

MIDWEST DIGEST

Daugaard Names New Corrections Secretary

PIERRE (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard on Monday named the chairman of South Dakota's Board of Pardons and Paroles as the next secretary of the state Department of Corrections.

Denny Kaemingk of Mitchell will take over the post beginning May 9, Daugaard announced. Kaemingk will succeed Tim Reisch, who was sworn in Saturday as the new commander of the state National Guard.

Kaemingk served on the Mitchell police force from 1976 to 2000, rising from a patrolman to captain of detectives and communications/911 supervisor before retiring. He has served on the parole board the past nine years and has been chairman the past four.

"I cannot think of anyone more qualified than Denny to be corrections secretary," Daugaard said. "He has literally learned the ins and outs of the criminal justice system from the ground up, beginning with arrests and convictions, and ending with release from prison on parole."

Kaemingk said he is encouraged by a reduction in the number of parolees returning to prison, which he credits to new assessment tools to help determine who is an acceptable risk for early release and new programs that prepare inmates for freedom.

Trial Begins In Wrong-Way Fatal

SIoux FALLS (AP) — A Sioux Falls woman went on trial Monday accused of driving in the wrong lane of the interstate, leading to a crash that killed a man last July.

The Argus Leader reported that Tammy Jean Kvasnicka faces a jury trial on charges of vehicular homicide and manslaughter.

Authorities said she was intoxicated when she drove the wrong way on Interstate 229 at Sioux Falls around 2 a.m. and hit an oncoming car. One of five people in the second vehicle was killed.

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S.D. Governor Daugaard Vetoes His Own Bill

CHET BROKAW

Associated Press

PIERRE — Republican Gov. Dennis Daugaard said Monday that he had killed a bill dealing with appointments to an advisory council on the workers' compensation program with a second veto because the Legislature refused to accept his suggested changes to the bill's language.

The veto was unusual because Daugaard had introduced the plan. Senate President Pro Tempore Bob Gray, R-Pierre, a seven-year veteran of the Legislature, said he couldn't recall any previous instance when a governor vetoed his own bill or issued two kinds of vetoes on the same measure.

The measure was introduced Feb. 1 in the

Senate on Daugaard's behalf. The Legislature passed the bill unchanged, but Daugaard then issued what is called a style-and-form veto asking the Legislature to change the language in one sentence.

When the Legislature met for its final day of this year's session last week, the Senate agreed to the change, but the House refused. Lawmakers said the governor went too far in seeking substantial changes in the bill, rather than the technical corrections usually contained in a style-and-form veto.

On Monday, Daugaard said he had issued a second veto, killing the bill.

"At this point, I believe the best course is to veto this legislation and consider a more complete rewrite of the current statute next year," he wrote in a brief veto message to lawmakers.

The law currently says the eight-member panel will be chaired by the lieutenant governor. The bill sought to change it so the governor could appoint someone other than the lieutenant governor to chair the council. In his veto, the governor tried to modify the bill to let the governor appoint a chair who would be the panel's ninth member.

House Majority Leader David Lust, R-Rapid City, said most lawmakers probably agree with the governor's veto message that it's best to wait until next year to take another look at the issue.

The South Dakota Constitution authorizes the governor to issue a style-and-form veto to recommend changes in a bill. If the Legislature makes the requested changes, it becomes law after the governor certifies that it conforms to his recommendation.

Nebraska Lawmakers Eye Rewrite Of Sex Registry Law

BY GRANT SCHULTE

Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska lawmakers are considering giving greater authority to judges to decide which sex offenders belong on the state's public registry.

The Legislature's Judiciary Committee on Tuesday will hear that and another proposal to change a 2009 measure that

placed all names on the registry, regardless of an offender's risk level.

One proposed amendment would remove designated low-risk offenders from the registry, if they committed the crime before the 2009 law took effect and if they have not reoffended.

Another would return Nebraska to the system used before the 2009 measure became law. Judges

would decide whether an offender would be on the registry.

Offenders would have five working days to notify their county's sheriff of their address and employment, instead of the current three-day maximum.

The proposal would allow sex offenders who are not listed for life to seek a judge's order's to remove them from the registry, if they have no other pending crimi-

nal charges and can show they are at low risk to reoffend.

"We had a system in place where we had experts looking at the files" before the 2009 law, said Omaha Sen. Brad Ashford, who is scheduled to present both proposals to the Judiciary Committee on Tuesday. "That, to me, gave me comfort that the public was being protected. Now, that's gone."

OBITUARIES

Lois Riesgaard

AUDUBON, Iowa — Lois Maxine Riesgaard, the daughter of Peter and Laura Tibben Schwab, was born June 25, 1923, at her parents' home south of Brayton, Iowa and died March 28, 2011 at the Audubon County Memorial Hospital in Audubon, Iowa at the age of 87 years, 9 months, and 3 days.



Riesgaard

Lois was baptized and confirmed at the Exira Lutheran Church in Exira, Iowa. She attended rural school in Oakfield Township near Brayton, Iowa then helped on the family farm.

On December 8, 1943, she was united in marriage to Merne D. Riesgaard at the Lutheran Church Parsonage in Atlantic, Iowa. Three children Bonnie, Calvin, and Vickie were born to this union. They lived east of Exira where they operated the family farm. They grew grain and raised livestock for over 50 years before retiring. Lois always had a large garden and enjoyed cooking family meals. During retirement Lois and Merne enjoyed traveling and took many cruises. They enjoyed their regular trips to the casinos. Merne died June 26, 2006. Lois lived on the farm then later moved into Exira.

Lois was a member of the Exira Lutheran Church in Exira. She belonged to the Thursday afternoon Brayton Pinochle Club and attended the Sunday evening group. Lois enjoyed crocheting and made afghans for all her grandchildren.

Lois was preceded in death by her husband Merne; her parents; her brothers Floyd Schwab and Marvin (Jack) Schwab; her sisters Beulah Paulsen, Florence and husband Emmert Lauridsen; and a brother-in-law Milo Riesgaard.

Survivors include her children: Bonnie and husband Jim Lynam of Exira; Calvin and wife Debra Riesgaard of Yankton, SD; and Vickie and husband Dennis Foresman of Warrensburg, MO; her grandchildren: Chris and wife Tammy Lynam of Shawnee Mission, KS; Dr. Laura Lynam of Tacoma, WA; Amanda and husband Dale Nelson of Iowa City, IA; Emily Lynam of Denver, CO; Brandon Riesgaard of Omaha, NE; Alison and husband Devin Anderson of Yankton, SD; Megan Riesgaard of Denver, CO; Kevin and wife Carolina Foresman of Columbus, OH; and Amy Foresman of Columbia, MO; her great-grandchildren: Evan and Maria Lynam of Shawnee Mission and Alexander and Aerial Nelson of Iowa City; her sister Doris Schlater of Exira; her brothers-in-law Harley and wife Madonna Riesgaard of Exira; Eldon and wife Agnes Riesgaard of Avoca, IA; Darold and wife Pat Riesgaard of

Andre Olson

MENNO — A memorial service for Andre E. Olson, 70, of Menno will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday at the Goglin Funeral Home in Tyndall. Inurnment will take place at a later date. Andre passed away on Monday (April 4, 2011) at the Menno-Olivet Care Center in Menno. Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

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Aurora, CO; Emmert Paulsen of Exira; her sisters-in-law Phyllis Schwab of Atlantic, IA; Gladys Riesgaard of Audubon, IA; Mildred Schwab of Exira; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The Funeral Service will be conducted by Pastor Steven Frock and Pastor Nancy Jensen on Thursday, March 31, 2011 at 2:00 P.M. at the Exira Lutheran Church in Exira, IA. The interment will be in the Exira Cemetery, in Exira, IA. The casket bearers will be Don Schlater, Dave Schlater, Jerry Riesgaard, Don Greving, Monte Riesgaard, and Charles Paulsen. The family will meet friends Wednesday evening at 6:00 P.M. at the Kessler Funeral Home in Exira, IA.

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Richard Chapman

CENTENNIAL, Colo. — Richard LeRoy Chapman, 79, of Centennial, Colorado passed away unexpectedly on March 31, 2011.

Survivors include Marilyn (Nicholson) Chapman, his loving wife of 55 years, five children: Dr. Catherine Hoff (Steve) of Brentwood, TN, Robert Chapman of Watertown, SD, Michael Chapman (Christina) of Bel Air, MD, Stephen Chapman (Stacey) of Alpharetta, GA, and Amy Johnson (Mark) of Pearland, TX; sister-in-



Chapman

law June (Maurice) Ayers; numerous step sisters and cousins; 17 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Richard "Dick" Chapman was born February 4, 1932 in Yankton, SD to Raymond and Vera Chapman. He graduated Brookings High School in 1950. An avid public speaker, Dick was one of four National Winners of the "I Speak for Democracy" contest in 1949, as well as a leader in the Debate and Speech team in high school, earning the State Championship in 1950. He continued to excel in public speaking activities at South Dakota State College and became Student Body VP, graduating in 1954. The following year he attended Cambridge University (UK) as a Rotary Fellow, and subsequently earned his MPA (Syracuse Univ. 1958), and PhD (Syracuse Univ. 1967). Dick also served as a commissioned officer (1955-1957) in the U.S. Army in Korea and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal at the end of his active service. Subsequently, Dick was Honorably Discharged as a Captain in the USAR in 1964. Dick's professional career was devoted to research in public policy; he authored numerous publications and was highly regarded in his field, earning the Jefferson Award for his contributions to the field of Technology Transfer.

Civic and community involvement was a pillar of Dick's life: he served on both the senior staff of the Government Operations Committee (1966-1967) and was Staff Director for the Hon. Frank Denholm (1973-1974) in the U.S. House of Representatives. He was associated with the Brookings Lodge #24 A.F. & A.M. in South Dakota, the South Dakota State University Foundation (President two years, many more in leadership), Knights Templar, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Denver Water Board, and as a member of the Citizen's Budget Committee, he helped found the city of Centennial, CO. He co-authored God Bless America: Patriotic Fervor or Historic Reality? His passion for leadership and teaching extended into his spiritual life at Mission Hills Church (Littleton, CO) and most recently as an active member at Our Father Lutheran Church in Centennial, CO. He was active in the Forgotten

Treasures ministry, and he was a supporter of the Denver Seminary.

Details available at www.olingerchapelhill.com; memorial contributions may be made to the Denver Seminary www.denverseminary.com.

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Mildred Geuther

SIoux CITY, Iowa — Mildred Geuther, 28, of Sioux City, Iowa died unexpectedly on Friday (April 1, 2011) at her home in Sioux City, Iowa.

Funeral services are at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Greenwood Presbyterian Church, Greenwood. Burial is in the Greenwood Presbyterian Cemetery, rural Greenwood.

Wake services began Monday at the YST Community Gym, Wagner.

Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home, Wagner, is in charge of arrangements. Full obituary is at crosby-jaegerfh.com.

Ronald Peterka

Ronald T. "Ron" Peterka, age 73, of Watertown, SD, passed away on Friday, April 1, 2011 at a Sioux Falls Hospice Home.

Funeral mass will be at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 in the Immaculate Conception Church in Watertown with Father Joe Forcelle officiating. Music will be furnished by the Immaculate Conception Choir, and by Brian Ries as organist. Interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Watertown, SD. Military Honors will be conducted by the Codington County Post 17 of the American Legion in Watertown.



Peterka

Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 p.m., with an Elks memorial service at 7:00 p.m. followed by the time of sharing on Tuesday at the Wight, Comes & Sogn Funeral Chapel. Visitation will continue on Wednesday prior to the services at the church.

Pallbearers will be Tom Pokorney, Darin Blunck, James Cunningham, Brad Maupin, Toby Crow and Trevor Crow.

Ronald Thomas Peterka was born on July 13, 1937 to Thomas and Anne (Melichar) Peterka in Tabor, South Dakota. He was born and raised in the rural Tabor-Yankton area and graduated from Tabor High School, a long time ago. He attended SDSU, Brookings. Ron enlisted in the U.S. Army Chemical Corp and served in California, Alabama and Germany. After his release from the military, he continued his education at USD, Vermillion.

Ron married Deloris "Dee" Rokusek on August 16, 1960 in Scotland, South Dakota and they made their home in Yankton. Then in 1962 Ron was recalled to active military service for almost one year. Ron began his insurance career in Pierre, SD as an insurance adjuster for General Adjustment Bureau. He later moved to Watertown and was an agent for First National Bank (now Wells-Fargo). Later Ron became an independent agent and started the Ron Peterka Insurance Agency. Ron and Dee were blessed with two daughters, Annette and Darcy, both graduating from Watertown High School. Ron was very involved with their activities and it was at that point he started

working with Watoma Relays.

On October 5, 1997 Ron's wife Dee lost her battle with cancer. In 2000 Reliabank Dakota purchased Ron Peterka Insurance. Ron married Mary Roberts in 2000 and continued living in Watertown.

Ron had been active in many organizations, including Jaycees, State Director of SD Easter Seals Society, Past President of Watertown Lions Club, Past President of Quarterback Club, and Vice President and Director of the Watertown Area Chamber of Commerce. He was also active in the Watertown Elks Lodge and served two times as Exalted Ruler, was District Deputy to the Grand Exalted Ruler, and was honored as the State Elk of the year.

He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church, and was a Certified Wish Grantor for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of South Dakota and was currently serving as the Regional Ambassador for northeast South Dakota.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Dee.

Ron is survived by his wife, Mary; his daughters: Annette (Darin) Blunck of Memphis, TN, and Darcy (James) Cunningham of Sioux Falls, SD; his stepchildren: Toby (Liz) Crow of Sioux Falls, SD, and WyLisa (Brad) Maupin of Pierre, SD; 10 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; his sister, Kaye (Don) Pokorney of Sioux Falls, SD; his niece, Michelle (Terry) Pellman; and his nephew, Thomas Pokorney.

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