

40-To-Life For Juveniles Still Up For Debate

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Lawmakers have tentatively agreed to a 40-year minimum prison sentence for juveniles who commit murder in Nebraska, but the number is still subject to debate.

Lawmakers voted 31-1 on Tuesday to attach an amendment to a juvenile sentencing bill that would establish 40-to-life as a new, minimum prison term.

They stopped short of advancing of the bill itself, after Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha filed a motion to kill it.

Much of the debate has focused on minimum prison terms of 30 or 60 years. Chambers, who agreed to the 30-year minimum, filed a motion Tuesday to kill the bill.

Sen. Brad Ashford of Omaha introduced the bill in response to a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that deemed life-without-parole sentences for juveniles unconstitutional.

Warm Weather Helps Wheat Crop, Soil Still Dry

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska's winter wheat crop has started to turn green with the warm weather, but the soil remains exceptionally dry because of the drought.

The U.S. Agriculture Department said Monday that the state's pastures haven't started growing much this spring because of the dry conditions.

About 64 percent of the state's hay and forage supplies rated short or very short.

Roughly 77 percent of the state's topsoil moisture rated short or very short. And 95 percent of the subsoil rates short or very short.

About 11 percent of Nebraska's wheat crop rated in good or excellent condition.

8 On Pine Ridge Indicted On Drug Charges

PINE RIDGE (AP) — Eight people on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in southern South Dakota have been indicted on federal drug charges.

U.S. Attorney Brendan Johnson says the suspects allegedly conspired for 20 years to distribute cocaine and marijuana, beginning in 1993.

The suspects range in age from 26 to 48. They have pleaded not guilty. Two suspects have been released on bond while the others remain in custody pending trial.

A trial date hasn't been set. Each suspect faces up to 40 years in prison if convicted.

Mo. River Level Stays Low Because Of Drought

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The amount of water released into the lower Missouri River this spring will remain at minimal levels because of ongoing dry conditions in the region.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers says it plans to release just enough water to support a minimal channel for barge traffic on the river upstream of St. Louis.

Additional water won't be released to raise the water level above Kansas City if there is no commercial traffic in that area.

The corps says it expects the amount of runoff flowing into the river basin this spring to be about 81 percent of normal. So the corps is imposing drought conservation measures.

The amount of water released out of Gavins Point dam on the South Dakota-Nebraska border averaged 18,600 cubic feet per second during March.

No Injuries Reported In Nebraska Derailment

FREMONT, Neb. (AP) — Strong winds caused a train derailment in eastern Nebraska's Dodge County, but no injuries were reported.

Union Pacific railroad spokesman Mark Davis says the wind toppled 21 cars off the tracks around 4:45 a.m. Tuesday just west of North Bend.

The tracks reopened at 4:40 p.m. Tuesday after workers repaired the tracks and cleared the path.

The cars that derailed were part of a train headed from Wisconsin to Wyoming. The train consisted of three locomotives and 138 empty coal cars.

Davis says strong straight-line winds are believed to have caused the derailment.

Daugaard:

Mission Should Boost Exports To China

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PIERRE — The president of a Rapid City-based company that makes products for power plants, mining operations and other industries said Tuesday that Gov. Dennis Daugaard's trade mission to China could pay off in a big way for his company and others in the state.

China is South Dakota's third-largest export market, but South Dakota still ranks last among the states in trade with the world's most populous nation, Daugaard said from Shanghai in a call with South Dakota news organizations.

Rob Mudge of RPM & Associates said he's holding 10 meetings with potential new customers during the trade mission led by Daugaard. China plans to build more than 400 coal-fired power plants in the next decade, using the latest clean-coal technology and scrubbers.

"That's my business. So for me, that turns into markets, and markets turn into jobs," Mudge said.

The Republican governor noted that South Dakotans were just "learning the ropes" a year ago when he led a trade mission that included three businesses. The current trip includes 11 South Dakota companies and agricultural associations representing pork, corn and soybean producers. South Dakota can supply not only grain and meat, but also a variety of other products and services needed in China's rapidly growing economy, he said.

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"We need to be more creative about looking for markets where we can find them and not just where we've always been finding them," Daugaard said.

The South Dakota businesses and state officials will have about 80 meetings with Chinese government agencies and businesses in Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong before returning home at the end of the week, the governor said. State officials will check later to see how many contracts the South Dakota businesses eventually negotiate with China, he said.

The mission was partly funded by a grant from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

"I think it's important to our taxpayers to know that these efforts aren't just a means for us to take a vacation trip to China. We're here to try to do business," Daugaard said.

For example, Millennium Recycling of Sioux Falls is looking into supplying baled cardboard and paper to a Chinese recycling operation, the governor said. Daugaard said he also met with some Chinese investors who are considering investing in an agricultural processing facility in



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South Dakota, but he said he cannot release any details about that project.

Steve Watkins of Orion Food Systems in Sioux Falls said he is holding seven meetings with potential customers and is exploring supplying pizzas to China's largest retail grocery store chain.

Mudge and Watkins said having the governor and other government officials set up and attend meetings helps assure Chinese officials that their businesses are legitimate.

"That's a big deal for us to be able to get in and get those doors open. Once the door is open, then let us do our work," Mudge said.

"You simply couldn't do this on your own," Watkins added.

State Agriculture Secretary Walt Bones said China already buys one-third of the soybeans grown in South Dakota, and China uses 37 million bushels a week, mostly for cooking oil and livestock feed. KFC is opening three stores in China every day, which means a lot of corn and soybeans are needed to feed chickens, he said.

Chinese people's incomes are rising rapidly, so they are looking to improve their diet with better food, including pork, Bones said.

"China just has a voracious appetite for everything we produce in the states," Bones said.

State Economic Development Commissioner Pat Costello said the trade mission's ultimate aim is to create jobs in South Dakota.

"it's about helping our South Dakota businesses sell their products to China and creating better opportunities for our citizens for better jobs in South Dakota," Costello said.

Bond Reduced For Mother Of 3 Kids Killed In Fire

SIoux FALLS (AP) — A Sioux Falls woman charged with drug possession and child neglect after a fire that killed her three children might be able to leave jail under a new set of bond conditions.

Judge Brad Zell on Monday set bond at \$10,000 for Rhiannon White, 34. She had been held on a \$30,000 bond since being apprehended March 28 in Sibley, Iowa, after skipping a court hearing that day in which she was to enter pleas.

White had been confused about her earlier court date and did not mean to skip, defense attorney Amber Eggert told Zell on Monday, according to the *Argus Leader* newspaper. Eggert also said her client had moved to Sibley to avoid media scrutiny, not to run from prosecution.

Zell, who ordered White to participate in a sobriety program, agreed that the \$30,000 bond "is extraordinary under these facts." He lowered it with a warning.

"Clearly, if you miss any additional court appearances, you'll risk new charges," Zell told White. "And you risk being in

custody until those charges are resolved."

White is due back in court May 10.

Authorities allege White tested positive for methamphetamine and Ecstasy after the Dec. 22, 2012, house fire that killed

Michael Hensley, 16, Savannah Coon, 12, and Alivia Coon, 6. White and her husband escaped the fire by jumping from a second-story window.

Prosecutors filed six counts of neglect against White because they allege she was under the in-

fluence of drugs in the presence of the children in the days leading up to the fire.

Officials were not able to pinpoint the cause of the blaze because the damage was too extensive.

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