

Player of the week

Anna DeForge, who was named Big 12 player of the week earlier on Monday scored 14 points as NU defeated Creighton 80-59. PAGE 7

Raucous rockabilly

Whether seen as misogynists or lovers of women, The Cramps indisputably are a spirited crew. They play Omaha's Ranch Bowl Friday. PAGE 9

WALKIN' ON THE SUN

Partly sunny, high 60. Fair tonight, low 34.

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On the flip side



NU DIVER DARREN THORNBRUGH dives off of the platform at the Devaney Sports Center during practice Monday afternoon. Both men's and women's teams finished second last weekend in the Nike Sprint Classic. Please see related story on page 8.

MATT MILLER/DN

Inmate awaits appeal

■ Williams' chances for a stay dwindle, says assistant state attorney general.

BY TED TAYLOR
Senior Reporter

After the Nebraska Supreme Court denied a request Monday to stay his execution, death row inmate Robert E. Williams now must wait to see if two more pending appeals can keep him alive.

Williams had asked the state Supreme Court to postpone his scheduled Dec. 2 execution so the U.S. Supreme Court would have time to hear a juror-misconduct issue.

During Williams' trial in 1978, a juror examined a road map that had not been entered into evidence. Williams later claimed that tainted the trial and asked the state high court to review the case.

Two hours before his scheduled execution in 1995, the Nebraska Supreme Court granted a stay to allow an evidentiary hearing on the juror's actions.

In September, the state Supreme Court ruled against Williams. His new execution date was set one month later.

Williams was sentenced in 1978 after confessing to the 1977 shooting deaths of two 25-year-old Lincoln women, Patricia McGarry and Catherine Brooks.

In a three-day span, Williams also raped and murdered an Iowa woman as well as raping five others, including Brooks.

The execution still could be postponed if the U.S. Supreme Court decides to discuss the case.

Friday, Williams lost another court battle aimed at keeping him out of the electric chair.

U.S. District Court Judge Richard Kopf ruled that the multiple volts of electricity typically needed to put an inmate to death in the electric chair consistently has been found constitutional when it is performed without malice.

"Williams' claims are legally frivolous," Kopf's ruling stated. "While Williams raises profound public policy questions, a federal district judge has no authority to answer them."

In the state's last two executions, four jolts of electricity were needed to put to death John Joubert in 1996 and Harold Otey in 1994.

Monday, Williams filed an appeal of Kopf's decision in the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Williams' attorney, David Domina of Omaha, did not return calls to the Daily Nebraskan Monday.

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Lincoln receives disaster funding

From Staff Reports

Lincoln Mayor Mike Johanns and the rest of the city can add one more thing to be thankful for this Thanksgiving: FEMA disaster funding.

Gov. Ben Nelson announced Monday that the Capital City will receive \$1.2 million from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to help with cleanup costs created by last month's snowstorm.

That figure is 75 percent of the city's current total damage estimate of \$1.6 million, said FEMA deputy coordinator Curt Musgrave.

The remaining 25 percent will be divided by the state and the community.

Johanns said the check should arrive in Nelson's office later this week.

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The funding assistance was a great example, Johanns said, of what a tax-based federal assistance program can do for com-

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MIKE JOHANNS
Lincoln mayor

munities.

"We have helped out Florida and South Dakota in the past," he said. "And now we have the misfortune of experiencing our own disaster. Our investment is now helping us out."

Johanns said this initial claim was just the beginning for the city's requests for disaster assistance funding. More claims would be made, he said, as more damage assessments can be made.

Lincoln's funding assistance, along with the more than \$3 million Omaha will receive, brings the statewide total to more than \$6 million.

Vegetarians create twists on turkey fare

BY KIM SWEET
Staff Reporter

When Sarah Wilhelm first became a vegetarian, her family insisted that she join the annual tradition of giving thanks over the traditional turkey fare.

"Now they just tease me," said Wilhelm, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln sophomore floral design major.

As people gather this week with friends and family to share in turkey dinners, many will be avoiding the fine-feathered friend and loading up on mashed potatoes, stuffing and other non-meat casseroles.

For many vegetarians, the turkey-centered holiday often is accompanied by strange looks when vegetarians by-pass the meat, said Carol Reed-Klein, vice president of UNL's V.E.G.G.I.N., or Vegetarians Eating Good Grub in Nebraska.

Reed-Klein remembers when she became a vegetarian. Her family thought it was a junior-high stage, but they were supportive, thinking she would outgrow it.

Eight years later, she said, she gets teased but her family always provides food at Thanksgiving to make sure she gets her fill.

When vegetarians go home for Thanksgiving, many will bring their own dishes to share with their families. Many of these recipes are traditional foods, with substitutes to make the dishes vegetarian. Last year, Reed-Klein made a tofu turkey to serve at the annual V.E.G.G.I.N. Thanksgiving dinner.

Reed-Klein stresses that many substitutes and alternatives are available. Instead of using dairy products like cream cheese and sour cream for mashed potatoes and other foods, soy versions are available that don't take from the dish's flavor. For those who enjoy ice cream on their pumpkin pie, Toffuti makes a rich version of non-dairy ice cream.

"It is better than regular ice cream," Reed-Klein said. These products are available at Open Harvest, 1618 South St.

"There are analogs for people who are into turkey," Reed-Klein said. She said bringing these tradi-

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