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KYLE LEFLORE SLAYING

'This one act changed us all,' victim's father says

Man is sentenced to life in prison for fatal shooting outside bar, but not before he mocks the proceedings

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Before he was sentenced to life in prison for his involvement in the death of an Omaha Army sergeant, Jason Devers told a prosecutor she was going to hell, told the judge he forgave him and told the courtroom he would become a millionaire.



Jason Devers

Not much of it made any more sense than his actions on Jan. 6, 2018, when a jury found, he told his cousin to rob Kyle LeFlore at gunpoint and take his jewelry.

The 27-year-old LeFlore, home during a break from the Army, was shot and killed.

"I forgive the court for the apprehension and conviction of the wrong man," Devers said Tuesday. "We're honoring Mr. LeFlore's sacrifice to this country by sending the wrong man to prison. ... It's all right. May God forgive you. And I do, too."

Against that backdrop — after the defendant had said his piece, at various points cursing and, oddly, applauding his life sentence — Kay LeFlore, 66, slowly strode to the front of the courtroom.

Wearing one of the suits that he sells from his fine clothing store, Kay LeFlore took courtroom observers on a brief journey through the life of Kyle LeFlore. It was a tale that went beyond what many

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ASIAN BLACK MARKET

Poachers raid public lands in California for succulents

THE WASHINGTON POST

The men traveled Highway 101 in budget rental cars, stopping at remote state parks with stunning vistas as they snaked their way along the Northern California coast. To a casual observer, Byung-su Kim, 44, Youngin Back, 45, and Bong Jun Kim, 44, might have seemed like yet another group of road-tripping tourists on the scenic highway, marveling at the towering redwoods and the waves crashing against dizzying bluffs.

But wildlife detectives who had been tracking the three South Korean nationals since they arrived at Los Angeles International Airport in October 2018 noticed that their rented minivan was full of boxes and rubber totes. Watching from a distance, wardens saw what they were stuffing inside: Dudleya succulents, which have spiky blue-green leaves immediately recognizable to anyone on Pinterest and Instagram.

On Friday, the three men were charged with stealing more than \$600,000 worth of wild succulents from public lands and attempting to smuggle them into Asia, where a lucrative black market for the trendy houseplants is flourishing.

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Speakers line up to make case for, against justice center

City Council could vote as soon as next week on issuing bonds for downtown annex, juvenile detention center

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Former Omaha Police Chief Thomas Warren joined a long line of people urging the Omaha City Council to green-light a proposed juvenile justice center Tuesday, while State Sen. Ernie Chambers joined Omaha Police union leaders and an equally long line of

people speaking against it.

More than 40 people weighed in on the issue at a council meeting Tuesday. The occasion was a public hearing on a proposal to issue \$114 million in bonds to build a courthouse annex and juvenile detention center in downtown Omaha.

It's a Douglas County project. The Omaha-Douglas Public Build-

ing Commission would issue the bonds. Douglas County property taxpayers would repay them. The County Board and building commission have voted for the project. But they need City Council approval before they can borrow the money.

The council could vote on June 18. That brought a big-game feel to Tuesday's council meeting.

Speakers mainly battled over the juvenile detention center part of the project, which would cost \$22 million after a \$5 million do-

nation from the Sherwood Foundation that comes with conditions and a pledge of \$5 million more for programming if they are met.

The detention center would have a capacity for 64 youths, about half as many as the current Douglas County detention center can hold. Seventy-five to 80 young people currently are detained in the Douglas County Youth Center.

Generally, proponents contended Tuesday that building a new, smaller, less jail-like detention

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President Donald Trump at Offutt Air Force Base after arriving on Air Force One. While at Offutt, Trump spent about 20 minutes with Nebraska Gov. Pete Ricketts, Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds and the 55th Wing commander, Col. Michael Manion, hearing about flood-recovery efforts.

'Promise has been kept': Trump is cheered in Bluffs for action on ethanol



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Trump speaks at the Southwest Iowa Renewable Energy facility in Council Bluffs. He signed an executive order that he said would promote agricultural biotechnology.

Iowans and Nebraskans laud lifting of summertime ban on E15 but question waivers for oil companies

By ROSEANN MORING AND JOSEPH MORTON
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President Donald Trump did a victory lap with Iowa and Nebraska farmers on Tuesday, touting his administration's move to lift a ban on selling gasoline mixed with 15% ethanol during summer months.

And he certainly received accolades from elected officials, industry groups and farmers for the move.

"A promise has been made. That promise was made by President Trump. And folks, a promise has been kept," said Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa. "And today I say to you, Mr. President, thank you."

But at the Southwest Iowa Renewable Energy facility, he also heard about his administration's liberal granting of waivers on ethanol use by oil companies — even by speakers who shared the stage with him.

"Mr. President, you delivered on

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A breakthrough season

Bubba Starling could silence the doubters and land a spot in K.C. this summer. **Sports**

Aspiring teachers

State officials back off plan to drop skills test as a way to increase diversity. **Midlands**

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