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## Gov't shutdown enters 2nd week, no end in sight

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## New mail system

By ROBERT WEBER
Leader & Times

In its Sept. 30 meeting, the Seward County Commission approved a bid from Unitech Southwest Office Supply for a mailing system.

The system was recommended by Seward County Clerk Jerry Long at a cost of $9[illegible] per month for a period of 36 months.

The new system was a replacement for a postage machine as part of the county's [illegible]

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## School board tackles long list tonight

By MICHAEL CLEGHORN
Leader & Times

With a mountain of topics of special interest and planning sessions bringing them together, Liberal USD 480 Board of Education members can be blamed for feeling they've got to stage meeting like the Nonathlons; the board will tackle a long list of topics at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the district Education Service Center in USD 480 Center.

Packed with routine and new matters, the

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## Best wishes!

Community says farewell to Henry and Sherry Hinkle

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## 5-year-old girl, firefighter burned in house blaze

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — A 5-year-old girl and a Kansas City firefighter who tried to save her suffered second-degree burns in the house fire in Kansas City, Kan.

The Kansas City Star reports the fire was reported at 2:30 a.m. Sunday and when emergency crews arrived they found heavy flames coming from the rear and center

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In this Oct. 1 photo, cows are herded into waiting trucks following an auction at the Oklahoma National Stockyards in Oklahoma City. Cattle prices have been hurt by the shutdown of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's government shutdown. During the shutdown, the USDA won't provide sales reports from Oklahoma livestock auctions that are used to help set prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, state Department of Agriculture employee Jack Carson said. *AP photo/Sue Ogrocki*

## Shutdown spawns vacuum in farm market information

By ROBERT WEBER
Associated Press

WILDWOOD — When Tim Petersen finished planting his wheat crop this year, he had no idea what the market were. Lenore Jantzen unexpectedly found herself struggling to make critical marketing decisions because of the lack of data from the government agencies, casualties of the federal government shutdown.

Both have no clue what is going on in the market, and Petersen, who farms near Monument in northwest Kansas. He typically pursues his investment in seed wheat, Jantzen, who farms near Lenora, grows wheat and fresh seed fall rye with a farmer contract that double Jantzen loses market fluctuations by guaranteeing a price for the crop before it is planted.

Petersen and Jantzen both rely on the monthly reports by the National Agriculture Statistics Service to make decisions — such as how to price crops which are not yet harvested and how to plan for the future as trends shifts and/or prices. Not only has the NASS stopped putting out most reports about demand and supply exports and prices, but all websites with past reports have been shut down.

"It is causing a direct void in information that is

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## Attorney hopes to keep lid on client's confession

NICHOLS, Ga. (AP) — A defense attorney has asked a judge to suppress statements he claims his client made when he walked into the sheriff's office in Nicholls, Georgia, and asked to be arrested because he just killed his wife.

Gary Wayne Pelham, 56, is charged with first-degree murder in the Dec. 31 death of his wife, Jeanette Pelham, 54, who was found in the couple's basement of multiple, cuts wounds after Pelham allegedly stabbed her with Jimmy Woodson, The Wayne County Press reported.

Defense attorney Jeremy Gruver of Pelham has asked District Judge Joe Kenan to suppress statements Pelham made to the cops and to have the charges against Pelham for two counts of first-degree murder.

A suppression hearing that Gruver has asked for Monday-Tuesday is the trial is scheduled to start Tuesday.

During testimony Friday

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Customer Jerry Arnett, left, congratulates Aaron Kaplan, a bartender in Springfield, Ohio, Friday after learning that she indirectly received a $17,500 tip when one of her customers happened to give her a winning lottery ticket this week. The Oregon Lottery reports that one of Kaplan's regular customers who winning a Hoosier-gain lottery a couple days before Ohioans on Tuesday and when she checked one was a big winner. *AP photo/Gregory Lynch Photo*

## Oregon bartender gets $17,500 tip

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio (AP) — An Oregon bartender just got the biggest tip ever.

Vice of Aaron Kaplan's regulars at Conway's Restaurant and Lounge in Springfield often tips her with dinner tickets from the Oregon Lottery. On Tuesday, one of her customers gave her a certain scratchoffs which Kaplan's to choose two.

When she checked the

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