's Music Unlimited.

Although both can do much more, the PS4 and the Xbox One are ultimately video-game consoles, with the emphasis on games. The current Xbox One lineup is slightly more impressive, thanks to the presence of the stellar racing game "Forza

Motorsport 5." But many games are available for both systems, including the latest entries in the popular "Call of Duty," "Madden NFL" and "Assassin's Creed" franchises.

In a way, choosing a console now is like placing a bet on the future, especially as neither device can play software created for older systems — namely, the PlayStation 3 and Xbox 360.

Sony has already announced new "Uncharted" and "InFamous" games for the PS4. Microsoft is expected to continue the "Halo" epic on the Xbox One. Microsoft also has a potential blockbuster exclusive with "Titanfall," a robot battle game from the creators of the landmark "Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare."

But most games from outside publishers, including Activision, Electronic Arts and Ubisoft, will be available on both systems. Whatever "Grand Theft Auto V" publisher Rockstar Games comes up with next, you can be sure it will want to make it available to as wide an audience as possible. So you'll be fine with either the PS4 or the Xbox One.

What about the Wii U, you ask? Nintendo's console beat both PS4 and Xbox One to the market, but it has stumbled through its first year. It's not a bad machine, but it doesn't deliver the visual razzle-dazzle of the PS4 or Xbox One. Its graphics are closer to what the PS3 and Xbox 360 delivered several years ago.

The Wii U's biggest drawback is its relatively scrawny software lineup, with most of 2013's best games available only on Sony or Microsoft consoles.

In the past, Nintendo has made up the difference with its roster of homegrown icons — the likes of Mario, Zelda and Metroid. But in 2013, the company delivered just two marquee-worthy Wii U games, "Super Mario 3D World" and "Pikmin 3."

At \$300, the Wii U is the cheapest of the three major consoles. But don't be tempted. Sure, there's a chance that Nintendo will turn around its momentum and get back to publishing good games on a regular schedule. Until then, an awful lot of Wii Us are going to be gathering dust.

If you or someone on your holiday shopping list just wants to play state-of-the-art games, the PS4 is a fine choice. If you buy into Microsoft's vision of controlling your entire entertainment system with just the sound of your voice, the Xbox One is worth the extra \$100. Either way, you won't be disappointed.

No need to wrap: Some 'gifts' headed straight home

SAMANTHA CRITCHELL

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Getting up early on Black Friday for a little shopping? Doing your part on Small Business Saturday and CyberMonday, too? It's all in the name of gift-giving — or at least the guise of it.

It seems a lot of consumers are using these sales and retail events to treat themselves to a new little something.

As a group, self-shoppers are growing, says Marshal Cohen, chief analyst of The NPD Group, Inc., a consumer insight company. He puts the number at 20 percent, up from 5 percent in the early 2000s. "I started tracking people shopping for themselves about 10 years ago. I was at a Black Friday in a Macy's in a suburban location in Long Island," he recalls. "This woman has one arm filled with a few things, maybe a dress and a few sweaters, and another with 12 items."

Guess which hand had the future presents for her two sisters and a friend?

It's a similar scene in Loft stores already this year, says



BEBETO MATTHEWS/AP

This Nov. 23 file photo shows a shopper carrying Macy's bags while crossing an intersection outside Macy's in New York. It seems a lot of consumers are using holiday sales and retail events to treat themselves to a new little something.

Lori Leslie-Robbins, director of client experience for the retailer. "For us, the tell-tale sign that someone is shopping for themselves is that our fitting

rooms stay busy for the holidays. She's trying clothes on, and you don't need to do that for a gift."

Leslie-Robbins overheard this

past weekend a conversation between a sales associate and customer in the dressing room that went something like this: The shopper was in the dressing

room choosing between a dress and a tuxedo-jacket-and-denim-jeans combo, and was taking seriously this choice of what to wear to a co-worker's at-home holiday party. When the associate asked if she'd also considered a hostess gift, the response was, "I'm not there yet."

Because of the deep discounts, shoppers see this as an opportunity to replenish their own wardrobes and homes with less guilt than buying the new pair of jeans, for example, at full price, Cohen says. Those same shoppers might not feel that way about a gift for someone else.

He says especially the early-bird holiday shoppers are looking for the sales for themselves, while the transactions made closer to Christmas are more likely to be bona fide gifts. He can also tell by what you're buying: If it's electronics or footwear, it's probably for you; fragrance is a go-to gift item, with 20 percent of annual sales happening in the five days before Christmas, according to NPD.

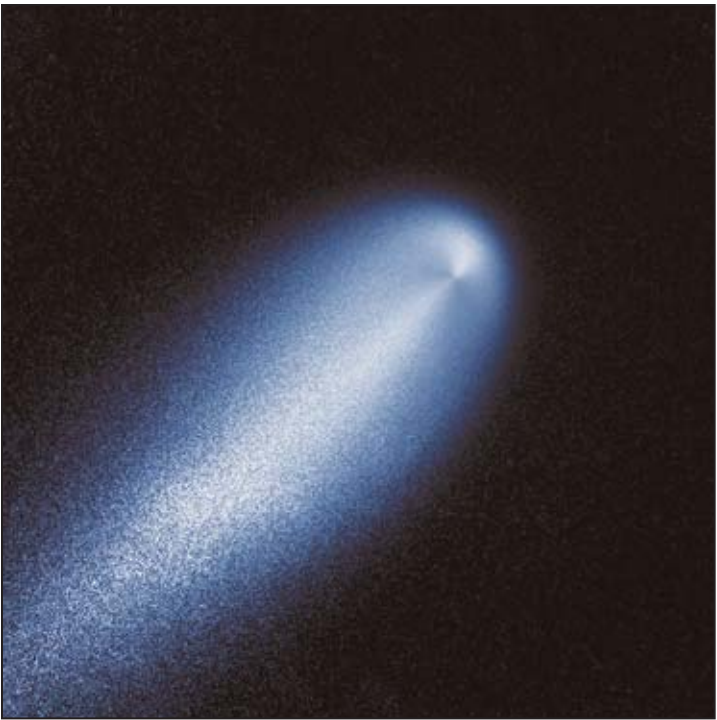
Rachel DiCarlo is a fan of the one-for-me, one-for-you theory. Jewelry and scarves, perfectly

good gifts for others, are also the items she tends to buy for herself. Last year, she couldn't resist the initial necklaces she was buying for so many others. "I was getting the Ls, the Js, and I thought, 'I should buy an R.'"

She is the vice president of public relations at American Eagle Outfitters and, in her office, everyone tends to dress similarly. So, she says with a laugh, it makes sense to get for herself the shirt or accessory she is getting for the members in her team — although, everyone gets a different color. (Spoiler alert to her near and dear: Colorful AEO clutches with sayings such as "Adorbs" and "Stay Chic" — which you might see DiCarlo carrying in the coming days — might be under your tree, too.)

Many of the self-purchases Loft's Leslie-Robbins sees in stores are those that solve problems or have a focused end use — those tend to alleviate that pang of guilt, she says.

A woman needs to buy herself the items no one else will buy her, right? muses Robin White, global press director of beauty brand Philosophy.



AP
In this photo provided by NASA, a contrast-enhanced image produced from Hubble telescope images of comet ISON taken April 23 reveals the subtle structure in the inner coma of the comet.

Will icy comet survive close sun encounter?

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The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — For months, all eyes in the sky have pointed at the comet that's zooming toward a blisteringly close encounter with the sun.

The moment of truth comes Thursday — Thanksgiving Day. The sun-grazing Comet ISON, now thought to be less than a mile wide, will either fry and shatter, victim of the sun's incredible power, or endure and quite possibly put on one fabulous celestial show.

Talk about an astronomical cliffhanger. Even the smartest scientists are reluctant to lay odds.

Should it survive, ISON would be visible with the naked eye through December, at least from the Northern Hemisphere. Discernible at times in November with ordinary binoculars and occasionally even just the naked eye, it already has dazzled observers and is considered the most scrutinized comet ever by NASA. But the best is, potentially, yet to come.

Detected just over a year ago, the comet is passing through the inner solar system for the first time. Still fresh, this comet is thought to bear the pristine matter of the beginning of our solar system.

It's believed to be straight from the Oort cloud on the fringes of the solar system, home to countless icy bodies, most notably the frozen balls of dust and gas in orbit around the sun known as comets. For whatever reason, ISON was propelled out of this cloud and drawn toward the heart of the solar system by the sun's intense gravitational pull.

The closer the comet gets to the sun, the faster it gets.

In January, it was clocked at 40,000 mph.

By last Thursday, with just a week to go, it had accelerated to 150,000 mph.

Right around the time many Americans will be feasting on turkey, the comet will zip within 730,000 miles of the sun, less than the actual solar diameter. In other words, another sun wouldn't fit in the missed distance.

By the time ISON slingshots around the sun, it will be moving at a mind-boggling 828,000 mph.

Whether it survives or is torn

apart, earthlings have nothing to fear.

The comet will venture no closer to us than about 40 million miles, less than half the distance between Earth and the sun. That closest approach to Earth will occur Dec. 26. Then it will head away in the opposite direction forever, given its anticipated trajectory once it flies by the sun.

ISON is named after the International Scientific Optical Network, used by a pair of Russian astronomers to detect the comet in September last year. But it officially is known as C/2012 S1, a designation indicating when it was discovered.

Take heart: The "C" means it is not expected here again.

NASA wasted no time jumping on ISON. The space agency's Deep Impact spacecraft observed ISON back in January from a distance of about 500 million miles.

Since then, the observations have stacked up.

Among NASA's space telescopes taking a look: Swift, Hubble, Spitzer, Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter, Solar and Heliospheric Observatory or SOHO, Chandra, Mercury-orbiting Messenger, and the Stereo twin spacecraft.

"Every spacecraft that has a camera, we're turning on it," said John Grunsfeld, NASA's science mission director.

The newly launched Maven spacecraft en route to Mars will gaze at ISON the second week of December, once its ultraviolet instrument is up and running.

"That's well after closest approach to the sun," the University of Colorado's Nick Schneider, who's in charge of the instrument, said in an email. So it's not known "whether we'll see a comet, comet bits or the last wisps of comet vapor."

"Whatever happens, it's bound to be interesting. The quip from my colleagues is, 'Comets are like cats: They have tails and do whatever they want.'"

Besides ISON, NASA is spying on Comet Siding Spring, another Oort cloud comet discovered in January by the Australian observatory of the same name. Siding Spring will pass within tens of thousands of miles of Mars next October, so close that scientists believe the coma of the comet — its thin but expansive atmosphere — will envelop the red planet.

Rio mayor to lead cities climate group

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Rio de Janeiro Mayor Eduardo Paes will succeed New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg as head of the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group.

Bloomberg made the announcement Tuesday at New York City Hall. The group is a network of the world's megacities aiming to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Bloomberg's term as chairman of the group ends in December. On a conference

call with Paes, Bloomberg gave what he said is his traditional advice: He jokingly told the chairman to not "screw it up."

Bloomberg's 12 years as mayor will end Dec. 31. The 71-year-old billionaire says he will continue to use his money to advocate gun control, climate change and immigration reform.

He also says he hopes New York's mayor-elect, Bill de Blasio, will continue to combat climate change.

Report: Methane releases underestimated

LIVESTOCK, GREAT PLAINS STATES BIG PART OF THE MIX

SETH BORENSTEIN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States is spewing 50 percent more methane — a potent heat-trapping gas — than the federal government estimates, a new comprehensive scientific study says. Much of it is coming from just three states: Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas.

That means methane may be a bigger global warming issue than thought, scientists say. Methane is 21 times more potent at trapping heat than carbon dioxide, the most abundant global warming gas, although it doesn't stay in the air as long.

Much of that extra methane, also called natural gas, seems to be coming from livestock, including manure,

belches, and flatulence, as well as leaks from refining and drilling for oil and gas, the study says. It was published Monday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Science.

The study estimates that in 2008, the U.S. poured 49 million tons of methane into the air. That means U.S. methane emissions trapped about as much heat as all the carbon dioxide pollution coming from cars, trucks, and planes in the country in six months.

That's more than the 32 million tons estimated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Administration or the nearly 29 million tons reckoned by the European Commission.

"Something is very much off in the inventories," said study co-author Anna Michalak, an Earth scientist at the Carnegie Institution for Science in Stanford, Calif.

"The total U.S. impact on the world's energy budget is differ-

ent than we thought, and it's worse."

EPA spokeswoman Alisha Johnson said her agency hasn't had time to go through the study yet, but hopes it will help "refine our estimates going forward."

While the world has a good handle on how much carbon dioxide is pumped into the air, scientists have been more baffled by methane emissions. They have had to use computer models to estimate how much methane is going into that air.

This study, however, was based on nearly 13,000 measurements from airplane flights and tall towers, the most used in any such research.

The information was collected in 2008. Scientists have yet to analyze their data from 2012, and that will capture more of any impact of the natural gas boom from hydraulic fracturing, Michalik said. Studies recently have shown

conflicting results about how much methane escapes during fracking and other forms of fossil fuel drilling.

Outside experts praised the study. Robert Howarth at Cornell University called "it very compelling and quite important. This is the most comprehensive study yet."

Michalak said because of the way they measured methane — just looking for it in the air as opposed to tracking it from a source — it is hard to say what is putting more methane into the air. But she said by looking at concentrations — especially within Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas — the scientists have a good idea: Cows, oil and gas.

Nearly one-quarter of the U.S. methane emissions came from those three states. Texas is by far and away the No. 1 state for refineries that turn oil into gasoline. Texas and Oklahoma have been big oil and gas drilling states and

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Nation

POODLE DISPUTE FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich. — A 10-year-old Detroit-area girl who sued her mom's ex-boyfriend for the return of her poodle has been reunited with the animal.

Hannah Wise said Mitchell Rechter wouldn't return Mystery after she and her mother moved out of his home last spring.

The Farmington Hills girl filed suit last month in Oakland County with the consent of her mother, Adrienne Lenhoff. The suit also claims Rechter won't return other items belonging to Lenhoff including jewelry, golf shoes and a Cuisinart toaster.

Hannah says that she "started crying" when she got the miniature white poodle back Friday.

Lawyers for Hannah, her mother and Rechter will discuss the case Monday. Rechter's lawyer has said the girl left the dog with him and that he'd grown attached to it.

MALL SANTA CLAUS CHARGED

HINGHAM, Mass. — A man who played Santa Claus at a Massachusetts mall has been barred from the shopping center after he was charged with groping an 18-year-old woman playing an elf.

Herbert Jones was released on \$1,000 bail after pleading not guilty Monday to indecent assault and battery. A judge ordered him to stay away from the Hanover Mall and barred him from playing Santa anywhere pending the outcome of his case.

Police say the woman called them Saturday to report that the 62-year-old Jones had pinched her buttocks and made suggestive comments. The two worked at a Santa photo booth.

Jones, who has a real bushy white beard, denied touching the woman to police and mall management.

The Associated Press

JENNIFER FORKER
The Associated Press

Want to decorate a fun table for Thanksgiving? Take your cue from a playful song and incorporate a fox theme. Or expand the motif to other woodland creatures — an owl, squirrel, deer — for a tabletop menagerie.

Foxes were a popular motif even before the Norwegian comedy team Ylvis' lighthearted song "The Fox (What Does the Fox Say?)" became a hit on YouTube this fall.

Now, they are "the animal of the moment," says quilter Amanda Woodruff of Mapleton, Utah, who blogs at A Crafty Fox.

"They are all over Etsy," she says of the crafts website. "They're this cute little woodland animal that's unusual. We went through the owl phase and then we had to put birds on everything." Now it's the fox's turn.

Katie Mulligan, a gift buyer for the retailer Paper Source, adds, "The fox is the perfect motif for around the fall period (because) it has that great orange-red color."

Just a few of the foxy tabletop crafts:

◆ Place cards: There are many good ideas, including origami-folded foxes. (www.origami-instructions.com)

Paper Source sells a fox place-card kit that also can be made with supplies on hand — mostly card stock, glue and scissors, preferably scallop-patterned or pinking shears. Use an approximately 5-inch-long oval shape for the fox's body and half an oval for its head. The rest of the parts are smaller, and all the shapes are simple to reproduce. I made these at home with the neighbor's 6-year-old daughter. After creating a few templates, we had no trouble churning out cards. (www.Paper-Source.com)

◆ Run fox-themed wrapping paper or fabric down the center



ALEXANDRA GRABLEWSKI, Family Fun/AP

This photo provided by Meredith Corp. shows the FamilyFun Fox craft by Kimberly Stoney and Lisa Stowe.

of the table as a runner. Or baste-stitch three or more fox-motif tea towels together.

◆ Children can make a Mama and Papa Fox centerpiece using Styrofoam balls and

cones plus felt, fabric, notions and plenty of kid ingenuity. For fun at the table, they can make fox finger puppets: Wrap a big-eared, orange-felt body cut from a template around a

wine cork, and glue the overlapping edges. Once the fox's facial features are added and the finger puppet dries, it can be removed from the cork. (www.parents.com)

◆ Also from Parents magazine: Turn each slice of pumpkin pie into a fox using whipped cream (spray, not tub), two fig bars and two brown M&Ms: Cut each fig bar into a triangle and place at the upper (crust-line) corners of a pie slice; with whipped-cream, draw two eyes and a smile; add the M&Ms atop cream for eyes.

◆ Jennifer Dougherty of Hibbing, Minn., created a crocheted fox hat that can be made in several sizes, including for babies and adults. Experienced crocheters can work up the hat in an hour or two because the yarn is bulky, says Dougherty. The pattern is downloadable from her Etsy.com store, Crochet by Jennifer. (www.crochetbyjennifer.com)

◆ Oma Ford, executive editor at Better Homes and Gardens magazine, suggests displaying a "gratitude board" on which guests can write what they're thankful for. Wrap a small bulletin board in fox-themed paper or fabric and prop near Thanksgiving festivities (or on an easel). Provide paper cutouts (of foxes, of course) for writing on and posting on the board. (www.bhg.com)

Ford suggests not crowding the Thanksgiving table with too many crafted items. Foxes would go well with other woodland elements, she says: pinecones, acorns and branches with fall-colored leaves. Fill a decorative bowl with pinecones and tuck in a few fox shapes — origami foxes or plastic fox figurines — with several fall-colored flowers, she suggests.

"The woodland elements are a great fit for Thanksgiving," says Ford.

She recommends having a Thanksgiving table theme.

"It's important for a special day like Thanksgiving to do at least one or two things at the table or at the door that reminds people this is a special day," Ford says.

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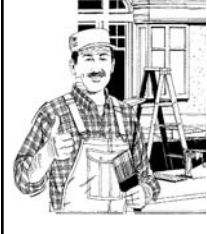
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With the holidays comes togetherness, sometimes thrust upon us. And with togetherness, especially the obligatory kind, comes major stress — for you and your kids. But friction over the offspring of loved ones strikes all year-round, leading the grown-ups to ponder whether their adult relationships are worth it.

Julie Klam, a Manhattan mom and author of the new book "Friendkeeping," believes middle ground is possible.

"Do the best you can to see them without their children, but when they are around, take the anthropologist's point of view: 'Hmm, that's interesting that the kid is standing on a table throwing cheese at the wall,' instead of getting wound up in it," she said.

Looking for the worst in other people's kids, and by association other people's parenting prowess, is a road

to nowhere, which may be where you land when things go dangerously wrong. But seriously troubled is different than the day-to-day grind of ill-mannered, bad-tempered kids and their parents who stand around and let it happen, by design or otherwise.

"If you're in your head keeping score of how rude they are, or whatever the things are that happen, it makes it much worse," said Klam, who has a 10-year-old daughter.

Klam found herself putting distance between her and a mom friend when the kids were about 18 months old.

"She just never limited her kid's physical thing, and it was a lot of the kind parenting of 'Use your words,' and the kid was flinging books really hard at my kid. My way is pick 'em up and take 'em out of there. We could not hang out with the kids together at all."

Deciding when to cut and run for the sake of your own sanity and the well-being of your children obviously depends on how deep the adult friendships go or how much the kin ties matter. And sometimes, it's not easy making a clean break even with the merest of mommy acquaintances because of proximity. They're in the



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This undated image released by Riverhead shows Julie Klam, author of "Friendkeeping: A Field Guide to the People You Love, Hate, and Can't Live Without." With the holidays comes togetherness, sometimes thrust upon us. And with togetherness, especially the obligatory kind, comes major stress — for you and your kids.

park, at the play group, live next door. Either way, before you take the fatal step of severing ties, "Stop and try to figure out how much of this has to do

with you and how much has to do with them," Klam suggested.

And keep in mind, she urged, that a seemingly out-of-control 3-year-old may mature into an angelic 8.

Anastasia Gavalas, a family coach, educational consultant and mom of five in Bridgehampton, dares cross the line some parents will not tread upon: disciplining other people's children.

Her's is the big, fun house with the pool, the spacious backyard and the recreational basement. She gets a lot of young visitors, including two tween boys — one a relative and one a friend — who were instrumental in destroying her \$3,000 leather couch during a party about a year ago.

"To me it wasn't about yelling and saying what did you do to my couch," she said. "It was more about if you are going to come here you need to respect my things and that's it, whether you're 5 years old or 15 years old or 50 years old, so it was more about a teaching opportunity."

Among her parent-clients, broken ties due to the kids bubble up frequently: "I hear it a lot. I hear the, 'My sister told me that my child isn't smart so I'm not talking to her. My friend told me that my son is a brat so I'm

not hanging out with her anymore.'"

Leslie Sexer, director of clinical and outreach services for Family Centers, a nonprofit provider of counseling and other services in Fairfield County, Conn., said holiday gatherings unravel the most stoic adults, so take that into consideration with kids.

"If you feel that you must step in to correct a behavior, be helpful and kind and do not shame, criticize or judge," she said. "Not all kids are wired to handle large gatherings well, or they may have ongoing issues that interfere with the behavior you expect."

Can't manage it yourself? "Quietly pull the child's parent aside and ask if they can intervene," Sexer said.

"Present it positively: 'You know your child best. It looks like he needs some help with ...'"

Keep expectations reasonable. "You are not living in a Norman Rockwell painting," Sexer said. "Life is messy, and your gathering is temporary."

Gavalas said some parents are giddy that she's willing to step in when their kids misbehave, "which I think is part of the problem because they need to take the responsibility instead of, 'Can you help me? Can you fix it?'"

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Couric to anchor Yahoo news program

MICHAEL LIEDTKE
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Katie Couric is joining Yahoo to anchor a news program for the Internet company as it tries to expand its audience and sell more advertising.

Monday's announcement confirms recent published reports that Couric would diversify into online video programming after spending decades in broadcast television as a talk-show host and news anchor.

Couric, 56, will continue to host her daytime talk show, "Katie," on ABC even after she becomes Yahoo's "global anchor" beginning next year.

Financial terms of Couric's contract with Yahoo weren't disclosed.

The new job at Yahoo Inc. will give Couric an opportunity to report on breaking news events around the world and interview major international figures.

"Joining Yahoo offers a tremendous opportunity to reach people all around the world in the way that they're using and consuming media today," Couric said in a statement.

Couric's hiring is the latest coup for Yahoo CEO Marissa Mayer as she brings in more prominent journalists in an effort to create compelling con-



ANDY KROPA/AP

This Oct. 23 photo shows TV host Katie Couric at the Somaly Mam Foundation Gala in New York. Couric is joining Yahoo to anchor a news program for the Internet company as it tries to expand its audience and sell more advertising.

tent that will attract more people to the company's online services. In the past month, Yahoo has also lured away technology columnist David Pogue and political reporter Matt Bai from The New York Times.

Since leaving Google Inc. to become Yahoo's CEO 16 months ago, Mayer has been

trying to make Yahoo's services more alluring so people will visit them on a regular basis and dwell for longer periods. In doing so, she is hoping Yahoo will be able to sell more digital ads and boost the Sunnyvale, Calif., company's lackluster revenue growth.

"Katie's depth of experience, her intellectual curiosity, and

her charisma make her the perfect choice to anchor Yahoo News and the whole Yahoo Network," Mayer said. "Her unmatched energy, savvy, and versatility enables her to connect with audiences across the globe."

Couric first became a household name as a co-host of the "Today" show on NBC.

Off the beaten bridge path

Two unusual books came out this year. First, "Bridge Crosswords" by Jeff Chen (Master Point

Press) is what it sounds like: 52 crosswords with a bridge theme, although most of the clues are not bridge related. The crosswords vary in complexity from easy to challenging.

And you will probably enjoy "Bridge Table or What's Trump Anyway?" by Maggy Simony (Booklocker.com). The author is 93 years old and looks primarily at social bridge, but many famous players are mentioned.

There is only one deal included — see today's diagram. It purportedly cost John Bennett of Kansas City his life on Sept. 29, 1929. He and his wife, Myrtle, had been playing a "friendly" session against neighbors Myrna and Charles Hoffman. It first appeared in The Bridge World magazine and is surely an invention.

After a very light opening bid, an overcall and a thin jump to four spades, West led the diamond ace, then shifted to the club jack. Declarer won in his hand and took the percentage play in trumps, cash-



Phillip Alder

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♥	10 8 5		
♦	4		
♣	A 9 8 4 2		
West			
♠	Q 7 2		
♥	A J 3 4		
♦	A Q 10 9 2		
♣	J 6		
East			
♠	4		
♥	Q 9 4		
♦	K J 7 6 3		
♣	Q 7 5 3		
South			
♠	K J 9 8 5		
♥	K 7 6 2		
♦	8 5		
♣	K 10		

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South West North East
1 ♠ 2 ♦ 4 ♠ All pass

Opening lead: ♦ A

ing the king and ace. Now he had to go down. Mrs. Bennett, realizing that her husband could have won 10 tricks, made some uncomplimentary comments about his ancestry. Mr. Bennett leant across the table and slapped his wife. She went into the bedroom, came out with the family gun, and killed her husband.

However, she walked free from the court because she was charged with murder one, which requires the crime to be premeditated, which this clearly was not. She should have been charged with manslaughter.

Phillip Alder is a columnist for Newspaper Enterprise Association.

AUTOPSY: CHEF DIED FROM STROKE

CHICAGO — A medical examiner says celebrity chef Charlie Trotter died from a stroke.

Cook County Medical Examiner Stephen Cina says in a statement Monday that tests showed the 54-year-old died from a stroke related to high blood pressure.

Cina says neither drugs nor alcohol contributed to Trotter's death on Nov. 5 in Chicago, adding there was "no scientific evidence" that Trotter's recent travels contributed to his death.

Trotter's wife has said the acclaimed chef had an aneurysm months before he died and that he'd been taking medicine to control seizures, his blood pressure and high cholesterol.

Rochelle Trotter previously said the aneurysm was discovered in January and that doctors had prescribed the "proper medication."

Cina says the autopsy showed evidence of a previous stroke.

Trotter traveled shortly before his death.

BON JOVI'S NOT PURSUING THE BILLS

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Jon Bon Jovi's publicist tells The Associated Press that while the New Jersey rocker is interested in becoming an NFL owner one day, he's not currently pursuing the Buffalo Bills.

Ken Sunshine calls a report that Bon Jovi is actively involved in purchasing the Bills "preposterous." Sunshine notes the Bills are not for sale and adds that Bon Jovi has too much respect for owner Ralph Wilson to consider engaging in discussions for buying the team.

Sunshine spoke by phone Monday, a day after CBSsports.com posted a story

citing unidentified sources that Bon Jovi is among the parties positioning themselves to purchase the Bills after Wilson's death.

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Mother of bullied girl wants tougher laws

MIKE SCHNEIDER
The Associated Press
ORLANDO, Fla. — The mother of a Florida girl who committed suicide after complaining about being bullied said Monday that she will push lawmakers to pass new anti-bullying legislation because current laws don't do enough to protect children.

Tricia Norman and her attorney

also said during a news conference that she plans to file wrongful death lawsuits against those she believes are responsible for her daughter's death, though she refused to identify those people specifically.

"I intend to hold them accountable to the full extent of the law," Norman said.

Rebecca Sedwick jumped to her death at an abandoned concrete plant in September. A month later, the Polk County Sheriff's Office arrested two of her classmates, ages 12 and 14, on charges of aggravated stalking. Those charges were dropped last week because of insufficient evidence, and an attorney for the younger classmate has indicated he will pursue a lawsuit against the sheriff's office.

The Associated Press generally

does not identify juveniles charged with crimes, though the younger girl has spoken publicly alongside her family about the matter. During an appearance on NBC's "Today" show last week, Katelyn Roman said that she had done nothing wrong but that Sedwick's death taught her the importance of standing up to bullying.

Norman said she was upset

that Rebecca's classmates hadn't offered an apology.

"I know having anger in my heart is not good," Norman said. "I keep waiting for an apology I know will never come. This lack of personal responsibility is beyond upsetting."

Under the state law proposal championed by Norman and her attorney, Matt Morgan, students who bully repeatedly

could be sent to juvenile detention. Under a federal law proposal they are supporting, schools receiving public funds would be required to have anti-bullying procedures in place and must follow those procedures.

Morgan wouldn't say which lawmakers, if any, he had found to sponsor the legislative proposals in the Florida Legislature and Congress.

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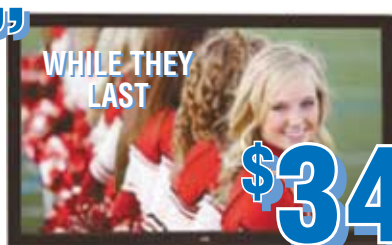
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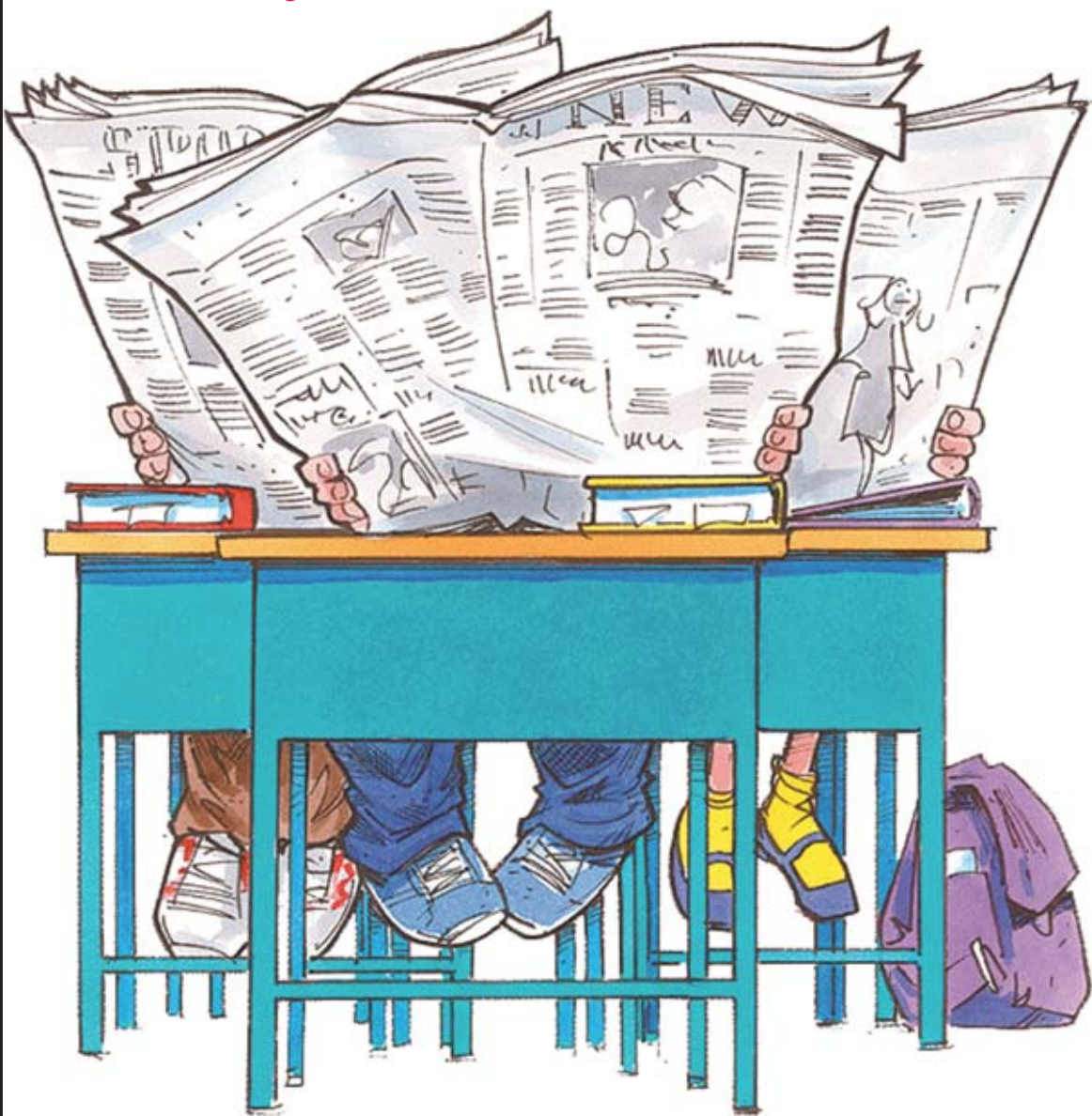
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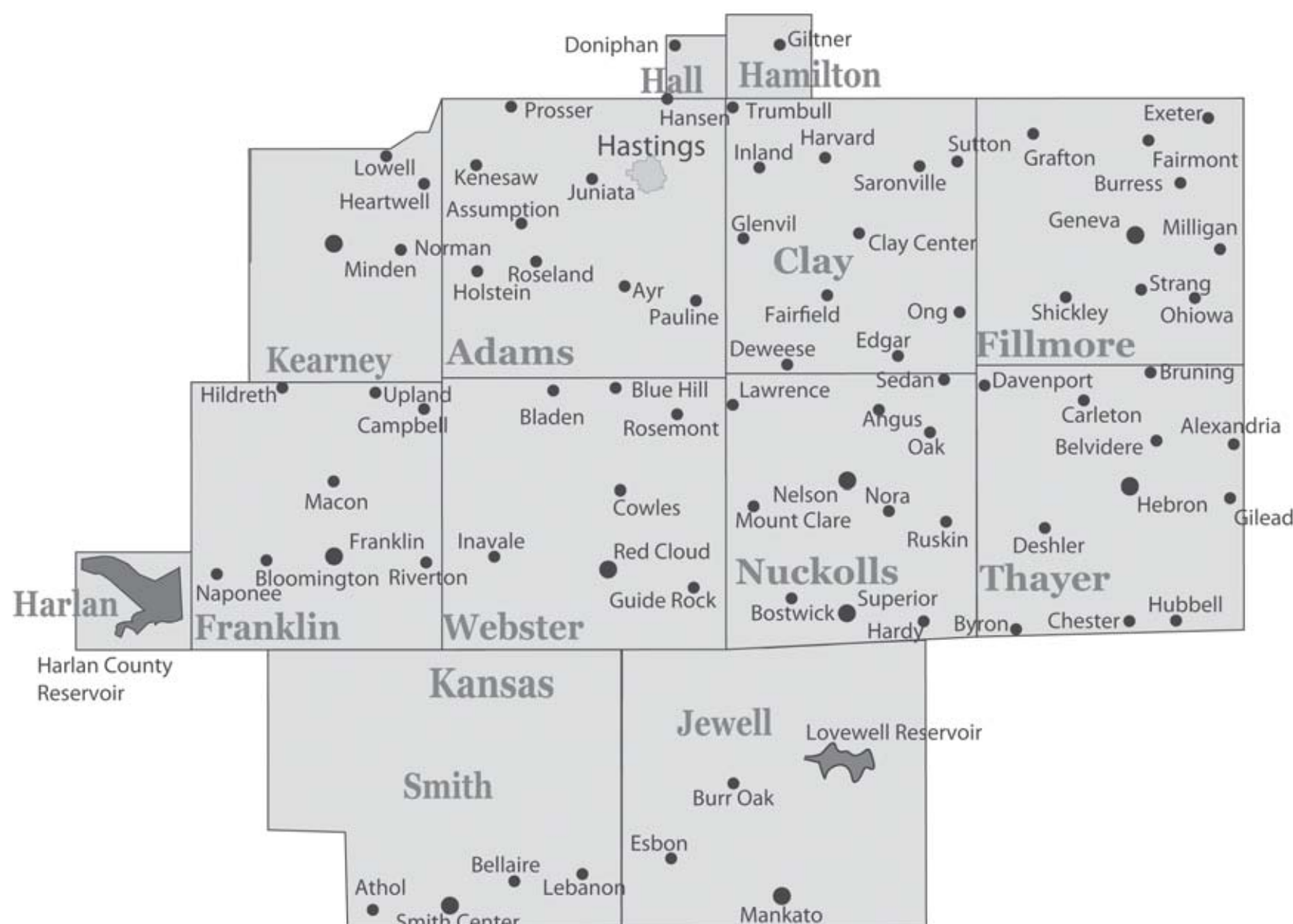
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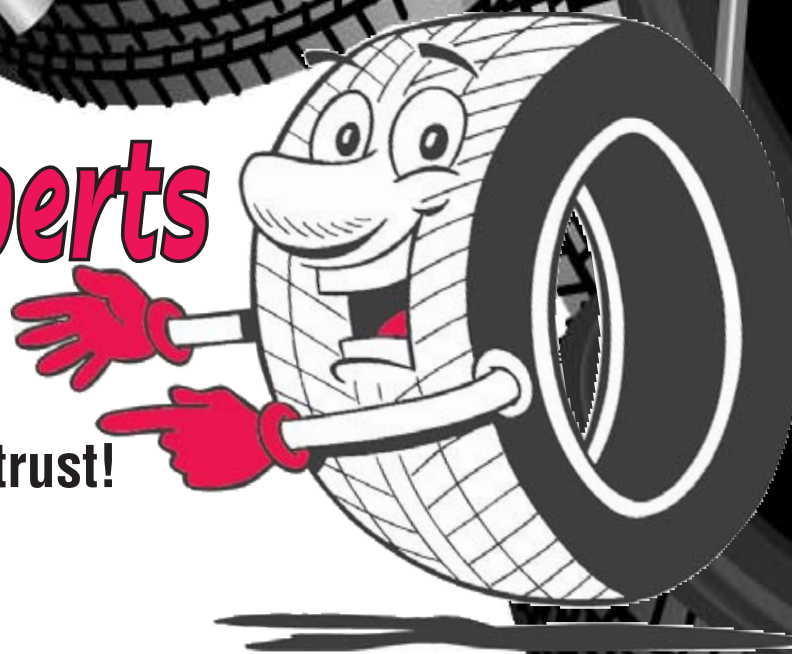


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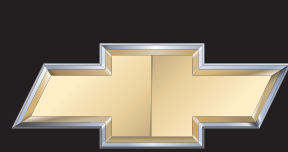
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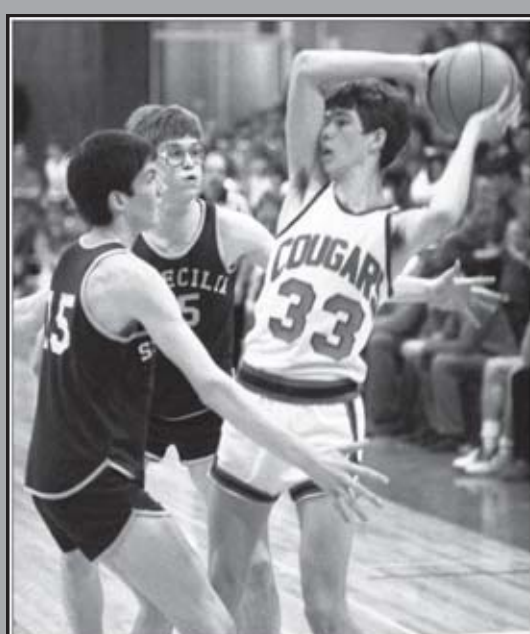
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