

Shop Owner Sentenced For Not Paying Tax

RAPID CITY (AP) — A 36-year-old Rapid City businessman has been sentenced to eight years in prison for failing to pay sales tax. Attorney General Marty Jackley and Department of Revenue Secretary Andy Gerlach say that Richard W. Guthmiller, the owner and operator of 605 Collision & Custom Paint, filed eight returns between February 2008 and March 2011 stating he owed no sales tax. Guthmiller was convicted by a Pennington County jury in February of eight counts of making false or fraudulent sales tax returns in attempting to defeat or evade sales tax. Guthmiller was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of more than \$9,000 in tax, penalty and interest, as well as fees and court costs. He was also fined \$1,000 for each of the eight counts.

Bridge Near Fremont May Open By Aug. 1

FREMONT, Neb. (AP) — A state roads department manager says the new U.S. Highway 77 bridge over the Platte River south of Fremont could be open for motorists this summer. Nebraska Department of Roads project manager Micky Jacobs told the *Fremont Tribune* that delays were always possible but that the bridge could be open before Aug. 1. Jacobs notes that the contractor, Cramer and Associates Inc. of Grimes, Iowa, gets paid an incentive if it can open by Aug. 1. When the bridge opens, Jacobs says it initially will have one lane northbound and one lane southbound. The new bridge will be 96 feet wide, from curb to curb, compared to 26 feet for the existing bridge. Workers still must dismantle the old bridge.

Suspected Shoplifter Broke Officer's Nose

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A Lincoln police officer is recovering from a broken nose after being punched by a suspected shoplifter. Police said the officer was among those who responded to a report of a shoplifter at a Lincoln grocery store before dawn Friday morning. Police say the 30-year-old suspect fled when officers arrived. Officers gave chase, and the suspect turned around and punched the officer closing on him. The officer, who has not been named, was taken to a local hospital for treatment of a broken nose. The suspect is behind bars on suspicion of theft and felony assault of a police officer.

Debate Set For Neb. Veterans' License Plate Bill

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Veterans and active-duty service members would have the option to display their status on Nebraska state identification cards and license plates, under a bill in the Legislature. Debate could begin Monday on the measure, which combines the ideas of several state lawmakers. The Department of Motor Vehicles would design "Military Honor" license plates by 2015. It also would allow for a special designation on driver's licenses and state identification cards. The bill was introduced by Sen. Annette Dubas, chairwoman of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee. Dubas has said the bill seeks to honor service members. She says it might also serve as an indicator to law enforcement that a person is suffering from posttraumatic stress disorder.

SDSU Reaches Nearly \$266M In Fundraising

BROOKINGS (AP) — South Dakota State University has completed the largest higher-education fundraising effort in state history. Campus officials on Friday announced nearly \$266 million in gifts and pledges during a rally on campus. President David Chicoine thanked the leadership of the SDSU Foundation for accepting the challenge of spearheading the It Starts With State campaign. He says the generous donations will allow aspirations to become reality and enable the university to make a difference for people in South Dakota and the region. The fundraising effort focused on strengthening the faculty, opportunities for students, new and revitalized facilities, athletics and funds that enrich the student experience. The Council of Trustees of the SDSU Foundation in 2008 voted to support a campaign with a working goal of \$190 million.

Daugaard Appoints New Circuit Judge

PIERRE (AP) — Belle Fourche attorney Mike Day will be the newest judge in South Dakota's Fourth Judicial Circuit. Gov. Dennis Daugaard announced the appointment Friday. Day will fill the vacancy created by the upcoming retirement of Judge John Bastian. The Fourth Circuit includes Butte, Corson, Dewey, Harding, Lawrence, Meade, Perkins and Ziebach counties. Day has practiced law in Belle Fourche since 1983. He is a past president of the State Bar and has served on the Judicial Qualifications Commission, the State Bar Disciplinary Board, and as president of the South Dakota Trial Lawyers Association. Daugaard says he was particularly impressed with Day's community service. He is vice chairman of the school board and a member of the state Board of Minerals and Environment.

Author To Present Book On Wounded Knee

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SIOUX FALLS — Forty years after the 71-day occupation at Wounded Knee, there is still lots of pain and many questions about what truly happened, according to an author of a new book examining the occupation and the last meeting between all the major players. "Wounded Knee 1973: Still Bleeding" by Stew Magnuson was released in February, in conjunction with the 40th anniversary of the incident. Magnuson, a Washington D.C.-based journalist will be in Sioux Falls on Saturday to present the book at this year's Dakota Conference at the Center for Western Studies at Augustana College. "Wounded Knee 1973: Still Bleeding," which is published in ebook and traditional form, tells the story of the occupation and the gathering of the major and minor characters — including AIM leaders Dennis Banks, Russell Means and Clyde Bellecourt and former FBI agent in charge Joseph Trim-

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bach — at last year's Dakota Conference. "It had all the fireworks I anticipated," Magnuson said about the conference. "Lots of people yelling at each other and calling each other liars and confrontations between AIM senior leaders and the Trimbachs, the former FBI agent and his son, and some of the victims of AIM in the 1970s were there to confront the leaders." Magnuson writes about the anger Means displayed as he talked about South Dakota and when he confronted with questions about the occupation. Means died in October at the age of 72 after battling cancer. "His rhetoric about the state of South

Dakota was completely undiminished," Magnuson said. "He still had very strong feelings about the state of South Dakota, very negative feelings. He was still very much the angry young man all the way up to the end." Harry Thompson, the executive director for the Center for Western Studies, said "Wounded Knee 1973" is the first book written about a Dakota Conference. "In my estimation it's a rather fair assessment of the proceedings at the conference with a lot of background information that he had worked up through his research," Thompson said, adding that the book is timely with the death of Means in October.

Carson Foundation Donating To UNL Theater Job

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Johnny Carson's foundation will be donating more than \$571,000 for renovations at the theater named in his honor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, officials said Friday. The University of Nebraska Foundation said the gift from the John W. Carson Foundation will improve the experiences for people who attend plays, musical performances and other events at the Johnny Carson Theater. The theater is part of the Lied Center for Performing Arts on

the north side of downtown Lincoln. The project is scheduled to be finished next year and includes a redesigned entrance and lobby and a new theater floor. The theater is used for smaller productions, rehearsals, receptions and UNL dance classes. It can accommodate up to 250 people. Carson was the longtime host of television's "The Tonight Show." He was born in Corning, Iowa, grew up in Norfolk, Neb., and attended the university in Lincoln, graduating in 1949. He

majoried in radio and speech and minored in physics. He died in California in 2005. Carson and his foundation have donated millions to Nebraska institutions. For example, in June 2005 his estate donated \$5 million to Faith Regional Health Services in Norfolk to fund an endowment for the Carson Cancer Center. He and foundation also have given millions to the university. In 2004, Carson gave \$5.3 million toward theater and film programs at the Hixson-Lied College

of Fine and Performing Arts and to renovate and expand the university's Temple Building. He'd studied at the Temple Building, which was home to the theater program when Carson attended the Lincoln school. In 2005, the university received \$5 million from his estate for an endowment to support theater, film and broadcasting programs. The theater arts department was renamed the Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film.

Tribe Displeased With Planned Summit

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — Members of the Standing Rock Sioux tribal council have written a letter to a U.S. Congressman detailing their displeasure with a planned summit on foster care in South Dakota. The tribal council members sent the letter this week to Rep. Ed Markey of Massachusetts about the summit, scheduled for May 15-17 in Rapid City. The summit, hosted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, will focus on Indian child foster care in the state after allegations surfaced that South Dakota was routinely breaking the Indian Child Welfare Act. Markey was one of a handful of lawmakers who questioned

the BIA about Native American child foster care in South Dakota following an NPR report in 2011 that said a disproportionate number of Native American children removed from their homes in South Dakota each year are sent to foster care in non-Indian homes or group homes. State officials have called the NPR stories inaccurate, unfair and biased, but acknowledged a disproportionate number of Native American children are involved in the child welfare system because the state receives more referrals involving them regarding alleged abuse and neglect. "We Lakota/Dakota leaders, therefore, find it unacceptable

that the BIA's draft summit agenda ... fails to address any of NPR's dominant claims, or to propose what we consider to be serious solutions to our crisis," Standing Rock Sioux tribal chairman Charles Murphy and members of the tribal council wrote in the letter. The letter listed changes the tribe would like to see to the agenda, including allowing former Sen. James Abourezk of South Dakota to speak. Abourezk chaired the yearlong Indian Policy Review Commission in 1977 that resulted in the Indian Child Welfare Act. The BIA did not immediately return a message seeking comment.

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