

**Midwest Business
Conditions Rise**

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A monthly economic report says business conditions in nine Midwestern states improved slightly in November.

The Mid-America Business Conditions Index rose to a tepid 51.2 on a growth scale of 0 to 100. The index was growth-neutral in October at 50.0, the lowest level since 2012.

Creighton University economist Ernie Goss says the region's heavy manufacturers reported solid increases in new export orders in November. The region's employment gauge also jumped to 51.2 in November, from 48.2 the previous month. Goss attributes the October downturn to the federal government's partial shutdown.

States included in the survey are Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma and South Dakota.

**1 Dead, 1 Injured
In S.F. Shooting**

SIoux FALLS (AP) — Authorities in Sioux Falls are investigating a shooting that left one person dead and another person wounded.

Police say they were called about 3 p.m. Monday to a home in the northwest part of the city, where one person died from a gunshot wound and a second person was shot.

Police say investigators are working to determine what happened and who is responsible. They did not release the names and ages of the victims. No other details were released.

**Man Suspected In
Shooting Is Dead**

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Lincoln police say a 22-year-old suspect in a fatal, gang-related shooting is dead.

Police say Musito Hector Antonio Lopez died Sunday of an apparent gunshot wound to the head. Lopez is suspected of shooting and killing 20-year-old Erick P. Musito after an argument.

Authorities say the men were rival gang members. They had befriended two sisters who lived in an apartment where Musito was shot, about two blocks from the Nebraska Capitol.

Lincoln Police Chief Jim Peschong says Lopez was found dead in his mother's mobile home about 6 p.m. Sunday after a SWAT team surrounded her home.

Peschong says Lopez fired several shots from the home. Authorities pumped gas into the trailer, but couldn't force him out. They got a camera into the home and saw Lopez dead.

**Neb. Medicaid
Expansion Eyed**

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A Nebraska lawmaker has started an online petition to build support for a Medicaid expansion proposal that has stalled in the Legislature.

State Sen. Jeremy Nordquist unveiled a new website on Monday as lawmakers prepare for another debate on the bill next year. Nordquist says the website was intended to engage the public while sending a message to elected officials who have blocked the legislation.

The expansion measure would help cover about 50,000 low-income adults and save an estimated 500 lives a year.

Nordquist, a Democrat, also called on Republican Gov. Dave Heineman to forfeit his state-funded health insurance until all Nebraskans get coverage. Earlier this year, he introduced a bill that would prohibit elected state officials from getting taxpayer-subsidized coverage.

A Heineman spokeswoman declined to comment.

**Dad Dies In Crash
That Injures Son**

TABLE ROCK, Neb. (AP) — Authorities say a southeast Nebraska man died following a single-vehicle crash over the weekend that injured his teenage son.

Pawnee County Sheriff Jayme Reed says 46-year-old Lavon Sharpe, of Table Rock, was a passenger Saturday night in a pickup driven by 15-year-old Brandon Sharpe.

Authorities say the pickup was headed west on a county road near Table Rock when it lost control and rolled over.

Reed says both father and son were not wearing seat belts and were thrown from the pickup. Lavon Sharpe was declared dead at the scene.

The *Beatrice Daily Sun* reports Brandon Sharpe was taken to a Lincoln hospital with multiple injuries. His condition is not available.

South Dakota

Watershed Task Force Proceeds Slowly

BY BOB MERCER
State Capitol Bureau

PIERRE — House Speaker Brian Gosch said Monday he's splitting the Legislature's watershed task force into four subcommittees to work on possible ways to resolve disputes over flooded farm lands in South Dakota.

Gosch, R-Rapid City, said he doesn't know whether the panel's members will be able to agree on details of potential legislation — "if any" — in time for the 2014 session that starts Jan. 14.

But the task force is making some progress, he said, and has moved the

proverbial football out of its end zone.

"I'm not sure what yard line we're on," he joked.

Establishing a mediation system seemed to gather support during Monday's meeting.

That proposal came from former legislator Matt McCaulley, a Sioux Falls lawyer whose clients include the South Dakota Corn Growers.

Another suggestion to create 11 regional watershed councils came from Angela Ehlers, executive director for the South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts.

She said current water districts could remain in place and described

the concept as "an evolution, not a revolution."

Rick Sommers, an Aberdeen lawyer with experience in water-law cases, said mediation works well in child custody disputes if the mediators are knowledgeable and have credentials. He said mediation of water disputes will require knowledge and experience in water law.

Drainage ordinances can work in counties with rivers running through them, Sommers said, but county commissions in other places where there are closed basins aren't well-equipped for handling disputes.

"I maintain that it's going to get worse," he said.

Farmers drain into closed basins and that raises the question of what remedies are available to the affected landowners, he said. Maybe different rules are needed for rivers and closed basins, Sommers suggested.

Rep. Dennis Feickert, D-Aberdeen, is a former Brown County Commission member. He said commissions might prefer to use mediation rather than sit as a dispute-resolution board.

"I'm really at kind of a loss what the process should be," Feickert said.

Sen. Tom Jones, D-Viborg, said the task force is moving like a bulldozer, slowly but forward.

Wisconsin Serial Killer Dies In South Dakota

SIoux FALLS (AP) — A Milwaukee man convicted of killing seven women over a 21-year period has died in South Dakota, where he was serving a life prison sentence.

Walter Ellis, 53, died at a Sioux Falls hospital on Sunday of apparent natural causes, the South Dakota Department of Corrections said in a statement. The state Division of Criminal Investigation was looking into the death and an autopsy was planned.

Officials did not immediately know when the autopsy results would be available. Corrections spokesman Michael Winder said Monday.

Ellis had an "advanced disease" and had been hospitalized since Nov. 26,

according to Winder. He did not specify the illness.

Ellis was accused of killing seven women between 1986 and 2007. He pleaded no contest in 2011 in Milwaukee County, Wis., to charges of first-degree intentional homicide and first-degree murder, and was sentenced to life in prison.

Ellis had been held in a South Dakota state prison in Sioux Falls under an interstate compact agreement.

All seven victims were strangled, either by hand or with a rope or piece of clothing tied around their necks. One also was stabbed.

Ellis was arrested in 2009 after po-

lice said his DNA matched semen samples found on six victims and a blood sample on a can of pepper spray discovered at the scene of the seventh slaying. Authorities have said they began to focus on Ellis after his name surfaced in connection with a number of unsolved homicides.

Ellis' case exposed flaws in Wisconsin's process for collecting DNA from convicted felons. His DNA was missing from a state database even though he should have submitted a sample during an earlier prison stint. Authorities said Ellis persuaded a fellow inmate to submit a DNA sample in his place.

Police have said that if a sample had been taken from Ellis at that time,

they may have been able to track him down before the last slaying.

The interstate compact is used primarily for security reasons, though inmates also can request to serve their time in another state for reasons such as being closer to family, according to Winder. He did not specify the reason Ellis was housed in South Dakota.

Ellis first came to South Dakota in June 2011. He was sent back to Wisconsin in September 2012 for medical reasons and brought back to South Dakota last April, according to Winder.

The Wisconsin Supreme Court declined to hear Ellis' appeal earlier this year.

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