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Walking The Walk For 2013

RiverWalk Unveils Sculpture Lineup For Fourth Season

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The Yankton RiverWalk lineup of sculptures for the 2013 season will include 14 installations made by artists hailing from eight states.

The fourth season of the sculpture walk in downtown Yankton was unveiled during an event held Thursday evening at The Landing.

RiverWalk committee member Lisa Scheve said the organization is excited to have artists from three states that haven't been represented in prior years: Indiana, Kansas and Minnesota.

"We have a nice mixture of new and returning artists," Scheve said.

Two Yankton artists will return: Roger Huntley and Scott Luken.

The remaining artists include Shannon Sargent, Sioux City, Iowa; Adrian E. Hanft II, Norfolk, Neb.; Carl Weiss, Springfield, Neb.; Alan Detrich, Lawrence, Kan.; Deb Zeller, Victoria, Minn.; Leslie Bruning, Omaha, Neb.; E. Spencer Schubert, Kansas City, Mo.; Nicholas Legeros, Minneapolis; Chris Powell, Denver; Kyle Fokken, Minneapolis; and

Julie Ann Jones Denkers, Fishers, Ind.

One of the most striking installations set for 2013 will be Bruning's "Paddlefish-Paddlemans." It is a 10-foot by 8-foot steel sculpture.

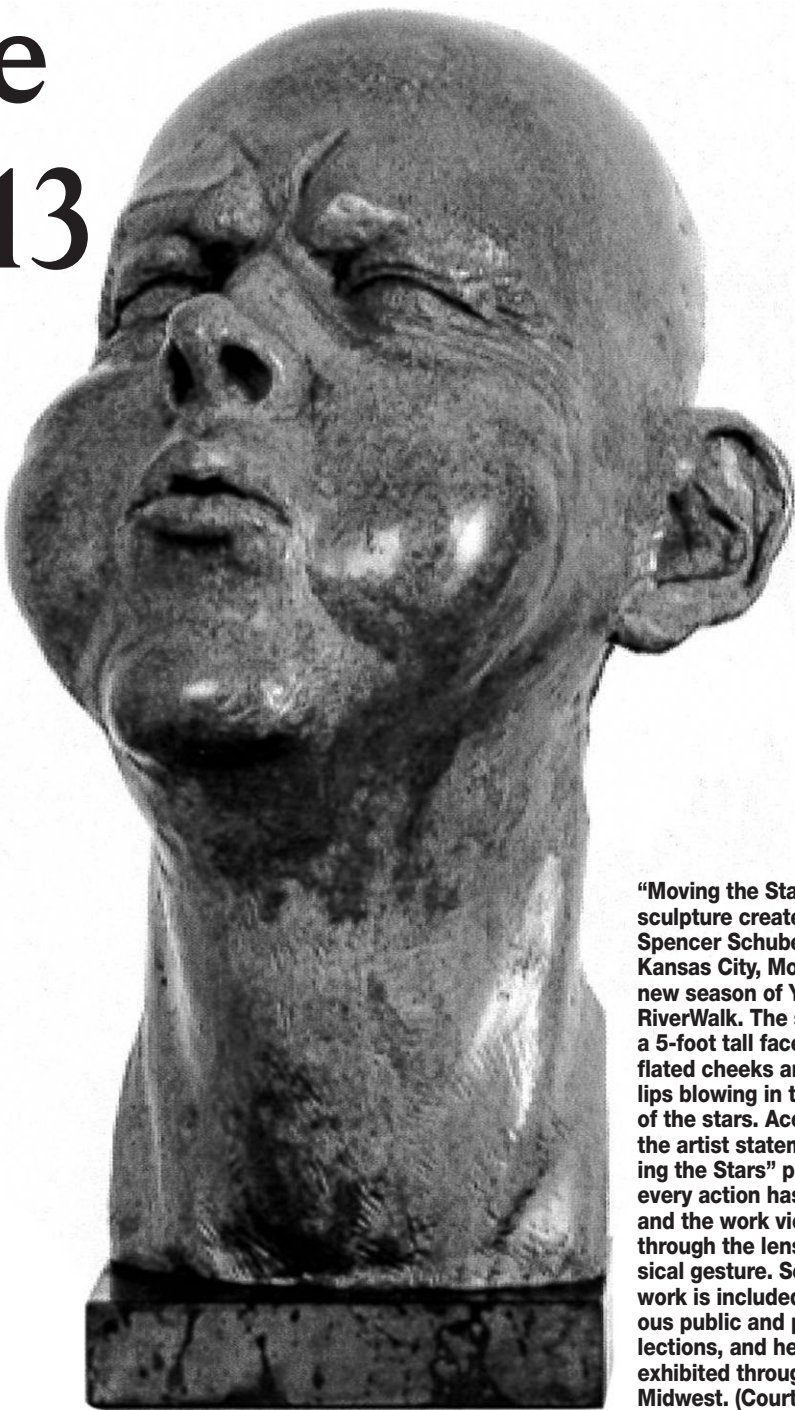
"It will have cut-outs of paddlefish and humans in (the steel)," Scheve said. "It has solar panels inside so it will light up at night."

According to the artist statement, the idea behind the sculpture is that paddlefish have lived on Earth for millions of years, while humans are practically newcomers. Humans and paddlefish are intermingled in the installation, demonstrating that both species — and all species, really — must co-exist and co-operate in order to continue.

Those wanting to cast a vote for their favorite sculpture from the 2012 season at yanktonriverwalk.org will have until 5 p.m. today (Friday). The winner of the People's Choice Award is purchased by RiverWalk and given a permanent placement in the community.

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"Moving the Stars" is a sculpture created by E. Spencer Schubert of Kansas City, Mo., for the new season of Yankton RiverWalk. The sculpture is a 5-foot tall face with inflated cheeks and pursed lips blowing in the direction of the stars. According to the artist statement, "Moving the Stars" posits that every action has a reaction, and the work views it through the lens of a whimsical gesture. Schubert's work is included in numerous public and private collections, and he has exhibited throughout the Midwest. (Courtesy image)

Stopgap Budget Measure Rejected

Spending Cuts Imminent As Blame Game Continues

BY DAVID ESPO
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Squabbling away the hours, the Senate swatted aside last-ditch plans to block \$85 billion in broad-based federal spending reductions Thursday as President Barack Obama and Republicans blamed each other for the latest outbreak of gridlock and the administration readied plans to put the cuts into effect.

So entrenched were the two parties that the Senate chaplain, Barry Black, opened the day's session with a prayer that beseeched a higher power to intervene.

"Rise up, O God, and save us from ourselves," he said of cuts due to take effect sometime on Friday.

The immediate impact of the reductions on the public was uncertain, and the administration pulled back on its earlier warnings of long lines developing quickly at airports and teacher layoffs affecting classrooms.

On the Senate floor, a Republican proposal requiring Obama to propose alternative cuts that would cause less disruption in essential government services fell to overwhelming Democratic opposition, 62-38.

Moments later, a Democratic alternative to spread the cuts over a decade and replace half with higher taxes on millionaires and corporations won a bare majority, 51-49, but that was well shy of the 60 needed to advance. Republicans opposed it without exception.

In a written statement after the votes, Obama lambasted Republicans. "They voted to let the entire burden of deficit reduction fall squarely on the middle class," he said.

He noted that he would meet with congressional leaders from both parties at the White House on Friday, but no one is expecting action before the cuts begin taking effect. Obama said, "We can build on the over \$2.5 trillion in deficit reduction we've already achieved, but doing so will require Republicans to compromise. That's how our democracy works, and that's what the American people deserve."

Said House Speaker John Boehner, the top Republican in Congress: "Obama and Senate Democrats are demanding more tax hikes to fuel more 'stimulus' spending."

Though furloughs are a fear for some, especially certain federal workers, there is little sign of business worry, let alone panic in the nation. Stocks declined slightly for the day after trading near record highs. And unlike the "fiscal cliff" showdown of two



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A GOOD SIGN



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These young Crofton fans hold up signs in support of the Lady Warriors during their Class C2 first-round game with North Bend Central on Thursday afternoon at the Nebraska State Girls Basketball Tournament at Lincoln East High School. Crofton breezed to victory to advance to today's (Friday) semifinals. For details, see page 8A.

S.D. Lawmakers Propose Econ. Development Plan

BY CHET BROKAW
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PIERRE — Legislative leaders on Thursday unveiled a wide-ranging plan they say would not only help lure large industrial projects to the state, but also would help bring smaller projects to South Dakota.

The measure would focus on providing tax breaks for large projects that the state otherwise might not attract. It also would provide money for training workers and helping communities build the housing, roads and water systems needed to encourage development, the lawmakers said.

Senate Republican Leader Russell Olson of Wentworth said Republicans and Democrats have worked for the past two months to find a compromise plan, a contrast to the gridlock in Washington where the two parties are unable to reach agreement on budget cuts and other issues.

"We decided at the very beginning of the legislative session that there were certain things we wanted to work on jointly and come together to do what's best for



Olson

South Dakota and take the politics out of the conversation," Olson said.

"This is really the way government ought to work," House Democratic Leader Bernie Hunhoff said.

House Republican Leader David Lust of Rapid City said South Dakota needs to come up with an incentive package to compete with nearby states that offer substantial deals to attract new industrial projects and help existing businesses expand.

"We're clearly at a disadvantage in South Dakota," Lust said.

A written version of the plan was not available Thursday, but the legislative leaders said it would be introduced Monday in a bill to be considered by the House State Affairs Committee. The lawmakers hope to get the House and Senate to pass

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USDA Proposes New School Food Guidelines

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Schools across the country are bracing for more food guidelines as proposed by the Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Under the new proposed regulations from the USDA and Obama administration, schools would no longer be allowed to sell unhealthy snacks. This includes food sold throughout the day, foods in the drink-and-snack line at lunch and school store items.

The proposed guidelines would also restrict the sizes of juice sold, place calorie limits on snacks and entrees, and limit most items sold to fruit, vegetable, whole grain, protein or dairy product.

These regulations would also cover items sold during bake sales, and officials want bake sales to be monitored.

"There are all kinds of things that are in this proposal right now," said Sandy Kramer, child nutrition supervisor for the Yankton School District (YSD). "High school students can have water, milk or 100 percent juice, but juices cannot be larger than 12 ounces."

She added that YSD is doing all these things now, but students also have access to 16-ounce juice, which would need to be cut down should the proposal be passed as is. Elementary students cannot have anything more than eight ounces for juice, and all juice must fall under a proposed calorie limit. However, students could have access to diet

sodas because they fall under the calorie limit.

One of the calorie limits includes a 200-calorie cap on snack items. According to Kramer, some rolls offered at YSD are more than 200 calories. In addition, if students want an extra entree, those cannot be more than 350 calories.

"This is only a proposal right now, but something will pass, we just don't know what," Kramer said. "Officials are currently in a 60-day comment period until April, then they'll vote on something."

She added that she hopes officials take their time and go slower than they

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'SING ME A STORY'

First-graders from Yankton's Lincoln Elementary School faced the music as they sang "Sing Me a Story," the title song from the music program presented in concert Thursday night at the YHS/Summit Activities Center theatres. Students from grades 1-3 performed a variety of tunes for the packed house at the theater. To see or purchase images from this event, visit spotted.yankton.net. (Kelly Hertz/P&D)