

Center checks cash Director shuffle lends to mistake

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sion centers to discuss good methods of internal account controls.

Extension centers are located in North Platte, Scottsbluff, Clay Center, Concord and Lincoln.

"We need to make sure that we use this as an educational opportunity," Moeller said.

Hergert said that since discovering the embezzlement, the center has worked to instate additional "checks and balances" on internal account handling.

But the center didn't use irresponsible control procedures at the time of the theft, he said.

"The procedures we had in place

were fairly adequate and generally would stop that kind of thing," Hergert said.

A mistake was made, perhaps because of major administrative changes at the center in the past year. For instance, the center's director left in August, when Hergert assumed the interim director position.

"It's unfortunate that this happened," he said. "Like with all bad situations, I think that we've had some learning out of this, and I think it will provide more secure financial procedures within the university."

But the center's biggest lesson learned may have been the simplest, he said.

"You can't always trust people."

South Korea halts beef restrictions

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Gov. Ben Nelson's "eyeball to eyeball" meetings and "tough talk" with South Korean officials earlier this month worked.

Nelson learned Monday that the 200 tons of Nebraska and U.S. beef that had been sitting in a South Korean port for nearly three months would again be allowed in the country.

Thanks largely, State Agriculture Director Larry Sitzman said, to Nelson's persistence and admitted "tough talk" during a trade mission to the country earlier this month.

South Korea's beef safety concerns surfaced in September after traces of E. coli were found on frozen beef patties shipped there from Dakota City's IBP, the largest meat-packing plant in the nation.

In October, South Korean officials suspended imports of Nebraska beef from the plant and ordered a local importer to destroy or return nearly 18 tons of the beef that had been sitting in a warehouse.

Nelson called the South Korean change of heart encouraging.

Parks, trails need attention in spots

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priority right after the storm.

Lincoln Parks and Recreation Director Jim Morgan said Antelope Park, A to South streets, Pioneers Park and the Rock Island Bike Trail from A Street to Nebraska Highway 2, were hit especially hard and still need to be cleaned up.

A larger project closer to campus, Morgan said, that would be perfect for University of Nebraska-Lincoln fraternities, sororities or other groups to adopt, would be Roper Park, on both sides of the interstate from Fifth and Adams streets to First and Superior streets.

"That would probably take more than a day," he said, "but if we got a large group out there, that would be great."

The final stage of debris removal will begin in the outer parts of the city Nov. 24, said Rick Haden of Lincoln Public Works

and Utilities.

Final cleanup in the interior neighborhoods, from First Street to 56th Street and Adams Street to Pioneers Boulevard, will begin Dec. 1.

The staggered dates, Haden said, will give the people in the middle of the city, where most of the damage from the snowstorm occurred, more time to get things cleaned up.

Johanns said even though the final stage of the cleanup would probably take months, the city needs to make a move toward getting back on track before winter sets in.

"There is a day out here when we do need to get this thing wrapped up," he said. "We're working against winter's timeline."

Haden said it was time for the crews to finish business.

"The crews are anxious to get back to their families and normal life."

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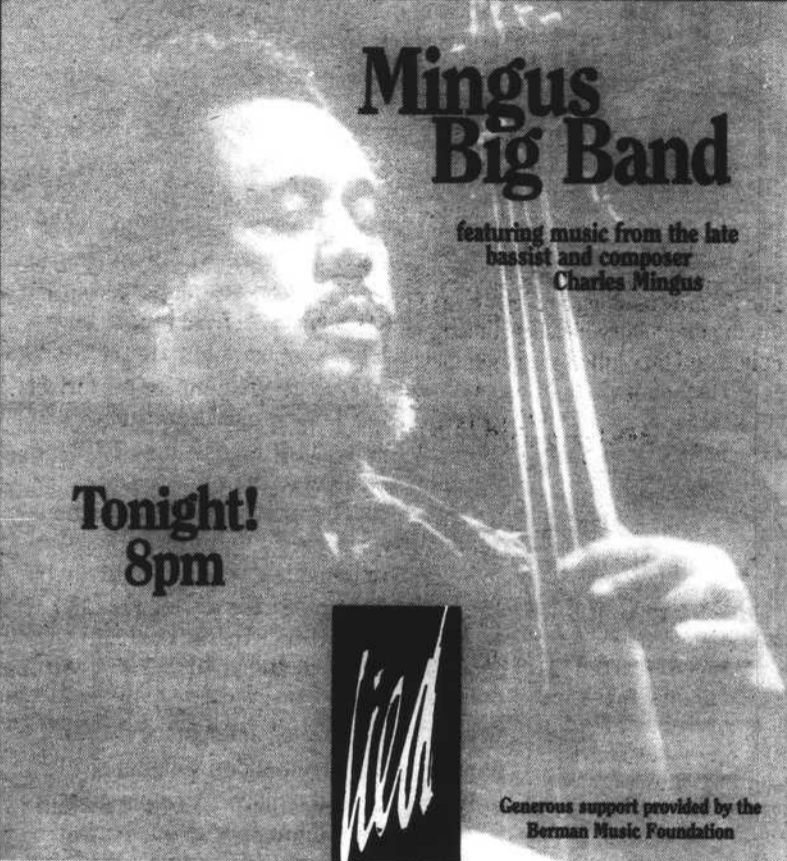
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