

## Former Neb. Police Chief Arrested

NORFOLK, Neb. (AP) — A former police chief of Newman Grove in northeast Nebraska has been arrested for allegedly shooting out the back window of a car in Tilden last weekend.

The *Norfolk Daily News* says Todd Jennings was arrested on suspicion of shooting at an occupied vehicle, terroristic threats and use of a weapon to commit a felony.

Madison County attorney Joe Smith says no formal charges have been filed. He says he's waiting on final police reports before filing charges.

Jennings allegedly shot out the back window of vehicle occupied by four people. Smith says some type of verbal confrontation preceded the incident.

No one was injured.

Jennings' case is not on the online court system.

## Police Seeking Gun-Toting Robber In Sioux Falls

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — Sioux Falls police are looking for a man they say robbed a cash advance business at gunpoint.

KDLT-TV reports that a man walked into Advanced America on West 41st Street through its main entrance about 10 a.m. Thursday. Police say the man flashed a handgun and demanded cash from the cashier.

Police say he fled on South Hawthorne Avenue.

## Season's Start Too Warm, Windy For Ski Park

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — First, it wasn't cold enough to make snow. Now, it's too windy to open. It seems the Great Bear ski park is having a tough season.

Great Bear announced through its website Thursday that it is closed because of high winds. Last week, managers had told KSFY-TV that the mild start to the winter had prevented them from making as much snow as they normally would have by this time of year.

On top of that, the temperate weather wasn't doing much for creating the right mindset for skiing. Dan Grider says business was down more than 30 percent compared with last year.

## Pipeline Activist Kleeb Files For Senate Seat

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A well-known Nebraska activist who has criticized Gov. Dave Heineman is asking him to appoint her to an open seat in the Legislature.

Jane Kleeb of Hastings announced Thursday that she has requested an interview with the Republican governor for the legislative seat that was held by the late Sen. Dennis Utter.

Utter died last month from complications of a lung disease, and Heineman must appoint his replacement. Kleeb is the executive director of the left-leaning group Bold Nebraska.

Kleeb was a leading force in last year's opposition to the proposed Keystone XL pipeline, which would have run through the state's ecologically sensitive Sandhills. Heineman called a special session amid growing public concern over the project, and pipeline developer TransCanada eventually agreed to reroute it.

## S.D. Corn Production Up In 2011

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — South Dakota farmers produced more corn but fewer soybeans last year compared to 2010.

The Agriculture Department in its annual production report estimates South Dakota's 2011 corn crop at 653.4 million bushels, up 15 percent from 2010. Average yield was down slightly over the year but harvested acres were up 17 percent.

The state's soybean crop is pegged at 150.6 million bushels, down 4 percent over the year. Average yield and harvested acres both were down slightly.

The report says last year's hay, sorghum and sunflower crops in South Dakota all were larger than in 2010, but the millet and dry edible bean crops were smaller.

# Kerrey Mulling Comeback, Revives Dems' Hopes

BY MARGERY BECK AND HENRY C. JACKSON  
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — More than a decade after he left this heartland state for New York City, former Sen. Bob Kerrey is considering an improbable comeback run for his old Senate seat, a prospect even he rates as a longshot.

"I would say if you bet ... you'd have to bet against me," Kerrey told The Associated Press this week. "I've been away 11 years. I'm a Democrat. Obama's going to top the ticket, and he's probably going to be unpopular. So I'd say the odds are probably not good."

Since the Senate was founded, only 22 senators have been re-elected to the chamber after a two-term or more gap, according to research by Eric Ostermeier, a research associate at the University of Minnesota, who runs the web site Smart Politics. An even smaller sliver of those, Ostermeier said, have occurred in the "modern era" of political campaigns.

Kerrey, now 68, is not the boyish figure who was elected governor in 1982 and grabbed headlines for briefly dating actress Debra Winger. But Kerrey, Democrats and Republicans seem to agree, is Nebraska Democ-

rats' only hope of holding onto the Senate seat being vacated by Sen. Ben Nelson, the man who replaced Kerrey when he retired.

How the Nebraska Senate race unfolds is pivotal for both parties: Republicans need to net four seats in the 2012 election to take back the Senate. If Kerrey doesn't make the race, Republicans are extremely confident they'll have one of the four seats they need.

Former state GOP chairman David Kramer concedes Kerrey is an "instantaneously credible" candidate. Kramer said he is skeptical, though, that Kerrey will be prepared for the rigors of a campaign.

Kerrey is currently on a five-to-six-day visit to his home state, which he says he'll use to determine whether to launch a campaign. He wants to decide quickly, he said, so he can clear the path for any other hopefuls who would otherwise stay out.

Though skeptics — not least of which include Kerrey himself — abound, there's recent precedent for a comeback.

Former GOP Sen. Dan Coats of Indiana ran in 2010 after more than a decade out of office and cruised to victory. Former White House spokesman Pete Seat, who worked on Coats'

campaign, said candidates who reengage in politics after a long layoff take a while to "get their sea legs back." But he said natural politicians remain natural politicians.

"In many respects it's like riding a bike," Seat said. "It just takes a little bit of time to get back in the game."

Of course, unlike Coats, Kerrey is running in a state that's drifted ideologically away from him since he left. Kerrey's work history could also pose a problem: He left the Senate to become president of the New School, a self-described progressive university in Greenwich Village. While there, he thought about running again for the Senate in Nebraska and passed — then considered a bid for mayor of New York City.

Kerrey did stay involved with government, working as a member of the 9/11 Commission, but Republicans are sure to highlight what he's been doing the last 10 years.

Kerrey's brushed off the prospect of a brutal campaign with trademark humor, though, alluding to his service as a Navy SEAL in Vietnam.

"It's not live rounds," Kerrey said. "It's not like Aaron Burr is challenging me to a duel."

## Schweitzer: Missouri River Snowpack Below Normal

BY MATT GOURAS  
Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. — Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer said Thursday that snowpack in the Missouri River Basin headwaters is far below normal so far this winter, and far below levels seen last year when heavy snowfall in the mountains was a big factor in floods downstream.

So far, snowpack in the Missouri River headwaters is only 69 percent of normal, compared with 112 percent of normal at this time last year. But the governor pointed out early results can change dramatically since the key time for accumulation doesn't come until February, March and April.

Overall, snowpack for Montana's major river basins is about 80 percent of normal.

Schweitzer said the Army Corps of Engineers that controls the downstream flow of water with a series of dams is monitoring the figure and making decisions on how much water to release as the picture unfolds.

The Montana governor has sparred with downstream governors who have asked the Corps for more aggressive flood-prevention measures, such as allowing for more room in reservoirs in case floodwaters hit again. Schweitzer has said doing too much will harm Montana irrigation, recreation, wildlife and have other negative impacts in the state.

The Army Corps of Engineers announced earlier this month it is trying to improve the way it manages the Missouri River's reservoirs after last year's historic flooding. But the agency's new plan doesn't include much additional flood-storage space in the reservoirs.

Some in Montana, like skiers, would like to see more snow as some resorts have struggled to attract crowds with limited snowpack to offer. Other winter recreationists, like snowmobilers, also would like to see more snowfall after being promised another wet cold winter that has yet to materialize.

## Woman Settles Nebraska Prison Toilet Birth Lawsuit

YORK, Neb. (AP) — The state of Nebraska has agreed to pay a former prison inmate \$25,000 to settle a lawsuit the woman filed, alleging she was forced to deliver her daughter in a toilet.

The *York News Times* says Charlene Clifton's lawsuit was dismissed this week after the settlement agreement was reached. Originally, Clifton had sought \$100,000 plus medical costs for damages the 30-year-old said she suffered during the June 2009 birth.

Clifton was serving one to three years for felony assault of an officer in Dodge County when her daughter was born. She began her sentence in December 2008 and was released in February 2010.

Clifton's lawsuit said she told York prison staff she was in labor about noon June 4, 2009, and was sent to see the staff nurse a few hours later. Clifton said she was told she couldn't go

to the hospital until her water broke.

Clifton said she was returning to her cell around 10 p.m. when she went to a restroom in distress. She gave birth in a toilet more than an hour later. The lawsuit said prison officials began discussing taking Clifton to the hospital before the birth, but she didn't make it until after her daughter was born.

After delivering the girl, Clifton shouted for help. She says a prison guard grabbed the baby while a nurse unwrapped the umbilical cord from the baby's neck.

According to the suit, the baby was wrapped in inmates' towels — some of which had been used — and mother and child were taken to the hospital.

Clifton's lawsuit said she and her daughter suffered emotional distress and incurred significant medical bills because of the way officials at the Nebraska Correctional Center for Women treated her.

## OBITUARIES

### Darrel Conrad

Darrel Conrad, age 81, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Tuesday, January 10, 2012, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 14, 2012, at Calvary Baptist Church with Reverend Jon Cooke officiating. Burial will be in the Newcastle Cemetery in Newcastle, Nebraska.

Visitation is Friday from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with a prayer service and time of sharing at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the funeral at the church.

Pallbearers are Jason Miller, Jason McCarville, Joshua Conrad, Matthew Siebert, Roger Armstrong, Todd Gunnarson, and Brad Gunnarson. Honorary pallbearers are all of Darrel's other grandchildren.

Darrel Conrad was born October, 19, 1930, in Newcastle, Nebraska, to Jack and Clara (Lofgren) Conrad. He grew up on the farm in Newcastle and graduated from high school in 1948. After high school, Darrel enlisted in the United States Army serving his country during the Korean Conflict. He married Beverly Dickey on May 2, 1953, in Newcastle. Darrel farmed in the Newcastle area for 30 years until 1986, when he began working for Archer Petroleum as an area manager until retiring in 2001. After his retirement, he continued working part-time for the State of South Dakota and at Hy-Vee.

Darrel enjoyed old iron farm



Conrad

Newcastle.

Darrel accepted the Lord as his Savior as a young child and was always driven to have a closer relationship with the Lord.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly of Yankton; four children: Doug (Kim) Conrad of Newcastle, Nebraska; Eric (Katty) Conrad of Grants Pass, Oregon; Garry (Charlotte) Conrad of Phoenix, Arizona; and Kristine (David) Thomas of Wasilla, Alaska; 18 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; two sisters: Jean Armstrong of Ponca, Nebraska and Andrea Conrad of South Sioux City, Nebraska; brother, Jack Conrad of Lincoln, Nebraska; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and infant son, Kenneth.

To send an online sympathy card, please visit [wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://wintzrayfuneralhome.com).

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Online condolences at:  
[www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com)

### Joseph Jansen

LENEXA, Kan. — Joseph B. Jansen, 89, Lenexa, KS (formerly of Fordyce, NE) passed away Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at the Kansas City Hospice House, Kansas City, MO.

Visitation will be 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan 15 at the Amos Family Chapel of Shawnee, where a Rosary recitation will be at 4:00 p.m.

Funeral mass will be 10:00 a.m. Monday, January 16 at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Lenexa, KS. Cremation will follow services. A burial service will be held at a later date in the Menominee, NE Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kansas City Hospice House, 12000 Wornall Rd., Kansas City, MO 64145.

Joseph was born March 27, 1922 in Fordyce, NE to Anna and Henry Jansen. He was a lifelong farmer in Fordyce, NE. Joseph was a member of Catholic Forester's and Holy Name Society for over 50 years.

Joseph was preceded in death by grandson, Eric Jansen. Survivors include his wife, Margaret Jansen; two sons, Patrick (Cheryl) Jansen, Greenwood, IN and Ronald (Elaine) Jansen, Lenexa, KS; three sisters, Delores Haselhorst, Osmond, NE, Juliana (Ray) Pick, Hartington, NE and Jeanette (Edward) Pinkelman, Wynot, NE; brother, Paul (Barbara) Jansen, Omaha, NE; seven grandchildren, Robert, Nicole, Emily, Katelyn, Samantha, Jacob, and Matthew Jansen.

Online condolences may be expressed at [www.amosfamily.com](http://www.amosfamily.com). (arr. Amos

Family Chapel of Shawnee, 913-631-5566.)  
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### Ruth Jarrett

Ruth Arlene Rempp was born Dec. 28, 1923, at Yankton, South Dakota to Julia and Frank Rempp. She attended country school at Utica and high school at Yankton.

In 1941 she married Lawrence Erstgaard in Oakland, California, where they lived for several years. In 1946 she moved back to Yankton where she worked many years at J.C. Penneys. In 1959 she and Lawrence moved to Van Nuys, California. After Lawrence's death in 1978, Ruth moved to Hemet, California and married Don Jarrett in 1998. He passed away in Dec. 2010.

Ruth loved to dance. For 11 years she and Don ran the Saturday night dance at Sierra Dawn mobile home park.

She is survived by four brothers: Frank (Arlene), Robert (Sharon), Larry and Ron (Bette); sisters Darlene Barta, Betty Huber, Pat (Jake Slowey), Judy (Paul Nielson), Wilma (Jim Stoltz) and her sister-in-law Phyllis Rempp.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two husbands, brothers Harvey and Merle and brother-in-law Francis Barta.

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Jarrett

### Larry Sejnoha Sr.

Larry Dean Sejnoha Sr., 73, of Yankton and formerly of Lake Andes, died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012, at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Memorial services are at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Mark Lichter officiating. Military rites by the Ernest Bowyer VFW Post 791, Yankton, and SDARNG, Sioux Falls, will take place immediately following the memorial service at the church. A private family burial will take place later.

Visitations are 5-7 p.m. Monday at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a prayer service at 7 p.m.

### Marjorie Walsh

ELK POINT — Marjorie A. Walsh, 89, of Elk Point died Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2012, at Wel-Life Assisted Living, Elk Point.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Kober Funeral Home, Elk Point.

### Roger Hagen

Roger A. Hagen, 61, of Yankton died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Arrangements are pending with Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Yankton.

### Alma Chamberlain

SOUTH SIOUX CITY, Neb. — Alma Agnes Chamberlain, 93 of South Sioux City, Neb., and formerly of Crofton, Neb., died Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2012, at the Regency Square Care Center, South Sioux City, Neb.

Funeral services are pending at Wintz Funeral Home, Crofton, Neb.

### Viola Leise

ST. HELENA, Neb. — Viola M. Leise, 91 of St. Helena, Neb., died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012, at the Golden Living Center, Hartington, Neb.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Wintz Funeral Home, Hartington.

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