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'Glee' singer

Hastings native singing for hit TV show.

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AMY ROH/Tribune

Six-year-old Rylan Nordby of Hastings poses with Christmas decorations he has set up in his bedroom.

AMY ROH/Tribune

Rylan Nordby, 6, plays with Christmas lights he set up in his family's home Friday. The lights hang so low over the basement stairs that family members have to crawl under them.



The Christmas kid

SHAY BURK

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From the time he could walk, Rylan Nordby has loved holidays — especially Christmas.

He wears Christmas T-shirts year round, decorates his room with Christmas trees, Santas and snow globes, and fills

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House debates payroll tax cut

ANDREW TAYLOR

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With neither side showing signs of yielding, a bitterly divided House debated a Republican effort Tuesday to force the Senate to negotiate a payroll tax cut and jobless benefits that expire on New Year's Day.

The GOP-run House planned a vote on rejecting a two-month extension of the tax cut and unemployment benefits that the Senate passed last weekend with a bipartisan landslide. They were also ready to vote to formally request the Senate to begin fresh talks on the legislation.

The Democratic-led Senate left town on

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30 senators ask feds to withdraw child labor rule

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Nebraska Sen. Ben Nelson and Kansas Sen. Jerry Moran have asked the U.S. Department of Labor to withdraw a proposed rule that would make big changes to the farm work children under age 16 are allowed to perform.

On Sept. 2 the DOL announced proposed changes to the Fair Labor Standards Act that would prohibit teens and children younger than 16 from working on a farm or ranch that is not directly owned by their parents.

"This proposed rule is another example of Washington being out of touch with Nebraskans' values," Nelson wrote in a news release. "The Department of Labor should kill this rule before it destroys important traditions in rural America and hurts the farm economy. One out of every three jobs in Nebraska is tied to agriculture. We need to increase opportunities for our family farmers and ranchers to strengthen our rural economies, not threaten them with new, unneeded regulations from Washington."

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FACES OF TRIBLAND: Jim Nemetz

Hastings man fit to be tied at holidays

JOHN HUTHMACHER

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Jim Nemetz of Hastings is always fit to be tied during the Christmas season.

A husband, father of three and grandfather of two, the retired St. Cecilia athletic director rather enjoys sporting a playful Christmas tie during the holidays. He also welcomes the opportunity to don a most convincing red and white plush Santa Claus hat that he breaks out unabashedly at Christmas functions and get-togethers.

"It's the season to be jolly," the 69-year-old said. "And they have some nice ties out there. It's a joyful time when everyone should enjoy the nicer



Editor's note: This is part of an ongoing series that profiles people within Tribland. To submit ideas, contact media manager Vince Kuppig at 402-461-1257 or vkuppig@hastingstribune.com.

things of Christmas instead of just turning it into a materialistic Christmas."

Once the proud owner of more than two dozen different Christmas ties, Nemetz lost his entire collection during a heavy rain that flooded his home in May 2005.

"What happened was they put in a sewer line

for all the houses north of me but it wasn't packed properly," he said. "So with the 7 or so inches of rain that fell into my backyard, it flooded the whole basement."

The 13 inches of water inside the house flooded the family room, bathroom, master bedroom, and laundry room, causing about \$30,000 in damage.

More than 50 ties were claimed by the flood, which also destroyed furniture and other family treasures. Though he has since restocked his collection, Nemetz said it still isn't quite what it used to be.

"It's still climbing," he said.

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JOHN HUTHMACHER/Tribune

Jim Nemetz poses with his Santa Claus hat and collection of Christmas ties at his home last week.

Weather

Lo: 17
Hi: 40

Becoming clear tonight. Sunny Wednesday.



Art by Audrey Glaser, 8, Juniata Elementary

WIFE DIES IN CAR

TONASKET, Wash. —

Authorities say a British Columbia man drove about 225 miles after his 75-year-old wife died in the car next to him, uncertain whether he could cross the Canadian border with her.

Nation

Tonasket Police Chief Robert Burks says the 71-year-old man didn't know what to do, so he kept driving. The man was vacationing in Oregon when his wife began suffering a medical condition. They were trying to get home to Oliver, B.C., but she died near Pasco, Wash.

The man on Sunday called the vehicle emergency system, OnStar, which put him in touch with dispatchers in Okanogan County. A dispatcher convinced him to stop at the Tonasket police station, about 20 miles south of Canada.

The Associated Press

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Obituaries

JACK D. KEHN

Hastings resident Jack D. Kehn, 79, died Sunday, Dec. 18, 2011, at Good Samaritan Society Hastings Village (Perkins Pavilion) in Hastings.

A memorial service is 2 p.m. Wednesday at Livingston-Butler-Volland Funeral Home chapel in Hastings with Pastor Dale Phillips officiating. Burial will be held at a later date. There will be no visitation; book signing is until 5 p.m. today and one hour prior to services at the funeral home Wednesday.

Memorials may be given to Start Over Rover Animal Rescue.

Condolences may be sent to www.lbvfh.com



Kehn

Jack was born Oct. 9, 1932, in Hastings, Neb., to George and Mollie (Kister) Kehn. He received his education in Hastings and graduated from Hastings High School in 1950. He married June L. Jenkins on Jan. 1, 1953, at Meadow Grove, Neb. Jack served in the United

States Army during the Korean conflict and was honorably discharged in 1954. Upon his discharge, he began working as an electrician at Guarantee Electric Company, where he worked until he retired in 2004. He was a member of Faith Lutheran Church, V.F.W., American Legion, NRA, and IHMSA. Jack enjoyed his home, family, photography, coin collecting, target shooting, work and his many friends he made there, music, and the "Listening Room."

Jack was preceded in death by his parents; sister and spouse, Dorothy and Bob Rader; and his special furry friend, Be Be.

Survivors include wife, June Kehn of Hastings, Neb.; children and spouses, Jerry and Julie Kehn of Omaha, Neb., Vicki and Rick Rutt of Hastings, Neb., Randy and Jodi Kehn of Denver, Colo.; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brothers and spouses, Bob and Rose Kehn, Vernon and Joan Kehn, Dick and Margaret Kehn, Jerry and Diane Kehn; sister and spouse, Karen and Larry Kitten.

GARRY L. CORNELL SR.

Former Blue Hill resident Garry L. Cornell Sr., 68, of Duval, Wash., died Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2011, at his home.

Private family services will be held.

Donations may be sent in his memory to a charity of your choice, or to Evergreen Hospice Services, 12822 124th Lane NE, Kirkland, WA 98034.



Cornell

Garry Cornell was born in Blue Hill, Neb., on March 9, 1943, to Gladys (Hartman) and Darrell H. Cornell. He graduated from 29 Palms High School in 29 Palms, Calif., and attended Riverside Community College in Riverside, Calif., and Hastings College in Hastings, Neb.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly "Bev" Seever, whom he married in 1963. She graduated from Hastings Sr. High School in 1962. During their married

life, they resided in Nebraska, California, Arizona, and Washington due to Garry's employment as a banker for various banks. He retired officially from Bank of America in March, 2008. They have lived in Washington since 1978. In addition to his wife of 48 years, he is survived by his son, Garry Cornell Jr.; daughter, Stephanie Cornell; grandson, Kyle K. Dumas; granddaughter, Nicole Cornell; mother, Gladys Hartman Jungert; sisters, Patricia (Neil Sr.) Quig, Pamela Buck; and many loving relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Rachel Cornell Dumas; grandson, Daniel Cornell; father, Darrell Cornell; stepfather, Bernard Jungert; grandparents, Earnest and Lena (Rose) Hartman; stepgrandfather and grandmother, Clarence and Maude (Cornell) Lindaman of Glenvil, Neb.; nephew, Neil Quig Jr.; and other loving relatives and friends.

He will be loved, remembered, and dearly missed by all.

BERTHA 'BERT' M. SCHULTZ

Superior resident Bertha "Bert" Mae Schultz, 86, died Sunday, Dec. 18, 2011, in Superior.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Bethany Lutheran Church in Ruskin with Pastor Evelyn Phillips officiating. Burial is at Spring Creek Cemetery in Ruskin. Visitation is 3-8 p.m. today at Megrue-Price Funeral Home in Superior.

Memorials may be given in care of the family.



Schultz

Bert was born in Mount Clair, Neb., on Nov. 1, 1925, to Harry and Lora (Harris) Shaw. She graduated as Valedictorian from Nelson High School in 1942. She was united in marriage to Edwin J. Schultz on Sept. 11, 1949, at Nelson, Neb. Bert was the bookkeeper for the Village of Ruskin.

She was preceded in death

by her parents; grandson, Johnathon Gerberding; son-in-law, Ken Gerberding; brothers, Rodder, Myrl, Harry Jr., Wray, and Ben Shaw; and sisters, Elizabeth Meyer, and Virginia Schleufer.

Survivors include her husband, Edwin of Superior, Neb.; daughter, Teresa Christensen (Doyle) of Superior, Neb; son, Larry Schultz (Jodie) of Superior, Neb.; and daughter, Pam Tyma (Tim) of Aurora, Neb.; seven grandchildren, Matt Schultz (Missy), Marc Schultz (Robbyn), Darcie Christensen, Marti Blecha (Bryce), Brett Christensen, Brock Christensen, Sharisa Tyma; six great-grandchildren, Bladen Blecha, Garrett Schultz, Tripp Schultz, Brinleigh Blecha, Bishop Blecha and Morgan Schultz; sisters-in-law, Muriel Shaw of Elkhorn, Wisc., and Geraldine Witt of Lincoln, Neb.; brother-in-law, Keith Schultz (Heral Jean) of Superior, Neb.; and sister-in-law, JoAnn Renz (Cork) of Deshler, Neb.

VICKI L. BURGESON

Former Hastings resident Vicki L. Burgeson, 62, of York, died Friday, Dec. 16, 2011, at Lincoln.

A memorial service is 2 p.m. Friday at Arbor Drive Community Church in York with Brad Johnson officiating. Graveside services are 2 p.m.

DONNA M. GROTHEN

Hastings resident Donna M. Grothen, 83, died Monday, Dec. 19, 2011, at her home.

Tuesday at Wilcox Cemetery in Wilcox. Metz Mortuary of York is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to York Adopt-A-Pet or the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be left at www.metzmortuary.com

LAVOU M. CAFFERTY

Hastings resident LaVou M. Cafferty, 85, died Monday, Dec. 19, 2011, at her home.

Services are pending with Brand-Wilson Funeral Home in Hastings.

Services are pending with Brand-Wilson Funeral Home in Hastings.

GREGORY R. CHOQUETTE

Franklin resident Gregory R. Choquette, 50, died Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney.

Private family services will be at a later date. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services of Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated at a later date.

Condolences may be left at www.hlmkfuneral.com

Greg was born on May 31, 1961, in Franklin, Neb., to Richard Lee and Donna Marie (Hoelting) Choquette. He graduated from Franklin High School with the class of 1979. Greg attended the University of Nebraska in Lincoln and earned his degree in 1983. He married Tammy Meyer on Oct. 20, 1984, in Superior, Neb.

Greg was an insurance agent and partner at the Gary Thompson Agency in Minden until the time of his death. He

VIOLET M. BOETTCHER

Blue Hill resident Violet M. Boettcher, 89, died Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011, at Blue Hill Care Center in Blue Hill.

Services are 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Blue Hill with Pastor Dan Cosson officiating. Burial will be at Blue Hill Cemetery in Blue Hill. Visitation is 1-8 p.m. today at Merten-Butler Mortuary in Blue Hill; and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Blue Hill.

Violet was born on March 20, 1922, near Blue Hill to Albert J. and Della (Waterbury) Alberts. She was baptized on April 16, 1922, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Blue Hill and was confirmed on July 12, 1936, at Salem Lutheran Church near Rosemont, Neb. She graduated from Blue Hill High School in May 1940. Violet married John C. Niemeyer on Aug. 25, 1940, in Blue Hill, and to this union was born a son, Wilbert Carl. They later divorced. On May 14, 1945, she married Arthur A. Boettcher and they had three sons, Arthur Jr., Alvin, and Gale. Her favorite hobbies were sewing, making blankets

ROSALIE D. DEWITT

Former Roseland area resident Rosalie Dolores Catherine Anne DeWitt, 87, of Hastings died Friday, Dec. 16, 2011, at Good Samaritan Society-Hastings Village (Perkins Pavilion).

Rosary will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Hastings with Father Michael Houlihan officiating. Mass of Christian Burial will follow the rosary. Burial will be at Roseland Cemetery in Roseland. Visitation is one hour prior to the service at the church. Livingston-Butler-Volland Funeral Home & Cremation Center is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be given to the Rosalie D. DeWitt Funeral Fund, c/o Livingston Butler Volland Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 1225 North Elm Ave., Hastings, NE 68901.

Condolences may be sent to www.lbvfh.com

Rosalie was born on Aug. 3, 1924, to John W. and Catherine (Klein) DeWitt on the family farm near Roseland. She attended Assumption Catholic Schools for three years before graduating from Roseland High School in 1942. She attended Kearney State Teachers College and taught in various country schools for ten years. The highlight of her life was her trip to Europe and attend-

ing the inauguration of Dwight Eisenhower. She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Anne; and one brother, John C.

Rosalie enjoyed talking to anyone who was within earshot and over the telephone. She enjoyed giving little gifts and writing warm notes. She loved to play cards, pinochle and pitch, with her faithful friends. Rosalie delighted in holding children and petting animals. She loved her Catholic faith and helped the church and Catholic schools by aggressively selling chicken noodle dinner tickets, calendars, quilt tickets, etc. She looked forward to going to Altar Society and Catholic Daughter meetings. She gave advice to everyone and, though one would kind of wonder about this advice, it was quite amusing and actually turned out to be good, sometimes. Bright red fingernail polish, big jewelry, and curly hair was her style. She shared many a witty saying and could quip with the best. Rosalie was a character like no other. Goodbye, Rosalie. May your soul rest in peace with your Father.

She is survived by many friends, church family, and her caregivers at Perkins Pavilion.

Yesterday and Today

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 20, the 354th day of 2011. There are 11 days left in the year. The Jewish Festival of Lights, Hanukkah, begins at sunset.

MEMORY LANE

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Thirty years ago: Former Nebraska football coach Bob Devaney appeared at Allen's where he signed copies of his book, "Devaney."

Twenty years ago: The Red Cloud Board of Education accepted the resignation of Superintendent John Rogers during a special meeting.

Ten years ago: State Sen. George Coordsen, a 15-year

veteran of the Legislature whose district included Fillmore, Thayer and eastern Nuckolls County, announced that he was retiring in 2002.

One year ago: The Kearney County Board of Supervisors appointed Bryan McQuay, 38, to the county attorney position, replacing Dave Wondra who died of cancer.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Actress Audrey Totter is 94. Actor John Hillerman is 79. Actress Kathryn Joosten is 72. Rock musician-music producer Bobby Colomby is 67. Rock musician Peter Criss is 66. Psychic/illusionist Uri Geller is 65.

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A vehicle reportedly driven by Curtis R. Jacobitz of Kenesaw Thursday struck a culvert at Kenesaw Boulevard and Denison Avenue in Kenesaw.

Mary E. Zimmerman of 712 E. Third St. reported Friday that her animal trap was taken from her garage at her residence.

Amanda A. Shockey of 812 E. Third St. reported Friday that her wedding ring was taken at her residence.

It was reported Friday that a purse, camera and money owned by Jamie L. Osbahr, a laptop and jeans owned by Lisa J. Hillers and a jacket, an iPod, charger and cologne owned by Tony Tran, all of 1214 E. Third St. Apt. B, were taken at their residence.

Timothy J. Frank of 315 N. California Ave. reported Friday that a deadbolt was damaged at the 100 block of East Fifth Street.

Comedian Nick Hoff returns home for TeamMates Mentoring program fundraiser January 14, at Hastings Convention Center; \$35 a person for dinner, show and auction. Call 461-7631 before we're sold out. -Adv.

Items valued at \$11.45 were shoplifted Friday at Russ's Market, 611 N. Burlington Ave.

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.

A vehicle reportedly driven by Tania A. Heil of 3037 W. Parklane Drive Thursday struck a parked vehicle owned by Carla D. Jensen of North Platte at 3037 W. Parklane Drive.

Vehicles reportedly driven by Jack H Shively of Holstein and Meda R. Taubenheim of 3135 W. Paradise Drive collided Thursday at 3803 Osborne Drive West.

Parenting class, Love and Logic Early Childhood, six weeks beginning January 4th, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Child care provided. Cost \$20, paid by December 30th. Faith Lutheran Church, 9th and Chestnut, Hastings. 402-462-5044 -Adv.

Vehicles reportedly driven by Cody T. Hoffa of 2222 W. Eighth St. and Marjorie E. Schwenka of 1201 N. McDonald Ave. collided Thursday at 1510 N. Burlington Ave.

Hastings Soccer Club Spring 2012 registration due December 23. Information available at www.hastingsoccer.com or call John at 402-463-3436. -Adv.

Calendar

HASTINGS

◆ **Preschool story hour** for ages 3-6, 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Hastings Public Library, 517 W. Fourth St. For more information, call 402-461-2346.

◆ **FCA Power Lunch**, noon-1 p.m. Wednesday, Garden Café Terrace Room, 2201 Osborne Drive East.

◆ **Alcoholics Anonymous**, noon, 5:15 and 8 p.m., 521 S. St. Joseph Ave.; noon, 835 S. Burlington Ave. No. 114; and 8 p.m., First United Methodist Church basement, 614 N. Hastings Ave. Wednesday.

◆ **Caregivers Support Group**, 1-2 p.m. Wednesday, Golden Friendship Center, 509 S. Bellevue Ave.

◆ **Narcotics Anonymous**, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, 401 N. Lincoln Ave.

◆ **Al-Anon**, 8 p.m. Wednesday, First United Methodist Church, 614 N. Hastings Ave.

◆ **Gamanon**, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Mary Lanning Memorial HealthCare Education Building, Room A.

◆ **Grandparents Raising Grandkids**, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Faith Lutheran Church, 837 Chestnut Ave.

Lotteries

WINNING NUMBERS

Monday
Nebraska Pick 5 . . . **2-17-25-33-35**
Jackpot: \$86,000
2by2 **Red 8-21, White 20-23**
Kansas Pick 3 **7-5-6**
Nebraska Pick 3 **3-5-7**
MyDaY **5-31-11**
Super Kansas Cash . . **3-5-7-16-20**
Super Cashball 3

Area funerals

Wednesday

◆ **Violet Boettcher**, 89, of Blue Hill, 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Blue Hill.
◆ **Rosalie DeWitt**, 87, of Hastings, 10:30 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Hastings.
◆ **Jack Kehn**, 79, of Hastings, 2 p.m. at Livingston-Butler-Volland Funeral Home chapel in Hastings.
◆ **LaVon Rose**, 88, of Hastings, 1:30 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church in Rosemont.
◆ **Bertha "Bert" Schultz**, 86, of Superior, 10:30 a.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church in Ruskin.

Christmas: Hastings boy crazy about holidays



AMY ROH/Tribune
Rylan Nordby, 6, sets up an inflatable snowman in his living room Friday.

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the front yard of his home with numerous inflatable decorations and lights.

The thing that makes Rylan unique is that he's only 6 years old. "His aunt got him his first blowup when he was probably 2," said his mother, Monica. "He just keeps getting more and more and more."

The blowups she's talking about are inflatable lawn decorations, everything from simple snowmen to extravagant holiday carousels at Christmas, and 13-foot-tall black cats at Halloween.

"He's always been fascinated with plugging things in, and of course everything is musical and glittery," Monica said of Christmas decorations.

After getting his first inflatable decoration four years ago, Rylan was hooked.

Today he has a collection of inflatables so large that the family had to build an attic in the garage to hold his collection.

And that doesn't include the extra pieces he keeps under his bed.

Rylan has inflatable decorations for Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Thanksgiving and Halloween, in addition to Christmas.

Most of the inflatables Rylan gets as presents for his birthday and Christmas.

"Most 6-year-olds want balls and trucks — not Rylan," said Shawn, Rylan's father. "It's extension cords, lights and blowups."

Last year for Christmas Rylan got a 20-foot inflatable snowman that had to be exchanged for another inflatable because it couldn't stand up to the windy conditions at their home in the Westbrook Subdivision.

"We don't have any trees," Rylan added.

That doesn't keep Rylan from ask-

ing for more inflatables to add to his collection.

When he hopped on Santa's lap before Christmas last year, Rylan presented St. Nick with a list of 84 different inflatables that he wanted.

This year, his list is down to 17 but includes everything from a Santa in a camper to a \$220 Grinch inflatable.

"I feel bad getting him a blowup for Christmas, but he doesn't want anything else," Shawn said. "That's all he wants. That and extension cords."

Rylan was thrilled when his grandfather bought him an extension cord/surge protector with eight outlets for Christmas last year.

"When he got the extension cord, he disappeared," Shawn said. "He was going around plugging things in."

Rylan also loves strings of lights including those with decorations like candy canes, hearts and other shapes.

He uses the lights and Christmas tree decorations he gets from Christmas and his birthday to decorate his room and the rest of the house.

Rylan's bedroom currently features two Christmas trees, several Santa figurines and a multitude of other Christmas decorations.

Monica said she's known for a while that her son wasn't like her other kids in his love of Christmas. Looking at the Santa Claus rug on his floor, she just laughed.

"It's like him with the Santa rug," she said. "He's had it for years. How many kids do you know that want a rug?"

Other than the holiday decorations, Monica said there are few things her son wants for Christmas or his birthday.

Recently, he thumbed through a 100-page Toys 'R Us catalog and

found nothing he wanted.

"They have no blowups. They have no holiday stuff. That's not what he likes," she said of the toys.

Rylan already knows how to display and repair many of the light-up ornaments on his own.

On a cold afternoon last winter, Shawn came in the house to take a break from putting out the lawn ornaments and ended up taking a nap. When he awoke, the nativity decorations, which hadn't been working when Shawn went inside, were all lit and set in their places.

"Rylan had gotten a screw driver and unscrewed the bottom of all the characters and he replaced bulbs and fuses and when Shawn woke up, he had everything working," Monica said.

Rylan knows what a fuse looks like when it needs to be replaced.

"It looks bad," he said. "It's black."

Monica said she doesn't know where her young son found his love for the holidays and decorating. But it looks to have an impact on his future.

"What did you want to be when you grow up?" his mother asked.

"A blowup maker and a electrician," Rylan replied.

And while his love for Christmas may make a career someday, Monica said for now it keeps him a kid.

On any given day, Rylan can be found in a Christmas-themed T-shirt or sweatshirt and possibly matching holiday socks. He even dressed as Santa Claus for Halloween this year, a costume that earned lots of comments, Monica said.

Monica said she lets Rylan enjoy his love for the holidays and decorations. It may not be what other kids his age are playing with, but she can tell it brings him joy.

"He gets that smile," Monica said. "You can just tell he gets so excited."

Nemetz: Hastings man fit to be tied at Christmas

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"I've got about nine or 10 Christmas ones now."

Most of his Christmas ties are playful and lighthearted and include such familiar Christmas symbols as Santa Claus, Christmas trees and reindeer. Some play Christmas tunes.

He has no one favorite tie that stands out above the rest, but prefers instead to wear as many different ones as possible during the Christmas season.

"I like them all," he said. "Sadly, the ones I really liked best are lost. My new ones include a fishing Santa and Christmas trees."

He relies heavily on his wife, Maureen, to keep his collection fresh and growing.

As Christmas draws closer, he'll be contemplating which tie to wear when his family comes to celebrate the holiday. Whichever it is, his Santa hat figures to tie his Christmas look together nicely.

House: Payroll tax cut debated

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Saturday after approving its version of the bill. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., has said he won't renew bargaining until the House approves the Senate's short-term measure.

Without an agreement, payroll taxes paid by 160 million workers and jobless benefits that support millions of the

long-term unemployed will expire Jan. 1. With their cherished holiday recess being shortened each day the battle rages, each side the blamed the other for the impasse.

"If you say you want to do this for a year, put your vote where your rhetoric is," said Rep. Jeb Hensarling of Texas, a member of the House GOP leadership.

Senators: Feds urged to withdraw proposed rule

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Detasseling owners from Hastings and across Nebraska worry that the new rules would cut out a large percentage of their workforce.

On Monday, Nelson and Moran sent a letter to DOL Secretary Hilda Solis that read, "As a result of the many deficiencies of the proposed rule outlined in this letter, we request the department withdraw the proposed rule immediately."

The letter was signed by 30 U.S. Senators, including Nebraska Sen. Mike Johanns, and raises several specific issues with the proposed rule.

The rule restricts the existing agriculture parental exemption to the Fair Labor Standards Act, and would endanger the ability of some family farms to employ their children. It eliminates a training and certification program conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 4-H, the National FFA Organization and other vocational agriculture education institutions, and it would limit the activities that could be taught under the student learner program conducted by schools across rural America, the news release said.

The rule also restricts young workers' operation of tractors, non-power driven hoisting apparatus and conveyors; pre-

vents youth from working with or around animals; lowers the elevations at which young farm workers are permitted to work from 20 feet to 6 feet; and bans young farm workers from being involved in nearly any type of activity related to pesticides, regardless of toxicity.

The letter is supported by the American Farm Bureau Federation, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, the National Pork Producers Council, the National FFA Organization, the American Horse Council, the National Milk Producers Federation, Dairy Farmers of America, the National Association of Agricultural Educators and the National Corn Growers Association.

Rep. Adrian Smith, R-Neb., also has joined 152 members of Congress in signing a letter urging Solis to re-evaluate the proposed rule, according to a news release.

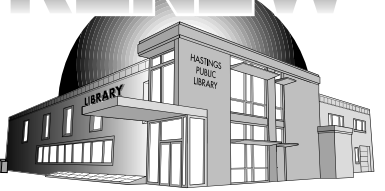
"While the safety of young people and all workers is of the utmost importance, these proposed regulations are overly burdensome and out of touch," Smith said. "These restrictions would prohibit hired workers under the age of 16 from operating farm equipment, handling livestock, and even detasseling corn. By limiting the potential of the next generation of farmers and ranchers, this rule could have

harmful implications for the long-term outlook of agriculture, including the nation's food supply."

In October, Nelson and Moran sent an initial letter to Solis stating their concerns and seeking an extension of the comment period on the rule. In response, the DOL extended the public comment period until Dec. 1.

In Monday's letter, Nelson and Moran wrote, "After having additional time to review the proposed rule and compare the proposed changes to existing statutory law, regulations and the department's existing interpretive documents, we believe the initial concerns were well-founded. As a result of these concerns, we request the Department withdraw the proposed rule in its entirety."

"We would like to emphasize the department was under no obligation to propose new regulations. Congress has not amended the Fair Labor Standards Act in regard to the agricultural standards referenced in the proposed rule since 1977. It is puzzling why the Department would suddenly propose changes to existing regulations, particularly considering the advancements in farm equipment and adoption of technologies that have improved operator safety in the last 35 years."



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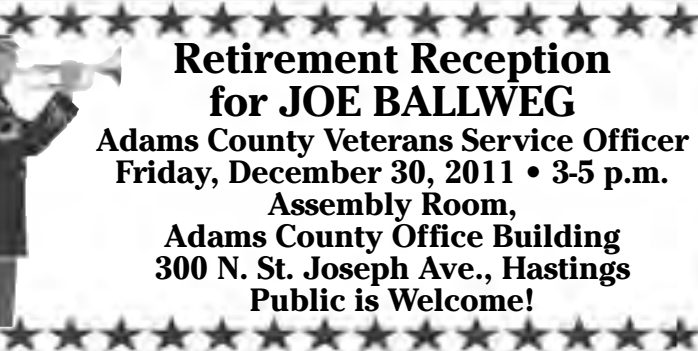
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Opinion

Third Kim has North Korea by the throat

Scrrips Howard News Service

Stalinist dictator Kim Jong Il's death at age 69 or maybe 70 — the official mythology varies — offers the people of North Korea some small, faint hope that their lives may get better. Certainly they can't get much worse.

Kim died Sunday aboard his special luxury train, officially from a stroke due to the stress of overwork, which seems unlikely given his sybaritic lifestyle. (For several years he was the world's largest purchaser of Hennessy cognac, a luxury unknown to his crushed populace.)

Kim Jong Il ruled for 17 years with really one objective: to keep the country his father, Kim Il Sung, founded in 1948 firmly in the hands of the Kim family. Toward that end, he diverted what foreign aid the country could scrounge to the military and senior party officials whose loyalty was essential to keeping him in power.

"Great Leader" Kim ruled for 46 years and passed the country on to "Dear Leader" Kim who, faced with two unacceptable sons as leaders, belatedly arranged for the baton to be passed to "Dear Successor," Kim Jong Un, who, believed to be in his late 20s, was made a four-star general in 2010, despite a complete lack of military experience.

Young Kim seems to be surrounded by a military regency overseen by his uncle, Jang Song Thaek, all of whom may have their own ideas about who should rule North Korea. To see young Kim, with his unlined, untroubled moon face, lined up with his hard-faced, hard-eyed generals does not inspire total confidence in his grasp on power.

Indeed, many diplomats fear he may resort to one of his fathers' regular gambits, small attacks on South Korea, random missile launches, perhaps even a third nuclear test to display his mettle.

What is stunning after more than 60 years is how little we know about North Korea. Until the last two years, no one knew what Kim Jong Un looked like as an adult. Through a policy of brutally enforced isolationism, Pyongyang kept its people from leaving and information about the outside world from getting in. The system was enforced by a gulag of slave labor camps, from which few emerged.

The regime's indifference to the welfare of its people was breathtaking. In a famine in the mid '90s at least 1 million people starved to death, but credible estimates say the number may be more like 2 to 3 million. Not bad in a nation of only 24 million.

The administration of President George W. Bush tried repeatedly to deal with Pyongyang, promising generous amounts of aid if it would give up its nuclear weapons program. Kim repeatedly broke his promises, and the Obama administration has conditioned aid on a verifiable abandonment of his nuclear weapons program.

Cruelly, the young Kim's greatest weapons may not be his handful of nuclear weapons or his 1.2 million member armed forces but his destitute and starving population.

Immediate neighbors South Korea and China greatly fear that if the Kim regime falters, they will be overrun by hundreds of thousands of desperate North Korean refugees. Maybe the bloodlines are running thin, but among the Kim family a ruthless determination to hold on to power seems the dominant gene.

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Heavy heart lifted by co-worker's words

Death. It's a word that makes people uncomfortable. For some, it instills thoughts of fear, panic or pain. Others believe that death is just a natural progression, and that when someone dies, he or she is moving on to a better place.

But no matter one's personal beliefs about death, the afterlife or ideas of heaven and hell, losing a loved one is never easy.

My family suffered a shocking loss this week with the death of my aunt. As such, I've found myself reflecting a lot on the idea of death in the last 24 hours.

Death is a shared experience for people. Everyone in their lifetime will experience at least one death that is personal and traumatic.

Death is part of what makes us all human and able to relate to each other. The idea may sound morbid, but it's true: Death is a shared human experience.

That's why I find it so interesting that almost every person you meet handles death in a different way.

Some handle death silently, never talking



Shay Burk

about their thoughts or feelings. Others want to talk about the deceased, or at least talk about their own grief.

Logging onto Facebook Monday, I found that several family members had already posted the news of my aunt's death and were receiving condolences and comments from friends and family.

I was interested to read what people had to say and took those comments to heart, knowing that indirectly they were meant for me, too.

It was interesting to me the way people responded to the news.

One person wrote "Celebrating in Heaven! I'm sure she was welcomed with open arms!"

The second comment, "Oh very sad to hear this news — she will certainly be missed!"

Those statements are quite different.

The statement about my aunt being missed is a commonly heard statement. And there's comfort in those words that I think a lot of people value in a time of loss. I know that I do.

Huckabee dismisses draft but still a force

Despite having to prepare for a debate far across the state on Dec. 15, four Republican presidential candidates — Newt Gingrich, Michele Bachmann, Rick Perry and Rick Santorum — came here to Des Moines the night before for the premiere of a movie. Perry thought the event so important that, even though he was campaigning in western Iowa, he hopped a plane at the last minute to fly to Des Moines for the event, and then turned around and headed back for the Fox News debate in Sioux City.

So it wasn't just any movie. The film was "The Gift of Life," a pro-life manifesto produced by Citizens United and narrated by former GOP presidential candidate — and 2008 Iowa caucus winner — Mike Huckabee. Iowa conservatives, 1,200 of them, packed Hoyt Sherman hall for the event, with each candidate given a chance to speak before the film.

Of course, the candidates — all strongly pro-life — wanted to associate themselves with social conservatives, and they all jumped at the chance to speak to 1,200 of them at one time. But each also wanted to associate themselves with the still-popular Huckabee. Nobody will win the Huckabee primary this year — he has said he won't endorse a candidate during the primary and caucus season — but all hoped a little of Huckabee's approval would rub off on them.

In an interview before the program, Huckabee denied any regrets about not running himself. "A lot of people have said, 'Gosh,



Byron York

you would have had a real opportunity here," Huckabee said. "Maybe. I don't know. But the decision I made was based on the fact that I saw a divided party. I did not see a lot of money lining up behind me. I've been there, done that when you try to run for president, where somebody has \$20 to your \$1, and it's a very, very uphill battle. We'll have a good candidate, we'll all get behind him, but I determined that it probably will not be me this time."

"Probably?"

"Well, I mean, that's what I decided then."

"So you're not open to a draft?"

"No, I think all the doors are well closed. I don't think I feel a draft at all."

Huckabee, a favorite of social conservatives in 2008, also reflected on the troubles of some candidates vying for social conservative support. Asked why Bachmann failed to capitalize on her victory in the Aug. 13 Ames straw poll, Huckabee said:

"The moment of that took her to Florida and all over the country, and not here. Once the baby is born, you better put a warm blanket around it and feed it real good. And if you don't keep the baby warm and feed it, it may not make it. And that's my perception, that she did not camp out in Iowa for a month or six weeks and just nail this state down — and then keep coming back."

As far as Perry's problems are concerned,

I think I'm so used to those words of compassion and condolence that I forget about and am surprised by the positive words about the loved one's future.

As I was writing my column Monday afternoon, a co-worker asked about my day, and I shared the news with him about the death in my family.

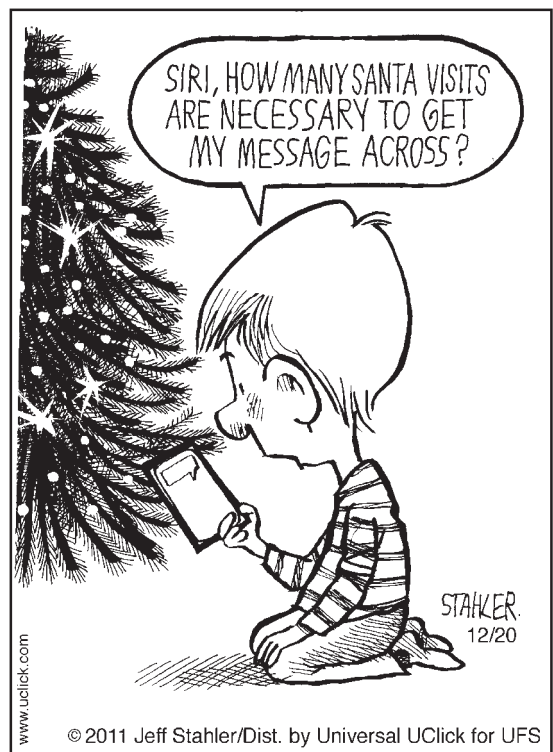
"It's a lousy time for us, a good time for her," he said. "You've got to think this is a banging time to be in heaven."

While many people have thoughtfully expressed how awful it would be to lose a loved one around Christmas, my dear co-worker was thinking about the party my aunt is having in heaven.

As I work my way through these next few days, I think those words will serve as my guide and support.

I know it won't be easy to face my family for a funeral at the holidays, but knowing my aunt could be celebrating at the party of the year makes me smile.

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CLOUDY TODAY
High: 34 Low: 40
Wind: North 5-10



SUNNY WEDNESDAY
High: 40 Low: 22
Wind: North 5-15
A 20 percent chance of snow overnight.



CLOUDY THURSDAY
High: 29 Low: 13
Wind: North 15-20
A 40 percent chance of snow.



PARTLY CLOUDY FRIDAY
High: 29 Low: 15



PARTLY CLOUDY SATURDAY
High: 35 Low: 21

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Local weather ♦ From 7 a.m. Dec. 19 to 7 a.m. Dec. 20

High Monday	35
High in 2010	31
Overnight low	26
Overnight low in 2010	23
Precipitation last 24 hours	.00
December precipitation	.90
December 2010 precipitation	.09
Year to date precipitation	27.01
Jan. to Dec. '10 precipitation	26.71
Snowfall last 24 hours	.00
December snowfall	8.8
December 2010 snowfall	.9
Season to date snowfall	8.8
Season to date snowfall 2010	1.0

Local

DRUG CHARGE BOUND OVER

The case of a 25-year-old Hastings man accused of distributing amphetamines was sent to the district court Monday.

Adams County Judge Michael Offner bound over the case against Daniel B. Pierce, whose last known address was 605 S. Kansas Ave., after he waived his preliminary hearing.

In exchange for his waiver, prosecutors will consider Pierce for drug court.

Pierce faces charges of distribution of amphetamine and distribution of hydrocodone.

Pierce will next appear in Adams County District Court for an arraignment on the charges, but a date has not been set.

According to the charge, Pierce distributed or possessed with intent to distribute hydrocodone on Jan. 20, and amphetamine on Feb. 24.

Pierce's wife was arrested on the same charges and appeared separately in Adams County Court Monday.

Distribution of a controlled substance (amphetamine) is a Class 2 felony punishable by up to 50 years in prison. Distribution of a controlled substance (hydrocodone) is a Class 3 felony punishable by up to 20 years imprisonment and a \$25,000 fine.

State

56 TROPICAL FISH TAKEN

LINCOLN — A Lincoln store has reported that 56 tropical fish were taken in a burglary. Lincoln police spokeswoman Katie Flood told the Lincoln Journal Star that the break-in occurred over the weekend at Tropical Warehouse.

A window was smashed for entry. In addition to its loss of the fish, the store said an aquarium, a filter, some sand and fish food and 10 pounds of decorative rocks were taken.

The stolen fish included clownfish and rose-line sharks.

DRIVER FOUND DEAD

FULLERTON — Authorities have released the name of a man who died after he left his pickup truck on a muddy road in east central Nebraska.

The Columbus Telegram says Monday that the Nance County sheriff's office says 53-year-old Robert Griffin, of Silver Creek died of exposure and hypothermia. A local former found his body on Saturday.

Sheriff Davis Moore says Griffin was driving from Silver Creek to Genoa Friday night when he got lost on a country road. He called friends to tell them he was lost about 2 miles west of Genoa and his cellphone was dying. They called law enforcement when he didn't show up.

Griffin's body was found about 6 miles north Fullerton. That's 20 miles from where authorities were searching.

PILOT HURT IN TAKEOFF CRASH

FREMONT — The pilot of a homemade, single-engine plane has been injured in a crash at Fremont Municipal Airport.

The Fremont Tribune reports the plane crashed off the runway Sunday afternoon during a takeoff attempt.

Fremont Police Lt. Kurt Bottorff says Rodney Bloemker, of Fremont, was the only person aboard the small plane. The 65-year-old Bloemker was treated at Fremont Area Medical Center and released.

Federal authorities are investigating the crash. *The Associated Press*

Mom asks HPS to allow snacks

STUDENTS COMPLAIN OF PRE-LUNCH HUNGER

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One Hastings mom is worried that her daughter isn't getting enough to eat at school each day.

Megan Stoner spoke before the Hastings Board of Education Monday with concerns about the lack of a snack policy within the district.

Stoner said there are children and classes in the district that are allowed to have snacks during the day while other teachers prohibit snacks for students.

She brought up her concerns after her fifth-grade daughter

came home complaining that she would get so hungry in the mornings before lunch that she couldn't concentrate on her schoolwork.

Stoner said her daughter sometimes arrives at school at 7:45 a.m. for traffic patrol and other responsibilities. She then doesn't get lunch until 12:30 p.m.

And that, she said, is a long time for a growing fifth-grader to go between meals, especially when she's trying to concentrate on her schoolwork.

Stoner said she talked with the teacher who said that unless a child has a medical reason for needing a snack between meals, she wouldn't allow snacks in the classroom.

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Six retire under ERIP

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Six Hastings Public Schools teachers will retire in 2012 under the last year of the early retirement incentive program.

The program known as ERIP incents the highest paid teachers in the district to retire early. The district benefits from having more dollars in its general fund to hire younger teachers at a lesser cost.

The ERIP fund has been used in recent years to help with shortfalls in state aid and in an effort to bring more money into the

district's general fund.

On Monday, the Hastings Board of Education voted unanimously to approve the retirement of six teachers at the end of the current school year. All of the teachers are using the ERIP program.

"I've been here since we started the program," said longtime board member Jim Heyen. "It's something we don't like to do but it's saved us from RIFing teachers. It's something we look at very hard but it's something that works for HPS."

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In this undated photo, Genon Hedrick sits at her sewing station, where she stitches together the edges of the quilts, the final part of the quilt-making process at the Peace Lutheran Church in Waco. Every one of the 2,400 quilts the quilting group has made has been stitched together and finished by Hedrick.

Group quilts for others

CHURCH WOMEN GIVE TO ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

RACHAEL RUYBALID

York News-Times

WACO — For the past eight years, a small group of women have been quilting away in the basement of Peace Lutheran Church in Waco.

For two days every month, the group gets together and makes quilts to donate.

All eight of the women are original members of the group. They meet twice a month, every month and can make about 10 quilts in a sitting.

"We just felt there was a need," group member Donna Ocken said.

"It just became a labor of love," Geraldine Naber, another group member said.

They estimate that over the time they've been quilting together, more than 2,000 quilts have been pieced and tied together and then donated.

The majority of their quilts are donated to the Orphan Grain Train (OGT), a relief network.

Every couple of months, the ladies take a load of quilts to the OGT station in Norfolk where they also spend a few hours volunteering to help sort donations.



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In this undated photo (from left), Patricia Brackhan, Connie Davis, Yolanda Grosor, Donna Ocken, Betty Scilhan, Eva Liemann, Genon Hedrick and Geraldine Naber gather around a current quilt in progress.

While most of the quilts are donated to OGT, if there's a need locally or elsewhere, the group will elect to send a load of quilts elsewhere.

When a powerful tornado wiped out part of Joplin, Miss., the women sent 80 quilts there for survivors.

When another tornado cut through the little Nebraska town of Hallam in 2004, another load of quilts made its way there as well.

"If we know there's a need, we try to cover it," Ocken said.

In the beginning of the quilting group, they bought their own fabric and yarn. Now, almost all of it is donated.

In fact, there's an entire room in the church basement devoted to the storage of donated fabric.

"We've gotten to the point where people know we're doing it and so they bring it without being asked," Ocken said.

The women get a kick out of finding out where the fabric comes from.

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Session singing a gleeful gig

HASTINGS NATIVE PART OF THE 'GLEE' TEAM

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Singing has always been a gleeful experience for Hastings native Kala Balch.

Balch, 31, has been belting out a joyful noise from her powerful vocal chords from an early age. Now a seasoned session singer, her resume includes performances with some of the more famous gospel artists in the world today, including Sandi Patti, CeCe



Balch

Winans, Natalie Grant, Sheila Walsh, Tommy Walker and Andrea Crouch. Her credits include work in television commercials and Disney films, while her current gig with the hit musical sitcom "Glee" has provided steady employment for more than two years.

As she prepared for her role in a benefit Christmas Concert in Central City on Friday, her thoughts turned to coming home at the holidays. It was here that she first sang publicly, accompanied by older sisters Shalene (Huyser) and Lindsey during weekly worship services at Evangelical Free Church. Her parents, Ray and LuAnn Conant, sparked her interest in vocal music as worship leaders of the church years ago.

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Courtesy

In this undated photo, Kala Balch (second from right) gathers with session singers from the television series "Glee," including Adam Anders (center), the program's music producer.

State

CONSPIRACY CASE
LINCOLN — A federal jury has found a Lincoln man guilty for his role in a Nebraska-based conspiracy to make methamphetamine. Federal prosecutors say 45-year-old Mark Skoda of Lincoln was found guilty of conspiracy to manufacture 500 grams or more of methamphetamine. The verdict capped a four-day trial in U.S. District Court of Nebraska. Prosecutors say four co-conspirators accused Skoda of making about 630 grams of methamphetamine over a 20-month period. The operation was located just east of Lincoln. Skoda faces a possible 20-year prison term when he is sentenced in early March. This case was investigated by the Lancaster County Sheriff and the Lincoln Police Department.

WOMAN STABBED
LINCOLN — A resident at the Beatrice State Developmental Center has been jailed in Lincoln, accused of using a pen to stab a woman. The Beatrice Daily Sun reports that 20-year-old Joshua Talbot was in Lincoln for an appointment on Friday. He'd been driven from Beatrice by two supervisors. When the three stopped at a gas station, Talbot escaped. Lincoln police spokeswoman Katie Flood says Talbot entered an office nearby and went to the second floor, where he used a pen to stab a female employee twice in the neck. The woman's injuries were not considered life-threatening. A Lancaster County jailer said Talbot remained in custody on Tuesday. Online court records don't list Talbot's attorney. The Beatrice center specializes in the residential treatment of people with various developmental disabilities.

The Associated Press

Quilts:
Women
sew for
a cause

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Some of the donated sheets in residence in the basement room were donated to OGT and then to the ladies from the famous Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. And while making ten quilts in a day can be hard work, the women have fun with it too. It's a social day or sorts with the women having coffee breaks and lunch in the church basement. Sometimes their husbands make the trip with them and spend the day fixing things up around the church. Most of the time, it's just the eight of them working but sometimes during the summer, they get help from some local kids that come in or some grandchildren of the women. "We'll take anyone who wants to come help," Eva Liermann said. "We'll put them to work."

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Federal judge rules in favor of railroad in drug dispute

GRANT SCHULTE
The Associated Press
LINCOLN — U.S. border officials exceeded their authority when they imposed multimillion-dollar fines against Union Pacific Corp. for failing to discover illegal drugs in railcars that crossed into the country from Mexico, a federal judge ruled Monday. U.S. District Judge Joseph Bataillon ordered the Department of Homeland Security to halt its fines against the Omaha-based railroad and stop seizing railroad equipment in drug smuggling that the company says was beyond its control. At issue was whether it's proper for U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials to impose these fines on railroads. Union Pacific, the largest rail shipper on the U.S.-Mexico border, has argued that it shouldn't be held responsible for the train cars until after they cross the border. Government officials maintain that the railroad is responsible for verifying the nature of what it brings into the country. Union Pacific chairman and CEO Jim Young said the company was pleased with the ruling, but added the railroad will continue working with federal officials to improve security. "We have already invested tens of millions of dollars in technology, infrastructure and training to promote safer and more secure rail transportation across the

border, and we will continue this collaboration with (U.S. officials) to help mitigate threats to our nation's security," Young said in a statement. U.S. Justice Department spokesman Charles Miller said officials were still reviewing the ruling, and declined to comment further. In August, Union Pacific resolved part of its long-running dispute with the federal government over fines imposed over drug smuggling on trains crossing from Mexico. But the company proceeded with the lawsuit to challenge the agency's power to impose the fines and seize railcars. The company and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency announced an agreement in August that covers about \$500 million in fines the government had tried to impose and provides a five-year amnesty for Union Pacific. In exchange, Union Pacific railroad agreed to invest \$50 million in efforts to strengthen security in the rail supply chain at the Mexican border without admitting any fault. Union Pacific has said it is not practical for the railroad to patrol trains in Mexico because its security officers have no authority there and cannot carry guns. Plus, drug trafficking is a dangerous business. It owns 26 percent of Ferrocarril Mexicano, but says since it does not control the Mexican railroad and cannot force that business to make drug interdiction efforts. According to the lawsuit, Customs and

Border Protection agents found at least 4,514 pounds of marijuana hidden on Union Pacific trains, and on at least one occasion about 257 pounds of cocaine was also found. The drugs are often found in false compartments on the railcars. Thirty-seven of the seizures took place at the Calexico, Calif., crossing. Four happened at Nogales, Ariz., and one seizure happened at Brownsville, Texas. Union Pacific has said customs inspections themselves often leave the trains vulnerable. While agents check the Mexican railroad crew's paperwork, railcars on trains up to two miles long can stretch back into Mexico and sit unprotected. Under the agreement, the railroad will work with Customs to determine where to invest the \$50 million. Some may go to improvements in Union Pacific's security, such as adding more personnel and drug dogs, and some may go toward improving Customs' operations at the border. Technological improvements, such as radio frequency identification and GPS tracking systems, may also be purchased. The agreement said that Union Pacific representatives will be included in an information-sharing center where they will be able to coordinate efforts with government officials. Eventually, officials hope to develop a working group that will include freight railroads, major shippers and government officials to help address border security issues.

ERIP: Six teachers retire

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This is the last year the board has approved using the ERIP as a way to help manage the budget. Superintendent Craig Kautz told the board he and other administrators in the district will likely propose that the board continue using the program as needed to help alleviate budget constraints. "This is the only way the unicameral has provided for HPS to carve out room in the general fund to pay for the teachers we need," he said. Kautz said he likely will recommend that the board approve the use of ERIP on a year-to-year basis when needed. "A district like Hastings Public has to have something like this in our tool chest," he said. In September, the board approved increasing the levy for ERIP from 7.09 cents to 9.01 cents to cover the costs of paying the retiring teachers.

Snacks: Mom wants school to adopt food policy

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While her daughter doesn't have diabetes or another health condition, Stoner said her daughter gets stomach pains, headaches and is unable to concentrate when she is hungry. "It's really cruel to make kids sit there with stomach pains and get headaches because they can't have a snack," Stoner said. She has talked with other parents in the same situation at other elementary

sites and in the middle school. There are some students at the middle school, she said, who eat lunch at 10:30 a.m. and then may not get anything to eat until after sports practice when they go home for the night. "That's a long time without a snack," she said. "They might be able to snarf something down before practice, but still." Stoner said she wants the board to consider creating a policy for snacks in

the classroom. "I'm not asking the district to provide the snack," she said. "Make it a parent decision, not a teacher decision." The Department of Health and Human Services requires one snack and one meal for children who are at a daycare between four and eight hours. Stoner said it seems unfair that children at a daycare are getting more consideration than growing children in

school who are trying to learn. Stoner's daughter also got up before the school board and read a prepared statement about the rumbling stomachs and hunger pains she sometimes feels before lunch rolls around. Superintendent Craig Kautz said the creation and adoption of a new policy can take several months to complete. He said he can put the item on an upcoming work session for discussion if directed by the board.

Gleeful: Hastings native singing behind the scenes for 'Glee'

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"My mom and dad gave me their ears," she said during an interview from her cell phone at Denver International Airport Wednesday. "My dad plays piano by ear and has a great voice, and Mom can sing as well. I've been singing literally as long as I can remember." A member of the Madrigal Singers while at Hastings Senior High, she continued to sing following her graduation in 1998. Initially a music major at Azusa Pacific University in California, she changed her major to physical education after one year. But her love of music soon made the thought of doing anything else seem incomprehensible. "I was a personal trainer for about a year and that was it," she said. "I knew I wanted to pursue music." The youngest of six siblings, she welcomed the opportunity to come home to Hastings during the Christmas season, even if for just a day or two. Her hope was to visit with as many of her 23 nieces and nephews and other family members as possible during her stay. "It's always nice to come back," she said. "I feel like I'm at home, where people know me and love me for who I am. It's fun to be able to come back and be part of giving something back."

Now married and a resident of South Pasadena, Calif., she continues to record "Glee" songs in the studio, working closely with fellow session singers under the guidance of the show's executive music producer Adam Anders. It was "Glee" vocal contractor Tim Davis who hired her as a session singer more than two years ago. "Glee" has been amazing," she said. "It's amazing to watch Adam Anders create new versions of these well-known songs and kind of put his own twist on them. It's an honor to work with him." Though she doesn't work directly with the show's on-camera stars, she has met and visited with several members of the cast, including Amber Riley and Heather Morris. "The actors I have met have been very friendly and are grateful for the work that we

do on the show to make them look good," she said. "Heather was very down to earth, friendly and very funny." Having logged hundreds of recording hours together, she now counts her session team among her closest friends in the industry. "We've become like a family," she said. "We did our first gig together live at Hotel Cafe in Hollywood on Dec. 3 and we each sang a Christmas carol. It was hilarious because none of us had ever heard the other do their own thing before." As an aspiring solo artist, she recorded her first independent gospel record in 2007. An ill-timed but much needed break left the record largely unpromoted, however. Earlier this year, she teamed with fellow singer-songwriter Luther "Mano" Hanes to record three songs for Hanes' record

label, Riverphlo. Hanes is perhaps best known for his work with Crouch on the latter's 2012 Grammy-nominated CD, "The Journey." Her hope is that at least one of the songs will find its way onto a soundtrack of a popular movie or television series and jump-start her solo career. In the meantime, she'll continue to lend her vocal talents to major scores by Walt Disney and other filmmakers. Recent projects include work on

Disney's "Happy Feet II" and a Dr. Seuss movie entitled "Lorax," where she performed guide vocals for the lead character portrayed by pop star Pink. "I love the work," she said. "Not every live performer can be good in the studio and visa versa, but I feel fortunate to be able to do both. "I think my solo career is important to pursue just to see where it goes. Even if I flop, I just want to know that I gave it a try, you know?"

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Kansans fear loss of Boeing jobs

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The Associated Press
WICHITA, Kan. — Fears about the closure of Boeing Co.'s Wichita plant resurfaced Monday after a lawmaker's comments that he had been told that modification work on Air Force refueling tankers will be done in Washington state, but Boeing says its study of all programs at the Kansas site is still going on.

Boeing won a decade-long fight for Pentagon approval to build 179 refueling tankers worth at least \$35 billion, a project long touted as being able to create some 7,500 direct and indirect jobs in Kansas with an overall economic impact of \$388 million.

"We now know that Boeing intends to walk away from that promise — which severely jeopardizes the future of over 2,000 aviation jobs right here in our community," U.S. Rep. Mike Pompeo told reporters Monday.

No explanation was given for the decision, Pompeo said, and he declined to name the senior official at Boeing with whom he spoke.

Boeing had said last month it was studying whether to close the Wichita facility, which specializes in modifying commercial aircraft for military or government operations, in order to address Defense Department budget cuts. The company said Monday that the study was still going on and Boeing won't make an announcement about any work moving elsewhere until late this year or early next year.

"Everybody is talking about the tanker work — all of the programs at the Wichita facility are part of the ongoing study," said Jarrod Bartlett, a



BO RADER, The Wichita Eagle/AP

U.S. Rep. Mike Pompeo, R-Kan. (right), addresses the media during a news conference Monday at the National Center for Aviation Training in Wichita, Kan. Pompeo, with local leaders and union officials, from left: Steve Rooney (IAM), Bob Brewer (SPEEA), Dave Unruh, Segwick County commission, and Wichita Mayor Carl Brewer, voiced their concerns that Boeing may be closing its doors in Wichita.

spokesman for Boeing in Wichita.

The facility has 2,100 employees and handles work on the Air Force executive fleet, bomber engineering and modification support and still has some work it is doing on an Italian refueling tanker, Bartlett said.

Boeing has had a facility in Wichita since it bought the Stearman Aircraft Co. in 1929. During World War II, employment at the plant peaked at more than 40,000 as the company churned out four bombers a day, Bartlett said. For decades the company remained the city's largest employer.

In 2005, Boeing spun off its commercial aircraft operations in Kansas and Oklahoma. At that time, the company still had roughly 15,000 employees in Wichita. After the divestiture, Boeing retained 4,500 workers for its defense work in Wichita but layoffs since have slashed that remaining work force.

Slower federal military spending is affecting defense companies like Boeing. Several other defense companies have announced layoffs.

"The whole defense sector is going to remain under pressure for at least the next year or two," said Brian Langenberg, a defense and aerospace analyst for Langenberg & Co.

Kansas lawmakers supported Boeing's fight for the tanker, and the company seems to be risking alienating them by putting that work somewhere else.

Decisions like that are a trade-off, and Boeing has other members of Congress to think about, too, including a senior group that represents Washington State, Langenberg said.

Pompeo said it was also his understanding that Boeing intends to move maintenance work on Air Force One out of Wichita.

"If the KC-46 tanker is not built in Wichita, Kan., and the presidential aircraft moves to Kelly Air Force Base (in San Antonio) ... it becomes very

difficult to imagine how Boeing would continue to keep the facility here," he said.

Wichita Mayor Carl Brewer said the company made a commitment to the city.

"The discussion about the possibility of them moving someplace else and shutting down the complex that they have here is unacceptable," Brewer said. "It is unacceptable because there was a commitment for future jobs, future work, the possibility of being able to take care of future families here in this community. We stood beside them and we expect them to stand beside us."

Steve Rooney, president of the machinists union in Wichita, said Boeing officials told him during contract negotiations that if the facility were to remain open, the tanker work would be done in Wichita.

Wichita, which calls itself the "air capital of the world" is home to manufacturing plants for Spirit AeroSystems, Cessna Aircraft, Bombardier Aerospace and Hawker Beechcraft as well as more than a hundred smaller aircraft parts suppliers that support them. Now not only does the city stand to possibly lose the 7,500 direct and indirect aviation jobs that the refueling tanker work entailed, but the remaining jobs at the Boeing plant.

Union officials also questioned how the company can consider moving the work on presidential plane to Kelly Air Force Base, arguing that only Wichita has the numbers of workers with the necessary security clearances to work on it.

Bob Brewer, Wichita director for Society of Professional Engineering Employees in Aerospace, said he is disappointed Boeing is even considering closing the plant.

Trade group: Christmas shoppers buying more

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NEW YORK — After taking breather from a record spending spree, holiday shoppers came out again in force last week. But they're procrastinating more than last year, meaning that stores will depend even more on a last-minute surge in the final days before Christmas, according to one measure.

Sales at stores opened at least a year rose 3.4 percent for the week ended Saturday, compared with the previous week, according to the International Council of Shopping Centers-Goldman Sachs Weekly Chain Store Sales Index, released Tuesday. The increase followed two consecutive weekly declines, compared with the previous weeks, as shoppers took a break after a discount-fueled spending spree over the Thanksgiving weekend, the official start of the holiday shopping season.

Sales for the recent week rose 4.6 percent compared with a year ago.

"Consumers were out in force this past week trying to complete their holiday shopping," said Michael P. Niemira, chief economist at the International Council of Shopping Centers. "However, despite the latest week's pickup, consumers are still behind in their holiday-gift completion rate relative to last year."

Markets

Tuesday's noon local markets

Corn	5.82
Soybeans	10.79
Milo	5.64
Wheat	6.25

Stocks of local interest

The following stocks of local interest were traded today:		
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McDonald's	98.53	+1.29
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Tricon Global Restaurants	58.24	+0.64
Union Pacific	100.49	+2.00
Wells Fargo	26.06	+0.75
Williams Cos.	31.54	+0.75
Wal-Mart	58.90	+1.12

Housing starts, permit numbers surge

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The Associated Press
WASHINGTON — A surge in apartment construction gave home builders more work in November. And permits, a gauge of future construction, rose 5.7 percent, spurred by a jump in apartment permits.

The 16 percent rise in permits provides hope for the housing market, though 2011 is still shaping up as one of the worst years in history for homebuilders.

The Commerce Department says builders broke ground on a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 685,000 homes last month, a 9.3 percent jump from October. It's the highest level since April 2010. Still, the rate is far below the 1.2 million homes that economists say would be built each year in a healthy housing market.

Analysts say the homebuilding industry is improving, albeit modestly, after two of the worst years in history.

"While beginning to improve, a strong, sustained recovery in the housing market, especially the important single-family sector, is still a ways off," said Steven Wood,

chief economist at Insight Economics.

Last year, builders began work on roughly 587,000 homes, the worst year on record. This year, construction may top 600,000.

Though new homes represent just 20 percent of the overall home market, they have an outsize impact on the economy. Each home built creates an average of three jobs for a year and generates about \$90,000 in taxes, according to the National Association of Home Builders.

Renting has become a preferred option for many Americans who lost their jobs during the recession and were forced to leave their houses. The surge in apartments has provided a lift to the beleaguered housing market but has not been enough to completely offset the loss of single-family homes.

Over the past year, permits for apartment buildings with five or more units have surged more than 80 percent. Permits for single-family homes, which account for about 70 percent of all homebuilding, have increased just 3.6 percent.

Demand for new homes is

weak. Record-low mortgage rates and plunging home prices have done little to help.

The chief problem: Builders are struggling to compete with deeply discounted foreclosures and short sales. Short sales occur when lenders allow homes to be sold for less than what's owed on the mortgage. Few homes are selling.

After previous recessions, housing accounted for at least 15 percent of U.S. economic growth. Since the recession officially ended in June 2009, it has contributed just 4 percent.

In October, sales of new homes rose slightly, largely because builders cut their prices in the face of weak demand. Sales hit a six-month low in August. And this year is shaping up to be the worst since the government began keeping records a half-century ago.

Another reason sales have fallen is that previously occupied homes have become a better deal than new homes. The median price of a new home is about 30 percent higher than the median price for a re-sale. That's nearly twice the markup typical in a healthy housing market.

Ground turkey production resumes

The Associated Press
SPRINGDALE, Ark. — An Arkansas meat processing plant that was linked to a salmonella outbreak this year is producing ground turkey again, meat Giant Cargill Inc. said Monday.

The move comes after the Minnesota-based company improved safety measures in response to the outbreak that

left one person dead and prompted the recall of millions of pounds of turkey.

Cargill said it brought back about 50 of the 130 workers who were laid off from the plant in October because it wasn't producing ground turkey. More than 70 other workers had already rejoined the company after the layoffs.



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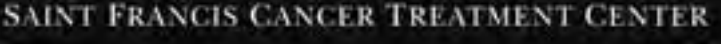
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JFK’S HEARSE
SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — An auction house specializing in collectible classic cars plans to auction the hearse used to carry the body of President John F. Kennedy from a Dallas hospital to Air Force One.

In a statement issued Monday, Barrett-Jackson Auction Co. of Scottsdale, Ariz., announced a Jan. 21 auction of the 1964 Cadillac hearse.

O’Neal Funeral Home of Dallas used the hearse to bring a bronze casket to the hospital on Nov. 22, 1963, the day of Kennedy’s assassination, then carried the casket containing the president’s body to Love Field.

Earlier this year, Barrett-Jackson auctioned the ambulance used to carry the slain president’s body from Air Force One at Andrews Air Force Base to the Bethesda Naval Hospital.

BUGGY SHOOTING
FREDERICKSBURG, Ohio — The fatal shooting of a 15-year-old girl who was driving an Amish horse-drawn buggy in northeast Ohio has been ruled a homicide.

A medical examiner says that Rachel Yoder died from a gunshot wound to the head.

The girl was shot Thursday night while traveling from a party to her home in Wayne County, between Columbus and Akron. She died Friday, and The Cochocton Tribune reports authorities first thought she may have fallen from the buggy and hit her head.

No arrest has been made.

BABY’S PARENTS
FOUND DEAD
ANCHORAGE, Alaska — A man and woman were found dead with their unharmed baby in a remote western Alaska village when worried relatives went to check on them, family members said Monday.

State troopers were investigating the deaths of Jonathan Paul, 29, and Gina Martin, 26. The couple’s 1-year-old daughter, Deann, is staying with Martin’s family.

Troopers have not said how the couple died at their home in Kipnuk, a Yupik Eskimo community of 640 people. Even relatives said they haven’t been told.

“Nobody knows what happened,” said Gina Martin’s sister, Patricia Martin. “Just pray for us.”

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Northbound traffic on I-25 approaches Santa Fe, N.M., in a single file as snow accumulates on the road Monday.

Kim’s body displayed behind glass, flowers

The Associated Press
PYONGYANG, North Korea — North Korea displayed the body of ruler Kim Jong Il in a glass coffin surrounded by red flowers Tuesday, and his young heir was one of the first to pay respects — a strong indication that a smooth leadership transition was under way.

As the country mourned for a second day with high-level visits to Kim’s body at a memorial palace and public gatherings of weeping citizens, state media fed a budding personality cult around his youngest known son and anointed heir, Kim Jong Un, hailing him as a “lighthouse of hope.”

Kim’s body was wrapped in

red cloth and surrounded by blossoms of his namesake flowers, red “kimjongilia.” As solemn music played, Kim Jong Un — believed to be in his late 20s — entered the hall to view his father’s bier, surrounded by military honor guards. He observed a moment of solemn silence, then circled the bier, followed by other officials.

Outside one of the capital’s main performance centers, mourners carried wreaths and flowers toward a portrait of Kim Jong Il. Groups were allowed to grieve in front of the portrait for a few minutes at a time.

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Snowstorm halts travel across Plains

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The Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. — Fierce winds and snow that caused fatal road accidents and shuttered highways in five states, crawled deeper into the Great Plains early Tuesday, with forecasters warning that pre-holiday travel would be difficult if not impossible across the region.

Hotels were filling up quickly along major roadways from eastern New Mexico to Kansas, and nearly 100 rescue calls came in from motorists in the Texas Panhandle as blizzard conditions forced closed part of Interstate 40, a major east-west route, Monday night.

About 10 inches of snow had fallen in western Kansas before dawn Tuesday and several more inches along with strong wind gusts were expected, National Weather Service meteorologist Marc Russell said.

“We’re talking about whiteout conditions,” he said.

Heather Haltli, 29, and her husband were traveling from their home at Hill Air Force Base in Utah to attend a family funeral in Abilene, Texas, but the storm slowed them down so badly that they had to take refuge at the Comfort Inn in Garden City, Kan.

“We’ve been traveling about 20 miles per hour all the way from Denver,” Haltli said Tuesday. She said they had passed up to 15 wrecks including rollovers, upside down cars and jackknifed trucks as they drove through Colorado.

“I don’t think we’ll be able to make the funeral, but we’ll keep going,” she said.

Colorado Highway Patrol trooper Nate Reid said the freezing rain and fog came in so fast on Monday that it caught a lot of drivers unaware.

“I can’t even count how many rollovers we had,” Reid said.

Snowpack and icy conditions forced the closure of roadways across western and south-

western Kansas, including a western section of the I-70, the main thoroughfare that traverses the state.

“Southwest Kansas is pretty much shut down completely,” Derek Latham, a dispatcher for the Kansas Highway Patrol in Salina said early Tuesday. “I have one trooper who almost went into a ditch this morning, and he came across four other cars that went into a ditch. That was just this morning.”

The storm was blamed for at least six deaths Monday, authorities said. Four people were killed when their vehicle collided with a pickup truck in part of eastern New Mexico where blizzard-like conditions are rare, and a prison guard and inmate died when a prison van crashed along an icy roadway in eastern Colorado.

The late-autumn snowstorm lumbered into the region Monday, turning roads to ice and reducing visibility to zero. The conditions put state road crews on alert and had motorists taking refuge and early exits off major roads across the region.

In northern New Mexico, snow and ice shuttered all roads from Raton to the Texas and Oklahoma borders about 90 miles away. Hotels in Clayton, N.M., just east of where the three states touch, were nearly full. Multiple highways remained closed early Tuesday.

Linda Pape, general manager of the Clayton Super 8 motel said it was packed with unhappy skiers who had been headed to lodges in Colorado and elsewhere in New Mexico.

“They lost a day or two of skiing, and they had budgeted an amount of money they were going to spend, and now they have to spend more staying somewhere else,” she said.

Pape said it’s not uncommon for skiers to get stuck in Clayton during the winter, and she keeps two freezers and a refrigerator stocked in case roads are closed.



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49ers beat Big Ben, Steelers

JANIE MCCAULEY
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Ben Roethlisberger threw a few extra passes in near darkness after the lights went out at Candlestick Park.

The additional throws were all for naught. Big Ben never found his groove playing on a bum ankle — and the San Francisco 49ers' top-ranked defense wasn't about to let the most unique of home-field advantages get away in a 20-3 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers on Monday night.

"Just wondering how this happens at a professional stadium," Roethlisberger said of not one but two blackouts.

Monday Night Football nearly became a Monday Night Fiasco.

San Francisco's lights-out return to prime time helped

salvage what could have been an embarrassing evening for everyone involved on the NFL's biggest stage after a pair of power outages delayed the game for close to 35 minutes in all.

"I just feel like San Francisco took a big step to show the NFL and to show the state of California that they need a new stadium," Steelers safety Ryan Clark said. "I think it was a very strategic move, and Candlestick may be no more."

Good thing there's a state-of-the-art \$1 billion stadium in the works.

The 49ers rode stellar run defense once again to keep the ailing Roethlisberger off balance and maintain a hold on the NFC's No. 2 playoff seed and a first-round bye.

"Electric atmosphere

tonight," tweeted team president Jed York — unclear if his pun was intended.

Vernon Davis caught a 1-yard touchdown pass for the 49ers (11-3) one play after setting himself up with a 21-yard reception from Alex Smith, Frank Gore had a 5-yard scoring run and David Akers kicked field goals of 22 and 38 yards to overtake Hall of Famer Jerry Rice for San Francisco's single-season scoring record.

"I think we showed the world we can play the game of football on a national stage," Davis said. "At the end of the day that's what it's all about: respect."

The Steelers (10-4) missed a key chance to take sole possession of first place in the AFC North and hold of the AFC's top playoff spot.

Roethlisberger, playing on a sprained left ankle that had him in a walking boot during the week, threw two early interceptions and another in the waning minutes — and a couple of light structures flickered as the final ticks elapsed.

Even all those Terrible Towel-waving Steelers supporters in the sellout crowd of 69,732 couldn't will their team when San Francisco had two blackout delays on its side.

"It's very frustrating to feel like you let down your team and your fans and your coaches. It's tough," Roethlisberger said. "I'm not going to make excuses. I played a bad football game, I turned the ball over and that one's on me."

San Francisco became the first team in NFL history to

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AP

San Francisco 49ers tight end Vernon Davis celebrates after a reception against the Pittsburgh Steelers during the third quarter of their game Monday in San Francisco.

HC snaps skid, tops No. 12 KWU

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The Hastings College women's basketball team filled its stocking Monday night with a 68-64 win over NAIA Division II No. 12 Kansas Wesleyan at Lynn Farrell Arena.

The win snapped a two-game losing skid for the No. 8 Broncos and may just be what the team needs as it takes a couple of days off for the holidays before traveling to California to play three games after Christmas.

"I'm pleased to get this win. We came out and played with more energy than we did Saturday. We made a ton of mistakes tonight, but we played a lot harder," HC coach Jeff Dittman said. "This was a big step forward for us against a quality opponent."

Monday's win wasn't easy.

Hastings trailed 36-35 at half-time but opened the second half on an 8-2 run to take a 43-38 lead. Alicia Statler scored a pair of buckets and Frankie Petersen and Melissa Thompson both scored during the run for the Broncos.

Hastings was never able to shake free of the Coyotes.

Hastings led 59-57 with 5:37 left in the game when the team went on a 7-0 run to open its

largest lead of the night at 66-57.

Tanasia Uhrig helped fuel the run with a pair of steals, which helped HC get out in transition on both occasions. Uhrig scored a layup off one of the steals and was fouled on the other. She sank one of the two free throws. Laurel Zwiener also scored in the paint and Sophia McDermott hit a jump shot as the Broncos built the nine-point bulge with 1:59 remaining in the game.

The Broncos also tightened the clamps defensively, as they held Kansas Wesleyan to just one point between the 6:40 mark and the 1:04 mark of the second half. That allowed Hastings to break open from a 56-all tie to take the 66-57 lead.

KWU tried to make things interesting by utilizing some full-court pressure defense, which led to a quick steal and a basket with just 1:04 left in the game.

But Thompson hit a pair of free throws with 27 seconds left in the game to stretch HC's lead back to nine points.

KWU scored five points in the final 16 seconds of the game, but it was too little, too late as the Broncos captured the win to improve to 10-3 on the season. The loss knocked KWU to 8-5.

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Above: Hastings College's Sierra Williamson shoots against Kansas Wesleyan's Stephanie Frost Monday at Lynn Farrell Arena. Left: Hastings College's Erin Vanderpool and Kansas Wesleyan's Montric Santee chase down a loose ball.

K. Catholic too much for AC girls

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The Adams Central girls basketball team suffered its worse loss of the season Tuesday, falling to Kearney Catholic 56-34 just two days after securing its first win of the season.

The Patriots had no answer for the full-court pressure applied by the Class C-1 No. 5 Stars.

"I think it all began with defense," Kearney Catholic head coach Rick Petri. "That was a big key. We forced quite a few turnovers. Michaela Mestl was awesome. She had quite a few steals and converted them into layups, and just the overall defense tonight was outstanding."

Mestl finished the game with 26 points on 11-of-20 shooting — most of which came off fast break opportunities. Petri said his team likes to get up and down the court and allow its guards to control the game by attacking the basket, which is exactly what Mestl did.

Adams Central head coach Tim Marker said there was little his team could do against the press by the Stars.

"We knew that they were going to press, but it's hard to practice against a

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UNO cruises past Broncos

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The Hastings College men's basketball team suffered a 82-49 setback to Nebraska-Omaha Monday night.

With the loss, the Broncos fell to 7-9 on the season.

The NCAA Division I Mavericks (6-8) started out fast, jumping out to a 14-2 lead and shooting 17-for-26 from the field and 3-of-8 from behind the arc en route to a 42-21 halftime lead.

For Hastings, the Broncos were only able to connect on 8-of-33 shots from the field and only 1-of-12 3-pointers in the first half.

UNO's strong shooting performance continued in the second half, outscoring the Broncos 40-28. The Mavericks finished the game shooting 62 percent, including 45 percent from behind the arc.

The Broncos could not match the Mavericks' production. For the game, Hastings College managed to shoot 28 percent from the field and 13 percent from behind the arc.

The Mavericks outscored the Broncos 38-10 inside the paint.

Hastings College was led offensively by freshman forward Zach Lenagh with 12 points. He was the only Bronco scorer to reach double figures. Sophomore guard Tobin Reinwald, who leads the team with 17.6 points per game, was limited to seven against UNO.

The Mavericks had four scorers reach double figures, led by sophomore center John Karhoff with 15. Senior guard Mitch Albers added 12, while freshman guard CJ Carter and senior center John Ring each had 10.

The Broncos will take a break for the holidays and will resume play Dec. 30-31 at the Columbia (Mo.) Classic.

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Creighton's Doug McDermott drives against Tulsa's D.J. Magley (35) during the second half of their game Monday in Tulsa, Okla. McDermott scored 35 points.



McDermott leads No. 23 CU over Tulsa

The Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. — Doug McDermott had his best scoring game and most of the points in No. 23 Creighton's 83-64 victory over Tulsa on Monday night came on a variety of the low-post moves the 6-foot-7 sophomore is becoming known for.

McDermott, the nation's second-leading scorer entering the game, finished 16 of 23 from the field and made both of his 3-point attempts.

"Doug is very versatile in the post," said Creighton coach Greg McDermott, Doug's father. "He can go around you and loop it under if you guard him with

a tall guy. Obviously Tulsa was wanting to take away the 3-pointer and you've got to pick your poison. Tonight we were able to get it inside and we executed as well as we have all year."

The Bluejays (9-1) trailed 20-19 but went on an 8-0 run spurred by three baskets by Antoine Young. McDermott scored the Bluejays' final 11 points of the half as Creighton took a 42-34 lead.

Center Gregory Echenique, who played just 2 minutes in the first half, scored eight points in the opening 2:52 of the second before picking up his third foul as Creighton took a 51-34 lead. Tulsa

never came closer than 12 points again.

McDermott "single-handedly broke the spirit of my team, particularly my post defenders," Tulsa coach Doug Wojcik said. "That was one impressive performance by Doug McDermott. We really wanted to defend the 3-point line because they make 10 a game, but I was surprised at just how good he was in the post. His size, his strength, his stamina, his feet and just how good his hands are. He was shooting jump hooks over (6-11) Kodi Maduka, who is long, and I don't think he even saw the basket and they were going in."

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Basketball

NBA Preseason Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	1	0	1.000	—
New York	1	0	1.000	—
Philadelphia	1	0	1.000	—
New Jersey	0	1	.000	1
Toronto	0	1	.000	1
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	1	0	1.000	—
Miami	1	0	1.000	—
Atlanta	0	1	.000	1
Orlando	0	1	.000	1
Washington	0	1	.000	1

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	1	0	1.000	—
Cleveland	0	1	.000	—
Detroit	0	1	.000	1
Indiana	0	1	.000	1
Milwaukee	0	1	.000	1

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	1	0	1.000	—
New Orleans	1	0	1.000	—
Dallas	0	1	.000	1
Memphis	0	1	.000	1
San Antonio	0	1	.000	1

Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	1	0	1.000	—
Oklahoma City	1	0	1.000	—
Portland	1	0	1.000	—
Denver	0	0	.000	1/2
Utah	0	1	.000	1

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	1	0	1.000	—
L.A. Clippers	1	0	1.000	—
Phoenix	0	0	.000	1/2
L.A. Lakers	0	1	.000	1
Sacramento	0	0	.000	1

Monday's Games				
Charlotte 79, Atlanta 77				
Portland 110, Utah 90				
L.A. Clippers 114, L.A. Lakers 95				
Tuesday's Games				
Washington at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.				
Detroit at Cleveland, 6 p.m.				
Indiana at Chicago, 7 p.m.				
Dallas at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.				
Phoenix at Denver, 8 p.m.				
Golden State at Sacramento, 9 p.m.				

NCAA Men's Results

Monday's Results				
EAST				
Albany (NY) 76, St. Francis (NY) 64				
Caldwell 82, Queens (NY) 68				
Colgate 61, Dartmouth 55, OT				
Delaware 70, La Salle 66				
East Stroudsburg 79, Sciences (Pa.) 65				
LeMoyne 97, CVI Post 81				
Maine 77, Utah Valley 60				
Misericordia 75, Marywood 57				
Morehead St. 64, Binghamton 45				
West Virginia 72, Tennessee Tech 53				
SOUTH				
Auburn 76, Florida A&M 69				
Charlotte 74, Coppin St. 63				
Clemson 70, Alabama St. 45				
Duke 90, UNC Greensboro 63				
ETSU 83, Milligan 43				
East Carolina 76, Coastal Carolina 51				
Florida 82, MVSU 54				
Georgia Tech 65, Alabama A&M 54				
Jacksonville St. 81, Reinhardt 75				
James Madison 67, The Citadel 49				
LSU 67, Marquette 59				
Lincoln Memorial 73, Augusta St. 57				
Marshall 87, Belmont 56				
Memphis 85, Lipscomb 65				
North Carolina 99, Nicholls St. 49				
Northwestern St. 88, Central Methodist 79				
Randolph-Macon 78, Averett 67				
SC-Update 80, Florida Gulf Coast 75				
South Alabama 70, Georgia Southern 57				
South Florida 70, Cleveland St. 55				
Tennessee St. 92, LeMoyne-Owen 55				
UNC Pembroke 56, Armstrong Atlantic 88				
UNC Wilmington 67, Campbell 65				
Vanderbilt 99, Longwood 71				
Virginia Tech 34, North Florida 55				
Winston-Salem 74, Tusculum 70				
MIDWEST				
Akron 88, Youngstown St. 62				
Davidson 80, Kansas 74				
Ferris St. 57, N. Michigan 49				
Franklin 82, Trine 75				
Grand Valley St. 70, Michigan Tech 68, OT				
IUPUI 66, Ball St. 57				
Ill.-Chicago 57, W. Illinois 56				
Illinois 64, Cornell 60				
Indiana 107, Howard 50				
Iowa 105, Cent. Arkansas 64				
Loyola of Chicago 69, Rockhurst 46				
Michigan St. 89, UMKC 54				
Missouri St. 66, Texas A&M-CC 53				
N. Iowa 84, Loras 48				
Nebraska-Omaha 82, Hastings 49				
Northwood (Mich.) 77, Ashland 64				
Notre Dame 106, Sacred Heart 65				
Rose-Hulman 67, DePauw 59				
S. Illinois 80, SIU-Edwardsville 57				
Seattle 77, SE Missouri 65				
Shu 84, SE Missouri 65				
Wichita St. 102, Newman 53				
SOUTHWEST				
Arkansas St. 108, Lyon 61				
Baylor 95, Paul Quinn 54				
Concordia-Austin 93, Louisiana College 92				
Creighton 83, Tulsa 64				
St. Edward's 99, Harding 81				
Temple 77, Rice 70				
UTEP 69, McNeese St. 54				

FAR WEST

Boise St. 70, Fresno St. 63
California 70, UC Santa Barbara 50
Colorado 70, CS Bakersfield 64
Colorado St. 85, Texas Southern 61
Denver 57, Wyoming 46
Long Beach St. 76, E. New Mexico 54
New Mexico St. 91, Southern U. 66
Saint Mary's (Cal.) 74, Kennesaw St. 51
San Diego St. 80, UC Riverside 55
Southern Cal 83, TCU 59
Southern Miss. 64, Arizona St. 61
Stanford 75, Bethune-Cookman 56
UNLV 81, Louisiana-Monroe 63
Utah 72, Portland 67
Weber St. 106, Mayville St. 57

Prep Boys Results

Monday's Games				
Battle Creek 59, Madison 50				
Bishop Neumann 39, Hastings St. Cecilia 34				
Creighton 46, Elgin Public/Pope John 27				
Emerson-Hubbard 30, Winside 29				
Freeman 53, Deshler 43				
Gibson 53, Silver Lake 40				
Grand Island Central Catholic 40, Blue Hill 24				
Hayes Center 68, Hitchcock County 49				
Lyons-Decatur Northeast 61, Allen 21				
McCool Junction 53, Hampton 37				
Milford 64, Raymond Central 50				
Shelton 75, Franklin 35				
St. Mary's 70, Spalding/Spalding Academy 45				
Pleasanton Tournament				
Arapahoe 57, Litchfield 32				
Pleasanton 61, Bertrand 43				
Sioux County Tournament				
Banner County 53, Crawford 39				
Morrill 58, Sioux County 36				

Prep Girls Results

Monday's Games				
Allen 34, Lyons-Decatur Northeast 26				
Battle Creek 51, Madison 34				
Blue Hill 43, Grand Island Central Catholic 33				
Boone Central 69, Minden 50				
Elgin Public/Pope John 59, Creighton 40				
Emerson-Hubbard 56, Winside 21				
Freeman 46, Deshler 36				
Gibson 56, Silver Lake 47				
Hampton 59, McCool Junction 26				
Hastings St. Cecilia 41, Bishop Neumann 35				
Hitchcock County 47, Hayes Center 45				
Kearney Catholic 56, Adams Central 34				
Milford 58, Raymond Central 45				
Newcastle 33, Gayville-Volin, S.D. 22				
Omaha Roncalli 57, Tekamah-Herman 49				
Shelton 47, Franklin 32				
St. Mary's 62, Spalding/Spalding Academy 48				
Sutherland 43, Chase County 27				
Perry State College Tournament				
Falls City 42, Nebraska City Lourdes 29				
Pleasanton Tournament				
Arapahoe 50, Litchfield 45				
Bertrand 41, Pleasanton 34				
Sioux County Tournament				
Crawford 54, Banner County 48				
Morrill 36, Sioux County 34				

Football

NFL Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East				
	W	L	Pct	PF
y-New England	11	3	0	.786 437 297
N.Y. Jets	8	6	0	.571 346 315
Miami	5	9	0	.357 286 269
Buffalo	5	9	0	.357 311 371
South				
	W	L	Pct	PF
y-Houston	10	4	0	.714 343 236
Tennessee	7	7	0	.500 279 278
Jacksonville	4	10	0	.286 207 293
Indianapolis	1	13	0	.071 211 395
North				
	W	L	Pct	PF
x-Baltimore	10	4	0	.714 334 236
x-Pittsburgh	10	4	0	.714 285 218
Cincinnati	8	6	0	.571 305 283
Cleveland	4	10	0	.286 195 274
West				
	W	L	Pct	PF
Denver	8	6	0	.571 292 343
Oakland	7	7	0	.500 317 382
San Diego	5	9	0	.500 358 313
Kansas City	6	8	0	.429 192 319

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East				
	W	L	Pct	PF
Dallas	8	6	0	.571 348 296
N.Y. Giants	7	7	0	.500 334 372
Philadelphia	6	8	0	.429 342 311
Washington	5	9	0	.357 252 300
South				
	W	L	Pct	PF
x-New Orleans	11	3	0	.786 457 306
Atlanta	9	5	0	.643 341 281
Carolina	5	9	0	.357 341 368
Tampa Bay	4	10	0	.286 247 401
North				
	W	L	Pct	PF
y-Green Bay	13	1	0	.929 480 297
Detroit	9	5	0	.643 395 332
Chicago	7	7	0	.500 315 293
Minnesota	2	12	0	.143 294 406
West				
	W	L	Pct	PF
y-San Francisco	11	3	0	.786 327 185
Seattle	7	7	0	.500 284 273
Arizona	7	7	0	.500 273 305
St. Louis	2	12	0	.143 166 346
x-clinched playoff spot				
y-clinched division				
Thursday's Game				
Atlanta 41, Jacksonville 14				
Saturday's Game				
Dallas 31, Tampa Bay 15				
Sunday's Games				

New Orleans 42, Minnesota 20
Seattle 38, Chicago 14
Cincinnati 20, St. Louis 13
Carolina 28, Houston 13
Kansas City 19, Green Bay 14
Indianapolis 27, Tennessee 13
Miami 30, Buffalo 23
Washington 23, N.Y. Giants 10
Detroit 28, Oakland 27
New England 41, Denver 23
Arizona 20, Cleveland 17, OT
Philadelphia 45, N.Y. Jets 19
San Diego 34, Baltimore 14

Monday's Game

Thursday, Dec. 22

Saturday, Dec. 24

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

NCAA FCS Playoffs

Semifinals

Friday, Dec. 16

Saturday, Dec. 17

Championship

Friday, Jan. 7

At Pizza Hut Park

Frisco, Texas

Sam Houston State (14-0) vs. North Dakota State (13-1), 1 p.m.

NCAA Bowl Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 17

New Mexico Bowl

At Albuquerque

Famous Idaho Potato Bowl

At Boise, Idaho

Ohio State 23

New Orleans Bowl

Louis

Women: Broncos snap skid

"It was probably the biggest home game since I've been



Smith wasn't sacked after being taken down 18 times in the previous three games, including nine in the Niners'

"I think we need to acknowledge that was 49er football tonight," Steelers coach Mike Tomlin said. "We played the game on their terms."

The Patriots pulled within one point at 14-13 after a free throw by senior Cheyenne Gottsch, but that would be the closest the score would be the rest of the night. Kearney Catholic closed out the final 3:41 of the first half on a 12-3

Petri said even though his team had the size advantage down low, the Patriots did a good job of making it difficult for the Stars' post players to

ADAMS — The Deshler girls basketball team fell to Freeman 46-36 on Monday.

Phil Hamburger led the Bluehawks with 10 points. Simon Ostrander added eight points, while

Emily Bonifas 1-3 0-0 2, Cheyenne Gottsch 2-10 2-6 7, Kailey Rader 0-4 0-0 0, Jorji Johnson 2-2 2-2 6, Sydney Niemeyer 0-2 0-2 0, Alexis Grimmert 3-6 0-0 6, Josie Bumgardner 3-8 0-0 7, Carly Bostock 2-4 0-0 4, Anna Queen 0-2 2-2 2. Totals: 13-41 6-12 34

Three-point field goals — KC 3-13 (Mestl 2-5, Baum 0-2, Connelly 0-4, A. Prosski 1-2), AC 2-13 (Bonifas 0-2, Gottsch 1-4, Bumgardner 1-5, Queen 0-2).

Unvert 23, Veerhusen 12, I. Ferichs 8, Schoen 6, Ashelford 4

"We had a long talk (Sunday) and a good day of practice (after the loss to Northwestern) about raising our intensity and playing harder. Tonight, we got back to playing Bronco basketball again."



KWU was led by Rebekah Bunde, who scored 16 points off the bench. Pihl tallied 12 points in the loss. The Coyotes had 16 turnovers in the first half and finished the game with

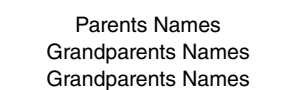
Hastings returns to action Dec. 28 at the Biola Classic against The Masters, then will play Dec. 29 against California State San Marcos and Dec. 30 against Biola. The Broncos return home with a matchup Jan. 4 at Dordt, then host Mount Marty Jan. 8.

Cami Bruckman 1-4 0-0 2, Brittney Wong 1-1 0-0
Tanasia Uhrig 2-8 2-5 7, Kayli Rageth 1-2 1-2 3, Alicia
Statler 6-10 2-5 14, Sophia McDermott 5-9 3-5 13, E
Vanderpool 0-0 0-0 0, Frankie Petersen 4-7 2-2 10,
Courtney Spawon 1-5 0-0 2, Josey Schomp 1-3 0-0 2,
Melissa Thompson 2-5 2-2 6, Laurel Ziener 2-3 0-0
Sierra Williamson 1-2 1-2 3. Totals: 27-59 10-19 68.

Montric Santee 4-9 0-0 8, Stephanie Frost 2-7 1-2
Rhys Pihl 4-10 2-2 12, Shelby Babcock 3-6 0-0 9,
Vanessa Kresin 3-5 2-2 9, Heather Hewitt 0-1 0-0 0,
Christian Cassidy 2-6 1-1 5, Kalie LeShore 0-0 0-0 0,
Alecia Smith 0-0 0-0 0, Rebekah Bunde 7-8 2-6 16.
Totals: 25-52 8-13 64

— HC 4-14 (Uhrig 1-6, Hageth 0-1), McDermott 3-5, Spawn 0-1, Schomp 0-1), KWU 6-15 (Santee 0-2, Pihl 2-5, Babcock 3-6, Kresin 1-2). Rebounds — HC 30 (Statler 10), KWU 34 (Frost 8). Assists — HC 15 (Wong, Uhrig, Statler, McDermott 2), KWU 11 (Pihl 4). Turnovers — HC 16, KWU 27. Total fouls — HC 12, KWU 16. Fouled out — none. Technicals — none.

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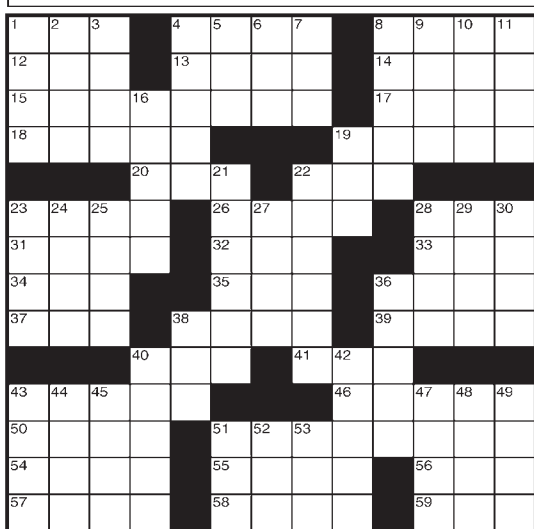
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Husband who's a great dad has little to give to his wife

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 13 years to a good guy who is a great dad. We have two boys, ages 9 and 11. The problem is, we don't communicate. We hardly have sex and we don't get along at all.

I feel like I have sacrificed physical and emotional intimacy so my kids can have both parents in their lives full-time. When I think of writing down my husband's attributes, all I can think of is that he's a good dad, good worker and helps out around the house. But I have no problem coming up with a list of bad things. Am I selfish? Should I just smother my emotions and go on like I have been all these years? — UNFULFILLED IN GEORGIA

DEAR UNFULFILLED: It's not selfish to want emotional and physical intimacy with another person. It's normal, and your husband may miss it, too.

There's an alternative to ending your marriage, and that is fighting to save it. It would require effort from both of you and the services of a licensed marriage counselor. However, if it works, I know you'll thank me. And if it doesn't, at least you will know you tried. Why not suggest to your husband that you make it your first New Year's resolution?

DEAR ABBY: Right now I'm so tired I can hardly write this letter asking for the advice I need. I work the 11 p.m.-7 a.m. shift at a prison. Because I'm home during the day, everyone assumes I am available to socialize. How do I get through to them that I sleep during the day and work at night? A lot of people — including my husband — will say to me, "What? You're not up YET?" when I have been asleep for only three hours.

I have thought about calling

these people from work at 2 a.m. asking, "Aren't you up YET?" Then they might get the picture. What do you think? — WORKING A 40-HOUR WEEK AT AGE 73

DEAR WORKING: The insensitivity of the folks in your circle is surprising. And as for your husband, did you marry someone who is sadistic or selfish? Tell him that if he wants to enjoy the benefits of your paycheck, he will have to make sure you get enough sleep to earn one.

When people call or come by and disturb your rest, tell them plainly you do not want to be disturbed before a certain time. Then turn off your phone, let callers leave messages on your voicemail and return them when you're fully awake. As to those who still drop by — by all means call them at 2 a.m.

DEAR ABBY: Christmas is fast approaching. Our family get-together consists of a crazy celebration where we draw numbers and choose a gift in numerical order. If we want, we can choose a gift that someone already has.

I'd like your opinion on re-gifting. Each year some family members just bring the gift they received last year, unwrapped. I think if someone doesn't care enough to shop for a \$20 gift for a family exchange, it takes away from the idea of gift-giving. What do you think? — JIM IN AMARILLO, TEXAS

DEAR JIM: I think you should find your sense of humor where you misplaced it, and stop looking a gift horse in the mouth. The kind of party you describe is done for laughs, and none of the gifts is selected with one specific person in mind if it can be claimed by another.

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Ask Mr. Know-It-All — CW's name has logical origin

BY GARY CLOTHIER

United Media

Q: I know what the initials of TV networks ABC, CBS and NBC stand for. What does CW Network stand for? — D.P., Los Angeles

A: The CW Network (the CW) was launched in September 2006. It is a joint venture between CBS and Warner Bros., and CW combines the first letter in each corporation's name. The network lineup includes "90210," "America's Next Top Model," "Gossip Girl," "Hart of Dixie," "Nikita," "Supernatural," "The Secret Circle" and "The Vampire Diaries."

Q: Please tell me if the made-for-TV movie "Callie & Son" is available on DVD. If so, where? — V.K., Cumberland, Md.

A: The 1981 movie is about a teenage mother, Callie (Lindsay Wagner), whose baby is stolen right after delivery and sold on the black market. The movie is about Callie's

search for her son. The film, which also stars Dabney Coleman and Michelle Pfeiffer, is available on DVD. I found it at Amazon.com, but I'm sure it is available elsewhere as well.

Q: When the TV series "Hee Haw" first aired, it was my favorite. It's back in reruns, and I still enjoy it. How many of the original cast members are still alive? — T.B., Fort Smith, Ark.

A: Roy Clark (1933-), Lulu Roman (1946-), "Gordie" Tapp (1923-), George Lindsey (1935-) and Barbi Benton (1950-) are still alive. Gone are Buck Owens, Grandpa Jones, Archie Campbell, Junior Samples and Minnie Pearl.

Q: I enjoy the music of Lady Antebellum. How did the group come up with that name? — D.N., Yakima, Wash.

A: The Nashville, Tenn., band wanted some promotional pictures and decided to take photos of pre-Civil War mansions. One of the

Astrograph



Your Birthday

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21

Take advantage of all opportunities to mingle with new groups in the coming solar cycle. You're in a brief period in which the people you meet will awaken fresh interests, as well as become valuable friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You have an ability to get others to be interested in things you find intriguing, thereby getting them to willingly help you. Try to make sure that everyone benefits equally.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — When involved with people who espouse progressive ideas, get involved in conversations where you can learn what they know. One individual may clue you in to something valuable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Don't be fearful of changing conditions, even those that are exceptionally challenging. You'll perform far better if the heat is turned up.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — As long as you know you are being honest with yourself, place your faith in your own evaluations instead of in the judgment of others. You'll know what's best for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Take control of your own destiny instead of letting life manipulate you. If you want something badly enough, achieve it on your own instead of waiting for others to give it to you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — If another has far better ideas than anything you've got, let him or her take the lead while you play the supporting role. Collectively, you'll have a strong team.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — This is a better than usual day for doing all kinds of personal jobs that don't require any outside help. Anything you can take on yourself will save you some big bucks.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Seek out some activities that are not of a sedentary nature during your free time. It's OK to need a break from everyday chores, but you still need to use your mind, body and soul in order to feel good.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Strike while life is going your way, but don't let things drag on too long, especially matters of a financial nature. Things have a way of adding up and when money is involved, it ain't pretty.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Although many people you know are deceived by outward appearances, you should be able to pierce any façade. You'll be able to see people and things for what they are and act accordingly.

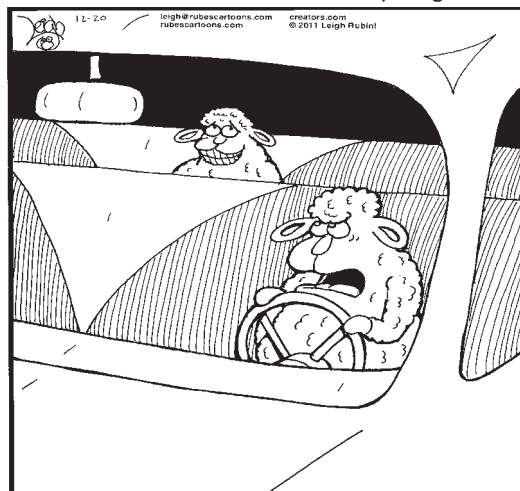
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Give vent to your ambitious desires, especially if there are several material items you want to acquire. Success is likely in areas where you are strongly motivated to act.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — It's far easier to perform well when you believe that you can transform your dreams into realities. Be optimistic and hopeful regarding the outcome of events.

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Rubes

By Leigh Rubin



"P.U.! I would ask what that awful odor is, but I think your extra-sheepish grin speaks for itself."

The Family Circus

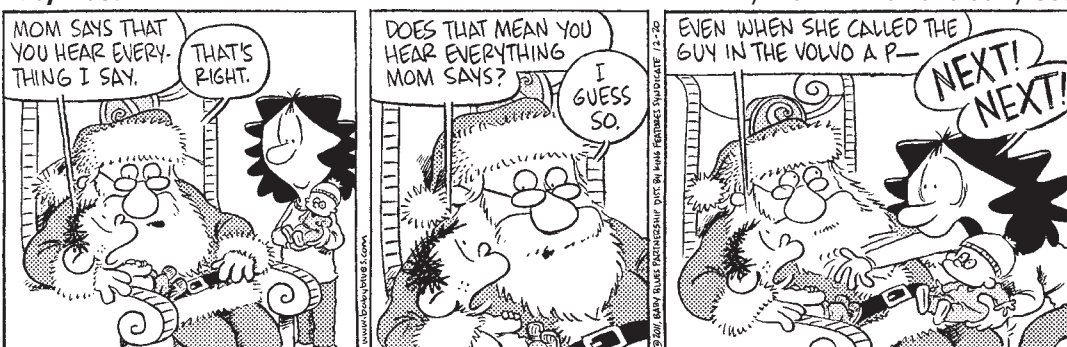
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"What's the weather gonna be like on Christmas, so I know if I want a skateboard or a snowboard?"

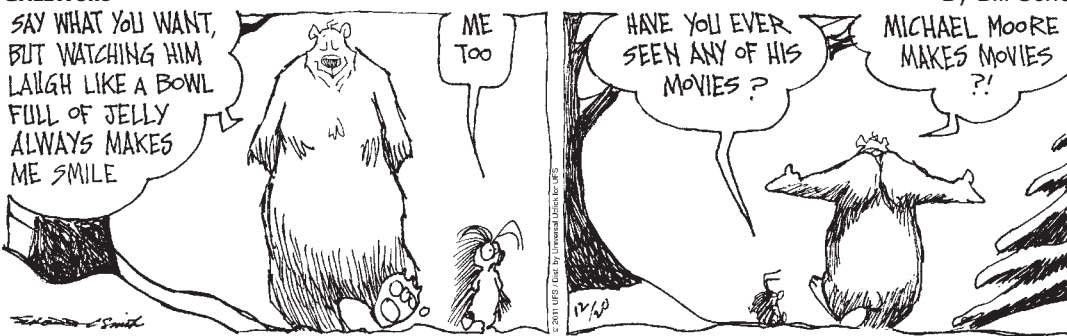
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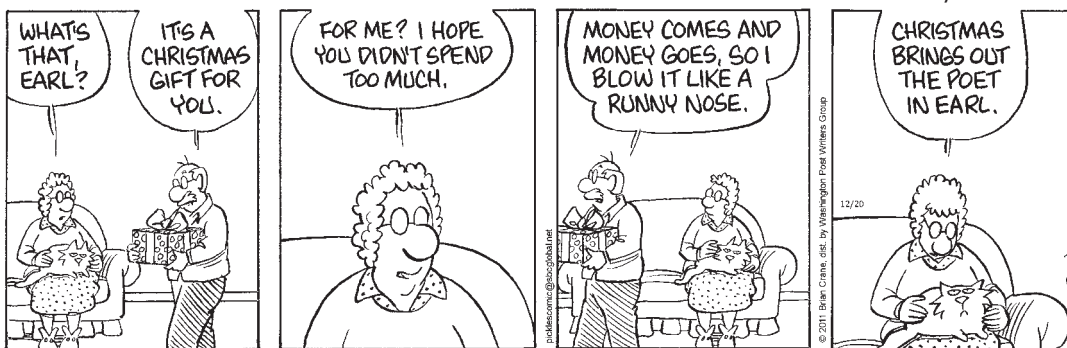
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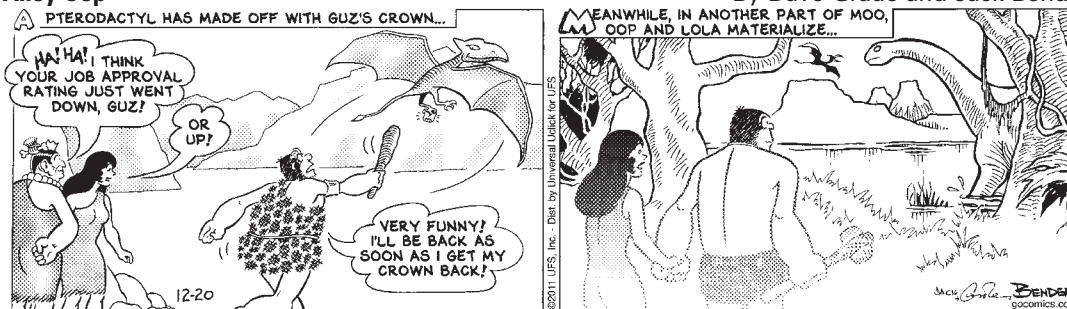
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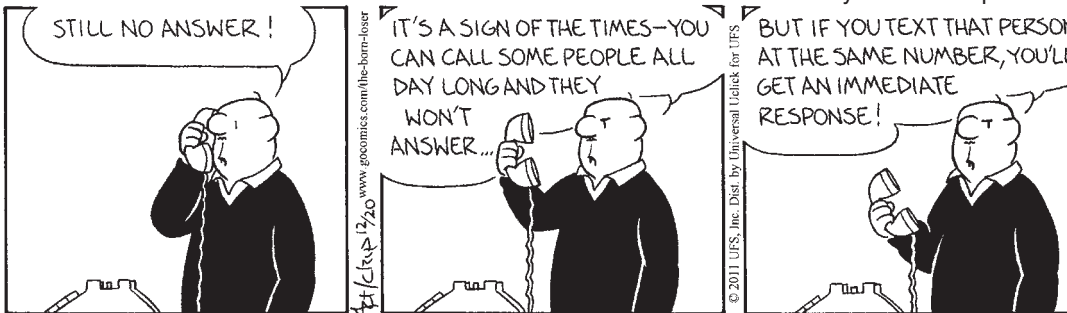
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Zits

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‘Easy’ deal can contain a trap

Bjork, a singer-songwriter from Iceland, said: “I sometimes fall into the trap of doing what I think I should be doing, rather than what I want to be doing.”

Bridge students can be like that. They look for “the trap” in a prepared deal, trying to work out what they believe they should be doing, rather than what they would do away from the classroom.



Phillip Alder

When a student does what he thinks the teacher wants him to do, often he will go down in a contract he normally would have made. But occasionally the deal will contain a trap -- like this one. How should South play in three no-trump after West leads the heart six?

When you hold 4-4 in the minors and minimum count, your better opening bid is one diamond. South passed on the second round to tell partner he held a weak hand without spade support. Then North had a close decision. He might have shut his eyes and blasted into three no-trump. However, being a scientist by nature, he doubled, saying that he had too many points to pass but no clear-cut bid available. South, with a heart stopper, suggested no-trump. North was happy with that.

Declarer starts with six top tricks (four spades and two hearts) and can establish three winners in clubs. What's the problem?

The spades are blocked. After playing off the queen and jack, South must be able to reach the dummy. And the only dummy entry is the heart ace. So declarer must take the first trick in his hand with the king. He cashes his two spade honors, then drives out the club ace and claims.

North ♠ A K 3 2 ♥ A 7 4 ♦ Q 3 ♣ 9 8 5 4			
West ♠ 10 9 7 6 ♥ 6 3 ♦ K 8 5 ♣ 7 6 3 2		East ♠ 8 5 4 ♥ Q J 10 9 2 ♦ A 9 7 2 ♣ A	
South ♠ Q J ♥ K 8 5 ♦ J 10 6 4 ♣ K Q J 10			
Dealer: South Vulnerable: Both			
South 1 ♦ Pass 2 NT	West Pass Pass Pass	North 1 ♠ Dbl. 3 NT	East 2 ♥ Pass All pass
Opening lead: ♥ 6			

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‘Sherlock’ smothered in dreary sameness

CHRISTY LEMIRE
The Associated Press

Robert Downey Jr. and Jude Law bicker and banter and bob and weave with significantly diminishing returns in this sequel to the 2009 smash hit “Sherlock Holmes.”

Director Guy Ritchie once again applies his revisionist approach to Arthur Conan Doyle's classic literary character, infusing the film with his trademark, hyperkinetic aesthetic and turning the renowned detective into a wisecracking butt-kicker. But what seemed clever and novel the first time around now feels stale and tired; a lot of that has to do with the grimy, gray color scheme, which smothers everything in a dreary, suffocating sameness and saps the film of any real tension or thrills.

While Downey is more than capable of tossing off impish quips — he's based an entire career on being charmingly subversive — his heart just doesn't seem to be in it. Sure, he gets a couple of funny lines here and there, and some of his wardrobe changes are good for a laugh, but it's as if the material just isn't challenging him. And that's a shame, since this time we meet Holmes' most famed foe.

“Game of Shadows” finds Downey's Holmes facing off against brilliant super-villain Professor



Warner Bros. Pictures/AP

Nooми Rapace and Robert Downey Jr. are shown in a scene from “Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows.”

Moriarty (Jared Harris), who's cooked up a scheme to pit various European nations against each other in hopes of benefitting from the demand for arms. (This is more than a couple decades before World War I, by the way. So not only is Moriarty dastardly, he's also prescient.)

Holmes must stop him with the help of his trusty sidekick, Dr. Watson (Law), who's newly married and not nearly so gung-ho about such wild antics anymore. And it shows in the script from Michele

and Kieran Mulroney as well as in the performances; Law gets little to do beyond functioning as the skeptical straight man, and the chemistry just isn't there this time.

Nooми Rapace tags along for some reason as a Simza, a gypsy fortune teller looking for her missing brother. Ostensibly this is because the filmmakers felt the need to inject a female figure as part of their adventures, and the saucy Rachel McAdams, who played Holmes' love interest in the first film, gets

knocked out of the picture early. But the formidable presence Rapace displayed in the original Swedish “Girl With the Dragon Tattoo” and its sequels goes to waste. In a mound of wavy hair and gaudy jewelry, she's asked to run and look worried, and that's about it.

Again and again, though, Ritchie falls back on the same super-slow-motion visual effects he used in the first film: sequences in which Holmes can foresee how a physical showdown will play out, narrate it blow-by-blow, then take part in it in sped-up fashion. It's cool-looking the first couple times; Ritchie trots out this trick about eight times too many, to the point where you begin to wonder whether that's all he's got left in his bag. But even straight-up chase scenes and shootouts are so amplified and over-edited, they become incomprehensible.

Not that any sort of criticism matters: The ending of “A Game of Shadows” clearly sets up a third film in the series. And so Downey can trot out that British accent and don his dapper Victorian duds once more.

“Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows,” a Warner Bros. Pictures release, is rated PG-13 for intense sequences of violence and action, and some drug material. Running time: 129 minutes.

NewsMakers

GERARD BUTLER RESCUED AT SURFING SPOT

HALF MOON BAY, Calif. — Gerard Butler is OK after being held underwater by some big waves while filming for a movie about a surfer at Mavericks, a famed Northern California surf break known for treacherous, stories-high waves.

Filmmakers were shooting the 42-year-old “Of Men and Mavericks” star paddling out with competitive surfers Greg Long, Zach Wormhoudt and Peter Mel on Sunday afternoon, the San Mateo County Times reported.

The four were steering clear of a set of waves in the 15-foot range when a much larger set broke in front of them, said Wormhoudt, of Santa Cruz.

Butler was held underwater for two waves and washed through some rocks while tethered to his surfboard, Wormhoudt said. A safety patrolman on a Jet Ski swooped in and picked up the actor.

Butler was shaken up but not seriously injured, Wormhoudt said. He was taken by ambulance to Stanford Medical Center for examination and was later released.

Wormhoudt said Butler had not

surfed much before the movie but had made an effort to improve his surfing and water skills for the film.

LANGE, SHEPARD SEPARATE

NEW YORK — Jessica Lange and Sam Shepard have separated after nearly 30 years together.

A publicist for Lange confirmed the split Monday. People magazine first reported the separation, saying the actors concluded their relationship almost two years ago.

The 62-year-old Lange and the 68-year-old Shepard had been together since 1982. They have two grown children together.

Lange won Oscars for her roles in “Tootsie” and “Blue Sky.” She's starring in the FX series “American Horror Story.” She was nominated for a Golden Globe last week.

Shepard recently starred as Butch Cassidy in the film “Blackthorn.” He also is a playwright and author whose play “Buried Child” won a Pulitzer Prize.

Lange previously was married to ballet dancer Mikhail Baryshnikov. Shepard previously was married to actress O-Lan Jones.

The Associated Press

Public Notices

Notice of Trustee's Sale
TS No.: 10-0145017 TSG No.: 10-6-511109B The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder in the lobby of the Adams County Courthouse, 500 West 4th Street, Hastings, Nebraska, on January 27, 2012, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. (10:00 a.m.): LOTS THIRTEEN (13) AND FOURTEEN (14), EXCEPT THE EAST THIRTY-FIVE (E 35) FEET THEREOF, BLOCK TWO (2), HEWETT'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF HASTINGS, ADAMS COUNTY, NEBRASKA. All subject to any and all: (1) real estate taxes, (2) special assessments, (3) easements, covenants, restrictions, ordinances, and resolutions of record which affect the property, and (4) unpaid water bills, (5) prior mortgages and trust deed of record and (6) ground leases of record. The purchaser is responsible for all fees or taxes. This sale is made without any warranties as to title or condition of the property. By: DENISE PARKER, RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., Trustee 2380 Performance Drive, TX2-984-0407, Richardson, Texas 75082 Phone: (800) 281-8219. ASAP #4154420 December 20, 27, 2011, January 3, 10, 17, 2012

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Lola Aulrich
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We would like to thank all our friends and family for your support and friendship during our recent loss. Your gifts of food, flowers, and contributions to the memorial are greatly appreciated.
Family of Dave Cottam

4 Announcements

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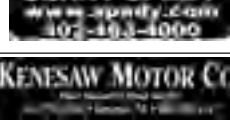
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Prep Time: 1 hour, 45 minutes
Yield: 12 servings

Cake:
Crisco Original No-Stick Cooking Spray
2 oz. unsweetened baking chocolate
¼ C. butter
½ C. sugar
½ C. Hungry Jack Original Syrup
¼ C. strong brewed Millstone Breakfast Blend K-Cup portion pack
½ C. buttermilk
1 large egg
½ t. vanilla extract
1 C. Pillsbury BEST All Purpose Flour
½ t. baking soda
½ t. salt
Mousse:
2 C. heavy cream, divided
2 ¼ t. Hungry Jack Original Syrup
8 oz. milk chocolate, chopped
Fresh fruit

To prepare cake: Heat oven to 350 degrees. Coat 8 x 8-inch baking pan with no-stick cooking spray. Melt chocolate and butter in small saucepan over low heat. Cool 5 minutes.

Change up your coffee

A variety of flavored syrups that enhance coffee drinks are available in supermarket coffee aisles, specialty coffee houses, gourmet food stores and online.

Combine sugar, syrup, coffee, buttermilk, egg, vanilla and chocolate mixture in a large bowl. Combine flour, baking soda and salt in small bowl. Stir flour mixture into chocolate mixture until blended. Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake 25 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool completely on wire rack. To prepare mousse: Bring ¾ cup heavy cream to a boil. Combine syrup and milk chocolate in medium bowl. Pour boiling cream over chocolate mixture. Wait 30 seconds then stir. Stir in remaining 1 ½ cups heavy cream to mixture with electric mixer on medium speed. Chill mixture for 1 hour.



Chocolate Maple Cake with Chocolate Maple Mousse

Beat mousse until soft peak. Spread over cake. Top with fresh fruit if desired.

CINNAMON LATTE

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Yield: 1 serving
½ C. milk
3-4 T. cinnamon flavored syrup
¼ C. hot, fresh strong brewed Millstone

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Whipped cream
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Ground cinnamon, for garnish
Pour milk into 1-quart microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on high 1 to 1½ minutes or until hot but not boiling. Whisk until foamy.

Pour cinnamon syrup into standard-size coffee cup. Microwave on high 20 seconds to warm syrup. Stir in hot coffee. Add steamed milk to brim of cup. Top with swirl of whipped cream. Drizzle with caramel flavored syrup. Sprinkle with cinnamon and serve.

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