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GOODFELLOWS: Through the years



In this Dec. 23, 1927, file photo, boxes are packed for delivery by Goodfellows.

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The song remains the same

CHANGES THROUGH YEARS
HAVE NOT ALTERED OVERALL
MISSION TO SUPPLY FOOD,
TOYS TO NEEDY FAMILIES

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The Goodfellows food and toy drive program has been reaching out to needy families in Adams County since 1926. And while the aim of bringing joy to the holidays of those who may otherwise have gone without remains the same, there have been occasional changes through the years as to how that goal is accomplished.

For starters, the program was initially known as Good Fellows rather than Goodfellows. It was taken over by Fred Seaton when he acquired the newspa-

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- Ryan Murken, Chief Goodfellow

per in 1938. In the early days, the local fire department played a large role in the drive, painting and refurbishing the collected toys.

In earlier years, bicycles and tricycles were among the more cherished gifts distributed. These would be refurbished as needed and doled out to all children of a certain age. But delivering bikes

turned out to be a difficult proposition for volunteers, many who delivered several boxes of toys to families each year and didn't have the space in their vehicles for them.

Today, more than 200 families benefit from the Goodfellows program each year, said Tribune owner Don Seaton.

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Courtesy

Lorna Brown's grave is redug Nov. 12 at the Glenvil Cemetery from 4 feet to 6 feet.

6 feet under?

CLAY COUNTY FAMILY
FEELS LET DOWN
BY BURIAL EXPERIENCE

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GLENVIL — Family members of a Harvard woman buried in the Glenvil Cemetery were surprised to learn it was the cemetery's policy to dig graves 4 feet deep, and even more surprised to learn there was less than a foot of soil covering the vault containing her casket.

Longtime Glenvil resident Lorna Brown, who had been living at Harvard Rest Haven until her death this summer at age 90, was buried in the ceme-

tery July 21.

When her granddaughter, Tricia Hazen of Blue Hill, and Tricia's husband, Dave, visited the grave on Aug. 22, Dave's foot broke through the soil and reached the concrete vault.

"It was soft when he stepped there and just went down," said Lorna Brown's son, Bob Brown of rural Harvard. "His foot went down beside the vault. He didn't have to go down very far. His foot was only about 12 inches or so down in there, and it was caught beside the vault."

During burial, a casket is placed into a concrete vault, which is sealed before the grave is backfilled with soil.

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Obama defense pick could come soon

CHUCK HAGEL
AMONG TOP NAMES
UNDER CONSIDERATION

BEN FELLER
AND JULIE PACE
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama could name his next defense secretary in December, far sooner than expected and perhaps in a high-powered package announcement with his choice

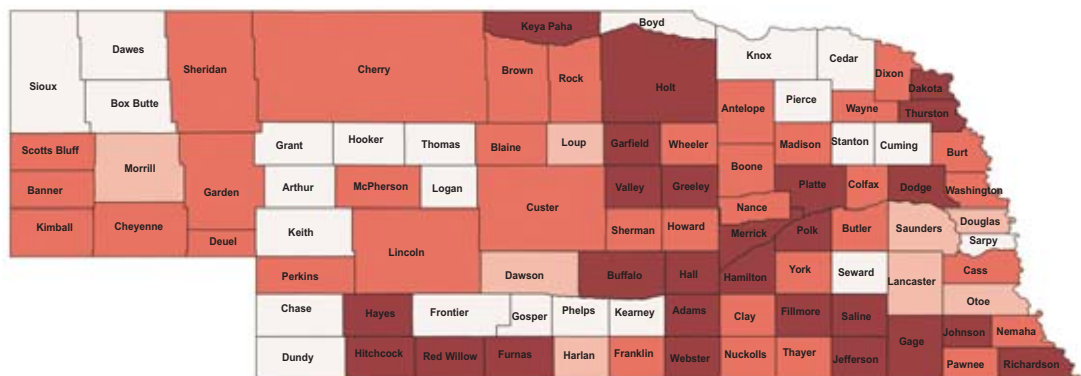
for secretary of state, several senior administration officials tell The Associated Press.

The personnel moves, coupled with Obama's coming choice for a new leader of the Central Intelligence Agency, will be viewed by U.S. allies and enemies alike as signal of how he will pursue national security in a second term. All of his choices will be subject to Senate confirmation, which itself is a significant factor in his decisions.

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Feeling the squeeze

This map released by OpenSky Policy Institute shows how counties in Nebraska would be affected by loss of the inheritance tax, which Gov. Dave Heineman has vowed to eliminate next year.



Counties that will suffer the most hardship because they have low reserves and cannot raise property taxes without exceeding property tax limitations.
Counties that can temporarily manage the loss of revenue by using their reserves but lack flexibility to raise property taxes when those reserves run out.
Counties with low reserves and room under state property tax limitations to replace the revenue through increased property taxes.
Counties with the most flexibility to manage the loss of revenue.

Source: OpenSky Policy Institute

Study: Loss of inheritance tax would be detrimental to county

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Adams County is one of 26 counties in the state that would suffer the most hardship if the Nebraska Legislature does away with the inheritance tax, according to a recent study.

"The loss of inheritance tax revenue would leave most counties with an impossible choice: slash services, deplete reserves, or raise property taxes," said Renee Fry, executive director of the OpenSky Policy Institute, which conducted the study.

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More on the inheritance tax.
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revenues. Many counties use the inheritance tax to offset the need to increase property taxes as costs to operate counties continues to rise.

That is the case in Adams County where the county supervisors use about \$1 million in revenue from the inheritance tax fund to help

balance the county's budget each year.

While some people may assume that means county spending is going up, Fry said OpenSky determined in most situations, that was not the case.

"County spending is actually not going up; it's lower than it was in 2004," Fry said.

Inheritance taxes and their future in Nebraska have been a major topic of discussion for Gov. Dave Heineman and will likely come up in the 2013 legislative session.

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Weather

Hi: Partly cloudy this morning, then becoming mostly sunny.
62
Lo: 35



Art by Jacob Studley, 9, Hawthorne Elementary

HISTORIC HYMNAL

BOSTON — One of the nation's oldest churches is considering selling a copy of the first book ever published in British North America.

Members of the Old South

Church in Boston on Sunday are scheduled to vote on whether to sell one of their two copies of the Bay Psalm Book, published in 1640, along with a collection of Colonial-era silver. They say the sale could help pay for repairs and assure the

financial future of the church, established in 1669.

A Sotheby's executive calls the psalm book "the Gutenberg Bible of America," and says it could fetch \$10 million to \$20 million at auction. Just 11 copies remain.

The Associated Press

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Obituaries

HELEN J. DRUDIK

Helen Josephine (Mazour) Drudik, 95, formerly of Lawrence, NE, passed away peacefully with her family at her side on Friday, November 30, 2012, at the Sutton Community Home in Sutton, NE. Rosary will be Sunday, December 2, 2012, at 7 p.m. and Mass will be Monday, December 3, 2012, at 10:30 a.m. both at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Lawrence, NE, with Monsignor Adrian Herbek and Father Bill Holoubek officiating. Burial will be at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery in Lawrence, NE. Visitation will be Sunday at 2:30 for the family and from 3:30-9 p.m. for the public at the Lawrence Visitation Chapel in Lawrence, NE. A memorial has been established. Merten-Butler Mortuary of Blue Hill,



NE, is in charge of arrangements. Helen J. Drudik was born on June 24, 1917, to Adolph and Josephine (Kotinek) Mazour in Nuckolls County. She married Anton G. Drudik on October 20, 1941, in Lawrence, NE. Those left to cherish her memory are her sons, daughters and their spouses. Richard and Bonnie Drudik of Sutton, NE, Thomas and Betty Drudik of Grand Island, NE, Verena and Robert Reiman of Hastings, NE, Mary Kendall and Bob Kendall of Lafayette, Indiana; brother, Jerome (Rita) Mazour of Lawrence, NE; sister, Dorothy Hraban of Seward, NE; sister-In-Law, Verena Mazour of San Antonio, TX, (13) grandchildren and (37) great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother Everett Mazour and sisters, Libby Nejezechleb and Mary Alice Drudik.

EDNA V. STRASBURG

Former Roseland resident Edna V. Strasburg, 89, died Friday, Nov. 30, 2012, at the Blue Hill Care Center in Blue

Hill. Services are pending with Brand-Wilson Funeral Home & Cremation Service in Hastings.

The death of music 'dealmaker' in Vegas ruled as a suicide

HANNAH DREIER
The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The death of a music dealmaker who helped bring Donald Trump to Las Vegas and tried to install Michael Jackson as the headline act at a themed casino was a suicide, the Clark County coroner ruled Wednesday. Jack Wishna, 54, died of carbon monoxide intoxication and was found Tuesday in a vehicle in the garage of his home in Henderson, Coroner Mike Murphy said. Wishna was a wheeler and dealer who will be remembered for orchestrating a multimillion-dollar agreement between performer Wayne Newton and the Stardust casino, said Dan Wilinsky, a spokesman for Wishna's latest project. In a statement Wednesday, Newton called Wishna a longtime friend, and said his death came as a tremendous surprise. The Newton deal was likely the first of such headliner "residencies" in Las Vegas, said Michael Green, a professor of history at the College of Southern Nevada. Wishna is credited with bringing Trump together with Treasure Island owner Phil Ruffin to build the Trump

International Tower on the Las Vegas Strip. He was also instrumental in persuading Jackson to return from his extended stay abroad in the mid-2000s, said Randall Sullivan, author of "Untouchable: The Strange Life and Tragic Death of Michael Jackson." Jackson, who had been castle-hopping in Ireland, came straight to Las Vegas from Dublin. "Michael arrived in a private jet and Wishna and his wife were there to meet him," Sullivan said. "So that tells you that Wishna was the guy in Michael's life at the time." The promoter wanted to install Jackson in a new themed casino featuring a giant image of the singer in lights. But the deal fell apart. Wishna's ubiquity on the Strip was a throwback to the cozier Las Vegas of the 1950s and '60s, Green said. "I thought of Forrest Gump," he said. "He seemed to be connected to almost everything and know almost everybody." Wishna had recently been developing a social media website for musicians and their fans.

Calendar

HASTINGS

- ◆ **"O Holy Night" display of Nativity sets,** 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at First United Methodist Church, 614 N. Hastings Ave.
- ◆ **"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever,"** a performance of the Hastings Community Theatre, 7 p.m. Sunday at the theatre located in Good Samaritan Village at 515 S. Fourth Ave. For more information or to order tickets, call 402-463-1500.
- ◆ **Hastings College winter band concert,** 3 p.m. Sunday at the Hastings Masonic Center, 411 N. Hastings Ave.
- ◆ **Candlelight Christmas,** 2 p.m. Sunday at the Clay County Museum in Clay Center. There will be old-fashioned Christmas music, displays and live working demonstrations and more than a dozen trees on display.
- ◆ **Bingo,** 2 p.m. Sunday at the VFV, 1053 S. Wabash Ave.
- ◆ Sunday Sundae, 2-3 p.m. Sunday. College View Assisted Living, 1100 N. Sixth Ave. Open to public ages 55 and older.
- ◆ **Free Community Meal,** 5 p.m. Sunday, Crossroads Center, 702 W. 14 St. Volunteers also welcome.
- ◆ **Alcoholics Anonymous,** noon, 5:15 and 8 p.m., 521 S. St. Joseph Ave.; and 7:30 p.m., 918 W. Fourth St. Sunday; and noon, 5:15 and 8 p.m., 521 S. St. Joseph Ave.; and noon, 835 S. Burlington Ave. No. 114 Monday.
- ◆ **Al-Anon,** 8 p.m. Sunday and 8 p.m. Monday, First United Methodist Church, 614 N. Hastings Ave.; and noon Monday, The Kensington, 233 N. Hastings Ave.
- ◆ **Itty Bitty Story Time** for ages 0-24 months, 9:15 a.m. Monday at

- the Hastings Public Library, 517 W. Fourth St. For more information, call 402-461-2346.
- ◆ **Women's Fellowship,** noon Monday, at the YWCA of Adams County, 604 N. St. Joseph Ave. For more information, call 402-462-8821.
- ◆ **Stroke and Traumatic Brain Injury Christmas Party,** 5:30 p.m. Monday at Pastime Lanes, 1400 W. 18th St. Reservations due by Nov. 28. For more information or to make a reservation, call 402-461-5256.
- ◆ **Overeaters Anonymous,** 5-6 p.m. Monday, Hastings Family YMCA, 1430 W. 16th St.
- ◆ **Trust Birth, "Coping with Labor Naturally,"** 6-8:30 p.m., Monday, Hastings Public Library, 517 W. Fourth St. For more information, call 402-984-5467.
- ◆ **American Legion Post 11 meeting,** 7 p.m. Monday, American Legion Hall, 916 E. South St.
- ◆ **Gamblers Anonymous,** 6:30 p.m. Monday, Mary Lanning Memorial HealthCare Education Building basement, Room D.
- ◆ **Chorus of the Plains,** 7 p.m. Monday, The Kensington ballroom, 233 N. Hastings Ave. Barbershop style music open to men of all ages.
- ◆ **3 Steps to Recovery,** 8 p.m. Monday, Crossroads Center Rescue Mission, 702 W. 14th St.
- ◆ **Narcotics Anonymous,** 8 p.m. Monday, 401 N. Lincoln Ave.

CLAY CENTER

- ◆ **Al-Anon,** 3 p.m. Sunday at the Clay Center Christian Church, 31371 Woodland Road.
- ◆ **Alcoholics Anonymous,** 8 p.m. Monday at the Clay Center Christian Church, 31371 Woodland Road.

Today is Saturday, Dec. 1, the 336th day of 2012. There are 30 days left in the year.

MEMORY LANE

TRIBLAND

Sixty years ago: Students collected 2,800 pounds of clothing during a city-wide drive for the "Bundles for War Orphans" campaign. Fifty years ago: Alexander Rorke, an American newspaper correspondent who was imprisoned in Cuba, was speaker at the Hastings College lecture series. Forty years ago: Area crops were said to be rotting in the field. Prolonged rainfall followed by snow had made fields impossible to harvest. Thirty years ago: Eastern Nebraska Ambulance Service began serving Adams County residents after last-minute legal maneuvers to delay the sale failed. The union representing Adams County ambulance division employees was claiming unfair labor practices in the contract with Eastern. Twenty years ago: Organizers broke ground on the new 33-apartment Regency Retirement Residence at 12th Street and Laird Avenue. Ten years ago: A gallon of unleaded gas cost \$1.27 in Hastings. One year ago: Steve Hogan, who was sworn in as mayor of Aurora, Colo., graduated from Hastings High School in 1996.

HIGHLIGHT IN HISTORY

On Dec. 1, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln sent his Second Annual Message to Congress, which was read aloud by the Secretary of the Senate. In it, Lincoln called for the abolition of slavery, saying that "in giving freedom to the slave, we assure freedom to the free," and toward the end of his message, wrote: "Fellow-citizens, we can not escape history. We of this Congress and this Administration will be remembered in spite of ourselves."

TODAY IN NEBRASKA

In 1868, the first state capitol was ready for occupancy. In 1946, a \$4 million contract was let for construction of the Enders dam on Frenchman Creek in Chase County. In 1948, Timothy Iron Bear was executed in the electric chair in Lincoln for killing a ranch woman who lived near Rushville.

ON THIS DATE

In 1824, the presidential election was turned over to the U.S. House of Representatives when a deadlock developed between John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, William H. Crawford and Henry Clay. (Adams ended up the winner.) In 1860, the Charles Dickens novel "Great Expectations" was first published in weekly serial form. In 1921, the Navy flew the first non-rigid dirigible to use helium; the C-7 traveled from Hampton Roads, Va., to Washington, D.C. In 1934, Soviet communist official Sergei M. Kirov, an associate of Josef Stalin, was assassinated in Leningrad, resulting in a massive purge. In 1941, Japan's Emperor Hirohito approved waging war against the United States, Britain and the Netherlands after his government rejected U.S. demands contained in the Hull Note. In 1942, nationwide gasoline rationing went into effect in the United States. In 1952, the New York Daily News ran a front-page story on Christine Jorgensen's sex-reassignment surgery with the headline, "Ex-GI Becomes Blonde Beauty." In 1955, Rosa Parks, a black seamstress, was arrested after refusing to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Ala., city bus; the incident sparked a year-long boycott of the buses by blacks.

Tribland

A vehicle reportedly driven by Raymond F. Szlanda of 1011 N. Hastings Ave. was struck by a hit-and-run driver Thursday on U.S. Highway 281 near 33rd Street. DAV, Saturday, 5:00, Barney's 88th birthday. 302 South Elm. Everyone welcome. -Adv Eagles, Sunday, birthday Sunday with potluck dinner; kitchen open 5:00 to 7:00. Gary Phipps 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. -Adv. For your convenience, the Hastings Tribune has a drive-up payment box in our north parking lot. This may be used for subscription and advertising payments. -Adv. Gingerbread Daycare enrolling 18-months/up. 463-2444. -Adv.

Area funerals

Monday

◆ **Helen J. Drudik,** 95, of Sutton, 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Lawrence.

Yesterday and Today

Washington crosses the moon



JULIO CORTEZ/AP

A bronze statue of Gen. George Washington by William Rudolf O'Donovan stands on top of the Trenton Battle Monument while silhouetted by a full moon Thursday in Trenton, N.J. The monument commemorates the victory at the first Battle of Trenton, which occurred on Dec. 26, 1776, and is located where the artillery dominated the streets of Trenton, preventing the Hessian troops from organizing attacks.

In 1969, the U.S. government held its first draft lottery since World War II. In 1973, David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, died in Tel Aviv at age 87. In 1989, Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev met with Pope John Paul II at the Vatican. In 1992, in Mineola, N.Y., Amy Fisher was sentenced to 5 to 15 years in prison for shooting and seriously wounding Mary Jo Buttafuoco. (Fisher served seven years.) Ten years ago: Colombia's largest right-wing paramilitary group declared a unilateral cease-fire in its long-running battle against leftist rebels. Russia won its first Davis Cup title by rallying to beat defending champion France 3-2. Edward Latimer "Ned" Beach, the U.S. Navy captain who wrote the best-selling undersea thriller "Run Silent, Run Deep," died in Washington at age 84.

Five years ago: Police in Wichita, Kan., identified a body found days earlier as that of Emily Sander, a missing college student whose disappearance drew added attention after the discovery she was also an Internet porn model named "Zoey Zane." (A suspect, Israel Mireles, was convicted of rape and murder and sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole.) Four suspects were charged in Miami in the shooting death of Washington Redskins star Sean Taylor. (One ended up pleading guilty to second-degree murder; a fifth suspect was also charged.)

One year ago: Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, on a ground-breaking visit to Myanmar, challenged its leaders to continue and expand upon recent reforms, calling for the release of all political prisoners, an end to violent campaigns against ethnic minorities and a breaking of military ties with North Korea. Bobby Valentine was named the 45th manager of the Boston Red Sox. (However, he was fired after one season.)

TODAY IN SPORTS

In 1924, Brooklyn pitcher Dazzy Vance (28 wins, 2.16 ERA, 262 strikeouts) won

the National League MVP award over Rogers Hornsby, who batted .424 for the season.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Former CIA director Stansfield Turner is 89. Singer Billy Paul is 78. Actor-director Woody Allen is 77. World Golf Hall of Famer Lee Trevino is 73. Singer Dianne Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 73. Country musician Casey Van Beek (The Tractors) is 70. Television producer David Salzman is 69. Rock singer-musician Eric Bloom (Blue Oyster Cult) is 68. Rock musician John Densmore (The Doors) is 68. Actress-singer Bette Midler is 67. Singer Gilbert O'Sullivan is 66. Actor Treat Williams is 61. Country singer Kim Richey is 56. Actress Charlene Tilton is 54. Actress-model Carol Alt is 52. Actor Jeremy Northam is 51. Producer-director Andrew Adamson is 46. Actor Nestor Carbonell is 45. Actress Golden Brooks is 42. Actress-comedian Sarah Silverman is 42. Actor Ron Melendez is 40. Contemporary Christian singer Bart Millard is 40. Actor-writer-producer David Hornsby is 37. Singer Sarah Masen is 37. Rock musician Brad Delson (Linkin Park) is 35. Actor Nate Torrence is 35. Rock/Christian music singer-songwriter Mat Kearney is 34. Rock musician Mika Fineo (Filter) is 31. Actress Ashley Monique Clark is 24.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Life begins when a person first realizes how soon it will end."

— Marcelene Cox, American writer

FACT OF THE DAY

At the time of the Montgomery bus boycott in 1955, about 70 percent of bus riders in the city were African-American.

NUMBER OF THE DAY

1.7 million — men inducted into the U.S. armed forces between 1965 and 1973 through the Selective Service System.

LUNAR LANDING

Between full moon (Nov. 28) and last quarter (Dec. 6).

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

Winning Numbers

Vehicles reportedly driven by Zachery R. Clodfelter of 423 S. Boston Ave. and Shannan R. Adler of 1850 S. Baltimore Ave. collided Thursday near B Street and Chicago Avenue. "Shop Local Saturday," special Tribune promotion. To be included or for information, businesses may call 402-461-1233 by 5:00 p.m. Monday.-Adv. Personal Touch Wigs, new looks, styling and wig products. 402-463-3240, 469-2548. -Adv. We buy cars. Jackson's Car Corner, Inc. 463-0688. -Adv.

Vehicles reportedly driven by Robert Carper of Ayr Wednesday struck a street sign owned by the City of Hastings Street Department, 1010 W. A St., at 16th Street and St. Joseph Avenue. The Hastings Tribune delivery deadlines are 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. Saturday morning. If you have delivery problems please call 402-461-1221 or 1-800-742-6397. - Adv. Kensington annual Christmas Market, Thursday, December 6, 4:00 to 7:00; over 30 crafters and home businesses. - Adv.

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Vehicles reportedly driven by Allen S. Weber of 2670 S. Baltimore Ave. and Kaitlyn A. Graham of 417 S. Garfield Ave. collided Thursday at Baltimore Avenue and J Street. Santa photo's Saturday, December 8. No appointment necessary. \$20 packages. Winkelbauer Photography. -Adv. Rivals Guys Night, December, 4. \$1.00 beer specials, .50¢ wings, \$5.00 nachos. -Adv.

Public notices

See today's notices on Page B5

- ◆ Notice of organization, Armkaps, LLC
- ◆ Notice of hearing, Kitty's Roadhouse
- ◆ Notice of organization, Integrity Ag Consulting, LLC
- ◆ Notice of organization, Integrity Ag Management, LLC
- ◆ Notice of informal probate, Richard A. Dimler
- ◆ Adams County Board of Supervisors proceedings
- ◆ Notice of meeting, Little Blue NRD
- ◆ Matter of guardianship, Dayton and Kayden Byers



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In this Dec. 24, 1926, file photo, vehicles carrying Goodfellows deliveries line up along Burlington Avenue in front of the Hastings Tribune, then located at 109 N. Burlington Ave.

Goodfellows: Program still going strong

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A cooperative working relationship between Goodfellows, Catholic Social Services, and the Salvation Army has enabled organizers to avoid providing duplicate services, enabling the charitable work to serve as many different families as possible. Computer tracking of families has also proved beneficial in the process, Seaton said.

“We keep a database and can search and find people,” he said. “When people move, we update where they live.”

Tribune marketing director Ryan Murken coordinates the Goodfellows program today. There have been few changes since he took over supervision of the program three years ago, a tribute to those who set the wheels turning before him, he said.

“We look at stuff every year to make sure we’re doing it the best we can, but when it works as well as it does and you serve as many people as you do as well as we think we do, you want to be careful about what you change,” said Murken, who plays Chief Goodfellow this time each year. “Because it’s not broken, we don’t need to fix it. We just need to make sure it continues to run efficiently.”

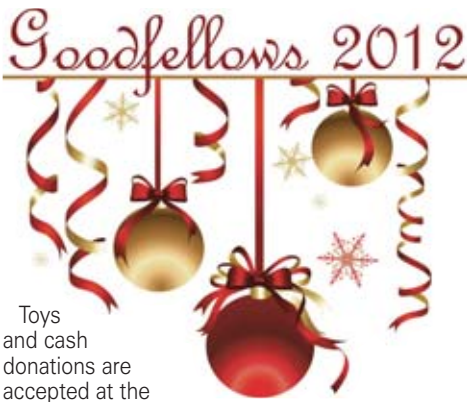
One of the more recent changes on the food distribution side was the elimination of meat products from the menu. Murken explains that this change was implemented during the past decade because of a shortage of available refrigeration. That shortage also led to the elimination of dairy products in family boxes.

“It used to be geared more toward a Christmas feast, so to speak,” Murken said. “Now we look at it as, ‘How long can we make this food last? We try to stretch it as far as we can instead of having a really big meal on one day.’”

A typical food box is intended to last about a week and a half, he said.

As for toys, the addition of extra drop-off bins at area businesses has led to an increase in donated toys in recent years, Murken said. Toys are no longer held over from one year to the next, meaning more gifts than ever are being doled out to recipients. Murken said he hopes the trend will continue.

“We try, if at all possible, to give kids exactly what they would want,” he said. “We’re kind of rolling the dice every year that people will continue to be as generous as they have in previous years.”



Toys and cash donations are accepted at the Tribune offices, 908 W. Second St. Checks can be mailed to the Tribune, Attention Goodfellows, P.O. Box 788, Hastings NE, 68902. Donations also may be dropped in the Tribune subscription payment box located in the parking lot north of the Tribune building.

Donations

B.P.O. Does No. 12	\$50
Dorothy Anderson	\$100
In memory of Bob & Robbie Ackles from their Family	\$100
Vintage and Classic Wheels of Grand Island, Inc.	\$50
In memory of Wilma Fricke who loved Christmas	\$100
In memory of John J. Degener from Mark, Connie, Seth and Hannah Thomas	\$25
Total	\$1,460

Tax: Study shows loss would be detrimental to county

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“I understand it’s going to be on the table again,” Fry said. “The study was sent to the revenue committee of the Legislature Nov. 29 and a lot of their questions were about the impact (not having the tax) would have on counties.”

In this study, OpenSky looked at the financial situations of all 93 Nebraska counties and categorized them into one of four areas based on their ability to endure the blow that the loss of inheritance tax would deliver to their budget.

In Tribland, Adams, Fillmore and Webster counties would suffer the greatest hardship if the tax was eliminated.

According to the study, raising property taxes for these counties is an option, but the amount that the tax would need to be raised would exceed the property tax limitations. This leaves limited options for compensation, which include cutting services such as road upkeep.

“It’s concerning that property taxes could go up (because of this),” Fry said. “There really aren’t any good options.”

The inheritance tax was established in Nebraska in the early 1900s. Today, Nebraska is one of only a handful of states to still have the tax.

Barry Kennedy, president of the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry, has said he believes it is time Nebraska follows suit and gets rid of the tax.

“You hear a lot about the brain drain, with young people leaving our state,” he told

the Tribune last month. “I would liken this to a wealth drain in that people who have earned money here and accumulated wealth, at whatever level, will look to other states in retirement years and move those assets to another state where their heirs won’t be taxed on those assets they accumulate.”

With Heineman vowing once again to oppose the inheritance tax during the next legislative session, the Adams County Board of Supervisors fears the loss of the dollars they count on each year.

“A million dollars from what we receive in inheritance tax goes right into our general fund,” supervisor Lee Saathoff said. “Without (the inheritance tax) it means property taxes would have to go up to make up for that amount.”

The county board plans to write a formal letter to the governor letting him know that Adams County is strongly opposed to repealing the tax. Supervisors also plan to make a trip to Lincoln if a bill eliminating the inheritance tax makes it to the floor of the unicameral.

Others impacted In Tribland, Franklin, Clay, Nuckolls and Thayer counties were considered by the OpenSky study as able to temporarily manage the loss of funds from the inheritance tax.

However, those same counties often lack the flexibility to raise property taxes when their reserve funds run out in an average of three years, the study states. After those three years, those counties would

likely join those counties suffering a hardship from loss of the tax.

Kearney County is the only county in Tribland considered by OpenSky to have the

financial flexibility to deal with the loss of revenue from the inheritance tax.

The 103rd session of the Nebraska Legislature convenes Jan. 9.



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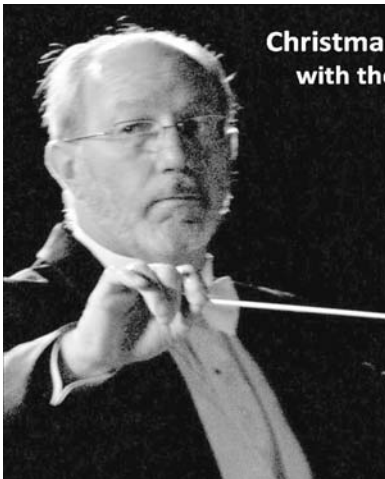
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6 feet: Family feels let down

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Lorna Brown’s grave was less than 4 feet deep, the Browns said. Vaults generally measure about 30 inches high.

“They could see the top of the vault,” Cindy said. “You just assume the grave will be 6 feet deep. You don’t ask when you’re planning a funeral.”

The Browns said they were concerned that the vault could eventually be exposed over time, so Bob made contact with members of the Glenvil Cemetery Board to let them know the situation.

Paul Slutz, chairman of the Glenvil Cemetery Board, said it had been a longtime policy of the cemetery to dig graves 4 feet deep. That depth should provide enough coverage for the vault, he said.

“That’s 16 to 18 inches from the top, which is plenty,” he said. “That (policy) was set before I was on, so I can’t really tell you why it was set at that.”

The reason Lorna Brown’s vault was so close to the surface, Slutz said, is that about 10 inches of soil fell, filling in the areas underneath the head and the foot of the vault.

“Either the bank caved off or the vault company knocked a bunch of dirt in because it wasn’t clear to the hole,” he said. “It was 10 inches off the bottom of the hole.”

Terry Debord, manager of the Josten Wilbert Vault Co. in Kearney, which provided Lorna Brown’s vault, disputed Slutz’s claim.

“No. Dirt pushed in? I don’t see how that’s possible,” he said.

Debord has witnessed bits of soil flake off into the bottom of a grave, but never that much.

“I don’t think that’s possible unless you have a major cave-in, and to the best of my knowledge there was no major cave-in that day,” he said.

If anything, he said, the vault company would actually make the grave deeper as the cables lowering the vault rub against the bottom of the grave.

Cemeteries in general are responsible for digging graves. Debord said most, but not all, cemeteries his company deals with dig graves 6 feet deep.

“Four foot, it’s not standard,” he said. “They go as deep as they can possibly and in some circumstances they go shallower.”

Four feet is not totally unheard of, either. Some cemeteries only dig that deep because of a high water level or sandy soil that can cause the grave to collapse.

“I’ve been to some cemeteries and I’m like, ‘Holy cow, I’m gonna have to have a big extension ladder to get back out of the bottom of this grave,’” he said. “Then there’s other ones

that are shallow and seem to me like they should be deeper, but that’s not my call; we just have to deal with what we’re given.”

After hearing the Browns’ concerns, the Glenvil Cemetery Board redug the grave 2 feet deeper on Nov. 12 as the Browns and the funeral director looked on. The Browns paid for a vault company to remove and replace the vault.

Bob said it took only about 15 minutes to dig the grave deeper, leading him to question why the cemetery board wouldn’t make 6 feet a standard policy.

The cemetery board decided during a special meeting a few days after Lorna Brown’s reburial to change its policy.

“We’re digging 5 (feet) now like everybody else,” Slutz said.

Among other cemeteries that dig 5-foot graves is Parkview Cemetery in Hastings.

Ken Lueders, Parkview superintendent, said 5 feet is the standard depth for graves there. However, a grave can be dug deeper depending on the ground involved.

The deeper a grave is dug, he said, the greater the chance it would settle.

“With today’s standard vaults there really isn’t any use to go down 6 feet,” he said. “That’s just kind of a figure that everybody thought was used. What we like to do is have at least 2-and-a-half feet of material on top of the vault. To dig any deeper than that is just a waste of expense of fuel and time and all that.”

Slutz said it took 2 1/2 months to rebury Lorna Brown because of discussion among the parties involved as to who would pay for it.

Through negotiations, the cemetery board, which received \$500 to dig the grave initially, agreed to dig it deeper for free.

“Then, he kept getting more people involved; we had to schedule other people’s schedules into this,” Slutz said.

But Bob said the matter dragged on because Slutz wouldn’t return his calls and put him off.

“They can’t see our side of their story,” Bob said. “To them we were a pain in their side.”

When asked to describe his communication with the Brown family, Slutz declined to comment.

Bob and Cindy Brown are upset with the response they received from some of the cemetery board members.

“To put a family off that long is ridiculous,” he said.

By telling his family’s story, Bob said, he’s not trying to get anyone in trouble.

“I just want other people to know,” he said. “I would want to know. Then people can make a choice.”

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Opinion

Palestine wins small victory in U.N.

Scripps Howard News Service

If the U.N.'s elevation of Palestine to nonmember observer status had come at the end of the Clinton administration when Israel and the Palestinians were achingly close to a peace settlement, it might have truly meant something.

But while Thursday's 138 to 9 vote among the U.N.'s more than 190 members is a triumph for the Palestinians — at least that part of them led by Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas — it is hardly likely to change that stalemate in the short run.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has shown little interest in pursuing the two-state solution — Israel and an independent Palestine living peacefully side by side — favored by the last four U.S. presidents.

Instead, he has used the time to gradually encroach on parts of East Jerusalem and the West Bank that the Palestinians consider their own and, in the case of East Jerusalem, want for their capital.

If anything, however, progress is beginning to look more like a three-state problem: Israel, the West Bank and Gaza, the latter run for the last five years by Hamas, a radical Islamic group that did not join in the Palestinian merriment over its diplomatic promotion because Hamas does not recognize Israel and claims all of the old Palestine for itself.

Needless to say, this gives the Israelis little incentive to deal with Hamas, and Israel's successful "Iron Dome" missile defense seems to have temporarily, at least, defanged Hamas of its principal terror weapon, random missile attacks against Israeli civilian targets.

However, in the long term, the vote was hardly meaningless, as Netanyahu and U.S. ambassador to the U.N. Susan Rice put it. The Palestinians have steadily been building an international presence, and it has been recognized as an independent state by 132 countries and has embassies in 80 of them.

The vote was a harsh rebuke to the U.S. and Israel: The nine nations that voted against observer status also included — aside from the U.S. and Israel — Canada, the Czech Republic, the Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Palau and Panama, hardly a murderers' row of diplomatic might.

The new status gives Palestine access to U.N. international agencies, including the International Criminal Court where Israeli annexation of Palestinian land would not fare well under international law.

Meanwhile, the political landscape is shifting in dramatic and unforeseen ways: the Arab Spring, the turmoil in Egypt, the civil war in Syria, the increased meddling by Iran, and what appears to be a hardening Shiite-Sunni divide, and a resurgence of Islamic fundamentalism.

Curiously, the current situation has bought Israel some time — not necessarily "benign neglect," but neglect when the Islamic nations are preoccupied elsewhere — to start resolving the Palestinian situation.

Sooner or later, the Islamic nations will again be able to turn their attention back to the Israelis and it would be immensely useful if they no longer had Israel's treatment of the Palestinians as a rallying cry against them — and us.



Take me out to the ball, er, Husker game

I come from a baseball family. Every summer we'd load into our van and make our way to at least one game.

Occasionally we headed west to watch the Colorado Rockies at Coors Field; other times we headed south to see the Kansas City Royals. I've watched the Twins play in Minnesota in between days spent at the Mall of America. We made trips to Omaha where we visited the zoo in the afternoon and caught a game at night. As my brothers and I grew older and our schedules more full, we made time to get to a Saltdogs game in Lincoln.

So early this fall when I found sitting on my desk a sideline media season pass to home Husker football games, I was underwhelmed. Go ahead — shun me, exile me. I'm a baseball fan raised in a football state.

But I knew the kinds of things Husker fans would do for an opportunity like this, so I wasn't going to let it go to waste. I packed my heavy camera bag, put that pass around my neck and headed to Memorial Stadium.

The first game I shot at there was Sept. 22 when the Huskers beat Idaho State. It was a scorefest, and all I needed to do was set myself up in the end zone and wait. But I didn't. There was too much for a young photographer like myself to see: the band, the students, cheerleaders, dancers, the flags, Herbie Husker and Lil' Red, and, of course, the game. It was a bit of a visual overload. My first goal was to take pictures. My other goal was to



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make sure I was not tackled on the sidelines, becoming a YouTube sensation.

The actual game is a bit of a blur. Even though I've covered many football games, I was nervous. My press pass came with a list of rules telling me where I could or couldn't stand, when I had to kneel, that I wasn't going to sell my photos and that I wouldn't cheer in the press box. Combine those rules with the fact that I don't know my way around the stadium and I felt a bit like I was right back at my first game ever.

I returned home with hundreds of images, and though I felt like I was nearly run over during the tunnel walk, I had avoided Internet fame. Counting the experiences as a success, my mind was made up; I wanted to go again.

On Nov. 17 I went to photograph my second Husker game. Just like the time before, it was a blowout. But the final score wasn't the real story of the game. In a sold-out stadium, I was there to witness the last home game under athletic director and legendary coach Tom Osborne. While most fans watched on the big screen or on TV as he led the team out of the tunnel that day, I was just a few feet away.

Osborne wasn't the only person ending a chapter in his life that day. For the seniors it was their last time to play at Memorial Stadium. Each player was hugged by Bo Pelini, then cheered on as he took the field.

All in all, the game was great. The weather was beautiful for a November afternoon, the Huskers won, I didn't get run over. I felt like I was getting the hang of it, and halfway through the fourth quarter, my phone started buzzing with text messages from people who happened to see me on the Big Ten Network.

A few days later I found myself back in Lincoln for a high-stakes game — the Class C-2 state championship matchup featuring Sutton and Aquinas Catholic. Just like the Husker seniors, for many of these players it was their last time to play at Memorial Stadium. But it was also their first. And just like the Husker game, there was the band and students, cheerleaders and dancers. Though there may only be a fraction of the fans at the high school games, they are full of spirit, cheering just as loudly with their painted faces, wearing foam fingers. It's hard not to be a football fan when you're surrounded by that kind of energy on a warm fall day.

The atmosphere is unlike any other. You can feel the power of an entire town, residents leaving their businesses and coming to the game to cheer on their boys, or an entire state dedicating its Saturday to cheer for the Huskers. That's what's so great about sports — whether it be baseball or football, youth soccer or professional basketball. Sports bring people together.

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Is it time for Senate to reform the filibuster?

When the Senate reconvenes at the beginning of the year, Democratic majority leader Harry Reid is promising to change the rules to make it more difficult to use the filibuster — a parliamentary tactic that lets a few senators keep the majority

from passing bills and doing other business.

Reid and other Democrats say filibuster abuse has brought Senate business to a standstill. Republican minority leader Mitch McConnell and his allies say the fil-

ibuster ensures bills that do pass have broad support.

Who is right? Should the filibuster be fixed or fired? Joel Mathis and Ben Boychuk, the RedBlueAmerica columnists, debate the issue.

The Founding Fathers would have hated the filibuster. Sure, they gave the Senate the permission to write its own rules, and yes, they created a checks-and-balances form of government to ensure government didn't overstep its bounds. But the Founders created the Constitution because they wanted an energetic government and they didn't want a few naysayers obstructing that energy.

Listen to Alexander Hamilton, writing in The Federalist Papers against the discarded notion that two-thirds of states be required to approve federal legislation — giving a one-third minority of states veto power over such bills. "Two thirds of the people of America could not long be persuaded ... to submit their interests to the management and disposal of one third," he wrote, adding: "We forget how much good may be prevented, and how much ill may be produced, by the power of hindering the doing what may be necessary."

The situation Hamilton reviled isn't so different from the modern Senate, where 60 out of 100 votes must be mustered to pass any legislation of consequence. Which means about two-thirds has been forced to submit to the



Joel Mathis

management of one-third.

Elsewhere in the Federalist, James Madison wrote against another filibuster-like trick to block legislation: Congressmen simply didn't

show up for votes they didn't like, preventing a quorum to pass legislation. Madison hated the idea of that technique: "It would be no longer the majority that would rule: the power would be transferred to the minority," he wrote. But that is precisely what happens in the Senate.

The proposed reforms wouldn't end the filibuster, but filibustering would be harder. Senators would actually have to show up, give speeches and make votes to block legislation. They'd have to do their job, in other words. That's not unreasonable.

It wouldn't be unreasonable, in fact, to ban filibusters outright but that won't happen. Just remember: The Founders would have hated the filibuster. They were right.

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Republicans are fighting vigorously to maintain the filibuster as a check on a liberal Senate majority. Maybe this is the wrong fight to pick.

A few years ago, Republicans argued that a minority of Democrats exploited the filibuster to block President George W. Bush's judicial nominations. Some conservative legal scholars even made a compelling case that the Democrats' judicial filibusters were flatly unconstitutional. After all, the Constitution gives the Senate the power of "advice and consent." But in the past decade "advice and consent" has hardened into a posture of "obstruct and delay."

The Republicans were correct when they threatened to use the "nuclear option" against the Democrats and change Senate rules that make the filibuster a cheap and easy tactic of obstruction. Today, the filibuster is a monster. It shouldn't matter who's in charge.

Not that it hasn't been pleasing to watch McConnell expose Reid as a rank hypocrite over the past week. McConnell, who is no slouch when it comes to exploiting Senate rules, has been reading Reid's formerly pious defenses of the filibuster into the record.

The Senate is supposed to be a



Ben Boychuk

more collegial body than the House of Representatives, where simple majority rule prevails. And goodness knows, rules are important. But rules are also made to be broken, especially

when the rules no longer make sense.

Conservatives may balk at ending the filibuster. Think of the insane bills Reid and the Democrats could usher along. Imagine the terrible judges they could confirm to lifetime appointments on the federal appellate courts.

That's true. But Democrats would no longer be able to blame Republicans for obstructing their agenda. Instead, they would be compelled to defend their liberal voting records.

Reid apparently believes, against all reason, experience and good sense, that Republicans will never again have a majority in the Senate. Grant the Democrats their wish, end the filibuster and let them take the consequences.

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Tribland five-day forecast

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High: 62 Low: 35
Wind: West 10
Clear tonight.



SUNNY SUNDAY

High: 67 Low: 41
Wind: South 10
Record or near-record
highs expected.



SUNNY MONDAY

High: 59 Low: 30
Clear Monday night.



SUNNY TUESDAY

High: 55 Low: 32
Mostly clear Tuesday
night.



SUNNY WEDNESDAY

High: 57 Low: 35
Partly cloudy Wednesday
night.

Husband jogs fashion memories

Walked in the house the other day with my newest purchase from the department store, ready to show it off to my other half.

"I'll get a lot of use out of this outfit this winter," I said proudly holding it up for what I knew would be his enthusiastic response.

Granted, I had a sip of wine before I brought it out of the fancy bag and for a senior moment thought I was showing my purchase to one of our daughters.

"I can wear it to church, out to dinner, shopping — it will be perfect for just about everywhere," I said.

"It's a jogging suit," he said.

That statement took me back to the 1980s when the so-called fashionable jogging suit first invaded America. I still remember the first time I saw one. A little old gray-haired woman was wearing this passionate purple jogging suit while changing the oil in her Trans Am.

I bought one in bright pink a short time later but never wore it outdoors except to take out the garbage. That jogging suit made me feel as if I was wearing my pajamas. Unlike today when men and women are seen wearing this attire on a daily basis at Walmart and other public places, pajamas were relegated to the bedroom or the living room couch on a sick day.

Even back then, I had a sense that the jogging suit was destined to become a respected fashion icon in my life. After all, no tight waistband; no binding in the derrière; just simple, forgiving but stylish comfort.

"This is not a jogging suit," I replied to my spouse while feeling the luxurious silk collar and cuffs of subtle silver. "This is a viable and suitable piece of clothing that can be worn just about anywhere.

"Except for jogging," I added. "It's far too expensive."



Joyce Ore

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JUDGE TOSSES WRONGFUL DEATH SUIT AGAINST POLICE

LINCOLN — A judge has ruled against a Nebraska man who filed a wrongful death lawsuit against Lincoln police over his brother's 2009 shooting death. Lancaster County Judge Jodi Nelson dismissed the case this week.

Patrick Russell sued the department, two unnamed officers, and then-police chief Tom Casady for the death of his brother, Earl Russell. Earl Russell was fatally shot in March 2009, after he pulled a knife on police while they were trying to arrest him. He was wanted because he hadn't returned to a prison work-release program the night before.

A grand jury and an internal investigation later cleared the officers of wrongdoing.

KERREY APPOINTED TO TENET HEALTHCARE BOARD

OMAHA — Less than a month after losing his bid to become U.S. senator for Nebraska, Bob Kerrey has been appointed to the board of hospital operator Tenet Healthcare Corp.

Dallas-based Tenet announced Kerrey's appointment Friday in a news release.

Kerrey, a former Nebraska governor and two-term U.S. senator, joins the board as an independent director and will serve on the audit and compensation committees. He previously served on Tenet's board from March 2001 until March 2012. He gave up that board position when he announced his candidacy for Nebraska's open U.S. Senate seat.

The Associated Press

INHERITANCE TAX

Lawmakers hunt for alternatives

GRANT SCHULTE

The Associated Press

LINCOLN — Nebraska lawmakers are looking for ways to replace the revenue that counties would lose if the state's inheritance tax was repealed.

The push comes amid pressure from Gov. Dave Heineman to eliminate the tax, which counties use to pay for road maintenance and other services. The Republican governor claims the inheritance tax makes Nebraska less attractive to businesses and residents. He proposed a measure to repeal it during this year's legislative session, but it was stripped from a larger tax cut package after counties protested the loss of revenue.

Bellevue Sen. Abbie Cornett said Friday that legislative staffers and county officials have discussed a

variety of options, including direct funding from the state and the use of Nebraska's motor vehicle tax to make up the difference. But the motor vehicle tax currently goes to cities, counties and schools, and giving more to counties would likely require lawmakers to take money from schools. That in turn would trigger an increase in state aid under the school-funding formula.

"It is a very delicate balance," Cornett said. "A finite amount of money is needed to run a state, a city, a county. The question is, how do we finance those?"

Cornett said having the state send money directly to counties would be "the most direct, simple solution." But such a proposal could make counties nervous, as Nebraska cut funding last year to local governments.

The Revenue Committee chairwoman said lawmakers could also eliminate the limits on counties' ability to levy taxes, although such an idea would not likely pass.

Nebraska is one of seven states that impose an inheritance tax. Anyone who inherits money or property from a Nebraska resident pays the tax, and the rates and exemptions vary based on how they're related. Parents, grandparents, siblings and children pay nothing on the first \$40,000 of value, but are then subject to a 1 percent tax.

More distant relatives, such as nephews and nieces, receive a \$15,000 exemption and then must pay 13 percent. Other beneficiaries qualify for a \$10,000 exemption and are then taxed at 18 percent. Spouses pay nothing. Nor do

churches, charities and other tax-exempt groups.

The Open Sky Policy Institute, a Nebraska tax policy think tank, said in a report Friday that eliminating the inheritance tax would force counties to cut services, raise property taxes or drain their reserves. Renee Fry, the group's executive director, said Nebraska should keep the inheritance tax while looking at its broader tax structure, which she described as outdated.

Nebraska counties have collected an average of \$43 million annually over the past three years, according to the report. Counties use the revenue differently, with some spending it on roads, administering elections and emergency services. Others place the money in rainy day funds or use it to keep property taxes down.



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Kate Amyot (right) takes notes as Karen Huynh (left) reads her argument during debate practice Thursday at Hastings High.

The policy of debate

HHS TEAM TAKES ON NEW FORM OF COMPETITION

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When a member of the Hastings High debate team wanted to take on policy debate last year, coach Delta Fajardo-Norton was hesitant at first.

That's because the unique and intense form of debate requires the debaters to talk really fast, to the point of almost being impossible to understand by most people, in order to get out all of the important information.

"I personally do not find a communication value to it," Fajardo-Norton said of speed talking. "If you're presenting in public, obviously people don't talk that fast unless you want to be an auctioneer."

In policy debate, two teams will advocate for or against a resolution that typically calls for policy change by the U.S. government.

Fajardo-Norton said that while she doesn't see the value in talking fast, in the year her first two debaters took on policy she came to respect the competition.

"I have learned so much about transportation infrastructure that I never knew before," she said. "And I actually find it valuable because it connects to so many things."

Mass transit or more specifically the transportation system in the U.S. and the involvement of the federal government is the policy topic for the 2012-13 competition year.

Senior Kate Amyot, the debater who first brought policy to the HHS team, said the broadness of the debate topics and the wide variety of arguments that can be made on those topics is partly what drew her to it.

She was first introduced to policy debate her sophomore year by a competitor from another school who told her about it.

He told her how broad the topics were, how debaters would talk about almost anything and how free it was from the other forms of debate.

"All of those things are true, but he forgot to mention that there is a giant load of work that comes along with it and the huge totes," Amyot said.

The totes are literally plastic totes that hold folders full of information required for both the affirmative and negative sides of the debate.

The information, which the students have to find and read, includes all of the congressional research reports, legislative bills and other documents and studies on the specified topic.

Fajardo-Norton knew little about policy debate when Amyot approached her about it two years ago. In fact, it's been about 10 years since HHS had a policy debate team.

So, Amyot and fellow debater Rachel Stroebel attended the Nebraska Debate Institute in summer 2011 where they spent a grueling week learning the ins and outs of policy debate.

"We were there for 12 hours that first day," Stroebel said. "Then we'd go home with homework to highlight and there they had stuff printed out for us already. We probably got three hours of sleep a night, if that — probably less."

After that week, the two girls weren't so sure they wanted to pursue the challenge of policy debate. In the end, they decided to take it on and are glad they did.

"There is a lot of work but once you go through a round, it's very interesting to learn about and we made friends with the other teams and just had fun with it," Stroebel said.

After watching Stroebel and Amyot struggle their first year,

Fajardo-Norton decided to bring in some help this year in the form of a policy coach.

She contacted Hastings College and was put in touch with Theron Harrison, a college freshman who competed in policy debate at the National Speech and Debate Tournament two years in a row.

Just a year older than some of the students he's coaching, Harrison said he enjoys the challenge of coaching and said he believes it's actually easier than debating.

"You're giving the debaters the tools they need to win and you get mad at them for not doing what you say, but debating is the harder part," he said.

Harrison said he's proud with how hard the HHS debaters have worked to learn policy in such a short time with no background knowledge to work with.

"They worked hard and they basically caught on to everything I was teaching them," he said. "They make my job easy. You don't always have debaters who work as hard as they do. It's not always easy to coach debaters."

Amyot and Stroebel, who debate together, said they haven't had the success they've hoped for in the first few competitions of this season while their counterparts, the novice team of junior Karen Huynh and senior Sierra Edmisten are currently undefeated.

In the first meet of the season at Lincoln Southwest, the team of Huynh and Edmisten went 5-0 beating Millard West in the championship round. At the Nov. 10 competition in Norfolk, that same team earned the first- and second-place speaker awards and was the team champion in Novice Policy.

The debate season runs November through late March. The Hastings High debate team also competes in Lincoln-Douglas, Congress and public forum.

Judge halts pardons meeting

The Associated Press

OMAHA — Fourteen prison inmates serving life for crimes they committed as juveniles won a court order Friday to stop the Nebraska Board of Pardons from commuting their sentences next week, meaning the inmates' lawsuit can proceed in court.

The Pardons Board announced earlier this month that it would hold hearings on Monday and Wednesday to consider commuting the life sentences of more than two dozen inmates convicted as juveniles. Douglas County Judge Thomas Otepka ruled Friday to halt the board's hearings.

The prisoners fear the board's planned action is designed to subvert a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling that threw out mandatory life without parole sentences for juveniles. And on Thursday, Public Defender Tom Riley filed a lawsuit on behalf of 14 of the inmates.

Riley believes the Pardons Board — made up of Gov. Dave Heineman, Nebraska Attorney General Jon Bruning and Secretary of State John Gale — plans to commute the sentences to no less than 50 years each.

Kearney woman waives prelim in robbery case

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Tova R. Holen, one of the three Kearney residents charged with conspiring to rob a 25-year-old Hastings man, waived her preliminary hearing in Adams County Court Friday.

Cory W. Erickson, 21, Brian R. Faling, 23, and Holen, 20, each were charged Oct. 23 with conspiracy to commit robbery.

Faling and Holen also were charged with aiding and abetting robbery.

According to the arrest affidavit, the three planned to rob Christopher Cherry because Cherry had tried to set up Faling with an undercover officer to purchase drugs.

On Feb. 21, Faling and Holen reportedly lured Cherry outside of his apartment at 600 N. Hastings Ave. to smoke cigarettes. While outside, a bandana-wearing Erickson stepped out of a hiding place nearby and struck Cherry in the face with a baseball bat.

Erickson allegedly used a knife to direct the three back into Cherry's apartment and Erickson started taking items, including a game console and tablet computer.

Faling told Cherry he couldn't call the police because he was on probation in Buffalo County and wasn't supposed to be in Hastings. He and Holen left, and Cherry called for an ambulance a few minutes later.

Erickson's preliminary hearing has been scheduled for Wednesday at 8 a.m. Faling's preliminary hearing is set for Tuesday at 8 a.m.

Since she waived her preliminary hearing, Holen's case has been bound over to Adams County District Court. Adams County Clerk Magistrate Tom Hawes reduced Holen's bond from \$50,000 to \$5,000 Friday with the condition she have no contact with Ericson, Faling and Cherry.

Robbery, conspiracy, aiding and abetting robbery, first-degree assault and use of a deadly weapon in a felony are each a Class 2 felony punishable by up to 50 years in prison. Terroristic threats is a Class 4 felony punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Defense: Hagel among names under consideration

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The top names under consideration for defense secretary are former Republican Sen. Chuck Hagel of Nebraska, former top Pentagon official Michele Flournoy, Deputy Defense Secretary Ashton Carter and Democratic Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts. Among those, Kerry is seen as desiring the secretary of state's job more.

While Obama has made no final decisions on Cabinet vacancies, announcements could come as soon as next week.

Defense Secretary Leon Panetta has made clear he did not intend to stay for a second term but he has never publicly discussed the timing of his departure, widely thought to be down the road in 2013. Yet Obama's thinking on Panetta's replacement has quietly advanced, aided by a strong list of candidates, officials said.

One senior U.S. official said Panetta is expected to stay on the job at least through the Jan 21 inauguration ceremony for Obama, another sign that the president is close to naming a new defense chief. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss internal White House thinking.

Far more political attention has centered on the chief diplomatic job of secretary of state.

Obama is believed almost certain to pick Kerry or U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice, with Obama's considerations of his choice so closely held that even members of his innermost circle are asking each other which way he may go. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton has long announced her plans to leave and hopes to do so soon.

The White House is considering packaging the state and defense choices with the flourish of a unified announcement, if the pieces come together. The president wants to choose nominees not just on their merits, the officials said, but on how well their styles and philosophy mesh with other members of the Cabinet who will hold overlapping portfolios.

That is particularly true for the leaders of state and defense. They are the top faces of his security apparatus, the leaders who bracket Obama at Cabinet meetings, the ones central to an integrated approach toward coping with international crises. Officials close to Obama said a joint announcement could present a stronger message.



Doniphan-Trumbull seventh- and eighth-grade students made this quilt for the Blue Hill Community School following the Sept. 5 semitrailer-school bus collision southeast of Blue Hill.

Quilt unites schools

DONIPHAN-TRUMBULL
STUDENT COMES UP WITH
IDEA TO SUPPORT BLUE HILL
FOLLOWING TRAGIC CRASH

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When he heard about the Sept. 5 school bus-semi-trailer collision southeast of Blue Hill that killed four people and injured five others, Kaleb Pfeifer wanted to help.

The Doniphan-Trumbull seventh-grader proposed to his technology class teacher, media specialist Melissa Sears, that the class make a quilt for Blue Hill students.

"It was just something I wanted to do because at first we were going to make ... it to hang in our library because we already have one and I thought it would be fun for the whole class to make one," he said. "Then, when I heard about the accident, I asked my teacher if we could make one for Blue Hill, so Blue Hill knows we're caring for them."

Kaleb was one of 16 D-T middle school students who made quilt blocks. Three D-T teachers made blocks, too.

"I thought it was really fun just making it and having the feeling of helping others, cheering other people up," he said.

The 35 quilt blocks included everything from a drawing of Michael Jordan dunking a basketball and the message "Give it your all" to other encouraging messages such as "Pain will always be

"It was a very generous and kind act. The kids still are really excited about it. When they walk into the library, it's a great reminder of how people care about them."

- Lynn Koegh, Blue Hill teacher

there, Friends will too!"

Sears said students were "extremely motivated" to make blocks for the quilt. She was impressed with Kaleb's idea.

"I thought it was an amazing idea," she said. "To be that age and be supportive of another district and another community, yeah, I thought that was awesome."

Sears' paraeducator, Cori Reeder, assembled the quilt once all of the blocks were done.

"She's really talented," Kaleb said. "Without her help, our class couldn't have done it."

D-T students and teachers worked on the quilt through October into November. A few weeks ago, Doniphan-Trumbull teacher Abby Ott gave the quilt to Blue Hill reading teacher Lynn Koegh, who lives in Trumbull.

Koegh hung the quilt in the Blue Hill Elementary School library where she teaches reading classes for fourth-through sixth-grade students.

"It was a very generous and kind act," Koegh said. "The kids still are really excit-

ed about it. When they walk into the library, it's a great reminder of how people care about them."

Sears said she thought the quilt represented a growing relationship between the two schools' communities.

The D-T football team played the Blue Hill football team in Blue Hill two days after the crash. D-T cheerleaders handed out blue ribbons to fans at the game.

A large block in the center of the quilt depicts a blue ribbon.

"I think it was almost like fate that we were to play them right after that," Sears said. "We're similar-sized communities, so we kind of understand each others' school communities."

Blue Hill fifth- and sixth-graders wrote letters to the D-T middle school students to express their thanks for the quilt.

Those letters arrived Tuesday.

"We were very moved by the letters," Sears said. "They were extremely well written and personal. We kind of expected maybe one letter that everybody had signed. So, it was kind of incredible they had that many different thank yous from all the kids in fifth and sixth grade."

Kaleb, who was one of the first people to look through the letters, said he was blown away by the gratitude the Blue Hill students expressed.

"I really liked them," he said of the letters. "That just amazed me from how much they sent. I really appreciated it."

There were too many letters to count, he said.

"One of them said, 'A lot of us are still going through hard times, but the quilt you made is helping us through it,'" Kaleb said.

Local

STUDENTS
OF THE WEEK

The following schools have named their students of the week

Hastings Middle School
◆ Nathan Morlang, Team 6A;
Ricky Francis, 6B; Alex Aldrich, Team 7A; Amanda Stramel, Team 7B; Jewlyan Dettman, Team 8A; Austin Seamann, Team 8B

Adams Central Junior High School
◆ Kento Warner, Kati Jurens, Erika Rhodes

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Monday

◆ 700 block North Lincoln Avenue 9:30 a.m.
◆ 1500 block North Kansas Avenue 9:40-10
◆ 900 block North St. Joseph Avenue 10-10:15
◆ 100 block East 12th Street 10:20-10:35
◆ 100 block East Ninth Street 10:40-11
◆ PAC2 Daycare 1:15-1:30 p.m.
◆ 400 block Garfield Avenue. 1:50-2
◆ 100 block Paul Street 2:10-2:25
◆ 820 South Pine Avenue 2:30

Tuesday

◆ Silver Lake Elementary in Bladen 9:30-11:45 a.m.
◆ AC Juniata Elementary 1:15-3:30 p.m.

Wednesday

◆ Building Blocks Daycare 9:10-9:25 a.m.
◆ 3600 block West Seventh Street 9:35-9:55
◆ St. Michael's School 10-11
◆ AC Wallace Elementary 1-3:30 p.m.

Thursday

◆ Children's Ark 9:15-10:05 a.m.
◆ YMCA Preschool 10:15-10:45
◆ Crosier Park 10:55-11:20
◆ 1100 Block Highland Drive 11:30-11:50
◆ Zion Lutheran School 1:15-2:15 p.m.
◆ HPS Morton Elementary Preschool 2:30-2:45
◆ 500 Block Oswego Avenue 2:50

State

MAN HIT BY TRAIN
DIES

GERING — Authorities say a 31-year-old man has died after being hit by a train here.

Scotts Bluff County Attorney Doug Warner identified the victim of Thursday's accident as Brendan Pratt. Warner says Pratt was an area resident but didn't have a permanent address.

The Associated Press

Markets

Friday's closing
local markets

Corn	7.43
Soybeans	13.97
Milo	7.06
Wheat	8.52

Stocks of local interest

The following stocks of local interest were traded today:

	Last	Chg.
Berkshire Hathaway A	131.916	+41.00
Berkshire Hathaway B	88.08	+1.11
ConAgra	29.86	+26
Eaton Corp.	52.16	+17
Ingersoll Rand	48.78	+11
Level 3	18.86	+05
McDonald's	87.04	+55
PepsiCo	70.21	-10
Tricon Global Restaurants	67.08	-7.39
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LOTTERY
SETTLEMENT

SEARCY, Ark. — A defense attorney says a settlement has been reached in a lawsuit over who owns a winning \$1 million scratch-off ticket that an Arkansas woman pulled from the trash.

Jury selection was to begin Friday in White County over who should keep the winnings from the “Diamond Dazzler” ticket that Sharon Duncan bought. Duncan says she threw away the ticket at a convenience store after a scanner said it wasn’t a winner.

Sharon Jones pulled the ticket from the trash and claimed the jackpot.

Jones’ attorney Jimmy Simpson says a settlement was reached Friday. Simpson said the terms of the settlement are confidential and sealed but that Jones is pleased with the outcome.

An attorney representing Duncan and other plaintiffs in the suit declined to comment.

No INJURIES IN
SOCIAL SECURITY
OFFICE BLAST

CASA GRANDE, Ariz. — Authorities are investigating a small explosion that happened at the back entrance of a Social Security Administration office in a small town about 50 miles south of Phoenix.

The explosion was reported just before 8:30 a.m. Friday and no one was injured, Casa Grande Fire Marshal Barbara Rice said.

Television images show the building was blackened around the entry door, but Rice said the damage was not extensive.

The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives sent investigators to the scene. ATF spokesman Tom Mangan said the FBI had taken over the investigation and referred questions to that agency.

Calls to the FBI and Casa Grande police were not immediately returned.

TENNIS REFEREE
MURDER CASE
DISMISSED

LOS ANGELES — The arrest of an aging tennis referee in her husband’s death was a shocker last summer. On Friday, the case took another surprise twist when prosecutors dropped the murder case against Lois Goodman.

The case was dismissed by Superior Court Judge Jessica Silvers due to insufficient evidence and without prejudice.

“I feel I’m being treated fairly now. It was just a terrible accident,” Goodman, 70, said outside court.

A dismissal without prejudice means the case could be refiled, but defense attorney Alison Triessl believes it’s over.

“We’re elated,” Triessl said. “This has been a living hell for her. Justice has been served. She did not do this.”

GOLD HEIST
WILLEMSTAD, Curacao

— Armed men dressed as police boarded a fishing boat Friday in Curacao and stole about 70 gold bars worth an estimated \$11.5 million, police in the southern Caribbean island said.

The boat’s captain was struck in the head in the early-morning assault before the thieves made off with the gold in three cars, police spokesman Reggie Huggins said. Authorities believe there were six men involved in the heist. No suspects are in custody.

The captain and three crew members were from Guyana, he said.

The Associated Press

Missouri couple
wins \$588 million
Powerball prize

MARIA SUDEKUM
The Associated Press

DEARBORN, Mo. — Cindy Hill, a laid-off office manager who lives in a small town in Missouri, called her husband Thursday with urgent news that would change everything: “We won the lottery.”

“What?” he asked.

“We won the lottery,” she repeated. But Mark Hill, a 52-year-old mechanic who works at a meat processing plant, is the kind of person who carefully checks the prices for everything he buys, and he needed proof. This is the “Show-Me State” after all.

He drove to his mother’s house, where his wife was waiting with their quick-pick ticket, and confirmed for himself that the numbers matched those drawn for a record \$588 million Powerball jackpot that they’ll share with an unknown winner who bought a ticket in Arizona.

Missouri lottery officials officially introduced the Hills as winners Friday in front of reporters and townspeople gathered at the high school in Dearborn, which is about 40 miles north of Kansas City. The announcement was not a surprise. The Hills’ name began circulating Thursday, soon after lottery officials said a winning ticket had been sold at a Trex

Mart gas station and convenience store on the edge of town.

The Hills chose to take their winnings in a lump sum, not annual payments. Lottery officials estimated the cash payment at about \$385 million, or about \$192.5 million for each ticket.

The oversized novelty check handed to the Hills on Friday was written in the amount of \$293,750,000, but Missouri Lottery spokeswoman Susan Goedde said that after taxes, they will receive about \$136.5 million.

“We’re still stunned by what’s happened,” said Cindy Hill, 51, who was laid off in June 2010. “It’s surreal.”

The couple have three grown sons and a 6-year-old daughter they adopted from China five years ago. They said they are now considering a second adoption with their winnings, and they plan to help other relatives, including their grandchildren and nieces and nephews, pay for college. They’re planning vacations, and their daughter, Jaiden, wants a pony. Mark Hill has his eye on a red Camaro.

More immediately, they’re preparing for “a pretty good Christmas” and anticipating an onslaught of requests for financial help.

The jackpot was the second-largest in U.S. history and set off a nationwide buying frenzy.



ORLIN WAGNER/AP

Cindy and Mark Hill hold a check for having one of two winning Powerball tickets during an announcement in Dearborn, Mo., Friday.



J PAT CARTER/AP

Joe Wasilewski works with his captured Nile crocodile, caught near his Homestead, Fla., home, Wednesday. State wildlife officials have given their agents a rare order to shoot to kill in the hunt for a young and potentially dangerous Nile crocodile loose near Miami.

Nile crocodile hunted near
Miami as potential danger

KELLI KENNEDY
AND SUZETTE LABOY
The Associated Press

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — State wildlife officials have given their agents a rare order to shoot to kill in the hunt for a young and potentially dangerous Nile crocodile loose near Miami.

The Nile crocodile, which hails from Africa, can jump higher, run faster and grow to nearly 20-feet, several feet larger than its American cousin, and has a nastier temperament. And while the American crocodile stays near saltwater like mangroves and estuaries, the Nile crocodile prefers freshwater, making it more likely to come in contact with humans and domestic animals.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission officials said they know of only one Nile croc on the loose, but experts said at least two others have been caught in the same area. The commission is investigating where the croc came from, although it likely escaped from a facility or a local breeder, probably as a hatchling.

“They get big. They’re vicious. The animals are just more aggressive and they learn that humans are easy targets,” said Joe Wasilewski, a reptile expert and veteran wrangler. The American croc “is a gentle animal, believe it or not. That’s their nature. They’re more fish eaters. They don’t consider humans a prey source.”

But the Nile croc currently at large is only a little over three feet long, not dangerous yet. Still, federal wildlife officials have dispatched a team to kill the animal before it becomes a problem. Wildlife officials have tried to capture it with a noose or harpoon, but now realize their only chance to kill it will likely be with a rifle, said FWC nonnative wildlife biologist Jenny Eckles. Only FWC agents are authorized to kill it. If it is caught alive, it will be euthanized.

It’s a proactive step in a state plagued by exotic non-native species like the Burmese python, which has overrun the Everglades and upset the delicate ecosystem. Florida has more invasive amphibians and reptiles than anywhere else in the world, according to a University of Florida study.

No experts believe the Nile crocodile is the next Burmese python, but the python population, which some experts say has grown too big to eliminate, has made them cautious.

“If we don’t want to have another Burmese python problem the term is ‘early detection and rapid response’ and that’s what we’re doing here,” said Frank Mazzotti, a University of Florida professor of wildlife ecology.

His team has spent more than 1,000 hours and endless nights searching by boats and on foot in the canal where the croc was last seen.

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December 3rd, 7-8 p.m.
Morrison Cancer Center

Those involved in cancer treatment, recovery and survivors, along with their families, join together to provide support and encouragement to others.

NAMI - FORSE
December 7th, 7-9 p.m., MSB
This organization provides support and education regarding brain diseases.

Stroke of Luck & TBI
January 1, 2013, 3:30 p.m., MSB
This group supports stroke survivors and their families, plus individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury and their families, by providing helpful information and comfort. Group members share experiences while working toward understanding and support for one another.

NAMI Family to Family
December 4th, 7-9 p.m., MSB
Free education and support for families and friends of individuals with brain disorders (mental illness).

Alzheimer's Information Session
December 10th, 7-8 p.m., MSB
Family and caregivers receive support and information about Alzheimer’s disease and other dementia. Sponsored by the Alzheimer’s Association and Mary Lanning.

Multiple Sclerosis Support
December 11th, 7:30 p.m., MSB
A support group that brings together those living with MS, family members and others in our community and region also dealing with this disease. For information, call 402-461-3241.

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Palestinians wave Palestinian flags as they watch the U.N. General Assembly vote on a resolution to upgrade the status of the Palestinian Authority to a nonmember observer state in the West Bank city of Ramallah Thursday.

MAJDI MOHAMMED/AP

Israel OKs construction in West Bank

ARON HELLER AND KARIN LAUB
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel on Friday approved the construction of 3,000 homes in Jewish settlements on Israeli-occupied lands, a government official said, drawing swift condemnation from the Palestinians a day after their successful U.N. recognition bid.

The Palestinians reiterated their refusal to resume negotiations with Israel while building continues. With Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu apparently poised for reelection to another four-year term and insisting that any negotiations begin without preconditions, prospects for

an Israeli-Palestinian partition deal appear to be going into deep freeze. The United Nations voted overwhelmingly to accept a Palestinian state in the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem as a non-member observer state on Thursday, setting off jubilant celebrations among Palestinians. Israel fiercely objected to the U.N. upgrade, saying Palestinian statehood could only come from direct negotiations and unilateral moves would harm that prospect. The Palestinians said the U.N. recognition of a Palestinian state in the territories captured by Israel in the 1967 Mideast war was an attempt to salvage a possible peace deal.



ROBERT F. BUKATY/AP

In this July 2007 file photo a young lobster is seen on Friendship Long Island, Maine. Scientists have now figured out where the growth rings are to determine the age of a lobster. Researchers found that growth rings are found in the eyestalk — a stalk with an eyeball on the end connected to the body of lobsters, crabs and shrimp.

Like a tree, growth rings show a lobster's age

CLARKE CANFIELD
The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine — For the first time, scientists have figured out how to determine the age of a lobster — by counting its rings, like a tree. Nobody knows how old lobsters can live to be; some people estimate they live to more than 100.

But knowing — rather than simply guessing — their age and that of other shellfish could help scientists better understand the population and assist regulators of the lucrative industry, said Raouf Kilada, a research associate at the University of New Brunswick who was the lead author of a scientific paper documenting the process.

Before now, scientists deduced a lobster's age judging by size and other variables. But it's now known that lobsters and other crustaceans, such as crabs and shrimp, grow one ring per year in hidden-away internal spots, Kilada said.

"Having the age information for any commercial species will

definitely improve the stock assessment and ensure sustainability," he said after presenting his findings Thursday at a scientific conference in Portland. Scientists already could tell a fish's age by counting the growth rings found in a bony part of its inner ear, a shark's age from the rings in its vertebrae and a scallop or clam's age from the rings of its shell.

But crustaceans posed a problem because of the apparent absence of any permanent growth structures. It was thought that when lobsters and other crustaceans molt, they shed all calcified body parts that might record annual growth bands.

For their research, Kilada and five other Canadian researchers took a closer look at lobsters, snow crabs, northern shrimp and sculptured shrimp.

They found that growth rings, in fact, could be found in the eyestalk — a stalk connected to the body with an eyeball on the end — of lobsters, crabs and shrimp.

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Results of Friday night's Pac-12 championship and MAC championship.

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HASTINGS TRIBUNE
Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012

Huskers hoping for title luck against Badgers



NATI HARNIK/AP

In this Sept. 29 file photo, Wisconsin head coach Bret Bielema (left) and Nebraska head coach Bo Pelini chat prior to their game in Lincoln.

MICHAEL MAROT
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Nebraska's Will Compton may never forget the agonizing details of his first two conference championship game.

A third one could finally put those nightmares to rest.

On Saturday night at Lucas Oil Stadium, No. 14 Nebraska will rely on some of the lessons from losses in the 2009 and 2010 Big 12 title games as they try to claim their first Big Ten crown.

"We've been there a couple times and we've even tasted winning a championship because we ran out there the first time against Texas before we got that called back. So we've tasted the winning," Compton said. "We've got to do everything necessary to not be in those positions again and get it done this year." Despite being one of only seven

Big Ten championship

**No. 14 Nebraska (10-2, 7-1)
vs. Wisconsin (7-5, 4-4)**

- ◆ Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis
- ◆ 7:17 p.m. today
- ◆ TV: Fox
- ◆ Radio: Husker Sports Network

schools with 800 wins (856), appearing in 34 consecutive bowl games from 1971 to 2003 and winning 43 conference championships, the Cornhuskers (10-2, 7-1) haven't claimed a conference crown since 1999.

It's not been for lack of effort.

In 2009 against Texas, Nebraska started celebrating when Colt McCoy's errant pass sailed out of bounds as time expired. After a replay review, the offi-

cials added 1 second to the clock — enough time for Hunter Lawrence to make a 46-yard field goal as time expired again, sending the unbeaten Longhorns into the national championship game with a 13-12 victory.

A year later, Nebraska was back. This time, it jumped to a 17-0 second-quarter lead against longtime rival Oklahoma, surrendered the lead before halftime, got the lead back on a 42-yard field goal with 8 seconds left in the half, and then got shut out in the second half. Oklahoma hung on for a 23-20 victory in Nebraska's final Big 12 game, preventing the Huskers from reaching a BCS bowl.

So when this week began, Compton and the upperclassmen didn't need any reminders about championship games past.

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Hastings falls in national quarterfinals

TOP-RANKED CONCORDIA (CALIF.) TOO MUCH FOR NO. 8 BRONCOS

HASTINGS TRIBUNE
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SIoux CITY, Iowa — The Hastings College volleyball team reached the round of eight at the NAIA national tournament, but fell to No. 1 Concordia (Calif.) 25-19, 25-14, 25-19 Friday night at the Tyson Events Center.

Earlier in the day, the No. 8 Broncos knocked off No. 9 Lee (Tenn.) 15-25, 25-23, 25-17, 25-20 to advance.

That early win came in the middle of a wild 24-hour span for the team. The night before, HC survived a tiebreaker tournament that went past 11:30 p.m. The Broncos and Lee then played at 10 a.m. Friday.

After a long night that included ice baths and little sleep, according to coach Matt Buttermore, Hastings College had a steep challenge in its morning match.

The Broncos dropped the first set after falling behind early to the Flames by as much as nine points. But then the team steadily improved, especially on the offensive end. The Broncos had attack percentages of .424, .226 and .281 in the last three sets en route to the victory.

"I think we responded well in the first match. I thought we'd have to work into that first set, and honestly I'm a little disappointed we lost it. Because of the turnaround, we were a little flat," Buttermore said. "I was happy we got going a little bit and things started to roll in set two. After such a late night, to come out and beat such a good team was pretty cool to watch."

Kendra Schwein led HC with 21 kills against Lee, while Kirsten Nickel provided 12. Haley Beardsley had 42 of the team's 43 assists, while Jessica Osterhaus — a Sutton graduate — led with five blocks.

Please see HC/page B2

Huskers top UNI, advance to Omaha

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LINCOLN — The fourth-seeded Nebraska volleyball team closed out Northern Iowa in a 25-21, 25-16, 25-21 sweep on Friday night at the NU Coliseum to punch its ticket to the Omaha Regional next weekend. Nebraska has now advanced to the Sweet 16 in 29 of their 31 all-time trips to the postseason.

The Huskers (25-6) recorded their fourth sweep in the last five matches in front of 4,184 fans in attendance for Nebraska's final match at the Coliseum.

Morgan Broekhuis led the Huskers on the night with 10 kills on 16 swings for a .625 hitting percentage. Gina Mancuso and Hannah Werth each had nine kills, while Hayley Thrasher recorded eight. Meghan Haggerty notched a career-high four aces on the night, while Lara Dykstra led Nebraska defensively with 13 digs.

The Huskers hit .371 as a team while holding Northern Iowa to a .191 hitting percentage. NU out-blocked UNI 5-4 and held a 41-38 advantage in team digs.

ALL-TRIBLAND FOOTBALL



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Sutton's Cole Wiseman has been named the 2012 Tribland 11-man football player of the year.

Wiseman helps revive Sutton football

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SUTTON — The Sutton community was blessed with its most successful season since 1989 this season. The Mustangs went a perfect 8-0 in the regular season and powered their way to the Class C-2 title game before falling

to Aquinas Catholic.

Despite ending the year on a loss, the season was a memorable ride for the entire community.

"Everybody was really excited to see good football back at Sutton," Sutton head coach Steve Ramer said. "A lot of the guys who were a part of the '88 team (that won the state championship) and '89 team

(that was runner-up) still live around the area, so they were really into it, offered us a lot of advice and they were really supportive of us, too. This community really got involved and they loved it."

One of the biggest reasons for Sutton's success on the field was the play of quarterback Cole Wiseman. The junior rushed for

1,710 yards and 29 touchdowns in the Mustangs' option offense. Wiseman also threw eight touchdowns and for nearly 700 yards, totaling 2,401 yards of offense. For his efforts in leading his team to the state title game, Wiseman has been named the Tribland 11-man player of the year.

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Findley leaving a legacy

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GILTNER — By now, most people know how successful the Giltner athletic program has been recently. Entering this fall, the Hornets have two state championships in boys basketball to go alongside a runner up trophy in football over the last four years.

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LAURA BEAHM/Tribune

Giltner senior Jake Findley has been named the 2012 Tribland small school player of the year.

Basketball

NBA Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Brooklyn	11	4	.733	—
New York	11	4	.733	—
Philadelphia	10	6	.625	1 1/2
Boston	9	7	.563	2 1/2
Toronto	4	13	.250	8

Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	11	3	.786	—
Atlanta	9	5	.643	2
Charlotte	7	8	.467	4 1/2
Orlando	5	10	.333	6 1/2
Washington	1	13	.071	10

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	7	7	.500	—
Chicago	7	7	.500	—
Indiana	7	8	.467	1/2
Detroit	5	12	.294	3 1/2
Cleveland	4	12	.250	4

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	12	2	.857	—
San Antonio	13	4	.765	1/2
Houston	7	8	.467	5 1/2
Dallas	7	9	.438	6
New Orleans	4	10	.286	8

Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	13	4	.765	—
Utah	9	8	.529	4
Denver	8	8	.500	4 1/2
Minnesota	7	8	.467	5
Portland	6	10	.375	6 1/2

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	9	6	.600	—
L.A. Clippers	9	6	.600	—
L.A. Lakers	7	8	.467	2
Phoenix	7	10	.412	3
Sacramento	4	10	.286	4 1/2

Thursday's Games

Miami 105, San Antonio 100
Golden State 106, Denver 105

Friday's Games

Philadelphia 104, Charlotte 98
Toronto 101, Phoenix 97
Brooklyn 98, Orlando 86
Boston 96, Portland 78
Cleveland 113, Atlanta 111
New York 108, Washington 87
Minnesota 95, Milwaukee 85
Memphis 90, Detroit 78
Oklahoma City 106, Utah 94
Indiana at Sacramento, late
Denver at L.A. Lakers, late

Saturday's Games

Portland at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Brooklyn at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Utah at Houston, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Memphis at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Phoenix at New York, 11 a.m.
Orlando at L.A. Lakers, 6:30 p.m.

Prep boys results

Alma 40, Thunder Ridge, Kan. 37
Amherst 68, Ansley-Litchfield 37
Aquinias 52, Raymond Central 43
Aurora 44, Schuyler 32
Beatrice 58, Omaha Gross Catholic 51
Bennington 38, Nebraska City 49
Burning-Davenport/Shickley 65, Hampton 30
Burwell 74, North Central 39
Clearwater/Orchard 47, CWC 40
Doniphan-Trumbull 72, Blue Hill 35
Dorchester 45, Meridian 27
Elba/North Loup-Scotia 47, Palmer 45, OT
Elkhorn Valley 40, Neligh-Oakdale 30

Falls City 49, Syracuse 30
Garden County 56, Banner County 25
Giltner 64, High Plains Community 29
Grand Island Northwest 80, Central City 21
Howells/Dodge 64, Stanton 23
Johnson County Central 57, Mead 33
Logan View 50, Oakland-Craig 41
Loup City 39, Pleasanton 16
Malcolm 43, Weeping Water 24
McCook 55, Chase County 44
Niobrara/Verdigris 34, Elgin Public/Pope John 29
Norfolk Catholic 63, Madison 39
Norris 67, Plattsmouth 31
North Platte 64, Lincoln High 39
Ogallala 40, Lexington 37
Overton 68, Loomis 33
Paxton 61, Medicine Valley 42
Pender 61, Tekamah-Herman 31
Platteview 56, Fort Calhoun 52
Randolph 39, Osmond 23
Southern Valley 49, Elm Creek 40
Spalding/Spalding Academy 80, Ewing 37
Twin Loup 38, South Loup 27
Wallace 60, Maywood 28
Wayne 62, Battle Creek 39
Wilcox-Hildreth 55, Sumner-Eddyville-Miller 33

Grand Island Central Catholic Tournament

Semifinal
Kearney Catholic 67, Lincoln Lutheran 43
Sandy Creek 44, Wood River 36
Greater Nebraska Tournament
Bellevue West 58, Lincoln East 48
Lincoln Northwest 54, Columbus 40

Hays City Tournament
Semifinal
Kearney 62, DeSoto, Kan. 55

Kimball Tournament
Morrill 51, Southeast, Wyo. 42

LHNE Tip-Off Tournament
Guardian Angels 65, Wisner-Pilger 52
Lutheran High Northeast 57, Emerson-Hubbard 29

Millard West Tournament
Millard West 50, Norfolk 35
Omaha Creighton Prep 49, Lincoln Southeast 41

Prep girls results

Aquinas 44, Raymond Central 24
Arcadia 65, Hayes Center 44
Aurora 55, Schuyler 31
Axtell 43, Bertrand 37
Bancroft-Rosale 80, Omaha Christian Academy 28
Blue Hill 43, Doniphan-Trumbull 30
Clearwater/Orchard 47, CWC 40
Crofton 44, Laurel-Concord 41
Deshler 50, Silver Lake 39
Diller-Obel 46, Humboldt Table Rock-Steinauer 18
Elgin Public/Pope John 50, Niobrara/Verdigris 36
Eustis-Farnam 43, Cambridge 42
Exeter/Milligan 62, Osceola 23
Frankfort, Kan. 44, Pawnee City 33
Garden County 45, Banner County 14
Giltner 64, High Plains Community 29
Gordon/Rushville 59, Hemmington 41
Hampton 70, Burning-Davenport/Shickley 49
Heartland 60, Wilber-Clatonia 25
Hershey 54, Gothenburg 31
Holdrege 68, Adams Central 44
Howells/Dodge 64, Stanton 23
Humphrey 61, Clarkson/Leigh 21
Hyanias 54, Creek Valley 45
Lindsay Holy Family 47, Humphrey St. Francis 20
Loomis 56, Overton 33
Malcolm 33, Weeping Water 29
Maywood 52, Wallace 44
McCook 50, Chase County 31
Mead 47, Johnson County Central 36
Meridian 49, Dorchester 34
Nebraska Christian 43, St. Edward 38
Neligh-Oakdale 44, Elkhorn Valley 17
Norfolk Catholic 42, Madison 24
Norms 68, Plattsmouth 28
North Bend Central 27, Twin River 15
North Central 27, Burwell 23
North Platte St. Patrick's 74, Broken Bow 20
Oakland-Craig 36, Logan View 31
Osmond 68, Randolph 56
Paxton 30, Medicine Valley 15
Perkins County 44, Wray, Colo. 42
Red Cloud 35, Lawrence-Nelson 29
Shady/Rising City 50, Gross County 34
SMC 42, Maxwell 32
South Platte 47, Minatare 28
South Sioux City 57, Omaha Duchesne Academy 48
Southern 50, Palmyra 47, 20T

Sterling 40, Falls City Sacred Heart 36
Sumner-Eddyville-Miller 37, Wilcox-Hildreth 36
Wakefield 42, Allen 38
Wausa 38, Plainview 36
Waverly 47, Elkhorn 24
Wayne 49, Battle Creek 22
Wynot 81, Winside 14

Bayard Tournament

Leyton 52, Bridgeport 39

Early Bird Classic Tournament

Grand Island 46, Omaha Westside 37

Grand Island Central Catholic Tournament

Semifinal
Kearney Catholic 64, Lincoln Lutheran 33
Sandy Creek 51, Wood River 41

Great Nebraska Shootout Tournament

Bellevue West 74, Lincoln East 34

Hays City Tournament

Semifinal
Kearney 41, DeSoto, Kan. 31

Kimball Tournament

Kimball 43, Dundly County-Stratton 41

Millard West Tournament

Lincoln Southeast 74, Omaha Marian 40

Millard West 69, Norfolk 24

Western Conference Tournament

Consolation Semifinal
Gering 48, Scottsbluff 33

Semifinal
Omaha Skutt Catholic 53, Mitchell 32

Sidney 40, Alliance 30

Football

NFL Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	8	3	0	.727	407	244
Miami	5	6	0	.455	211	226
N.Y. Jets	4	7	0	.364	221	290
Buffalo	4	7	0	.364	243	319

South				
	W	L	T	Pct
Houston	10	1	0	.909
Indianapolis	7	4	0	.636
Tennessee	4	7	0	.364
Jacksonville	2	9	0	.182

North				
	W	L	T	Pct
Baltimore	9	2	0	.818
Pittsburgh	6	5	0	.545
Cincinnati	6	5	0	.545
Cleveland	3	8	0	.273

West				
	W	L	T	Pct
Denver	8	3	0	.727
San Diego	4	7	0	.364
Oakland	3	8	0	.273
Kansas City	1	10	0	.091

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	7	4	0	.636	305	226
Washington	5	6	0	.455	295	285
Dallas	5	6	0	.455	242	262
Philadelphia	3	8	0	.273	184	282

South				
	W	L	T	Pct
Atlanta	11	1	0	.917
Tampa Bay	6	5	0	.545
New Orleans	5	7	0	.417
Carolina	3	8	0	.273

North				
	W	L	T	Pct
Chicago	8	3	0	.727
Green Bay	7	4	0	.636
Minnesota	6	5	0	.545
Detroit	4	7	0	.364

West				
	W	L	T	Pct
San Francisco	8	2	1	.773
Seattle	6	5	0	.545
St. Louis	4	6	1	.409
Arizona	4	7	0	.364

Thursday, Nov. 29

Atlanta 23, New Orleans 13

Sunday, Dec. 2

Seattle at Chicago, Noon
Minnesota at Green Bay, Noon

San Francisco at St. Louis, Noon
Carolina at Kansas City, Noon
Houston at Tennessee, Noon
Arizona at N.Y. Jets, Noon
Indianapolis at Detroit, Noon
Jacksonville at Buffalo, Noon
New England at Miami, Noon
Paine Bay at Denver, 3:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Oakland, 3:25 p.m.
Cincinnati at San Diego, 3:25 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 3:25 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 7:20 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 3

N.Y. Giants at Washington, 7:30 p.m.

NCAA Schedule/Results

All Times EST

Friday, Nov. 30

MIDWEST
MAC Championship, N. Illinois 44, Kent St. 37 OT

FAR WEST
Pac-12 Championship, Stanford 27, UCLA 24

Saturday, Dec. 1

EAST
Kansas (1-10) at West Virginia (6-5), 2:30 p.m.
Cincinnati (8-3) at UConn (5-6), 3:30 p.m.

SOUTH
Louisiana-Lafayette (7-4) at FAU (3-8), 3 p.m.
SEC Championship, Alabama (11-1) vs. Georgia (11-1) at Atlanta, 4 p.m.

Pittsburgh (5-9) at South Florida (3-8), 7 p.m.
ACC Championship, Florida (5-9), 10:02 vs. Georgia Tech (6-6) at Charlotte, N.C., 8 p.m.

MIDWEST
Texas (8-3) at Kansas St. (10-1), 8 p.m.
Big Ten Championship, Nebraska (10-2) vs. Wisconsin (7-5) at Indianapolis, 8:15 p.m.

SOUTHWEST
C-USA Championship, UCF at Tulsa, Noon
Oklahoma St. (7-4) at Baylor (6-5), Noon
Oklahoma (9-2) at TCU (7-4), Noon

Middle Tennessee (8-3) at Arkansas St. (8-3), 3 p.m.
New Mexico St. (1-10) at Texas St. (3-8), 4 p.m.

FAR WEST
Nicholls St. (1-9) at Oregon St. (8-3), 2:30 p.m.
Boise St. (9-2) at Nevada (7-4), 3:30 p.m.

South Alabama (2-10) at Hawaii (2-9), 11 p.m.

NAIA

Volleyball National Tournament

at Tyson Events Center
Sioux City, Ia.
Friday, Nov. 30
First Round

No. 8 Hastings (Neb.) def. No. 9 Lee (Tenn.), 3-1 (15-25, 25-23, 25-17, 25-20)

No. 5 MidAmerica Nazarene (Kan.) def. No. 12 College of Idaho, 3-0 (26-24, 25-19, 25-23)

No. 6 Viterbo (Wis.) def. No. 11 Georgetown (Ky.), 3-0 (25-21, 25-16, 25-22, 25-20)

No. 10 Oklahoma Baptist def. No. 7 The Master's (Calif.), 3-1 (27-25, 25-27, 25-22, 25-22)

Quarterfinals
No. 1 Concordia (Calif.) def. No. 8 Hastings (Neb.), 3-0 (25-19, 25-14, 25-19)

No. 4 Bolo (Calif.) def. No. 5 MidAmerica Nazarene (Kan.), 3-1 (25-16, 16-25, 25-23, 25-20)

No. 2 Texas at Brownsville def. No. 10 Oklahoma Baptist, 3-1 (29-27, 25-27, 25-14, 25-18)

No. 3 Columbia def. No. 6 Viterbo (Wis.), 3-1 (25-21, 25-21, 16-25, 25-18)

Transactions

Baseball

American League

BOSTON RED SOX—Named Victor Rodriguez major league assistant hitting coach. Failed to offer RHP Scott Atchison, LHP Rich Hill and OF Ryan Sweeney 2013 contracts.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Failed to offer RHP Anthony Carter and INF Dan Johnson 2013 contracts. Announced RHP Philip Humber was claimed off waivers by Houston.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with RHP Blake Wood on a one-year contract and with RHP Fernando Nieve on a minor league contract. Claimed INF Mike McDade off outright waivers from Toronto.

Failed to offer INF Jack Hannahan, LHP Rafael Perez and LHP Chris Seddon 2013 contracts.

DETROIT TIGERS—Failed to offer LHP Daniel

Schlereth a 2013 contract.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Claimed RHP Philip Humber off waivers from the Chicago White Sox and agreed to terms with him on a one-year contract.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Agreed to terms with 2B Chris Getz on a one-year contract. Sent LHP Ryan Verduzco and C Adam Moore outright to Omaha (PCL).

Failed to offer OF Derrick Robinson a 2013 contract.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with RHP Mariano Rivera on a one-year contract.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Announced RHP Jim Miller was claimed off waivers by the New York Yankees.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Announced OF Scott Cousins was claimed off waivers by the Los Angeles Angels.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Released RHP Brad Bergesen.

ATLANTA BRAVES—Traded RHP Tommy Hanson to the Los Angeles Angels for RHP Jordan Walden.

Claimed RHP David Carpenter off waivers from Boston. Failed to offer RHP Jar-Jar Jimenez and RHP Peter Moylan 2013 contracts.

MIAMI MARLINS—Claimed 1B/OF Joe Mauer off waivers from Baltimore.

NEW YORK METS—Failed to offer OF Andres Torres, RHP Mike Pelfrey and RHP Manny Acosta 2013 contracts.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with C Russell Martin on a two-year contract. Acquired RHP Zach Thorton from Oakland for RHP Chris Resop.

Acquired RHP Jhonnel Medina from Baltimore for INF Yamaico Navarro.

Basketball

National Basketball Association

NBA—Fined the San Antonio Spurs organization \$250,000 for sending four players home before their Nov. 29 game in Miami.

HOUSTON ROCKETS—Assigned F Terrence Jones and reassigned G Scott Machado to Rio Grande Valley (NBAU).

TORONTO RAPTORS—Signed G-F Michael Petrus. Waived F Dominic McGuire.

Football

National Football League

NFL—Fined Cincinnati OT Andrew Whitworth, Oakland DL Desmond Bryant, Oakland DL Lamarr Houston, Oakland DL Tommy Kelly and Oakland DL Matt Shaughnessy, \$25,250 each for fighting in a Nov. 25 game.

Fined Washington CB DeAngelo Hall \$20,000 for a horse-collar tackle and \$15,750 for a late hit in a Nov. 22 game at Dallas.

Fined Green Bay S Jeron McMillian \$21,000 for helmet-to-helmet contact with defenseless New York Giants tight end Martellus Bennett in a Nov. 25 game and Carolina RB Mike Tolbert \$21,000 for a blindside block during a kickoff against Philadelphia in a Nov. 26 game.

Fined New Orleans DT Brodrick Bunkley \$20,000 for kicking the back of the helmet of San Francisco DL Alex Boone in a Nov. 25 game.

Fined Houston DE J.J. Watt \$15,750 for roughing the passer in a Nov. 22 game at Detroit, Kansas City OL Donald Stephenson \$15,750 for unnecessary roughness in a Nov. 25 game against Denver, Chicago LB Brian Urlacher \$15,750 for a horse-collar tackle on Minnesota RB Adrian Peterson; and St. Louis DE Chris Long \$15,750 for striking Arizona QB Ryan Lindley in the head.

Fined Chicago QB Jay Cutler \$10,000 for throwing the ball at Minnesota CB AJ Jefferson in a Nov. 25 game and Baltimore WR Anquan Boldin \$7,875 for a late hit in a Nov.

Wiseman: Quarterback helped revive Sutton football

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Wiseman quickly found out how much the improbable run meant to the town of Sutton. That emotion helped fuel the fire for the Mustangs on the field.

“This is a great community to play football in,” the quarterback said. “To have an undefeated season and go undefeated through the playoffs, except for the championship game, the community was 100 percent behind us at every game.”

As a sophomore, Wiseman was thrown into the fire when he was called to lead the Mustangs after former starting quarterback Lance Spongberg went down with an injury. Ramer said Wiseman showed encouraging signs as a sophomore, but he also showed his youth at times. Wiseman said he quickly learned the importance of working hard in the weight room. Unfortunately, he learned it the hard way.

“I was very small. I didn’t work that hard in the weight room because we all thought Lance was going to be in the starting spot,” Wiseman said. “But he hurt his knee during baseball and I stepped in and I wasn’t very big. I’m still not very big. It was fun, playing in my sophomore year, but I did suffer some bumps and bruises. I figured out I need to get a lot bigger my junior year in order to be successful.”

Despite the bumpy season,

Wiseman said he learned a lot as a sophomore. Ramer watched his quarterback put in the extra time and hard work to better himself during this off-season. Wiseman knew that he was going to be expected to produce more in his junior year after Sutton lost some key linemen and its running back, Reid Wiebe, along with Spongberg to graduation.

But Wiseman was up for the challenge.

“(Wiseman is) a smart kid and he’s very coachable. And he ran the option in junior high, so it helped a lot,” Ramer said. “I think the big thing is that he is extremely coachable with his attention to detail. Those are things you need out of your quarterback.”

The junior knows his speed is an asset on the field, but it’s his knowledge for the game that helped him lead his team.

Wiseman knew the Mustangs were a special team, but it wasn’t until Sept. 28 — the Mustangs fifth game of the year, against perennial power St. Cecilia — that Sutton realized this was its year.

“At the beginning of the season, our team, I don’t think anybody else did, but we knew we were going to be good,” Wiseman said. “We figured out that we could be pretty good after going to different summer camps and stuff like that. But after we beat St.

Cecilia, that’s when we knew we could contend.”

The community continued to rally around its team, especially through the playoffs. Wiseman said the night before the championship game, players, coaches, parents and fans gathered at a bonfire to support the Mustangs. Wiseman said people swapped stories about the 1988 championship and the 1989 runner-up teams.

Unfortunately for Sutton, the championship did not go as planned — with the Mustangs falling 35-20 to Aquinas, which captured its second straight state championship. But Wiseman said the experience was one to cherish, and the feeling was one that the returning Sutton players don’t want to miss out on next season.

Wiseman accepted his role as the team’s leader this season and enjoyed it. He said he couldn’t have done any of it without each player executing his role. Ramer said it takes an unselfish player to quarterback the option. And Wiseman fits that to a T. In just a short 10-minute conversation with the junior, there was seldom a moment when he wasn’t praising his teammates for their contribution this season.

Though the Mustangs are in the process of making the quick turnaround into the basketball season, there’s part of Wiseman that already is looking forward to his senior football

All-Tribland 11-Man Team				
Offense				
Position — Player, School	Ht.	Wt.	Year	
QB — Cole Wiseman, Sutton	5-11	175	Jr.	
RB — Jake Fowler, Adams Central	5-10	190	Sr.	
RB — Jordan Slough, Doniphan-Trumbull	5-11	180	Jr.	
RB — Garrett Sharp, Blue Hill	6-0	180	Sr.	
OL — Nathan Hinrichs, Adams Central	6-4	240	Sr.	
OL — Chase Golter, Blue Hill	6-1	195	Sr.	
OL — Max Olson, Sutton	5-11	210	Sr.	
OL — Zach Cook, Hastings High	6-2	215	Jr.	
OL — Zach Ekeler, Fillmore Central	6-6	280	Sr.	
WR — Mitchell Ruybalid, Blue Hill	6-0	155	Jr.	
WR — Nathaniel Armon, Doniphan-Trumbull	6-0	155	Sr.	
Ath — Greg Dightman, Thayer Central	5-8	130	Sr.	
K — Alexis Ciprian, Minden	NA	145	Fr.	
Defense				
DL — Andrew Kuta, Sandy Creek	6-0	215	Sr.	
DL — Chris Hartford, St. Cecilia	6-5	230	Sr.	
DL — Eric Toben, Doniphan-Trumbull	6-2	200	Jr.	
LB — Joel Grafel, St. Cecilia	6-0	205	Sr.	
LB — Jesse Ackerman, Adams Central	6-2	210	Sr.	
LB — Matt Karloff, Hastings High	6-2	210	Sr.	
LB — Mitch Carlson, Sutton	6-2	215	Sr.	
LB — Quin Rutt, Minden	5-10	180	Jr.	
DB — Blake Overmiller, Adams Central	6-3	175	Sr.	
DB — Parker Trumble, Blue Hill	6-2	175	Sr.	
DB — Tyler Ripperger, Hasting High	6-1	175	Sr.	
Ath — Ryan Chramosta, Minden	5-9	165	Sr.	
P — Trevor Adams, Fillmore Central	6-0	200	So.	

season. Sutton returns nearly its entire backfield. The biggest loss will be on the offensive line, which was senior-heavy this year.

Wiseman said the thing he’ll remember most from this season was just the time spent with his teammates, on the field and off. He said the Mustangs know with some hard work in the offseason, and the team chemistry they share, the opportunity

of having another successful season is theirs for the taking.

“Coming back off of getting a state runner-up, how could you not be excited? We have basically our whole backfield back, except we lost Mitch at fullback,” Wiseman said. “We’re going to have to find a couple linemen and work hard in the weight room this summer, but our excitement level should be pretty high next year.”

Findley: Senior signal caller leaving a legacy at Giltner

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And now, Giltner finally has the elusive football state championship trophy — its first since 1984.

Of course any state championship season is going to be viewed as a success, but the 2012 Hornets football season is truly one to be remembered. And it will be, if not by the players, fans and opponents, then by the record books. Giltner set 22 Nebraska season, career and playoff records this year on its way to a perfect 13-0 season and the Class D-2 state championship.

Most of those records start with the field general, quarterback Jake Findley.

After leading his team to a 10-1 season that ended in the quarterfinals last season, Findley came back and was on fire all season long. He alone set or tied nine individual records this season, including most total yards in a season (4,430), most touchdown passes in a season (66) and most touchdowns in a career (109). The only stat category he didn’t fill this year is interceptions — as in he didn’t throw one pick in the entire 2012 season.

It’s stats like that that led to Findley being named the 2012 Tribland small school player of the year.

Not too bad for a player who almost wasn’t even a quarterback just three seasons ago.

“There was a time when he was a sophomore where we were really thinking about going a different direction at quarterback, just because of his arm motion,” Giltner head coach Jeff Ashby said.

In his freshman year, Findley was down the depth chart as a quarterback, but the Hornets saw enough in him to try an correct his arm motion. Ashby said it was a tall mountain to climb, but Findley and the coaches made the journey. Even Findley said at one point he was having second thoughts about his quarterbacking career.

“When I was a freshman and sophomore in high school, I could not stand football,” Findley said. “I didn’t know what I was doing with any of the throws.”

And yet the Giltner coaches continued to push Findley, whose older brother was the Hornets’ starting quarterback in 2010, to become the

quarterback they thought he could.

Ashby said QBs are picked out at an early age in the Giltner program. There is a formula in picking the right junior high player to develop into the leader of the high-octane Hornet offense. Any future quarterbacks must have a good arm and solid footwork and — most importantly — must be a true student of the game. Ashby said some of the best quarterbacks are the ones who do well in the classroom.

Findley had some pretty good teachers during his first two years at Giltner. He said Nate Most, who previously held the majority of the school passing records, and Sean Findley, Jake’s brother, taught him most of what he knows today, including how to read the defense.

“I would have never been where I am today without being able to read a defense like I can now,” Findley said. “So, I have to give them a lot of the credit for how well I’ve developed through my high school career.”

Ashby said it’s Findley’s decision making and ability to get the ball out of his hands quickly that allowed him to be so successful.

“Jake knew his limits, knew his arm strength and what he could and couldn’t do,” Ashby said. “It wasn’t just here. We went down to Arkansas last July and we were doing seven-on-seven, which is 11-man stuff. We played 10 games and he never threw a pick. We knew coming out of that camp that we had a pretty good shot at (winning a championship).”

Despite all of the records and the attention, Findley is quick to divert the praise to his teammates.

“All the yards I’ve been getting, I can’t take any of the credit. It’s all my receivers and the offensive line,” Findley said. “I’ve been getting the ball out quick and the receivers have been running all of the yards, so I owe it all to them.”

And that’s just his nature, according to Ashby. He said Findley is a quiet and humble kid who gets along with everybody.

The Giltner senior class has been together for the majority of its career. Findley said he and the other seniors always spend time together outside of sports, whether it’s playing video

games or just hanging out. It’s that chemistry that brought the Hornets together as one unit.

“This class is amazing. They’ve grown up since they were freshmen when we got the runner-up trophy, and they kind of remember that from down there and wanted to make sure they went out as a winner. And they did what they had to do,” Ashby said. “To do what they did in basketball and they’ve just been hard working the last five years, even as eighth-graders.

“They’re kind of a quiet group. We didn’t know how they would come in and take over as leaders, but they’ve done a great job. You couldn’t ask for any more out of the group.”

This senior class recorded three undefeated regular seasons in its four years. Ashby said Giltner had just three in the previous 40 years of Hornet football.

Findley’s success hasn’t been limited to the gridiron. In last season’s basketball state championship, Findley hit the game-tying 3-pointer as regulation expired. Findley has a knack for coming through in the big moments. He said it’s all because of his ability to stay calm.

Anyone who knows Findley knows he doesn’t get too excited about many things. Even before football games, Findley said he’s not hyped up. Instead, he’s cool, calm and collected. And that’s how he prefers it.

For Findley, playing football was just an opportunity to spend more time with his friends. He said, as of now, he’s not planning on participating in any college athletics. Ashby said it’s not the first time he’s seen a successful athlete step away from sports in high school.

“He’s enjoying his whole high school experience, and that’s where he wants it to end at. He has no interest in playing college athletics,” Ashby said. “I’ve had several guys like that. When high school’s over, it’s over for them. He has put his heart and soul into being the best football player he can be, so we appreciate all of his effort and everything he did for us.”

After high school, Findley hopes to have more time for his favorite sport, golf. He said he enjoys shooting a

All-Tribland Small School Team				
Offense				
Position — Player, School	Ht.	Wt.	Year	
QB — Jake Findley, Giltner	6-2	150	Sr.	
RB — Journey Ericsson, Silver Lake	5-8	165	So.	
RB — Clay Cosand, Rock Hills	6-0	205	Sr.	
OL — Dillon Gartner, Giltner	6-3	270	Sr.	
OL — Dylan Lauenstein, Bruning-Davenport/Shickley	6-2	275	Sr.	
OL — Dalton Bender, Kenesaw	6-0	205	Sr.	
End — Kyle Hawthorne, Giltner	5-7	150	Sr.	
End — Dustin Hastings, Giltner	6-1	150	Sr.	
Ath — Tyler Schnitzler, Kenesaw	5-11	180	Sr.	
K — Ryan Tegtmeyer, Bruning-Davenport/Shickley	6-3	205	Sr.	
Defense				
DL — Wade Jensen, Wilcox-Hildreth	5-11	210	Sr.	
DL — Jaydn Grabill, Silver Lake	6-1	185	Sr.	
LB — Nolan White, Exeter-Milligan	6-1	191	Jr.	
LB — Robbie Androyna, Exeter-Milligan	5-10	188	Sr.	
LB — Tanner Rupprecht, Red Cloud	5-8	165	Sr.	
DB — Robbie Dean, Rock Hills	5-10	170	Sr.	
DB — Seyler Monroe, Silver Lake	5-10	155	So.	
DB — Collin Marks, Franklin	6-1	175	Sr.	
Ath — Ryan Kleier, Giltner	5-11	190	Sr.	
P — Colton Ives, Harvard	5-10	175	Jr.	

HONORABLE MENTION

Adams Central — Buzz Niederklein, Lathan Smidt, Jack Barry, Conner Munger, Derek Lonowski; **Blue Hill** — Connor Brown, Jacob Lovejoy, Shane Kohnetscher, Brett Streff; **Bruning-Davenport/Shickley** — Luke Christensen, Wyatt Schoenholz, Nolan Schroeder; **Deshler** — Savino Lebron; **Doniphan-Trumbull** — Riley Wiltfong, Aaron Ediger, Joe Dinan, Kenny Pfeiffer, Geoff Utech; **Exeter-Milligan** — Blake Papik, Kyle Jensen, Garrett Pribyl, Austin Axline, Derek Luzum; **Fillmore Central** — Trevor Birky, Kinser Gergen, Kyle Korcher; **Franklin** — Steven Randall, Dillon Schnuerle, Josh Siel, Dylan Kahrs; **Giltner** — Garrett Poppen, Ben Hinrichs, Dylan Hinrichs; **Harvard** — Ben Rickman, Armando Morales, Riley Gallagher; **Hastings High** — Will Reimer, Cody Newlun, Mark Goodin, Mike Sadd; **Kenesaw** — Mason Stocker, Richard Sonneck, Preston Schnitzler, Michael Duffy; **Lawrence-Nelson** — Dillon Menke, Chase Ehlers; **Minden** — Isaac Carlson, Mitch Muller, Cole Gibbins; **Rock Hills** — Wyatt Flinn, Micah Daniels, Joel Broeckelman, Aaron Broeckelman, Corbin Green; **Sandy Creek** — Mitch Hinrichs, Anthony Graesser, Dalton Dumlir; **Silver Lake** — Catarino Perez, Keenan Danehey, Austin Woodard; **St. Cecilia** — Nick Brouillette, Alex Sheehy, Lance Schmidt; **Superior** — Caleb Isom, Gavin Caldwell, Junior Reed; **Sutton** — Brody Yost, Trae Ramer, Jake Nuss, Harrison Biehl, Noah Johnson; **Thayer Central** — Brian Loontjer, Kalen Wenske, Jacob Knip; **Wilcox-Hildreth** — Blaine Groothuis, Ivan Damit-Og, Tommy Campbell.

Note — The Tribune did not receive a postseason nomination form from Smith Center. The All-Tribland teams are selected based on the following criteria: 1. The coaches’ ranks of their own players; 2. Ballots submitted by area coaches ranking the area’s best players; 3. All-Conference and other honors received; 4. Statistical information; 5. Observations by Hastings Tribune staff members.

THE PICKS

Final Results
1T, Ed Littler, KHAS-TV, 106-30; 1T, Mike Will, KHAS Radio, 106-30; 3, Doug Duda, ESPN Radio, 105-31; 4, Nick Blasnitz, Tribune, 103-33; 5, Mike Zimmerman, Tribune, 99-37; 6, Vince Kuppig, Tribune, 97-39

ALL-TIME PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

2011 — (11-man) Phil Hamburger St. Cecilia. (8-man) Drew Ott, Giltner.
2010 — (11-man) Matt Overmiller Adams Central. (8-man) Derreck Eastman, Giltner.
2009 — (Co 11-man) Dalton Sealey, St. Cecilia; Ryan Behmer, Adams Central. (8-man) Nate Most, Giltner.
2008 — Ryan Behmer, Adams Central
2007 — Kevin Lennemann, Adams Central
2006 — Garrett Schroeder, Blue Hill

round with his dad and hopes to compete in more tournaments during the summer.

Findley’s father was on the 1984 state championship team. The two didn’t talk much about the 1984 title until after Findley won his this season.

Now, being a state champion is something both can share. It’s also something Jake can hold over his brother’s head.

“He always makes fun of my on the stuff that I do badly, so I guess I can shove this in his face,” Findley said.

NU: Huskers going for conference title

Continued from page B1

“It’s very motivating for our team and the whole state of Nebraska, they haven’t had a conference championship since 1999, and we’re really excited to go out and play for our third one in four years,” quarterback Taylor Martinez said. “Hopefully, we can bring this one home.”

It’s been such a strange year in the Big Ten that Nebraska isn’t even facing a ranked opponent in Indy.

The league’s best team, No. 4 Ohio State (12-0), can’t play because it is ineligible for the postseason under NCAA sanctions. Resurgent Penn State couldn’t play, either, because of the same reason. The only other ranked teams in the league, No. 21 Michigan and No. 22 Northwestern, are in the same division as Nebraska, putting the stumbling Badgers (7-5, 4-4) in the title game.

Individual Leaders				
Rushing				
	Carries	Yds.	TD	
Jordan Slough, Doniphan-Trumbull	253	2272	29	
Jake Fowler, Adams Central	225	1764	24	
Cole Wiseman, Sutton	183	1710	29	
Journey Ericsson, Silver Lake	169	1526		
Clay Cosand, Rock Hills	184	1434	31	
Joel Broeckelman, Rock Hills	133	1343	32	
Tyler Schnitzler, Kenesaw	109	1275	22	
Trae Ramer, Sutton	173	1205	14	
Tanner Rupprecht, Red Cloud	179	1181	16	
Joel Grafel, St. Cecilia	136	1007	12	
Passing				
	Comp.-Att.	Yds.	TD	
Jake Findley, Giltner	255-364	3903	67	
Riley Wiltfong, D-T	151-230	2394	30	
Parker Trumble, Blue Hill	86-163	1608	19	
Ryan Tegtmeyer, BDS	93-147	1538	27	
Seyler Monroe, Silver Lake	67-121	1340	24	
Collin Marks, Franklin	90-221	1269	14	
Creighton Reed, Adams Central	74-157	1067	7	
Jonas Lovin, Minden	66-181	1036	9	
Tyler Schnitzler, Kenesaw	45-84	854	11	
Caleb Goedecker, Thayer Central	37-89	695	11	
Cole Wiseman, Sutton	25-39	691	8	

Receiving				
	No.	Yds.	TD	
Kyle Hawthorne, Giltner	91	1473	25	
Nathaniel Armon, D-T	50	930	17	
Dustin Hastings, Giltner	58	923	19	
Mitchel Ruybalid, Blue Hill	36	880	12	
Jaydn Grabill, Silver Lake	27	713	18	
Steven Randall, Franklin	36	583	9	
Wyatt Schoenholz, BDS	27	543	11	
Isaac Carlson, Minden	22	514	5	
Blake Overmiller, Adams Central	25	502	6	
Josh Siel, Franklin	29	444	5	
Tackles				
	Solo (2)	Asst (1)	Pts	
Max Olson, Sutton	118	66	302	
Ryan Kleier, Giltner	77	70	224	
Jesse Ackerman, Adams Central	95	31	221	
Robbie Androyna, Exeter-Milligan	62	88	212	
Nolan White, Exeter-Milligan	58	93	209	
Chase Golter, Blue Hill	78	50	206	
Joe Dinan, Doniphan-Trumbull	74	49	197	
Reid Dean, Rock Hills	42	100	184	
Mitch Carlson, Sutton	62	60	184	
Dillon Schnuerle, Franklin	74	31	179	
Interceptions				
Jake Findley, Giltner			8	

Punting				
	No.	Ave.		
Jaydn Grabill, Silver Lake	11	40.0		
Tyler Schnitzler, Kenesaw	13	39.5		
Robbie Androyna, Exeter-Milligan	22	36.7		
Jordan Walter, Rock Hills	28	36.6		
Colton Ives, Harvard	21	35.4		
Collin Marks, Franklin	23	35.2		
Andrew Kuta, Sandy Creek	33	35.0		
Michael Huynh, St. Cecilia	20	33.4		
Jake Rossen, Hastings High	21	33.3		
Ryan Tegtmeyer, BDS	15	33		
Schools returning picks: Adams Central, Blue Hill, Bruning-Davenport/Shickley, Deshler, Doniphan-Trumbull, Exeter-Milligan, Fillmore Central, Franklin, Giltner, Harvard, Hastings High, Kenesaw, Lawrence-Nelson, Minden, Red Cloud, Rock Hills, Sandy Creek, Silver Lake, St. Cecilia, Sutton, Thayer Central, Wilcox-Hildreth				

Team Standings		
City	W	L
Adams Central	11	1
St. Cecilia	6	4
Hastings High	3	6
Tribland		
Giltner	13	0
Exeter-Milligan	12	1
Sutton	12	1
Rock Hills	11	2
Bruning-Davenport/Shickley	10	2
Blue Hill	8	2
Kenesaw	8	2
Silver Lake	8	2
Doniphan-Trumbull	9	3
Lawrence-Nelson	6	3
Smith Center	6	4
Franklin	5	4
Thayer Central	5	4
Sandy Creek	4	4
Harvard	3	5
Fillmore Central	2	6
Minden	2	6
Wilcox-Hildreth	2	6
Deshler	1	7
Red Cloud	0	8
Superior	0	8

House votes to offer advanced-degree visas

JIM ABRAMS
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Testing the waters of what is expected to be a turbulent battle over immigration policy next year, the House voted Friday to make green cards accessible to foreign students graduating with advanced science and math degrees from U.S. universities.

But even this limited step, strongly backed by the high-tech industry and enjoying some bipartisan support, is unlikely to go anywhere this

session of Congress, dramatizing how difficult it will be to find lasting solutions to the nation's much-maligned immigration system.

A more sweeping bill presumably would deal not only with legal residents but also the estimated 11 million people here illegally.

Republicans largely shunned by Hispanic voters and other minorities in the November elections used Friday's 245-139 vote for the STEM Jobs Act to show they have softened their

hardline immigration policies and are ready to work for more comprehensive legislation.

GOP leaders also added a provision making it easier for immigrants working in the country legally to bring their spouses and children to the United States while they wait for their visa applications to be approved. Typically, family members now wait more than two years to be reunited. About 80,000 such family-based visas are issued every year.

But for many Democrats and

the Obama White House as well, this first step was more of a misstep.

Democrats, including members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, assailed the legislation for offsetting the 55,000 new permanent residency visas by eliminating a program that provided green cards to people with traditionally lower rates of immigration, particularly those from Africa. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The White House, in a state-

ment opposing the GOP-crafted bill, said it was encouraged that Congress "appears to be ready to begin serious debate on the need to fix our broken immigration system." But it said the administration does not support "narrowly tailored proposals" that do not meet long-term objectives of achieving comprehensive reform.

That comprehensive approach includes dealing with the young people brought into the country illegally, establishing a solution for agriculture

workers, creating an effective border enforcement system and worker verification program and deciding by what means those living in the country illegally can attain legal status.

The Democratic-controlled Senate is seen as likely to ignore the House STEM bill in the waning days of the current congressional session.

The partisan bickering attending the STEM bill signaled how hard it likely will be to pass more far-reaching immigration legislation.

Napoleon's secret coded Kremlin letter on sale

THOMAS ADAMSON
The Associated Press

FONTAINEBLEAU, France — The single line of Napoleon's secret code told Paris of his desperate, last order against the Russians: "At three o'clock in the morning, on the 22nd I am going to blow up the Kremlin."

By the time Paris received the letter three days later, the Russian czar's seat of power was in flames and the diminished French army was in retreat. Its elegantly calligraphic ciphers show history's famed general at one of his weakest moments.

"My cavalry is in tatters, many horses are dying," dictated Napoleon, the once-feared leader showing the strain of his calamitous Russian invasion, which halved his army.

The rare document — dated Oct. 20, 1812, signed "Nap" in the emperor's hand and written in numeric code — is up for auction Sunday at France's Fontainebleau Auction House.

The Napoleon code, used only for top-secret letters when the French emperor was far from home, aimed to stop enemies from intercepting

French army orders. The code was regularly changed to prevent it from being cracked.

Napoleon must have dispatched his strongest horses and riders to carry the news: It only took three days to reach France's interior ministry — 1,540 miles across Europe.

"This letter is unique. Not only is it all in code, but it's the first time we see this different Napoleon. He went into Moscow in 1812 at the height of his power. He returned profoundly weakened. In Moscow, the Russians had fled days before and burnt down the city. There was no victory for Napoleon, nor were there any provisions for his starving, dying army," says Jean-Christophe Chataignier of the auction house.

The only thing left for the weakened leader was to give the order to burn Russia's government buildings — coded in the letter as "449, 514, 451, 1365..."

It is evidence of what historians call the beginning of the end of Napoleon's glorious empire, which started in Russia and ended at Waterloo three years later.



CHRISTOPHE ENA/AP

In this photo taken Wednesday, a letter dictated and signed by Napoleon in secret code that declares his intentions "to blow up the Kremlin" during his ill-fated Russian campaign is displayed for the media in Fontainebleau, outside Paris. The rare letter, written in unusually emotive language, sees Napoleon complain of harsh conditions and the shortcomings of his grand army. The letter goes on auction Sunday.

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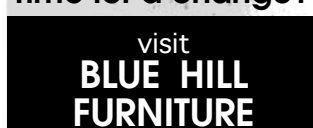
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- Communicate more effectively with everyone you lead.
- Develop an action plan to get the results wanted and needed from your supervisory role.

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Elizabeth Smith will be the trainer for this workshop. Elizabeth is a certified facilitator for Situational Leadership II®, a certified facilitator for Real Colors®, and a graduate of the Professional Trainer Certificate Program: Transforming Delivery and Instructional Design, programs of The Bob Pike Group.

Class size is limited so pre-registration is required to reserve a space. The cost is \$100.00 per person. For more information or to preregister, contact Sue Carlson at Central Community College-Grand Island at (308) 398-7527; toll-



free at 1-877-222-0780, ext. 7527; or by e-mail at scarlson@cccneb.edu.

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Public Notices

Supervisors Proceedings

COURTHOUSE, HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
Tuesday, November 20, 2012

The Board met in regular session and took the following actions:

- Took roll call and declared a quorum.
- Approved minutes and heard committee reports.
- Awarded bids for surplus equipment.
- Awarded bid for Project C1-162 to Van Kirk Brothers.
- Approved closing of Courthouse on December 24th if federal and state offices close.
- Approved resolution removing property from CIA.
- Met as a Board of Equalization and in Executive Session.
- Approved MOU with the State for VectraSpec software.
- Approved release of securities from Five Points and Heritage banks.
- Approved claims, officer reports and miscellaneous receipts.

COUNTY GENERAL

Naco, Dues, Sub, Reg,	\$ 360.00
Karen Eckhardt, Election Worker	42.25
Business World Products, Supplies	202.94
Axis Capital Inc, Copier	300.00
Chrisella Lewis, Reimbursement	82.09
Culligan Of Hastings, Miscellaneous	21.65
Hastings Tribune, Publishing	2,736.57
Borley Moving & Storage, Labor	1,500.00
Eakes Office Plus, Supplies	251.93
Axis Capital Inc, Equipment	155.00
Vaughans Printers Inc, Supplies	216.66
Adams Co Highway Dept, Repairs	400.61
Mary Johnson, Miscellaneous	340.00
Hastings Tribune, Publishing	44.83
Naco, Dues,Subs.Regis	120.00
Justin Wahl, Cell Phones	25.00
Jane Morris, Cell Phones	25.00
Ron Kucera, Cell Phones	25.00
Ibm Corporation, Repairs	593.52
Sequoia Consulting Group, Consulting Fees	2,056.00
Cornhusker Press, Supplies	269.69
Jimmy John's, Juror Fees	76.25
Russ's Market, Juror Fees	91.94
Quill Corporation, Juror Fees	219.98
Clk Of Supreme Court, Court Costs	125.00
Hall County Sheriff, Court Costs	56.17
Culligan Of Hastings, Miscellaneous	31.65
Matthew Bender & Co Inc, Dues, Sub, Reg,	62.59
Proforma Business World, Dues, Sub, Reg,	478.66
Microfilm Imaging System, Equipment	375.00
Day Timers Inc, Court Costs	14.74
Eileens Colossal Cookies, Court Costs	10.50
Culligan Of Hastings, Miscellaneous	10.00
Eakes Office Plus, Supplies	77.89
Tom Hawes, Court Costs 2	6.99
Walmart, Court Costs	27.31
Jane Magnuson, Court Costs	191.50
Arthur Toogood, Pub Def Reimbursement	1,955.84
Sullivan,Shoemaker PC, Attnry Fees	2,435.00
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Marathon Systems, Chemicals	328.90
Hastings Utilities, Utilities	5,356.63
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Vaughans Printers Inc, Printing	149.26
US Identification Manual, Dues, Sub, Reg,	82.50
Kimma Thayer, Mileage	37.44
Paul Spady Olds Buick, Equipment	169.05
Ne Public Health Eviro, Law Enforcement Costs	294.00
Nebr Law Enforcement, Merit Commission	10.00
Napa Auto Parts, Equipment	12.88
Matthew Bender & Co Inc, Mileage	1,151.11
Kenesaw Motor Co Inc, Equipment	1,548.82
Interstate All Battery, Law Enforcement Costs	195.25
Lance Dow, Mileage	455.16
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Adams Co Highway Dept, Fuel	5,936.93
Proforma Business World, Supplies	162.17
Eakes Office Plus, Supplies	141.05
Allens Of Hastings Inc, Commissary	63.49
Auto Glass Experts, Equipment	155.00
Hastings Ford-Lincoln, Equipment	71.01
Andrew C Butler, Mileage	164.28
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Hastings Tribune, Juvenile Costs	219.68
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Lexisnexis, Law Library	405.21
Hall County Sheriff, Court Costs	10.68
Dawson Co Sheriff, Court Costs	20.00
Sheriff Of Sarpy Co, Juvenile Costs	23.76
Buffalo Co Sheriff Off, Court Costs	164.62
Kearney Co Sheriff, Court Costs	6.00
Hall County Court, Court Costs	1.75
Adams Co Sheriff, Law Enforcement Costs	193.33
Lancaster County Sheriff, Court Costs	47.31
Business World Products, Supplies	1,479.05
Eakes Office Plus, Supplies	15.34
Secretary Of State, Court Costs	40.00
Robert E Bowen MD PC, Autopsy Costs	940.00
Mary Lanning Healthcare, Court Costs	794.77
Douglas Trade Service, Autopsy Costs	354.80
Creighton Medical Lab, Autopsy Costs	604.37
Windstream, Telephone	276.35
Charter Communications, Telephone	180.32
Telephone Systems Of Ne, Telephone	163.09
Adams County Jail, Board Of Prisoners	1,417.55
Witt Plumbing, Repairs	225.00
Windstream, Commissary	64.07
Williams Exterminating I, Miscellaneous	46.00
Webster Co Sheriff, Board Of Prisoners	4,050.00
U-Save Pharmacy, Med-Hosp Prisoners	66.72
Phelps County Sheriff, Board Of Prisoners	4,140.00
Kelly's Alignment & Brak, Travel Expenses	180.92
Isecuretrac Corp, Board Of Prisoners	574.00
Hamilton Co Sheriff Dept, Board Of Prisoners	2,520.00
Clay County Sheriff, Board Of Prisoners	1,620.00
Buffalo Co Sheriff Off, Board Of Prisoners	14,859.35
Dawson Co Sheriff, Board Of Prisoners	1,395.00
Gene Hasenkamp, Repair	130.96
Mr Tire, Travel Expenses	16.28
Big G Comm Hardware, Supplies	17.98
Mary Lanning Healthcare, Board Of Prisoners	6,033.20
Donna Schmidt, Miscellaneous	27.05
Ne Tech & Tele Inc, Telephone	100.54
Axis Capital Inc, Equipment	380.00
Chip Volcek, Cell Phones	20.00
Proforma Business World, Uniform Allowance	28.99
Platte Valley Of Hastings, Repairs	24.00
Adams Co Highway Dept, Fuel	56.78
John Uden, Agreements	200.00
Presto X Comp, Agreements	32.90
Coast To Coast Solutions, Printing	447.62
Axis Capital Inc, Agreements	150.00
Adams Co Highway Dept, Postal Services	50.20
Cross Dillon Tire Linc, Tires	2,175.00
Village Of Holstein, Water	34.00
Nebraska Truck Center, Supplies	51.84
NCS Equipment Inc, Supplies	43.80
Napa Auto Parts, Parts	551.34
Murphy Tractor & Equip, Motor Graders	115,520.00
Michael Todd, Grader Blades	10,636.10
Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, Supplies	19.54
Mainelli Wagner & Assoc, Engineering	880.50
Loup Valley Lighting Inc, Supplies	346.95
Logan Contractors Supply, Asphalt	18,260.00
Kully Pipe & Steel Supply, Rd Eq Rep	159.44
Kimball Midwest, Supplies	480.01
Island Supply, Supplies	318.67
Hastings Utilities, Electricity	511.01
Hastings Tribune, Advertising	283.80
Fleet Pride, Parts	61.57
Fastenal Company, Parts	32.30
Curly's Radiator Serv, Parts	68.00
Cornhusker Tool Machine, Repairs	143.86
Compulink Ltd, Data Processing	1,000.00
City Of Hastings, Garbage	97.62
Charter Communications, Telephone	59.99
Bosselman Energy, Inc., Fuel	20,105.97
Big G Comm Hardware, Repairs	32.90
Bgne, Fuel	453.60
Auto Value-Hastings, Parts	105.62
Auto Glass Experts, Labor	75.00
Ace Machine, Shop & Sales Parts	568.41
Stephen Johnson, Custodian	480.00
Square Deal Lumber Co, Materials	17.50
Sanitary Outdoor Serv In, Supplies	258.75
Aurora Coop/Roseland, Fuel	109.75
Raynor Garage Doors, Repairs	1,026.00
PTSR, Miscellaneous	80.00
Paramount Linen & Unifor, Supplies	48.33
First Call, Small Tools	76.99
Ne Machinery Co, Parts	433.65
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Smitty's Enterprises Inc, Public Assistance	220.00
Revive Inc, Public Assistance	210.00
Kingswood Plaza, Public Assistance	250.00
Dewitt Funeral & Cremati, County Burials	1,325.00

Butler Volland Funeral, County Burials	1,325.00
Chris Long, Travel Expenses	266.31
Quill Corporation, Supplies	76.99
Business World Products, Supplies	102.43
Hastings Community, Miscellaneous	100.00
Health & Human Services, Institutional Costs	1,155.00
ER Prof Services MLMH, Emergency Services	98.02
Preferred Mail Serv Inc, Postal Services	3,000.00
Preferred Mail Serv Inc, Postal Services	3,000.00
Wells Fargo Bank Minn Na, Miscellaneous	177.52
Howard's Glass Lic, Grant	94,810.40
Mes Municipal Em Serv, Grant	2,275.00
Witmer Public Safety Grp, Grant	2,234.40
Adams County Court Court, Costs	480.00
Danko Emergency Equip Co, Grant	1,050.73
Fireguard Inc, Grant	3,211.87
City Of Hastings, Grant	3,157.22
Reis Environmental, Grant	4,417.65
Ed M Feld Equipment Co, Grant	4,835.00
Community Action Part Of, Handi-Bus	2,678.86
Adams Co Senior Serv, Rent	30.00
GSV Senior Center, Rent	30.00
First Christian Church, Rent	30.00
First Congregational Chu, Rent	50.00
First St Paul's Lutheran, Rent	30.00
YWCA, Rent	30.00
Mars Janitorial Service, Rent	15.00
Peace Lutheran Church, Rent	30.00
Crosier Park Llc, Rent	30.00
Hastings College, Rent	30.00
Kenesaw Senior Center, Rent	60.00
Heritage Bank Ap Ach, Bank Card Pymt	2,716.74
Adams County Clerk, Election Workers	15,801.50
District Court Clerk, Jury Payroll	3,127.38
Adams County Court, Jury Payroll	1,078.00
MIPS, Contract	1,136.66
Microfilm Imaging System, Contract	25.00
Monte Malouf Jr & Assoc, Chemicals	174.94
Larry Woodman, Election Worker	5.00
Ne Retirement Systems, Retirement Match	28,668.51
Social Security Admin, Fica Match	30,476.67
Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Health Insurance	123,098.75
Madison Nat'l Life Insur, Disability Insurance	987.23
First Concord, Flex Plan	5,460.00
Adams County Board, Salaries	9,134.86
Adams County Clerk, Salaries	14,240.54
Adams County Treasurer, Salaries	21,448.14
Register Of Deeds, Salaries	10,799.20
Adams County Assessor, Salaries	21,013.52
Planning Dept, Salaries	2,408.33
Data Processing Dept, Salaries	10,490.46
District Court Clerk, Salaries	17,546.44
District Court Bailiff, Salaries	2,083.34
Public Defender, Salaries	16,916.69
Maintenance Dept, Salaries	11,339.51
Extension Office, Salaries	5,656.51
Microfilm Dept, Salaries	128.16
Adams County Sheriff, Salaries	75,864.88
Adams County Attorney, Salaries	44,869.32
Corrections & Communications, Salaries	56,120.53
Emergency Management, Salaries	5,063.75
Adams County Surveyor, Salaries	313.57
Adams County Roads Dept, Salaries	83,005.81
Adams County Weed Dept, Salaries	2,421.56
Veterans Service Office, Salaries	7,177.45
County Visitors Promotions	
Deer Trail Lawn, Repair	240.00
Hastings Utilities, Utilities	159.96
Kaleena Fong, Telephone	25.00
Adams Co Telecommunicati, Telephone	28.20
Erika Williams, Telephone	25.00
City Of Hastings ,Telephone	6.88
Heritage Bank Ap Ach, Bank Card Pymt	50.00
Gloria Rodriguez, Labor	60.00
Adams County Convention Bur, Salaries	6,449.44
Ne Retirement Systems, Retirement Match	392.68
Social Security Admin, Fica Match	419.76
Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Health Insurance	638.67
Madison Nat'l Life Ins, Disability Insurance	16.33
First Concord, Flex Plan	84.00
Inheritance Tax	
West Payment Center, Library	2,031.20
Highway Bond Fund	
Fremont National Bank, Principal Payment	437,320.00
Capital Projects Fund	
Van Kirk Bros Cont, Contract	9,848.22
Escrow Holding Fund	
Van Kirk Bros Cont, Miscellaneous	112,035.00
911 Emergency Services	
Windstream, Emergency Phone	2,853.82
/s/Chrisella Lewis	/s/Larry Woodman
County Clerk	Chairman
/s/Pamela J. Witte	
Deputy	
Complete minutes available at	www.adamscounty.org
December 1, 2012	

Notice of Meeting

The Little Blue Natural Resources District Board of Directors will meet in regular session on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the Little Blue NRD Office in Davenport. A Projects and Planning Committee meeting will be held prior to the regular board meeting at 6:40 and a Water Resources Committee meeting will be held at 7:00. The agenda for the meeting is kept continually current and is available for public inspection during regular office hours at the Little Blue NRD.
December 1, 2012

Notice of Hearing

TAKE NOTICE: That the Mayor and Council of the City of Hastings, Nebraska, have set Monday, December 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 220 North Hastings Avenue in said City as the date of hearing on the application of KIT-TY'S ROADHOUSE LLC dba "Kitty's Roadhouse", for a CATERING LIQUOR LICENSE to be operated at 1400 East South Street, at which time all persons interested may be heard.
Connie Hartman
City Clerk
December 1, 2012

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF ARMKAPS, L.L.C.

- The name of the Company is ARMKAPS, L.L.C.
- The address of the designated office is 747 North Burlington Avenue, Suite 305, Hastings, Nebraska 68901.
- The general nature of the business is to transact any and all other lawful business for which limited liability companies may be organized under the law of the State of Nebraska, other than banking or insurance.
- The Company's existence commenced on the filing and recording of the Certificate of Organization with the Secretary of State and shall be perpetual.
- The affairs of the Company shall be conducted by its member, Sarah Jane Smith.
D. Charles Shoemaker
Sullivan Shoemaker P.C., L.L.O.
747 North Burlington Avenue, Suite 305
P.O. Box 309
Hastings, Nebraska 68902-0309
(402) 462-0300

November 17, 24, December 1, 2012

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF INTEGRITY AG MANAGEMENT, L.L.C.

- The name of the Company is Integrity Ag Management, L.L.C.
- The address of the designated office is 514 North 2nd Avenue, Hastings, Nebraska 68901.
- The general nature of the business is to transact any and all other lawful business for which limited liability companies may be organized under the law of the State of Nebraska, other than banking or insurance.
- The Company's existence commenced on the filing and recording of the Certificate of Organization with the Secretary of State and shall be perpetual.
- The affairs of the Company shall be conducted by its member, Matt Oman.
Adam D. Pavelka
Sullivan Shoemaker P.C., L.L.O.
747 North Burlington Avenue, Suite 305
P.O. Box 309
Hastings, Nebraska 68902-0309
(402) 462-0300

November 24, December 1, 8, 2012

In the County Court of Adams County, Nebraska
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
GUARDIANSHIP OF)
DAYTON BYERS AND) NOTICE OF
KAYDEN BYERS,) PUBLICATION
minors and protected)
persons) Case No. PR12-118 &
PR12-119
TO THE MINORS ABOVE NAMED; THE PERSON
HAVING THE CARE OF THE MINORS; AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:
Notice is now given that Petitions for the appointment of a Guardian for Dayton Byers and Kayden Byers, minors, were filed in the Court by Angie Allen. The hearing on the Petitions for Appointment of a Guardian is set for the 19th day of December, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Court of Adams County, Nebraska.
ANGIE ALLEN, Petitioner
By: Amy R. Skalka, #23116
SEILER & PARKER, P.C., L.L.O.
P.O. Box 1288
Hastings, Nebraska 68902-1288
Telephone: 402-463-3125
Attorneys for Petitioner

December 1, 8, 15, 2012

Notice
In the County Court of Adams County, Nebraska Estate of RICHARD A. DIMLER, Deceased. Estate No. PR12-122
Notice is hereby given that on November 21, 2012, in the County Court of Adams County, Nebraska, the Registrar issued a written statement of Informal Probate of the Will of said Decedent and that Nancy E. Ferguson, whose address is 907 East

3rd Street, Hastings, Nebraska 68901, and Kenneth A. Dimler, whose address is 1013 Brentwood Avenue, Hastings, Nebraska 68901, were informally appointed by the Registrar as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate.
Creditors of this Estate must file their claims with this Court on or before February 4, 2013, or be forever barred.
Tom Hawes
Clerk of the County

Court
500 West 4th Street
Hastings, Nebraska 68901
Matthew D. Baack
#23868
Seiler & Parker, P.C., L.L.O.
726 East Side
Boulevard
Hastings, Nebraska 68902-1288
Phone: 402-463-3125
Email: mbaack@hastings-lawfirm.com
Attorney
December 1, 8, 15, 2012

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1 Card of Thanks

The family of Blanche (Betty) Fischer would like to thank the EMT's and Fire Dept. of Hastings, Mary Lanning fourth and sixth floor Hospice Care, Livingston-Butler-Volland Funeral Home, Zion Lutheran Church, Pastor Warneke, and the LWML for providing lunch for family and friends. Words cannot express our gratitude during our time of loss. Thank you for all the friends, family, GSV staff, and Village Terrace residents who were there to help the family through this difficult time. Our mother will be greatly missed.

Ken and Shirley Newton and family
Don Fischer and family
Brian and Helen Idzik
Marilyn Golema, Jim Shannon and family
Charles Fischer

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1 Card of Thanks

Many thanks to Alton and all the guys with Jackson's Car Corner for taking such good care of me through-out my car troubles! Bless your kindness!

All my best,
Reneae in Omaha
The family of Joyce Schultz wishes to thank the staff of College View Memory Support and currently, Harvard Rest Haven, for the kind and loving care of our mom.
Patti Schultz Shore

LOOKING FOR a job?
Check classified every day.

4 Announcements

911 N. Juniata Ave.,
Juniata
Sunday, Dec. 9, 12-4
Do your Christmas shopping early.
Several local home based businesses and vendors.

5TH ANNUAL Holiday Stop and Shop. December 1, 8-4 at Adams County Fairgrounds. Booths available. For more information 402-461-0749.

4 Announcements

ZION LUTHERAN Cookie Walk, December 8, 8-1:30, 465 S. Marian Rd.

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CITY AUDITORIUM
Wide variety of Craft and Vendor Items.
Coffee, Rolls and Noon Meal Served
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or 308-830-1088

8 Happy Ads

DeETTE SILK BRASFIELD
December 3rd



My sister, has never let us have a birthday party for her. So if you would like to help us with a surprise birthday card shower on her *SPECIAL* birthday. Please mail cards to: 5082 S. 150th Plaza Omaha, NE 68137-1408

10 Lost And Found



MISSING FEMALE cat called Molly, from Hastings Mall area. Last seen on Glenwood Ave. She is 7 years old, mid-hair length grey cat with darker stripes, she is de-clawed in the front. Please call 402-705-3737 with any information. There is a reward.



ROTWEILLER missing since Nov. 22. 10 years. old, neutered, black spots on tongue. Missing from 6625 N. Blaine Ave. \$100 Reward. 402-984-5430

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10 Lost And Found

FOUND SMALL dog by Bladen black top Thanks-giving day. 402-756-4284

14 Garage Sales Southeast

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20 Automobiles

KERSHNER'S AUTO KORNER
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'11 Nissan Rogue S: AWD, Gray, 31,xxx miles.....CASH \$18,775
'08 Grand Cherokee: 3.7, 4x4, Silver, 46,xxx miles.....CASH \$19,975
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36 Travel Trailers & Motor Homes

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TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT CO.
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Sara Johnson, LMT.
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50 Employment Agencies

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51 Professional

Department of Health & Human Services
DHHS
NEBRASKA

Grand Island Veterans' Home
IMMEDIATE OPENING
Health Information Manager #25707011
Position responsible for managing Health Information and Medical Record for a state facility. Supervise Health Information/Medical Records staff, interact with medical, financial and administrative staff.

Requires:
Post high school course work/training cumulating in Accredited Health Information Technician or Registered Health Information Administrator credentials, plus five years of experience in health information administration. Preferred Bachelor's degree in business, public/health care administration with coding certification, QA experience, work with electronic medical records implementation. 12 Paid Holidays and Other Leaves
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Grand Island, NE 68803
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Associate's degree from a two-year college plus 2 years of position-related or equivalent experience preferred. Strong written and verbal communication skills. Excellent interpersonal and customer service skills are essential. Contact Deb Gross at Geneva State Bank:
Call: 402-759-8119 or email dgross@genevastatebank.com
AAE

51 Professional

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN:
Allen's Pharmacy has an immediate opening for one full-time or two part-time Pharmacy Technicians. Experience preferred. Competitive starting salary, excellent working conditions. Benefits include paid vacation, holidays (including birthday), BCBS Insurance, and Cafeteria Plan, plus valuable employee discount. Apply at Allen's main office or email resume to: controller@shopallens.com

Allen's
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Hastings, NE 68901
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Full Time- Location Manager, Bladen, NE

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Send applications Attn: Cegie Ludeke
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53 Health Care

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Ability to lead skilled nursing facility in Resident directed care. Recruit, hire, and assist with staff training. Understands budget and staffing ratios. Previous supervisory experience and strong leadership skills desired. Promotes cooperative working relationships within and between departments. Knowledge of HIPPA and keeps abreast of and implements new programs or practices.

RN or LPN-Health Information Management Coordinator
28 hours/week. Experience in records management in long term care preferred. Computer and software experience preferred.
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If you need additional information, please call 308-384-3535
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53 Health Care

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Good Samaritan Society
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Drug Free Workplace

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Full time position working in our Coding and Reimbursement Department, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. High School Diploma required. One to two years related experience or training in analytical accounting and exposure to healthcare industry preferred. Prefer proficiency in Microsoft Excel and Access. Duties will include creating spreadsheets, analyzing data to identify trends, researching reimbursement methodologies to ensure compliance, maintaining/updating reporting systems, collaboration with subject experts and creation of training or guideline documents and maintaining a working knowledge of regulations affecting healthcare reimbursement.

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Call for confirmation

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53 Health Care

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Position available at South Heartland District Health Department. Full-time preferred. See complete job posting and application information at www.southheartlandhealth.org
Deadline: 12/14/12

PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATOR/WELLNESS COORDINATOR
Part-time or full-time position available at South Heartland District Health Department. See complete job posting and application at www.southheartlandhealth.org
Deadline: 12/14/12

54 Office/Clerical

OFFICE ACCOUNTING REPRESENTATIVE/PERSON ASSISTANT NEEDED

We are looking for an Office Assistant. Duties include greeting clients, answering phones, and routing mail, data entry and retrieve, scheduling and calendar maintenance. Ideal candidates will have proven customer service skills in an administrative setting and experience with Microsoft Office applications. Email resumes to: addsmt12@aol.com
IF INTERESTED

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Receptionist position for local medical practice. Quick learner, computer knowledge, people skills a must. Benefits include 401K and cafeteria plan. Please send resume to: Box C, c/o Hastings Tribune, P.O. Box 788, Hastings, NE 68902

55 Sales

FARMERS INSURANCE GROUP
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A SALES CAREER
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Sudoku

Difficulty: 4 (of 5)

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				2			1
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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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7	1	8	3	2	9	5	6	4
8	2	7	6	4	1	9	3	5
5	6	4	9	3	7	1	2	8
1	3	9	2	8	5	6	4	7

HOW TO PLAY:
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

55 Sales

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57 Technical & Trade

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Janice Kennedy hugs Secret Santa after getting a \$100 bill from the wealthy philanthropist from Kansas City, Mo., while looking for clothes at the Salvation Army store in the borough of Staten Island, N.Y., Thursday.

‘Santa’ showers \$100 bills on N.J., N.Y.

VERENA DOBNIK
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A wealthy Missouri man posing as “Secret Santa” stunned New Yorkers, handing \$100 bills to many in Staten Island who had lost everything to Superstorm Sandy.

The Kansas City businessman is giving away \$100,000 this holiday season, and spent the day in New Jersey and New York giving away thousands. But he says money is not the issue.

“The money is not the point at all,” said the anonymous benefactor on Thursday as he walked up to surprised Staten Island residents and thrust crisp bills into their hands. “It’s about the random acts of kindness. I’m just setting an example, and if 10 percent of the people who see me emulate what I’m doing, anybody can be a Secret Santa!”

A police motorcade with sirens took him across the borough, passing a church ripped from its foundations and homes surrounded by debris. At a nearby disaster center run by volunteers, a woman quietly collected free food and basic goods.

“Has anyone given you any money?” he asked her.

“No,” replied Carol Hefty, a 72-year-old retiree living in a damaged home.

“Here,” he said, slipping the money into her hand.

“But this isn’t real money!” said Hefty, glancing at the red “Secret Santa” stamped onto the \$100.

“It is, and it’s for you,” he told her.

She broke down weeping and hugged him.

And so it went, again and again.

Secret Santa started his daylong East Coast visit with stops in Elizabeth, N.J. Keeping close watch over the cash hand-outs was his security entourage — police officers in uniform from New York and New Jersey, plus FBI agents and former agents from various states. Some have become supporters, wearing red caps marked with the word “elf” and assisting “Santa” to choose locations where people are most in need. He himself wears an “elf” cap and a red top, plus blue jeans.

The group must choose stops carefully, and refrain from simply appearing outdoors in a neighborhood, lest they be mobbed by people hearing that cash is being handed out.

At a stop at a Staten Island Salvation Army store, one woman was looking over a \$4 handbag. “But you get \$100!” he told her, offering the bill.

“Are you serious?” said Prudence

Onesto, her eyes widening. “Really?”

“Secret Santa,” he deadpanned, breaking into a broad grin.

The 55-year-old unemployed woman opened her arms and offered him a hug.

An aisle over, 41-year-old Janice Kennedy was overwhelmed: She received four \$100 bills.

Unemployed with a 2-year-old daughter, she lost her home in the storm and lives with her boyfriend. The money will go toward Christmas presents and her toddler’s next birthday.

“You’re not alone. God bless you!” the Missouri stranger told Phillip and Lisa Morris, a couple in their 30s whose home was badly damaged — but now had an extra \$300 in cash for rebuilding.

Secret Santa took up the holiday tradition from a close Kansas City friend, Larry Stewart, who for years handed out bills each December to unsuspecting strangers in thrift stores, food pantries and shelters. Stewart died in 2007 after giving away more than \$1 million to strangers in mostly \$100 bills.

The current Secret Santa will not divulge his name. Nor does he allow his face to be photographed. But he said he’s been to cities across America, from San Diego to Chicago to Charlotte, N.C.

3 dead after attack at Wyo. college campus

MEAD GRUVER
The Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — An attack at a community college in central Wyoming and another location nearby left three people dead Friday morning — a faculty member, another person, and the suspect, who police say used a sharp-edged weapon in the killings.

Police found two of those killed at a science building on the Casper College campus and the third at another location about 2 miles away.

Authorities didn’t identify the suspect or victims but said two were male and one was female.

The suspect wasn’t believed to be a student, but it appeared there was a relationship between the suspect and vic-

tims killed, Police Chief Chris Walsh said.

“We’re locating next of kin, and working on notification absolutely as fast as we can,” he said.

Walsh said he wanted the community to know there was no further threat.

“I want to emphasize that this is a horrible tragedy,” Walsh said. “And I want the city to, les southwest of campus. He would not specify where the suspect was found dead, but said, “one of those who is deceased is who we believe was committing all the violence.”

Casper is Wyoming’s second-largest city with a population of about 56,000. Wyoming residents refer to it as the “Oil City” because it’s a hub for the state’s small oil industry.

Hofstra basketball players charged in dorm burglaries

FRANK ELTMAN
The Associated Press

MINEOLA, N.Y. — Four Hofstra University basketball players were arrested on burglary charges stemming from dormitory room break-ins, police said Friday.

Detectives said the players were charged in six burglaries that occurred between Oct. 4 and Nov. 5, but they suspect there have been numerous other thefts starting at the beginning of the semester, including from basketball coach Mo Cassara.

The players haven’t been charged in the theft of Cassara’s property, although the inquiry is ongoing. Cassara did not immediately comment through a university spokeswoman.

Those who reported thefts say electronics items, cash and credit cards were stolen. Nassau County Detective Lt. Raymond Cote said he expected publicity about the arrests to prompt stu-

dents who may have thought they simply lost laptop computers, iPads and cellphones to now come forward and report the items stolen.

Cote said some of the stolen items were sold on Craigslist and elsewhere, but he estimated that \$10,000 worth of equipment had been recovered since the players’ arrest on Thursday. Many of the items vanished from common rooms in dormitory suites, where doors were often left unlocked, Cote said.

The arrested players were Kentrell Washington, 18, of Las Vegas; Jimmy Hall, 18, of Brooklyn; Dallas Anglin, 18, of Montclair, N.J.; and Shaquille Stokes, 20, of Manhattan. Each pleaded not guilty at his arraignment Friday.

Hall, a freshman, is the team’s No. 2 scorer. He and Stokes, a sophomore, started in six of the team’s seven games this season.

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Red cedar Christmas not stuff of dreams

“Are you getting a Christmas tree out of your pasture this year?” my neighbor Alvin asked me the other day when he stopped by to ask about using our tractor for a little job he needed to do.

I shook my head.

“Why would you even ask that?” I asked. “Almost everyone in seven counties

knows how I feel about using a cedar tree out of the pasture.”

He nodded. I think Eastern red cedars are sticky, they are not red and they occasionally smell bad because some animal has used them as a place to urinate.

They are not Christmas trees.

Alvin smiled. He had heard that same story from me many times, which is why I couldn't understand why he was even asking.

Alvin indicated the landscape with a swipe of his hand.

“First of all, you have a lot of them,” he said.

I nodded. We did. We try to stay on top of them, but they grow faster than anything I've ever seen. And what's odd about it is that if we wanted to grow them, I'm sure they would get all some sort of disease and die.

“I see you're cutting a bunch down,” Alvin continued.

“We are,” I replied.

“So, I thought maybe you would just use one of them for a Christmas tree,” he said.

Actually, it may come to that. We have always bought two trees at a local Christmas tree farm. With the invasion of the pine leaf beetle, the pines around here have been dying. That includes the beautiful trees I've purchased for my Christmas trees.

Last year, the local Christmas tree farm closed. I went to the local grocery store to buy my trees, and while they had some nice ones, they were much shorter. I just had to shrug and go on, and be happy I was able to buy two.

We used to always buy our Christmas trees at the local grocery store. When I was growing up, we never considered going to a tree farm for one, we went uptown and bought one of those scrawny Charlie Brown Christmas trees.

Today, I would love to be able to buy one of those.

The other day I drove by the local grocery store after making arrangements with my husband to come help me get a tree after work. There were none.

My heart dropped. I didn't want to drive 70 miles to find another tree farm or buy one in the city. It just didn't seem right.

I got to thinking that maybe we should start our own Christmas tree farm, then remembered that we have a hard time growing anything.

I hate to think of using a sticky, un-green Christmas tree, but I prefer live to artificial. Luckily, I called the grocery store to see if they were getting trees in and they were. They would have them out by that afternoon, they said.

I feel I've just gotten a reprieve.

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FACES OF BUSINESS: Jim Hill



JOHN HUTHMACHER/Tribune

Jim Hill displays a photo of his biggest catch to date: A 12-foot-long, 350-pound blue marlin nabbed in 1990.

Lure of the water

APPLIANCE DEALER
ALWAYS GLAD FOR CHANCE
TO DO SOME FISHING

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Whether by land, ice or boat, the lure to sport fish has always been strong in Hastings resident Jim Hill.

Hill, 68, has been tackling fishing in some form or another since childhood.

The president of Roger's Inc., an appliance store at 1035 S. Burlington Ave., is forever looking for an excuse to drop a line in the water.

From ice fishing expeditions in Minnesota to boat or land fishing across Nebraska, South Dakota, Washington, Oregon and other hot spots, the periodic need to get away from it all is reason enough to view each outing with eager anticipation. And if the fish are biting, which they seem to do on more occasions than not, even better.

“It's more fun to catch, but any day of fishing is good,” he said. “You don't have to catch everything every time.”

Hill began fishing with his father, Roger, at an early age. To him, it has always been a way to relax, a diversion from everything else that commands his attention the rest of the year.

“When it comes right down to it, if

we go out and I don't catch any fish, that's OK,” he said. “It's a relaxation.”

His first swipe at deep sea fishing produced instant success. Teaming with another fisherman, he landed a 350-pound 12-foot long blue marlin in first and only trip to Acapulco in 1990.

But perhaps his most memorable catch was one that was more unusual than massive: an 18-pound striped bass caught in Kansas while fishing with Ben Pegg, owner of the Plainsman Steakhouse and Lounge in Juniata.

What was remarkable about the catch was that it began in one ice fishing hole and ended up in another. Fishing next to Pegg, Hill tussled with his catch in earnest, only to see it migrate to Pegg's fishing hole. It was only upon reeling the catch in that the two fisherman understood what had actually occurred.

“We were fishing fairly close to each other, and his line was going down, too,” Hill said. “I just about had this fish out and he sets his line in my lure. We ended up taking it out of that hole.”

Hill said Pegg still kids him about his role in the catch.

“He thinks he ought to have it (the mounted fish) one-third of the time,” he said.

Though he is comfortable fishing alongside other fishermen while trolling favorite destinations in Minnesota and South Dakota, he prefers getaways limited to a few close friends. It is on these trips that he is truly able to relax and commune with nature, both enhancements to the overall experience.

“It's nice to be able to go to a private pond where I can go and may not see a soul all day long,” he said. “I may see a deer or two walking around the pond, or turkeys. It's relaxing.”

But whether he's fishing alone or

with other anglers, he counts all time spent with rod and reel in hand as a blessing. And sharing the experience with like-minded people only heightens the already pleasurable pastime, he said.

“It's definitely a bonding thing, no question about that,” he said. “It just a different atmosphere entirely when a group of guys can rent a cabin, get together and lie to each other.”

Yet as much as he enjoys dropping a line, he's wary of making it too prevalent in his normal routine. His fear is that too much of a good thing could eventually start to feel more like work than play.

“It's like anything else,” he said. “It wouldn't be as much fun if I could go every day. If something comes up and I can't go out, that's life.”

Though he'll use whatever live bait is called for when boat fishing, he prefers utilizing lures to entice bites. There's just something about hosting a fish buffet that doesn't sit right with him.

“I've always said if you're using live bait, you're feeding them,” he said. “I'd rather fool 'em than feed 'em.”

He seldom keeps any of the fish he catches, preferring to release them to be caught again. And perhaps that is why a good outing to him doesn't necessarily involve catching fish. Sometimes a good battle is enough to carry the day.

“It's more fun to catch, but any day of fishing is good,” he said. “I don't necessarily have to catch fish as long as I got him on the line. I'm probably not a real great fisherman. I have a lot of patience, but my ideas of fishing are completely different than a professional, I'm sure.”

“To me, it's the anticipation that you're going to have a strike from a fish. It's getting away from work. It's solitude.”

UBBNRD's 'field day' Dec. 13

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Information on the farm market outlook, climate conditions, agronomic research and area efforts to protect groundwater quality will be provided at the ninth annual CROP-TIP Field Day in York Dec. 13.

The free, daylong event will be presented at the York City Auditorium by Cornerstone Bank and the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District. Attendance will fulfill the requirements for water quality management training for farmers in management zones 5 and 6.

The day begins with registration at 9 a.m. The program begins at 9:30 and will continue until 3. The noon meal will be provided.

Scheduled speakers include: ♦ Sue Martin, ag analyst for the television show “Market to Market,” on “2013 — A Year of Variables?”

♦ Al Dutcher, Nebraska state climatologist, on “What Atmospheric Conditions Will Be Necessary to Significantly Reduce the Current Drought Signature Across the Corn Belt?”

♦ Dan Leininger, water conservationist for the UBBNRD, on “CROP-TIP and KROP-TIP Harvest Results”

♦ Rod DeBuhr, water department manager for the district, on “Groundwater Quality in the Upper Big Blue NRD”

CROP-TIP refers to “Cornerstone Resources Observation Plot-Test Irrigation Project,” an ongoing research project involving the NRD and Cornerstone Bank.

Experimental fields at York's south edge are used to gather information on irrigation, fertilizer and other management practices for corn and soybeans.

KROP-TIP refers to similar research between York and Benedict in cooperation with a farmer John Kaliff.

Advance registration is needed for an accurate meal count. To say you will attend, call DeeDee Novotny at the district office, 402-362-6601.

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Outgoing Congress pretty lame

On the face of it, few things carry a more apt name than today's “lame duck” Congress.

Indeed, how lame is it that after two years of raw partisanship and paralyzing inactivity, we believe two legislative bodies that haven't agreed on what day it is since 2010 to —

what — reform taxes, pass a 2013 budget, complete a 2012 Farm Bill and “save”

Medicare and Social Security all in the next 30 days?

This Congress? The one with 39 House members fired by voters in 2012 and 22 others who wanted out so badly they didn't even stand re-election, let alone 12 senators currently looking for both lobbying jobs and book publishers?

On second thought, maybe the truly lame ducks are us because we believe this dysfunctional Congress can complete in one month the work it couldn't do in two years.

What's not lame is the galactically long odds that any “fiscal cliff” package will be wrapped up by Dec. 31.

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Alan Guebert

Guebert: Don't expect much action by Congress

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In fact, most on Capitol Hill put the odds at intergalactically long.

The best proof that either bet is right is November. Half of the eight weeks between Election Day and New Year's Eve have passed with little to no discussions between any of the key players on any aspect of this massive task.

The Washington Post noticed this silence over Thanksgiving. In a Nov. 23 story outlining where the post-election power lies in the Senate, the newspaper noted that Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., "has been arguing that missing the deadline for a deal—going over the cliff—could actually make getting a deal easier."

Murray's view is important. Since she replaces retiring Kent Conrad, D-N.D., as chairman of the Senate Budget Committee in January, any "fiscal cliff" deal must go through her. If she believes a post-Jan. 1 deal is better—mostly because of Democratic gains in both the Senate and the House on Nov. 6—then a post-Jan. 1 deal becomes more likely.

Amid this cliff-watching, the Senate-passed Farm Bill still naps in the House. Talk of any Dec. 31 "grand bargain" often includes a line or two on how the Farm Bill could be part of the package.

That chatter, though, is more hopeful than accurate. Since Farm Bill discussions began two years ago, Speaker of the House John Boehner has promised "regular order" for any vote on an updated ag law.

That means members can offer amendments to the Farm Bill, a process loaded with time-burning talk and roll call votes. Moreover, the Boehner promise guarantees a Farm Bill debate would burn four days of the preciously short December House calendar.

The Speaker can abandon his regular-order promise, but the move likely would be challenged by his caucus's tea party members who believe several Farm Bill programs—direct payments and fast-growing food assistance, to name just two—need a haircut.

As such, an intra-party squabble is something Boehner can ill-afford, especially if a "fiscal cliff" deal comes to the House sometime in December.

The flip side of that coin, a House-approved Farm Bill, presents its own problems. The biggest, again, would be time needed for a House-Senate conference to iron out differences between the two bills before a final version heads back to each chamber for a conclusive vote.

The odds of this happening lengthen every day that passes without White House or congressional action.

One agreement between the White House and Congress could, however, deliver a Farm Bill, a tax reform bill, a federal deficit reduction plan and a blueprint to solidify key American — and heavily rural — programs like Medicare and Social Security: agree to move the Dec. 31 deadline to, say, Sept. 1, 2013.

Lame, sure. But we're dealing with ducks here.

And there, too.

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A man walks past a parking spot outside a residential building in Hong Kong Tuesday.

Parking bubble?

SPOTS IN HONG KONG
FETCHING AS MUCH
AS U.S. \$167K APIECE

KELVIN CHAN
The Associated Press

HONG KONG — Investors looking for new places to park their cash in Hong Kong are driving up prices for parking spaces, sparking fears of a bubble in the Asian financial center.

Prices for parking spots in Hong Kong are nearing historic highs, the side effect of government curbs to cool the housing market amid worries of overheating following the latest round of monetary stimulus in the U.S. two months ago.

There are "a lot of speculators in the market, especially for car parks," said Buggle Lau, senior analyst with Midland Realty. A bubble is "definitely forming."

Over the weekend, a developer sold about 500 parking spots at a new suburban apartment complex at prices up to 1.3 million Hong Kong dollars (\$167,000) per space.

In a commercial building near the city's financial district on Hong Kong Island, an investor has put 34 parking spaces on sale for HK\$100 million (\$12.9 million), according to a report last week in the Ming Pao newspaper. A parking spot in the exclusive Repulse Bay neighborhood sold for HK\$3 million, the paper also said, citing Land Registry data.

On Thursday, a single parking spot in a building in the popular Mid-Levels residential neighborhood will be auctioned off with the opening bid at HK\$680,000.

Second-hand parking spaces changed hands in the third quarter for an average of HK\$640,000. That's up 16.4 percent over the year before, according to research by property company Centaline. It's also not far off the record HK\$660,000 in the fourth quarter of 1997, shortly before the city's property market collapsed.

The rising prices are a side-effect of recent measures to cool Hong Kong's housing prices, which have doubled since the end of 2009 and are among the highest in the world.

Hong Kong's government has introduced three separate sets of curbs on property purchases since



VINCENT YU/AP

Below: Cars are parked near empty spots at a residential building in Hong Kong Tuesday.

the summer in a bid to cool the market. U.S. policymakers' continuing efforts to stimulate the economy by keeping interest rates at an ultralow level and buying tens of billions in bonds each month has raised concerns in Hong Kong about money flooding into the southern Chinese city, pushing asset prices higher as investors chase profits in the property market.

The latest curbs don't cover nonresidential properties such as parking spots so investors have been piling in as they look for higher returns. Hong Kong had the world's third-highest monthly parking charges last year, according to real estate company Colliers International.

"In some car parks, especially in urban areas where supply is limited, the sales price of some car parks can be as high as two to three million (Hong Kong) dollars" each, said Lau of Midland Realty.

Nearly 8,400 parking spaces worth HK\$5.6 billion changed hands in the first 10 months of this year, compared to 8,300 such transactions worth HK\$5.4 billion for all of 2011, according to Land Registry data compiled by Midland.

Some of that increase comes from developers like Cheung Kong Holdings, Sun Hung Kai Properties and Chinachem Group selling off parking spaces at their apartment complexes. It's a break from the usual practice of renting them out to residents, and is a sign that the developers realize it's a "pretty good

time" to sell because of the prices they can get, Lau said.

Because Hong Kong's currency is pegged to the U.S. dollar, policymakers cannot take conventional measures to cool property prices like raising interest rates.

So the government tightened restrictions on property purchases, including bringing in a new stamp duty on foreign buyers. But parking spots and other non-residential property are exempt.

"The latest overseas buyers' stamp duty will just put some fuel onto that fire, and is making the whole parking space investment market go out of control," said Josh Wong, whose Hong Kong City Parking owns about 200 parking spots at eight lots around Hong Kong.

Many investors who buy spaces rent them out to car owners. Wong said he typically looks for an annual yield, or return, of 5 to 6 percent, but because prices have risen, yields have been falling to about 4 to 5 percent. He said has even heard of investors making as little as 1.8 percent on their investment.

Wong said the parking space market was heating up because investors didn't need a lot of money to get started.

"One million Hong Kong dollars. (\$129,000) cannot buy anything in Hong Kong. You cannot buy a shop, you cannot buy anything except car parking and that would help the car park investment go even more crazy," he said.

Key mortgage rate ticks up to 3.32 percent

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The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Average U.S. rates on fixed mortgages stayed close to record lows this week, a trend that has made home buying more affordable and helped the housing market recover.

Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac said Thursday that the average rate on the 30-year loan edged up to 3.32 percent. That's close to last week's rate of 3.31 percent, the lowest on records dating to 1971.

The average on the 15-year fixed mortgage ticked up to 2.64 percent from 2.63 percent last week, also a record low.

The average rate on the 30-year loan has been below 4 percent all year. It has fallen further since the Federal Reserve started buying mortgage bonds in September to encourage more borrowing and spending.

Low mortgage rates have helped lift home sales this year. The National Association of Realtors on Thursday said that its index measuring the number of people who signed contracts in October to buy homes jumped to nearly its highest level in almost six years.

Home prices also have increased, which makes consumers feel wealthier and more likely to spend. And builders are more confident that the market will improve and have started more homes.

Lower rates also have persuaded more people to refinance. That typically leads to lower monthly mortgage payments and more spending. Consumer spending drives nearly 70 percent of economic activity.

Still, the housing market has a long way to a full recovery. And many people are unable to take advantage of the low rates, either because they can't qualify for stricter lending rules or they lack the money to meet larger down payment requirements.

To calculate average mortgage rates, Freddie Mac surveys lenders across the country on Monday through Wednesday of each week. The average doesn't include extra fees, known as points, which most borrowers must pay to get the lowest rates. One point equals 1 percent of the loan amount.

The average fee for 30-year loans was 0.8 point, up from 0.7 point last week. The fee for 15-year loans was unchanged at 0.6 point.

The average rate on a one-year adjustable-rate mortgage was steady at 2.56 percent. The fee for one-year adjustable-rate loans ticked up to 0.5 point from 0.4.

The average rate on a five-year adjustable-rate mortgage fell to 2.72 percent from 2.74 percent last week. The fee remained at 0.6 point.

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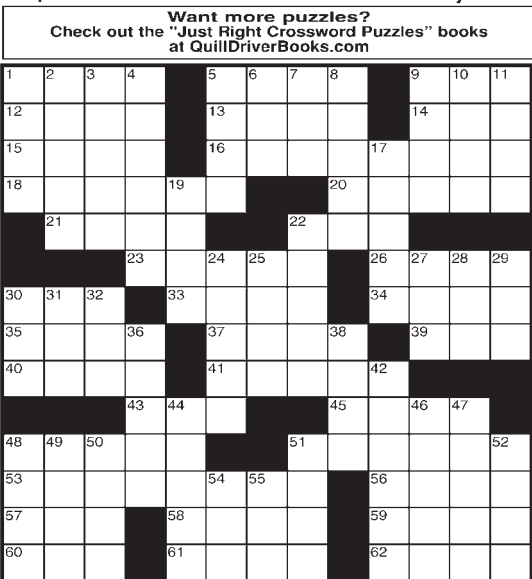
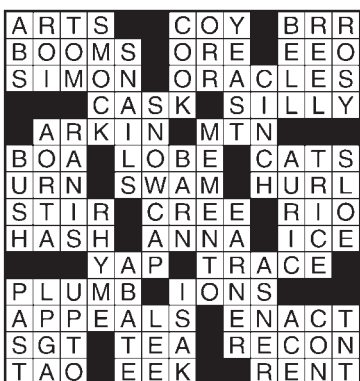
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Astrograph

SUNDAY, DEC. 2

The year ahead will mark a period of many new beginnings. You're likely to become much more daring and adventurous, as well as start to explore numerous new subjects that you never dared tackle previously.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Although another's intent might be sincere, the possibilities of his or her coming through for you might be somewhat overcome by reality. Don't count on any outside help.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — An important endeavor in which you're involved isn't likely to live up to your expectations if you leave any part to chance. You must be able to control every step.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Don't become so enamored with a new friend that you fail to keep in touch with any of your longtime pals. Share your time as equally as possible with both.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Setting some lofty goals is admirable, but don't fall into the trap of thinking they are already completed just because you thought of them. It takes elbow grease to get things done.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You might be in for a surprise when you discover that you have a total lack of knowledge about something you thought you understood. Take immediate measures to rectify it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — When entering a joint agreement, make sure your counterpart can contribute the necessary knowledge that he or she claims to have. If the partnership is out of balance, it could fizzle.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Because you're in a somewhat lucky cycle, you should receive your fair share of breaks. However, if you get involved with a negative person, he or she could dilute things for you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Be careful you don't commit yourself to something that is based more on hope than reality. If you can't distinguish between the two, you're in for a huge letdown.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Recognize the difference between getting involved with a group you'll enjoy and one that won't truly accept you, no matter how hard you try. Trying to win the latter over will be a lost cause and a waste of time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If you decide to make a major, expensive change in your home or residence, be absolutely certain it'll be something that you can live with for a long time. If it isn't, you'll end up being miserable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Don't make the mistake of lacking faith in your own abilities and relying solely on the advice from persons who may not be as astute as you are. Trust your instincts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Be extra careful about both the management of your resources and of someone else's. Chances are, handling money may not be your strong suit at this time.

MONDAY, DEC. 3

In coming months, many friends and associates will turn out to be far more instrumental in your life than you might anticipate. This could be an exceptionally unusual year in terms of what you and your colleagues can do for each other.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — With the tremendous optimism you espouse, you should have little trouble awakening enthusiasm in others. Whatever it is you're doing, they'll want to be part of it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Although you may not think you require any assistance from others, they might end up helping you get what you want. Upon reflection, you'll realize how badly you needed help.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Most any group could benefit from your presence. You'll be a great catalyst, knowing exactly what needs doing and how to effectively go about doing it.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — A special target that you've been striving for could turn out to be much bigger than you initially thought. Once achieved, it will have many far-reaching effects.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — A friend who has been quite fortunate for you once before might be so for you again. Stick close to him or her, because this person is likely to be quite helpful.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — This could be one of those wonderful days when everything you touch generates additional income. Pay special attention to a side endeavor and/or second project.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Lady Luck is likely to be involved in many of your endeavors, but she will probably shine most on a partnership arrangement.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Focus your efforts on making as much money as you can. If you do, it's likely that you will find a way to increase your earnings through a one-time source.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Working in close tandem with others will prove to be quite lucky for you. However, the results will be even more impressive if you call the shots instead of letting another do so.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — This can be an especially rewarding day, mostly because you'll be able to successfully weld your inner desires to your external capabilities. Something great will come of it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Something extraordinary could occur, which would put you in an extremely happy frame of mind. Whatever it is, it will be the type of event that will be worth celebrating.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Instead of diminishing or modifying your hopes and expectations, try to elevate them to new heights. You are far luckier than you may realize, so think and act big.

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Domineering mother keeps her son on a short leash

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend "Alex's" mom is the most controlling person I have ever encountered. We only get to see each other on weekends because he lives an hour away from me. When we do see each other, it's for one-third of the day. Alex has to spend the other two-thirds with her. I'm 22 and he is 21.

He is also not allowed to stay with me. Alex has to lie to her about where he's staying in order to be able to spend time with me. I love my boyfriend unconditionally, but his mom is driving us both crazy and turning our relationship into a trio. We have tried getting her to back off, but it just makes her worse. What do you think we should do? — EXTREMELY WORRIED IN MISSISSIPPI

DEAR EXTREMELY WORRIED: Frankly, you should be worried. Your boyfriend is an adult who seems to be firmly under his mother's thumb. He is completely dependent. If nothing else, he should be looking for a job so he can sever the umbilical cord before it strangles him. You can't fix this. HE has to do it.

DEAR ABBY: My former roommate and I took a short trip to Florida. We agreed we would split the hotel costs. I'd reserve the room; she would reimburse me after the trip.

She paid me a month later, and I deposited her check as soon as I could get to my bank, which was three weeks later. When the check went through, she attacked me because she said it drained her account! I apologized, but told her I was upset that she was making it seem like it was my fault.

Had I known she had money problems, I would have waited to deposit her check. It has been months, and my once best friend still won't speak to me. Was I wrong? — AT FAULT? IN KENTUCKY

DEAR AT FAULT?: No, you were not. It was your friend's responsibility to make sure there were enough funds in her account to cover the check she gave you. She may be embarrassed, which is why she doesn't want to talk to you. People who are angry at themselves sometimes blame others. It's a sign of immaturity.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Kristen" for seven months. She is great as far as personality, physical chemistry, similar likes and dislikes, and patience go. She is ALMOST everything I have ever wanted in a girl. However, I have never called her "beautiful," although she has made a couple of "fishing" comments to try to get me to say it. In my eyes, that would be a lie.

Kristen is attractive, but not beautiful. I have always thought that anyone I'm planning on spending the rest of my life with would be "beautiful" to ME, and I'd let her know accordingly. I can't discuss this with family or friends because I'm afraid they will think I'm shallow. Your thoughts? — NOT SHALLOW IN PHOENIX

DEAR NOT SHALLOW: Candidly, I think that in spite of all of her wonderful qualities, Kristen is not "the one" for you. And you are not "the one" for her because what she needs is validation you can't give her. Women need to feel beautiful in the eyes of the men they love, and because you plan to spend your life with someone who is beautiful "to you," you should both move on.

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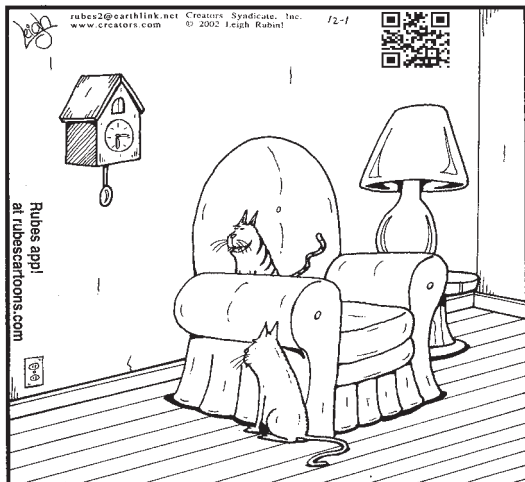
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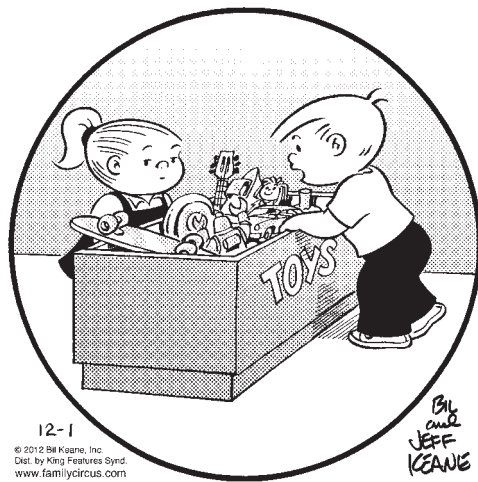
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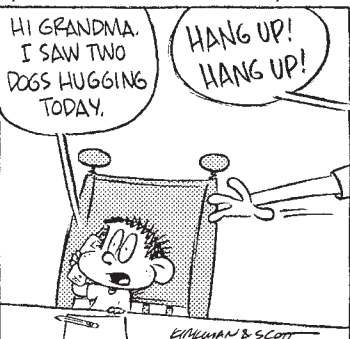
"Catching this guy oughta be a cinch. I've been studying his daily routine. He pops out of that hole every hour on the hour just like clockwork."



"I'm checking my inventory so I can start writin' my Christmas list."

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By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



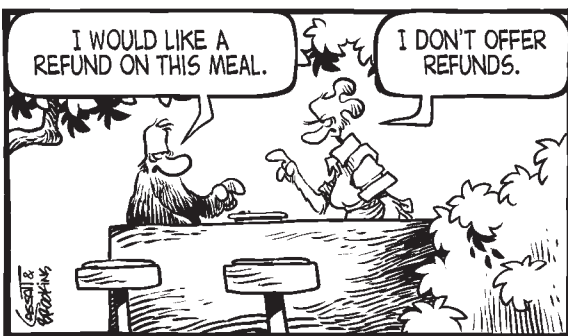
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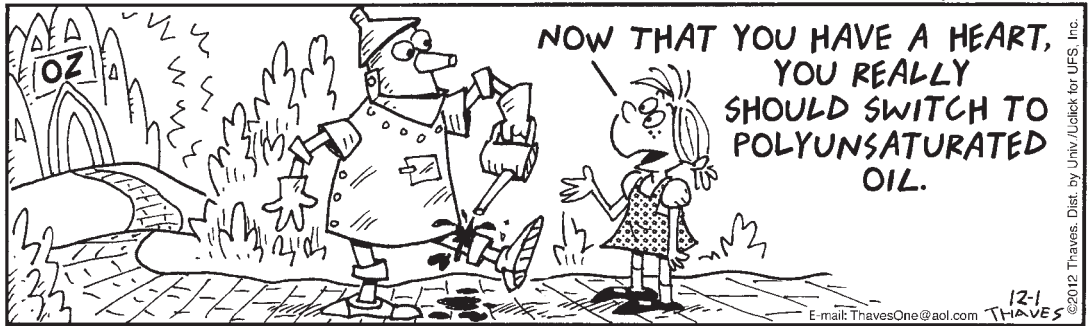
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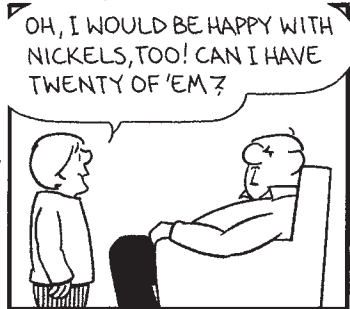
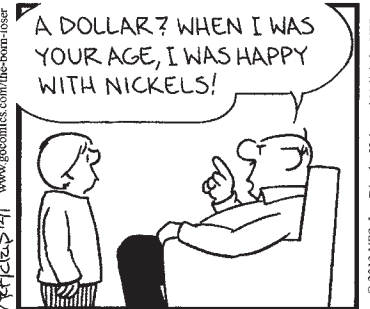
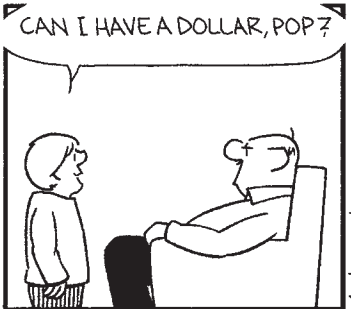
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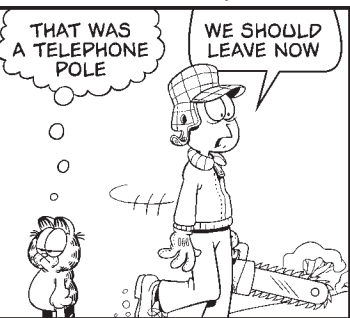
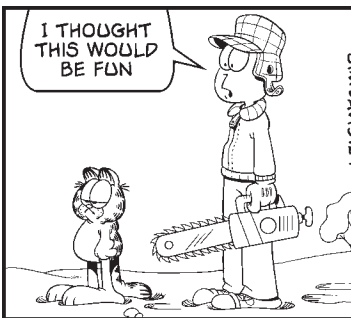
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Local

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Hastings Area Habitat for Humanity is asking local churches to consider participating in a Christmas Eve offering to benefit the program. Habitat for Humanity builds homes to benefit families in the Hastings community by putting them on the road to home ownership. Churches are being asked to consider having a special offering during the service or offer a place in the church where people can make a donation to Habitat for Humanity on Christmas Eve. This offering would not replace the church's regular offering and would only be a supplement to benefit Habitat for Humanity in Hastings. "Habitat for Humanity exists to help families get out of overly costly, crowded, often dilapidated housing — to invest in good quality homes of their own," said the Rev. Larry Harvey, clergy liaison to Hastings Habitat. "It is a ministry of grace, very much motivated by the Gospel of the Christ." Churches interested in hosting a Christmas Eve offering are encouraged to contact Harvey at 402-469-4261 or Hastings Area Habitat for Humanity chairman Rick Reimer at 402-462-5141.

COOKIE WALK

There will be a cookie walk 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Dec. 8 at Zion Lutheran Church, 465 S. Marian Road. Cookies by the pound, one-of-a-kind crafts, quilted items and baked goods will be available. Coffee and rolls will be served from 8-11 a.m. Soup and pie will be sold from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

The Lakeside Community Church music and creative arts department will present "The Miracle of Christmas," a dramatic musical and dinner theater, Dec. 7-9 at the Hastings City Auditorium, 400 N. Hastings Ave. Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. each evening. The musical will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at the church office, 700 W. 22nd St., or download a reservation form at the church's website, lcchastings.com. For more information, call the church at 402-463-6776.

Region

CHRISTMAS ABENDMUSIK

JUNIATA — Zion-Wanda Lutheran Church, 4080 S. Wanda Ave., will present an evening of Christmas music and readings featuring the Cathedral Brass at 7 p.m. Dec. 9. Formed in 2004 by college professors from Hastings and Kearney, the Cathedral Brass had its beginnings as an in-residence ensemble at St. Mark's Episcopal Pro-Cathedral in Hastings. Regrouping in 2009, the quintet performs two formal concerts per year, plus a myriad of performances in various other venues. Refreshments will be served following the program. A free-will offering will be taken.

Nation

POLYGAMIST'S RANCH

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas wants ownership of Warren Jeffs' massive polygamist ranch where prosecutors say the convicted sect leader and his followers sexually assaulted dozens of children, the state attorney general's office said Wednesday. A judge will determine whether to grant the state control of the 1,600-acre property owned by the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The sect bought the land for more than \$1.1 million in 2003, according to court records. The affidavit, filed Wednesday, does not provide a current value for the Yearning for Zion Ranch. Texas has spent more than \$4.5 million in prosecuting the cases against Jeffs and 10 of his followers. Jerry Strickland, a spokesman for the attorney general's office, said the warrant begins the final chapter in the state's five-year-old case against Jeffs.

The Associated Press



BOB OWEN, San Antonio Express-News/AP

In this Oct. 1 photo, Tira Starr, an eighth-grader at Anson Jones Middle School, shows her ID badge as students change classes in San Antonio, Texas. The San Antonio school district requires students to wear microchip-embedded cards tracking their every move on campus.

Texas suit targets 'locator' chips

SAN ANTONIO SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUIRES STUDENTS TO CARRY SMARTID BADGES

PAUL J. WEBER
The Associated Press
AUSTIN, Texas — To 15-year-old Andrea Hernandez, the tracking microchip embedded in her student ID card is a "mark of the beast," sacrilege to her Christian faith — not to mention how it pinpoints her location, even in the school bathroom. But to her budget-reeling San Antonio school district, those chips carry a potential \$1.7 million in classroom funds. Starting this fall, the fourth-largest school district in Texas is experimenting with "locator" chips in student ID badges on two of its campuses, allowing administrators to track the whereabouts of 4,200

students with GPS-like precision. Hernandez's refusal to participate isn't a twist on teenage rebellion, but has launched a debate over privacy and religion that has forged a rare like-mindedness between typically opposing groups. When Hernandez and her parents balked at the so-called SmartID, the school agreed to remove the chip but still required her to wear the badge. The family refused on religious grounds, stating in a lawsuit that even wearing the badge was tantamount to "submission of a false god" because the card still indicated her participation. A state district judge had been expected to decide Wednesday whether Northside Independent School District could transfer Hernandez to a different campus. But the family's attorney said late Tuesday that the hearing was canceled after the school district asked that the case

be moved to federal court. A new hearing hasn't been set. "How often do you see an issue where the ACLU and Christian fundamentalists come together? It's unusual," said Chris Steinbach, the chief of staff for a Republican state lawmaker who has filed a bill to outlaw the technology in Texas schools. The concept isn't new, but hasn't exactly caught on nationwide. In 2005, the American Civil Liberties Union raised concerns about a similar initiative at a California school. That same year, a suburban Houston school district began putting the chips in its student IDs, and served as the blueprint for Northside's pilot program that began this fall. Ronald Stephens, executive director of the nonprofit National School Safety Center, said he didn't believe the technology to be widespread but predicted "it'll be the

next wave" in schools. The chips use radio-frequency identification (RFID) transmitters and only work on campus. The Northside school district spent roughly \$261,000 to equip students at one high school and one middle school with SmartIDs, a decision made with safety and efficiency in mind, said district spokesman Pascual Gonzalez. Imagine quickly accounting for students in the event of a lockdown, he said, or cafeteria lines moving faster as scanners instantly identify who's picking up that lunch tray. Yet the biggest motivation was financial. In Texas, school funding is based on daily attendance. The more students seated in homeroom when the first bell rings, the more state dollars the school receives. If a student is lingering in the hallway or the library when roll is called, the marked absence hurts the school's bottom line.



YUI MOK/AP

Dr. Rowan Williams, the outgoing Archbishop of Canterbury, is hugged by a female colleague after draft legislation introducing the first women bishops in the Church of England failed to receive final approval from the Church of England General Synod at Church House in central London Nov. 20. The defeat was a setback for the archbishop, who retires at the end of December, and his successor, Bishop Justin Welby.

Church of England to start again on female bishops

The Associated Press
LONDON — The Church of England has taken a tentative step toward trying again to get its governing General Synod to approve female bishops. The church said Wednesday the Archbishops' Council agreed this week that the issue needed to be resolved "as a matter of urgency" and should be restarted when the General Synod next meets in July. A brief statement from the 19-member council did not indicate when another vote could be taken. The council recommended that all the bishops, at their meeting next month, "put in place a clear process for discussions in the new year with a view to bringing legislative proposals before the Synod in July."

Church legislation authorizing female bishops failed last week when laity in the General Synod failed to muster the necessary two-thirds majority, falling just six votes short. Prime Minister David Cameron has expressed his disappointment and last week urged the church to "get on with it." He said it was a matter for the church to resolve, but some lawmakers have suggested forcing the issue by abolishing the church's exemption from the law against gender discrimination. Much of the debate in the General Synod was about provisions for church members who believe only men can be priests and bishops, and do not want to be supervised by a female bishop.

What may happen if gay marriage becomes a civil right

Gay-rights advocates know the formula and so do their opponents: If gay marriage becomes a civil right, then religious believers who defend ancient doctrines on marriage will become de facto segregationists and suffer the legal consequences. "Before we shrug and reply, 'So what if it's religious? It's still bigotry, it's still intolerable,' we need to remember that religious liberty is America's founding principle. It is embedded in the country's DNA, not to mention in the First Amendment," argued gay commentator Jonathan Rauch, writing in The Advocate.



Terry Mattingly

"Being seen as a threat to religious freedom is not in our interest." This is the state of things, as the U.S. Supreme Court ponders whether the time is right to address this hot-button topic. Meanwhile, gay-rights groups recently won several ballot-box victories. Some conservatives have proposed radical strategies in response, such as scholar George Weigel's suggestion that it may be time for the Catholic church to "pre-emptively withdraw from the civil-marriage business, its clergy declining to act as agents of government in witnessing marriages for purposes of state law." That would be a potent symbolic gesture, but "taking that action would do nothing to resolve the religious-liberty issues that are causing conflicts here in America, or will cause additional conflicts in the

future," said Stanley Carlson-Thies, director of the Institutional Religious Freedom Alliance. Even if traditional religious leaders attempt to legally separate holy matrimony from secular marriage, it is still the government's definition of marriage that will decide a variety of issues outside sanctuary doors, especially in public life. "The other question," Thies said, "is whether those on the cultural left will be willing, at this point, to settle for civil unions. ... (W)e will need people on both sides to work together if there are going to be meaningful compromises." One divisive issue in these gay-marriage debates overlaps with current fights over White House mandates requiring most religious institutions to offer health-care plans covering sterilizations and all Food and Drug Administration-approved

forms of contraception, including morning-after pills. These Health and Human Services requirements recognize the conscience rights of employers only if they are nonprofits that have the "inculcation of religious values" as their primary purpose, primarily employ "persons who share ... religious tenets" and primarily serve those "who share ... religious tenets." Critics insist this protects mere "freedom of worship," not the First Amendment's wider free exercise of religion. Here is the parallel: In gay-marriage debates, almost everyone concedes that clergy must not be required to perform same-sex rites that violate their consciences. The question is whether legislatures and courts will extend protection to religious hospitals, homeless shelters, summer camps, day-care centers, coun-

seling facilities, adoption agencies and similar public ministries. What about religious colleges that rent married-student apartments or seek accreditation for their degrees in education, counseling or social work? What about the religious-liberty rights of individuals who work as florists, wedding photographers, wedding-cake bakers, counselors who do pre- or post-marital counseling and other similar forms of business? These are only some of the thorny issues that worry many activists on both sides of the gay-rights divide. Law professor Douglas Laycock, then of the University of Michigan, provided this summary in a letter to the governor of New Hampshire. "I support same-sex marriage," he said, but the "net effect for human liberty will be no better than a wash if same-

sex couples now oppress religious dissenters in the same way that those dissenters, when they had the power to do so, treated same-sex couples in ways that those couples found oppressive. "Nor is it in the interest of the gay and lesbian community to create religious martyrs in the enforcement of this bill. ... Every such case will be in the news repeatedly, and every such story will further inflame the opponents of same-sex marriage. Refusing exemptions to such religious dissenters will politically empower the most demagogic opponents of same-sex marriage. It will ensure that the issue remains alive, bitter and deeply divisive.

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GEORGE FREY/AP

In this Jan. 31, 2008, file photo, two Mormon missionaries walk past a large map of the world in a hallway at the Missionary Training Center in Provo, Utah. Utah's flagship university is creating a deferment program that will allow Mormon students going on missions at younger ages to delay enrollment.

Mormon missionaries can delay start of college

BRADY McCOMBS
The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah's flagship university will allow students to delay enrollment up to two years in the latest reaction to the lowering of the minimum age for missionaries by the Mormon church.

The University of Utah's new deferment program gives students who have been accepted the option of waiting up to seven semesters, slightly more than two years, to start college, said Matthew Lopez, director of admissions at the university.

Students previously had to complete one semester to get a leave of absence.

The move came on the heels of an October announcement by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints that it was lowering the minimum age to 18 for men and 19 for women to go on missions.

The minimum age had been 19 for men and 21 for women.

University of Utah officials had been discussing the possibility of a deferment program for several years, but the announcement by the Mormon church "put a spark to the conversation," Lopez said.

An estimated one-third of students at

the University of Utah are members of the Mormon church, Lopez said.

"It was important that we scramble really quickly," said Lopez, referring to a Dec. 1 application deadline for freshmen for fall 2013.

Deferment requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. The delays can be requested for Mormon missions, military service, humanitarian missions and illness, among other things.

Mormon church spokesman Dale Jones said the move was appreciated and benefits students and the university.

The creation of the program puts the University of Utah in line with other state universities with policies to accommodate students going on missions directly out of high school.

At Brigham Young University in Provo, which is owned by the Mormon church, a deferment program has been in place for years, said BYU spokeswoman Carri Jenkins. It allows students to delay enrollment and scholarships out of high school, she said.

Utah State University in Logan has also had a deferment program in place for

some time, said John Mortensen, assistant vice president for enrollment services.

Lowering the minimum missionary age sparked a number of missionary applications in the weeks following the announcement. Through late October, church officials said they were getting about 4,000 applications a week — up for the usual 700 a week.

There has been a particularly enthusiastic response from women, who submitted more than half of these applications, the church said.

Mormon church Elder Russell M. Nelson said the church has seen good returns when 18-year-olds are allowed to go on missions from the 48 countries outside the U.S. that have already dropped the minimum age.

Youngsters must first graduate from high school or reach an equivalent level to go on a mission. It's the first time since 1960 the church has lowered the minimum age for missionaries.

"We hope that will also allow our youth greater flexibility in planning for their schooling, careers, marriage and military obligations," Nelson said in October.

Local atheist salvages Jesus statue challenge

MATT VOLZ
The Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. — A lawsuit seeking the removal of a Jesus statue near a Montana ski resort will go on after a national group of atheists and agnostics produced a local member who says he is offended by the religious symbol whenever he swooshes down the slopes.

The Knights of Columbus and four individuals had asked a judge to throw out the legal challenge because the Wisconsin-based Freedom From Religion Foundation had

not named anyone actually harmed by the statue on federal land next to Whitefish Mountain Resort.

Without such a person, the Knights of Columbus argued, the foundation had no right to bring the lawsuit.

So the foundation found William Cox, an atheist who lives 15 miles from the northwestern Montana resort. Cox submitted a statement that says he frequently goes to Whitefish and has skied many times past the statue, which he considers religious and offensive.



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In this Feb. 20, 2011, file photo, freshmen at the University of Montana visit a statue of Jesus Christ at Whitefish Mountain Resort Whitefish, Mont.

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Minn. finds moon rocks from Apollo 11 landing

The Associated Press
ST. PAUL, Minn. — Houston, we have moon rocks. The Minnesota National Guard said Monday it found a few small fragments of the moon's surface in storage in a state building in St. Paul. They'll be turned over to the state Historical Society on Wednesday.

The moon rocks came from the Apollo 11 moon landing in 1969, when astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first humans to set foot on the moon. Some of the rocks, pebbles and dirt they collected have gone missing after U.S. states and territories and 135 countries each got tiny samples encased in plastic. Authentic moon rocks are considered national treasures and can't legally be sold in the U.S. Minnesota's moon rocks disappeared sometime after then-President Richard Nixon gave them to the state, along with a state flag that was carried on the mission.

Joseph Gutheinz, a University of Phoenix instructor and former NASA investigator who leads an effort to find missing moon rocks, said Minnesota's discovery leaves 11 states, including Massachusetts, Texas and Wisconsin, missing their Apollo 11 moon rocks.

He said the lunar samples from the first moon landing command high sums on the black market, and some have been stolen or otherwise migrated away from the public domain.

"To a collector, it's invaluable," said Gutheinz, whose students have been looking for Minnesota's moon rocks since 2002.

He added, "Somebody in the National Guard there decided to do the right thing and rather than walk off with something that had a great value on the black market, said, 'Hey, this doesn't belong to me.'"

ROUND TABLE
BOOK CLUB

The Round Table book group met Nov. 20 at Mary Olsen's home.

Sally Smith reviewed "Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption" by Laura Hillenbrand.

The next meeting will be Dec. 4 at Shirley Sandstedt's home. Jo Seiler will present the program.

Births

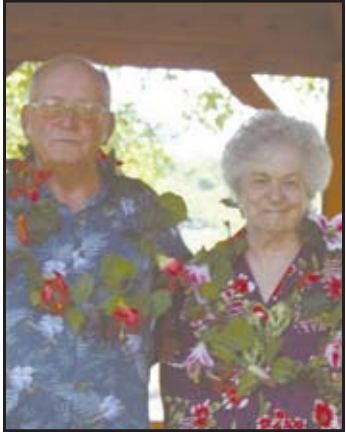
MARY LANNING

◆ **Emma James Eileen Smidt**, a baby girl, was born to Kayla (Mulford) and Andrew Smidt of Trumbull Nov. 23.

◆ **Connor Rylee Williams**, an 8-pound, 5-ounce boy, was born to Courtney Nichols and James Williams of 1410 E. South St. Lot 30 Nov. 26.

Anniversaries

LAPORTE 60TH



Robert and Lucille LaPorte will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on December 10th. Their family, Robert (Vear) LaPorte, Cheryl (Rex) May, Trina (Mike) Richter and Roxann (David) Wendt are requesting a card shower in their honor. Cards may be sent to 693 Lexington Drive, Geneva IL 60145.

ROUDEBUSH 45TH



Gary C. and Mildred A. Roudebush of Hastings will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary December 1. Their children are Susan King and Mick Roudebush. Mildred A. Lukas and Gary C. Roudebush were married December 1, 1967 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Blue Hill. Cards and well wishes may be sent to 1310 University Avenue, Hastings, Nebraska 68901.

KINNAMAN 25TH



Kent and JoDe Kinnaman will celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary on December 5th. Their family would like you to help them celebrate by sending cards to: Kent and JoDe Kinnaman, 203 4th Street, Edgar, NE 68935.

MCCALL 80TH



Charles McCall, formerly of Juniata will celebrate his 80th birthday December 9. His relatives request a card shower in his honor. Cards may be sent to 2418 West Madison Avenue, Norfolk, Nebraska 68701.

Engagement

KUCERA - DINNELL



Mick Kucera and Tami Dinnell announce their engagement and upcoming plans for a January 19th wedding in Hastings. They are the children of Cindy and Rick Kucera of Kearney, and Ken and Leea Dinnell of Hastings.

Senior menu

Adams County Senior Services Inc. provides noon meals for people age 60 and older from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Golden Friendship Center, 509 S. Bellevue Ave. Reservations must be made by calling 402-463-4439 by 2:30 p.m. one day in advance. All meals include a salad bar.

◆ Tuesday: Roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, perfection salad, French bread and Boston cream pie.

◆ Wednesday: Cream chicken, baked potato with sour cream, spinach, Mandarin oranges, biscuit and cherry crisp.

◆ Thursday: Pork cutlet, baked sweet potato, Oriental vegetables, cranberry juice, whole wheat bread and vanilla pudding.

◆ Friday: Deluxe cheeseburger, potato salad, baked beans, grape salad and brownie.

◆ Dec. 10: Salmon loaf with cheese sauce, baked sweet potato, creamed peas, Watergate salad, French bread and sugar cookies.

Noon meals also are served at the Kenesaw Senior Center on the second Thursday of the month; at the Roseland Town Hall on the first and third Tuesdays of the month; and at Juniata on the third Thursday of the month. Reservations may be made by calling the Golden Friendship Center one day in advance.

Nation

NURSES SUE

NEW YORK — Two nurses have filed a \$200,000 civil lawsuit against the son of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, accusing him of negligence, assault and battery, as well as causing them emotional and physical distress.

The lawsuit was filed on Tuesday, a week after Kennedy was acquitted of child endangerment and harassment charges.

The charges stemmed from Douglas Kennedy's attempt in January to take his newborn son from a suburban New York maternity ward.

The two nurses said Kennedy hurt them as they tried to prevent him from leaving with the newborn.

The Associated Press

JEFF MARTIN
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The parents of a south Georgia college student first learned from Facebook that their daughter had been found dead in a dormitory study room shortly before Thanksgiving. Now, they hope that Facebook and other social media sites can help solve the death of 17-year-old Jasmine Benjamin, which police are investigating as a homicide.

The Valdosta State University freshman was found unresponsive on a study room couch on Nov. 18.

A family friend forwarded the Facebook post about the teen's death to her parents before they were officially notified by authorities, said A. Thomas Stubbs, an attorney for the victim's mother, Judith Brogdon, and her stepfather, James Jackson.

But many questions remain unanswered about how she died. The family has hired a private investigator, and a new Facebook site has been set up in hopes that students and others might share tips.

While some Facebook comments have already been turned over to law enforcement officers, the family hopes friends, classmates or others who noticed suspicious comments will also alert authorities. "Anything that reveals a little more information than what's publicly known about her death, those are the kind of comments police are looking for as someone who might warrant a closer examination," Stubbs said.

“As frustrating as that may be for the family to learn that way (via Facebook), they understand it's a different world.”

- attorney A. Thomas Stubbs

Also of interest are “unusual comments or unusually timed comments about her death,” he said.

Police detectives have canvassed dormitories and interviewed several students on the campus, located about 250 miles south of the family's home in Gwinnett County, outside Atlanta.

Benjamin wanted to follow the career path of her mother and become a nurse.

Police say they're treating the case as a homicide, though autopsy results are not complete and they can't say for certain whether she was killed. There were no obvious signs of a crime when her body was found, but an autopsy raised questions, authorities have said.

"We're providing what resources are necessary to assist Valdosta State University police in solving this crime," Georgia Bureau of Investigation spokesman John Bankhead said. "The crime lab is expediting evidence from this incident."

Shortly after Benjamin's parents learned of her death from Facebook, Lawrenceville police officers knocked on the doors of the family home to inform them officially that their daughter was dead, Stubbs said. "As frustrating as that may be for the family to learn that way, they understand it's a different world," Stubbs said.

The family has yet to learn the possible timeframe of when their daughter died, and police have not shared any theories about how she was killed, Stubbs said.

"We know that they have looked at the phone records, video records that they can find in the school," he said. Beyond that, they've been going through legal procedures that are required to obtain records from Facebook Inc.

The family hired Martinelli Investigations Inc. of Lawrenceville to assist in the investigation.

Private investigator Robin

Martinelli said Wednesday that any video near the scene, even if it may seem insignificant, could prove helpful in the investigation.

"It wouldn't matter if it was two weeks before, two hours before or 20 minutes before," she said.

Officials at the university say the wiring for a surveillance system in the dormitory where Benjamin died was already installed. Theresa Boyd, director of communications at the school, said the cameras were on backorder and had not yet arrived when Benjamin died.

The cameras are now being installed in residence hall elevators, Boyd said.

Martinelli said she's confident that police are working diligently to follow up on leads, but private investigators can often provide valuable assistance, she said.

"On any homicide, they're going to work around the clock aggressively every minute, and they're doing that," she said.

She said Jasmine Benjamin was a strong student who showed great potential. "Her favorite color was purple, her nickname was Jazzy," she said. "She wanted to help people, plain and simple," her stepfather, James Jackson, told WSB-TV. "That was her goal in life. That's all she talked about since she was young — 'I want to be able to help people.'"

Valdosta State campus police, city police and the GBI were working together to conduct interviews and collect evidence, the university said in a statement Tuesday. University officials said they couldn't release any further information.

Martinelli hopes students away at college keep in touch with their parents — and give them the passwords to social networking sites and their cell phones in case anything happens.

"If you have passcodes to your computer, your phone, please tell your parents," she said. "Don't tell everybody in the world, but tell your parents your passcodes."

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Books can save time, frustration

Today, I have a few extra minutes. I think I will take a look at some of my favorite craft websites. It's been at least a month, maybe two, since I last had some free time and I really want to see what's trending in the craft world.



Robin Stroot

Let's see ... enter website and go to the log-in screen. There sure are some cute ideas on this website. I get free craft patterns once I log in to the "members only" website page.

Log in: My crafting account Password: *****

"Sorry, we don't recognize that e-mail or password. Try again."

Oops, had the caps lock on. Silly me.

"Sorry, we don't recognize that e-mail or password. Try again."

Okay, so maybe I used "this" password. I'm sure the log-in address is correct.

Log in ... password: *****.

No, wait, I changed it the last time I was on the website. It was *****. I'm sure that will let me obtain the free scarf pattern instructions. I can think of several people who would like a scarf like that. Looks like an easy pattern that will work up quickly and allow me to get a few made for Christmas presents.

"Sorry, we don't recognize that e-mail or password. Try again."

Hmmm, maybe it was my really old password, *****. No, this one, ***** grrr, it could be this one, *****.

Great, I can see the picture of what I want on the craft website but can't access the instructions for the scarf pattern because I have to log in and be on the "member's only" page.

Click, "Forgot password?" I enter my email address then open my email to get my password reset for the craft website.

"That email doesn't have a user. Are you sure you registered?"

Well, I thought I did a few months ago. Okay, I'll try to register. I could have sworn I registered the last time I visited this website.

There, I've entered my email address and clicked the log-in tab.

"This email and user name are already in use. Please select another user name."

What? OK, so I must have already registered on the website. I check the typing of my email address, t-y-p-i-n-g i-t v-e-r-y- s-l-o-w-l-y. I proofread my typing a second time just to be sure there are no mistakes in the email address. So far, no new emails giving me a password reset for the member's only account.

"Sorry, we don't recognize that email or password. Try again."

Typing ... click ... "You have exceeded the allowed number of tries. Please try to log in later."

Great! Now, I've locked myself out of the website. I can't log in, I can't get my password reset and (according to the website) either I'm already registered or someone has the same exact email address as me. I can't even request an invitation to be part of the "members only" page on the website.

I didn't like the scarf pattern that much anyway. I think I'll just go grab my pattern books off my bookshelf and pick one I really like. If I had done that in the first place, I would have saved at least 30 minutes of time and frustration. Besides, I don't need an email address or password to access my crafting library bookshelf.

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QUILTER'S GUILD

The Hastings Quilter's Guild met Nov. 1 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. President Rita Jaworski called the meeting to order and thanked the hostesses, the silent auction committee and contributors and buyers.

The secretary's minutes were in the newsletter. They were approved as written.

June Schiffer reported the guild received a thank you note from April Crandell for the \$10 gift certificate to the Calico Cottage.

Sue Brown gave the treasurer's report. It also was in the newsletter. The report was approved.

Pat Jensen of the membership committee reported there were 59 members and one guest present. The name tag raffles were won by Carol Beck, Betty Mlejnek and Becky Hinrichs. Antoinette Petersen and Pat Yendra won the monthly meeting raffles.

Diane Harris and Lynette Bloomfield reported on the Block of the Month project. Sharon Selley won a package of Swatch Buddies. There is one more month to make this block.

Julie Bohlke reported on the fall workshop held on Nov. 3.

Mona Mueller and Nita Bramble reported on the community outreach pillow projects. The guild will be having a demonstration night at the January meeting. Members are asked to bring their machines and fabric to learn how to do this.

Marsha Swan reported on the guild's Christmas tree project at the Hastings Museum. The museum is asking for a non-perishable food item for the Food Pantry for admission.

Sue Brown reported on a possible project for the guild called a "Turning of the Bed." Some preliminary work has been discussed by the steering committee and guild members were asked if they would be interested in pursuing the project. Members voted to have the event April 6, 2013, at the Celebration Center at First St. Paul's Lutheran Church. More information will follow.

Jaworski mentioned the November birthdays.

She asked the members to note a new section in the newsletter titled "Tag Sale." This is free to members to sell or ask for an item. The guild isn't involved in any of the transactions.

The next meeting is Thursday at 7 p.m. The program will be presented by Diane Harris and is titled "101 Small Quilts." Material Girls are the hostesses.

Show-and-tell was presented. The evening's program was a round robin given by Deb Lesperance, Barb Clonch, Arlen

DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

Naamah Temple No. 108, Daughters of the Nile, held its stated session Nov. 17 at the Hastings Masonic Center. Queen Merry Kim presided over the session.

Chairwoman Dee Lichtenberger and Princess Badoura Annette Sorensen reported on the charitable giving project. Princess Royal Nancy Beach told of a special pin being offered to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Daughters of the Nile.

Past queen Mona Wells of Naphis Temple No. 66 in Lincoln commended past queen Beverly Muller, chairwoman, and all the participants for the fundraiser of chances for the Sept. 29 Nebraska football tickets. She presented Muller with a pinsetta for her outstanding promotion of the project.

Naamah Temple will be selling pecans and homemade noodles, peanut brittle and cinnamon rolls at the Merry Mart today at the Hastings City Auditorium.

The next stated session will be Jan. 19.

Kim gave a queen's luncheon following the session in lieu of the December queen's tea. Beach presented Kim with a birthday present.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women met Nov. 7 for a salad luncheon at First Presbyterian Church.

Susie Graham, moderator, welcomed 34 women, including 10 guests from the Campbell, Hanover and Edgar churches. Circle 3 was in charge of the kitchen, and Circle 1 as in charge of nametags and centerpieces. Graham gave the table grace.

Jane Marsh, program coordinator, introduced Adams County Attorney Donna Fegler Daiss, who spoke about scams that we should be aware of and what to do if a scamming situation arises.

Graham called the business meeting to order. Janey Nottage-Tacey reviewed the various mission projects members discussed this fall. Each circle is to prayerfully recommend where the members' extra giving funds are to go. Graham announced that underwear is being collected for children in Haiti. Donations are to be brought to the December meetings.

The meeting closed with the Mizpah benediction.

Presbyterian Women circles met Nov. 14. The Bible study was "A Spiritual House and Household Matters" focusing on extending genuine hospitality to others.

Circle 1 met at Jane Bauer's

home with eight members present. Co-moderator Dixie Kerr presided at the meeting. Bauer gave the Bible lesson. Susie Graham read from the Mission Yearbook of Prayer about how the Presbytery of Plains and Peaks in Longmont, Colo., established a food pantry. Kerr reported on visitations to College View and Perkins Pavilion. Plans were made for preparing and serving the Dec. 5 luncheon. Least Coins were collected.

Twelve members of Circle 2 met at Joyce Ohlsen's home. Ohlsen led the Least Coin devotions, and Eleanor Jorgenson read from the Mission Yearbook highlighting Afghanistan. Mary Jeanne Cooke and Ohlsen reported on their calls to shut-ins. Discussion of where members' extra giving money might go resulted in Presbyterian Disaster Assistance being high on the list. Bonnie Grams led the Bible lesson.

Circle 3 met in fellowship hall with 13 members present. Moderator Marie Rasmussen opened with prayer. Kathy Peterson-Duval and Carol Wheeler were welcomed as new members. Shirley Johnston and Rasmussen reported on the shut-ins they called on. Alice Locke celebrated her 98th birthday with family. Julia McDougal gave the Bible lesson. Mary Northrop led the Least Coin devotions.

LAUREATE ALPHA EPSILON

Laureate Alpha Epsilon chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Nov. 14 at Amy Svoboda's home with 11 members present. President Ronda Johnson called the business meeting to order. Secretary Kym Warner read the minutes of the previous meeting and treasurer Mary Walton gave the financial report. Both items were approved.

Ruth Svoboda won the ways and means raffle. The traveling basket was passed from Elfi Fleharty to Warner. Johnson presented each member with a Thanksgiving memento called the "Blessing Mix."

A thank you was received from the Crossroads Center for the donations provided by members. All were reminded of the service project for Christmas. Names will be drawn from local giving trees.

A social is planned for 6 p.m. today at Hastings Keno. Members and guests are invited.

The amended bylaws were presented and passed by the majority. Copies were distributed to each member by Bonnie Preston.

Amy Svoboda read a section of the Book of Beta Sigma Phi. Svoboda also presented a program on "Three-Minute

Meditation" and "Before You Donate." The Laureate ritual was held for Sharon Scholl.

The next meeting will be a dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 5 at Lochland Country Club. The group will celebrate its Secret Sister Christmas exchange at that time.

GRACE UMW

The three women's circles at Grace United Methodist Church met in November at the church.

Dorcas Circle met Nov. 14 with eight members present. Mary Nelson was hostess.

Sarah Fairbanks gave the "Thank Offering" lesson.

Vi Bruce presided at the business meeting and finalized the meeting with a closing poem, "A Touch of Autumn."

There were 13 members and one guest present when Ruth Circle met Nov. 19. Georgia Bishel was hostess and Virginia Dack was co-hostess.

Each member answered roll call by telling of her plans for Thanksgiving.

Dack presided and led in opening the meeting with members saying the Purpose of United Methodist Women in unison. Dack also read birth-days of missionaries and staff members from the Prayer Calendar.

A reading program certificate was presented to Georgia Bishel.

Helen Dye gave the lesson, "Sowing Faith, Hope and Love."

June Bentz gave Least Coin devotions, "Bringing our Joys and Sermons in Prayer."

Joys and concerns were shared and Dack led in closing by praying the Lord's Prayer.

Twelve members attended the Lydia Circle meeting Nov. 19. Karen Baker was hostess.

Judy Reimer presided with each member sharing what they are thankful for. Reimer also shared information from the November Response magazine.

Names and addresses from the Prayer Calendar were distributed for each member to send a note of thanks.

Bev Ferris gave the "Thank Offering" lesson.

CHAPTER HT, P.E.O.

Chapter HT, P.E.O. met Nov. 12 at Mischa Johnson's home. April Christensen of Energy Pioneer Solutions presented a program on home energy efficiency.

The next meeting will be Dec. 10 at the Hastings Public Library. Peg Rezac will be the hostess.

FIRST ST. PAUL'S WELCA

First St. Paul's Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America met Nov. 20 and 21 for their group meetings. The Bible study was "Gathered by God" Session 5, "Nothing Lost."

Group 1 met Nov. 21 at the Youth and Family Ministry Center with Janet Johnson as lesson leader. Hostesses were Janet Johnson and Evelyn Sweet.

Group 2 met Nov. 21 at the Youth and Family Ministry Center with Mona Mueller as leader and Barbara Murman as hostess.

Group 3 met Nov. 20 at the Youth and Family Ministry Center with Libby Florian as leader and Mary Wood as hostess. Carol Dickenson from Austin, Texas, was a guest.

The annual Advent Brunch will be 9:30 a.m. Dec. 1 in the Celebration Center. There will be food, skit, review of Advent and caroling. The event is sponsored by the special events-parish activities committee.

A joint Bible study will be Dec. 19 at 9:30 a.m. at the Youth and Family Ministry Center.

HASTINGS CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB

The Hastings Christian Women's Club, a division of Stonecroft Ministries, met on Nov. 12 at the Hastings Family YMCA. The theme for the meeting was "Thanks for the Holidays." The special feature as "A Swedish Christmas" by Marlene Mullen, whose parents emigrated from Sweden. She had a display of Swedish items and told the story of St. Lucia.

Speaker Donna Roth-Hillis of Wichita, Kan., told of her life experience with the title of her presented being "Shattered But Not Broken." Mary Aderholt entertained with a song about body parts and the holiday song, "Mary Did You Know?"

The next luncheon meeting will be 12:30 p.m. Dec. 10 at the YMCA, 1430 W. 16th St., with the theme "It's Christmas." The speaker will be Sam Courts, a village missionary from Springview. A quartet from the Chorus of the Plains will be a mini concert.

A complimentary nursery will be provided.

To make reservations, call Phyllis at 402-463-2680 or Ronda at 402-462-6608 by Wednesday.



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Don't assume Medicare sign-up is automatic

DEAR BRUCE: Thank you for a great column! I read you every day in my email. Just as an aside, my brother and sister both attended your nursery school!

I am writing because I know you have a wide audience and will be able to reach a lot of people who may find themselves in the same situation that we did. My husband retired early in 2006. Since then, he has done a good deal of consulting work for his former employer. We have maintained the health coverage with that employer at our own expense.



Bruce Williams

He did not start collecting Social Security until this month. Starting last year, we were inundated with offers from every insurance company in America, trying to get us to sign up for their Medicare supplements. We contacted his employer and asked exactly what needed to be done regarding Medicare since he would be turning 65 in August. The woman we talked to said that since we were already enrolled in the health plan with the company, we need do NOTHING; it would all be automatic. So we did nothing.

In September, when his doctor tried to get preapproval for a treatment, we were told my husband was uninsured! We questioned how that could be, because we had been told it was automatic. They said that only Part A hospitalization is automatic.

We immediately went to the Social Security office and signed him up for Parts A and B, but because it was now September, and five days after his birthday on Aug. 30, a penalty was imposed. Coverage for Part B would not begin until November, and no claims would be entertained for the period between Aug. 1 and Oct. 31!

I think there are probably a lot of people who are unaware of this punitive policy by the Medicare folks. We had assumed, wrongly, that since you can choose when to opt into Social Security and payments are adjusted accordingly, the same would be true of Medicare. We get a letter from Social Security every year telling what the benefits are and the options. We are surprised they do not do the same for Medicare, especially since a penalty is involved.

I hope you will spread the word so others don't get caught like we did.

— D.T., Prescott, Ariz.

DEAR D.T.: It was so nice hearing from you, and I'm delighted to know that your brother and sister attended our nursery school. I hope they, too, are doing well.

The points you make here are pertinent. You have to make decisions in terms of Medicare to be perfectly covered. It has been well established that you are required to pay for some extra coverage. As you point out, you should get

nervous when you're told that something is automatic and you need do nothing.

You have now alerted a great many people to the problem, and hopefully they will learn from you as I have.

DEAR BRUCE: My husband and I own a town house that we bought right before the real estate bubble burst. As it stands, we owe about \$30,000 more on the place than the estimated market value. To make matters worse, the neighborhood two blocks away from us has experienced a significant jump in property crimes and violent crimes, with a lot of drug dealing going on. The neighborhood on the other side of our house is full of single-family homes and is more established. We'd like to move before things get worse. I don't believe the troubled neighborhood has hit rock bottom yet.

We do not have \$30,000 in savings or investments, other than retirement investments, to pay off the \$30,000. If we go ahead and list our house, what are our options as far as finding a new place to live?

— Reader in Madison, Wis.

DEAR READER: In every market, there's always someone who buys at the lowest possible price and someone who buys at the highest. You, unfortunately, are in the second category. You have a lot of company.

The tone of your letter tells me that you are responsible citizens trying to do the responsible thing. You might consult with your mortgage company to see if there's a possibility of a short sale, in which the mortgage company essentially agrees to accept less than the amount it is owed for the property and forgive the rest of the loan. The problem here is that you probably are not behind on payments, and as far as the mortgage company is concerned, you're golden. It has no incentive to negotiate. Retirement savings are more than likely insulated from attachment, but I suspect that any negotiation would include the amounts and where and how they are invested.

Some attorneys specialize in this type of negotiation, and it would certainly be to your advantage to at least discuss your situation with one.

You did not mention your ages or how much you have in your retirement accounts. But depending on those variables, this may be the time to bite the bullet. You might even find a buyer who would pay a tad more to help reduce that \$30,000 deficit.

Many people grew up with the idea that real estate prices went in only one direction. For many years, including well before the bubble, I've tried to point out to my readers that all investments, including real estate, have ups and downs. In many cases, it's impossible to calculate precisely which way the market is moving until after the bloodbath.

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Sale signs are displayed at a Target store in Colma, Calif., Nov. 23. Big retailers, from Best Buy to Target to Toys R Us, are engaging in a price war this holiday season, and shoppers can score some good deals if they know how to navigate them. But what's different this holiday season is that Best Buy and Target are matching online retailers such as Amazon.com for the first time. That's a big deal since online prices tend to be lower than those in the store.

FINDING BARGAINS GETTING EASIER

SHOPPERS CAN SAVE
AS RETAILERS GO
HEAD-TO-HEAD

JOSEPH PISANI
The Associated Press

This holiday season, the hottest trend among retailers isn't found on a store shelf. It's taking place at the cash register.

Major retailers, from Best Buy to Toys R Us, are promising to match their competitors' prices. Generally customers just need to bring in an advertisement or printout to prove that the same item is available elsewhere at a lower price. In some cases, shoppers can come back with a receipt and get a refund for the difference if the price of an item they bought fell.

Best Buy Co. Inc., Target Inc., Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Sears Inc. offer price matching to customers all year round. But what's different now is that Best Buy and Target are matching online retailers such as Amazon.com for the first time. That's a big deal, since online prices tend to be lower than those at stores.

Shoppers will be able to save some extra money, but they're going to have to read a lot of fine print to do so.

"Price matching sounds good, but there are so many exclusions, it sometimes isn't as good as it sounds," says Edgar Dworsky, the founder of ConsumerWorld.org, which tracks deals for shoppers.

For instance, Target limits the number of online retailers that it will price match against to just five. Best Buy has selected 20, but only matched online prices from Nov. 1 to Nov. 17 and will start again from Nov. 27 to Dec. 24.

Toys R Us is offering price matching for the first time and will only match prices that customers find in other brick-and-mortar stores. Walmart also matches against in-store prices.

Toys R Us, Best Buy, Sears and Target say they will match prices found on their own websites. It's not uncommon for retailers to offer steeper discounts online than in their actual stores. (But Toys R Us says it won't match prices on its own website if the item is marked as an "online-only price.")

Even the most experienced bargain hunters can get tripped up by all the rules. But shoppers can save some money if they're diligent.

"It really is a way to save money and shop at the store you want instead of one that's inconvenient," says Dworsky.

Here are five ways to get the most out of price matching offers:

KNOW THE POLICIES

If you want to take advantage of a price match offer, read the store's policy closely. You can find the guidelines on the store's website.

Print out the policy and bring it with you. Having a hard copy will be helpful if you need to argue your case.

"Know their policy backwards or you may be bluffed into thinking something doesn't qualify," says Dworsky.

BRING PROOF

Always bring the advertisement or the printed web page for the item you want to price match. Walmart doesn't require bringing the ad because it says cashiers have access to all local advertisements. But Dworsky recommends bringing ads in anyway. If there's any confusion, you'll be better prepared to make your case no matter where you shop.

The cashiers and customer representatives are always looking for a reason not to approve the transaction, says Dworsky.

SAVE RECEIPTS

Some retailers will give you money back if you see a lower price after you buy an item. Keep a hold of your receipts and, particularly for big-ticket items, continue to look for lower prices.

Best Buy will issue refunds until the end of January. Toys R Us lets you seek a refund up to seven days after buying an item. Sears customers can get a refund after 14 days. Target is letting customer's price match against brick-and-mortar retailers until Dec. 24 for any item bought after Nov. 1. You can only ask Target to match the price of an online retailer until Dec. 16.

SEEK CUSTOMER SERVICE

Many retailers have hired cashiers specifically for the holiday rush, so the new employees may not be up-to-speed on the store's price matching policy. Heather Wheeler, who runs savings website TheKrazyCouponLady.com, recommends handling the transaction at the customer service desk instead on the cashier.

"(Those staffers are) trained a little more and are more knowledgeable," says Wheeler.

LOOK BEYOND RETAILERS

You can also price match depending on how you pay. eBay Inc.'s payment processor, PayPal, promises to match a lower price if you've already made a purchase using the service. That includes airline tickets. PayPal will match the prices of retailers that don't let customers use PayPal, however. Just fill out a form and upload a receipt when you find a lower price. PayPal will give you back up to \$1,000 for all purchases made until Dec. 31.

You should also ask your credit card company to see if it offers price matching. It's rare, but there are a few cards that do.

Citi just launched a program for its credit card holders. Called the Citi Price Rewind program, it promises to do the work for you. Register your purchases made on the Citi credit card online and it will send you a check for the difference if it finds a lower price from an online retailer.

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