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Nostalgia is resulting in the emergence of Victorian and Americana style villages all across the country. Miniature villages of porcelain and pottery can be found this year in virtually every store and catalog that handles gift items.
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The U.S. Supreme Court rejected a challenge to a Mississippi abortion law Monday, encouraging abortion foes but leaving abortion-rights advocates to see "a frightening implication" for women nationwide.
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Bruce Neidig, president of the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation, on Monday warned of difficult choices ahead in ranking the needs of users of the state's surface and ground water supplies.
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Major League Baseball owners voted to confront the players on the labor relations front this winter, reopening the collective bargaining agreement, but they decreased the chances of a spring training lockout next year.
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An explosion rocked an underground coal mine near Norton, Va., early Monday, trapping eight miners about a mile inside. Relatives gathered at the mine in the heart of Appalachia to await word.
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Schott should shut up
Marge Schott, owner of the Cincinnati Reds baseball team and well-known dispenser of ethnic epithets, manages to bury herself a little deeper every time she opens her mouth. The more Schott talks, the worse she looks.
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Mostly sunny
High 38
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Wind S 10-15 mph
chance of freezing drizzle tonight.
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Gunslots killed Harms

■ Autopsy confirms identity of body found southeast of Lincoln.

By Bruce Wehle
of The Lincoln Star
Candice Harms was killed with four gunshot wounds to her head. An autopsy Monday confirmed what many Lincolners had feared for more than two months — the 19-year-old University of Nebraska-Lincoln student had been slain.
Following her disappearance on Sept. 22, Candice Harms became a household name in Nebraska. Her fate was a matter of widespread public concern. Nearly every public bulletin board and business place bore a poster with her photo and information about her disappearance.
The search ended at midday Monday when tests confirmed that the body found the day before in a shallow grave southeast of Lincoln was that of Candice Harms, Lancaster County Attorney Gary Lacey said.
LACEY SAID the identity of the body was confirmed by fingerprints. He said the bullets were recovered from the body.
He said additional tests conducted in connection with the autopsy would provide authorities with more information.
The time of Harms' death could not be determined Monday, but Lacey said authorities had no reason to believe she lived more than a matter of hours after she disappeared.
In a Monday-morning press conference, authorities said they had strong evidence concerning Harms' death — information provided by one of the suspects in the case, Scott A. Barney, 24, of 807 N. 36th St.
Lincoln Police Chief Allen Curtis and Capt. Frank Rowe of the department's criminal investigations unit admitted that despite a massive effort — as many as 20 officers from various agencies working on the case at one time — the investigation into Harms' fate had progressed little.



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The break, they said, came unexpectedly with the arrests of Barney and Roger D. Bjorklund, 30, of 610 S. 32nd St., on robbery charges not related to the Harms case.
Both men were charged Friday with eight felonies alleging they committed two armed robberies in September and had planned to commit yet another hours before they were arrested Dec. 2.
ACCORDING TO court documents, Bjorklund was arrested at 4:41 p.m. on Dec. 2 and less than an hour later, began providing information to police on the alleged robbery plot.
Lacey said Chief Deputy County Attorney John Colborn received a call from an attorney representing Barney seeking to discuss the Harms case with authorities. Attorney Kirk Taylor said he is representing Barney.
"Was it a case of him (Barney) wanting to save his own neck?" Lacey was asked by a reporter at the press conference.
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Harms family relieved, bitter

■ Family gives thanks for prayers and officers' compassion and leaves revenge to God.

By Marc Krasnowsky
of The Lincoln Star
Candice Harms' family faced the certainty of her death Monday with a mixture of relief, bitterness and faith.
Just minutes after being officially notified she was dead, Candice Harms' parents, Stan and Pat Harms, and her boyfriend, Todd Sears, entered a room filled with reporters at the KOLN-TV studio Monday afternoon. With sad-eyed, red-rimmed faces and large buttons carrying Candice Harms' picture pinned over their hearts, they thanked their supporters and placed revenge against her killers "in God's hands."
"I don't really care about (the murder suspects) right now. I care about my Candice," Pat Harms said, choking on the final phrase.
Her husband said no one in the family knew either of the two men considered suspects in Candice Harms' death.
HE TALKED about their daughter's positive influence on her friends' lives and the pain he suffered by their older daughter, Becky.
"She doesn't have a sister to grow up with," he said. "There is no reason why anybody should risk anybody else at that."
"There's no doubt you feel bitter and robbed."
Both parents credited the compassion of law-enforcement officers, other people's prayers and their own religious belief with helping them cope.
"I don't see how anybody could have gotten through this without (many people's) prayers," Stan Harms said. "They helped us accept the gruesome answers we've gotten. I don't understand how anybody could have gotten through this without God."
Through the ordeal, he continued, the family benefited from the compassion of Lincoln police and Lancaster County sheriff's officers.
The people of Lincoln need to know how wonderful they are," he said.
Police Capt. Frank Rowe, coordinator of the multiagency task force that investigated the case, and Sheriff Tom Cassidy visited the Harms home just before the press conference.



Todd Sears and Stan and Pat Harms address media Monday at news conference at KOLN-TV.

U.S. planes in Somali skies as Marines wait for dawn

■ Officials meet with aid workers, leaders of warring clans to outline mission.

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Somalia got their first look at U.S. power Monday when Navy warplanes roared over Mogadishu, and Pentagon sources said Marines would land at dawn Wednesday to begin helping the starving people.
The 1,800 Marines standing offshore on three Navy ships are the vanguard of a multinational rescue mission in the war- and famine-ravaged nation. But Pentagon sources said most of the 28,000 U.S. soldiers and Marines committed to the operation might not begin arriving for several days.
Robert Oakley, a special U.S. envoy and former U.S. ambassador to Somalia, arrived Monday to meet with leaders of Somalia's warring clans and with international aid workers to outline plans for the U.S.-led operation. He stressed that Washington envisioned a humanitarian effort and not a military one.
Oakley told reporters the U.N.-authorized operation would be the opposite of Desert Storm, the month-long military campaign that disbanded the Iraqi army from Kuwait nearly two years ago.
"WE HOPE IT WILL remain a humanitarian operation all the way through, because the purpose is to protect delivery of relief supplies, relief workers and relief recipients," Oakley said.
Aid groups say half the food donated for starving Somalia has been stolen by the gangs of gunmen who have held sway during a nearly 5-year-old civil war. An estimated 300,000 Somalis have died from starvation, disease and fighting this year, and 250,000 more are feared to be in imminent danger.
Underlying the chase, rival militias battled for a second day in Bakida, one of the inland towns

hit hardest by famine. A spokesman for the international relief agency CARE, Rick Grant, said at least 48 people were killed and 50 wounded Monday.
Grant said at least 25 and possibly 34 died in fighting Sunday between feuding clansmen.
Michael McDonagh, an official of the Irish relief agency Concern, said relief workers feared Somali militiamen would go on a last-minute spree of shooting and stealing.
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—Relief official

U.S. troops and smaller contingents from France, Canada, Italy, Egypt, Turkey, Kuwait and other nations hope to impose calm so relief supplies can move into the countryside in safety.
AMERICAN OFFICIALS have said U.S. troops will fight if necessary. But Martin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, said Monday that the initial response from Somali warlords had been better than expected.
"Many of the problems we had feared most did not materialize," Fitzwater said.
Fewer young gunmen have been on the streets of Mogadishu in recent days, and there have been reports that many have moved inland to avoid foreign troops.
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Asteroid misses Earth by a celestial whisker

WASHINGTON (AP) — Look out, Earth! Toutatis is coming! Whoo! There it went. Whoo!!
A one-to-two-mile-wide asteroid was to have whizzed past the Earth around 11 p.m. (CST) Monday, missing the planet by just 2.3 million miles, a hair-thin margin of safety in celestial terms. A direct hit, say the experts, would produce a global disaster.
The asteroid was discovered in 1989 by a French astronomer and named Toutatis after a Gallic god called "protector of the tribe."
Astronomers say if it collided with the Earth, Toutatis could actually be a destroyer of the tribe.
"It would be catastrophic if it hit the Earth," said Don Yeomans, a Jet Propulsion Laboratory research astronomer. "It would throw up enough material to shut down the sunlight and the plants would have died. It wouldn't have wiped out everything, but millions and millions of people would expire."
Yeomans said Toutatis is on an orbit that carries it across Earth's orbit every four years, passing the planet at varying distances. In 1999 and 2001, the asteroid will miss by a wide margin. But in 2004, Toutatis passes within one million miles — about four times the distance between Earth and its moon.
That, said Yeomans, will be the closest approach for at least 300 years, the limit, so far, of the calculations.
Astronomers say, however, that Toutatis is not the only alien planetoid that the Earth needs to worry about.
"There are millions of truck-sized objects out there," said Yeomans. "And there are thousands more of up to a third of a mile across. None of these pose a threat, because they would burn up in the atmosphere before hitting Earth."
But anything of a kilometer — six-tenths of a mile — or bigger wouldn't completely burn up in the fire.
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