Our special section will help you revved up for the season. Featuring the “Souped-up Six” (and a closer look at those souped-up cars as well), the section also includes break-downs of the top teams, players and games from each class in Nebraska.

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Next Sunday, the Oracle of Omaha becomes an octogenarian. Within the Fortune 500, there’s no CEO older than Warren Buffett. But the Berkshire Hathaway CEO values it all in stitches. “I don’t think 90 is a big deal,” he joked in a recent interview. “Now if I live to be 100...”

WARREN BUFFETT AT 90

By Hester J. Chillingly

Warren Buffett isn’t likely to ever be profiling in a health and fitness mag-
azine. He’s never been big on exercise. He drinks four CoKos a day. He consumes astonishing amounts of salt. He loves hamburgers and hot dogs, the same favorite foods he ate as a 6-year-old. “Ragpungo, brochuli, Brussel sprouts — I haven’t eaten any of those for 50 years,” he said in a recent anno-

Christmas with The World-Herald.

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Chinese programs in U.S. under suspicion

Confucius Institutes on American campuses, including UNL, draw criticism amid shift in U.S.-China relations

By Rick Rogers

The University of Nebraska-
Lincoln and many advantages
33 years ago to building a rela-
tionship with China through an
organization called the Confucius
Institute. Nebraska would learn Chi-
inese language through the insti-
tute’s teachers. Some Nebraskans
would travel to China, while Chi-
nses would acquire their college educations in Lincoln, boosting enrollments and revenues. China had become a huge glob-
al force — one that was seeking partnerships with the West after years of isolation — and it made sense for UNL to capitalize on the opportunity, especially when Chi-
a had provided a $100,000 grant and other financial assistance to help.

But the mood is different now. A revived cultural exchange programs, Confucius In-
itute are seen as threats from politicians and others who say they expect to spread Communist propa-
ganda and app of Chinese students in the free world.

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Mike McDonnell wants to make one thing clear: He has no interest in turning Ashland, Nebraska, into a lake. He’s not trying to revive grand plans to explore coalbed and nat-
ural gas, who in a Nebraskan-
ian prairie states that opened Confucius In-
stitutes are under criticism from

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