

10 New Troopers Join Ranks Of SDHP

PIERRE (AP) — Ten new troopers have joined the ranks of the South Dakota Highway Patrol.
KCCR-AM reports the nine men and one woman graduated Friday in the rotunda of the South Dakota state capitol.
The state patrol troopers of Class 56 went through basic law enforcement training, attended the state Highway Patrol Recruit Academy and completed field training. Their training lasted eight month in all.
Governor Dennis Daugaard was the keynote speaker at the graduation ceremony Friday.
The governor told the new troopers the key to their new positions is controlling their emotions. He says that is a challenge for law enforcement nationwide.

S.F. TV Anchor To Interview Obama In DC

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — A morning news anchor at a Sioux Falls TV station is getting the biggest interview of her career only weeks before she retires.
The White House has invited KSFY News Anchor Nancy Naeve to interview President Barack Obama next week.
Naeve will travel to Washington this weekend and hold a one-on-one interview with the president Monday afternoon.
KSFY reports that Naeve is one of only a handful of television news anchors from around the country invited to the White House on Monday and the only anchor from South Dakota.
The interview comes about a month before she is to retire on May 15. Naeve says she's "very honored."

Attorney Named New 7th Circuit Judge

PIERRE (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard has appointed a new circuit court judge to fill the seat vacated by state Supreme Court Justice Janine Kern.
Daugaard says Jane Wipf Pfeifle of Rapid City will preside as a circuit court judge in South Dakota's Seventh Circuit Court. She fills the vacancy created last year when Daugaard appointed Kern to the state's high court.
The Seventh Circuit includes Custer, Fall River, Pennington and Shannon counties.
Pfeifle is a shareholder of Lynn, Jackson, Shultz & Lebrun, a law firm she joined in 1986. She primarily focuses on employment law, education law and civil litigation.
Pfeifle served from 1998 to 2005 as an associate justice of the Oglala Sioux Nation Supreme Court.
She has been active in the South Dakota and Sicanju Oyate Bar Associations.

Man Killed In 2-Vehicle Wreck

ALBION, Neb. (AP) — The Boone County Sheriff's Office says a man was killed and another was injured in a two-vehicle crash southeast of Albion.
The sheriff's office said the collision occurred around 9:30 a.m. Thursday morning when a car driving westbound attempted to pass a semitrailer on Nebraska 56 when his vehicle crashed into an eastbound pickup truck.
The pickup truck's driver, Gary Nauenburg, was taken to a Boone County Medical Center in Albion, along with Flaherty.
The sheriff's office says Nauenburg died at the hospital. Flaherty was transferred to Bryan Health Medical Center in Lincoln, where he was listed in serious condition Friday.
An investigation is ongoing.

Omaha Man Seeks Trial Changes

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — An attorney for a former doctor accused of killing four people with ties to an Omaha medical school has requested that his trial be moved and the jury sequestered.
The Omaha World-Herald reports Anthony Garcia's attorney Robert Motta Jr. made the request Friday, calling it a "necessary evil." But prosecutors say the move would be drastic and inconvenient.
Garcia is charged with first-degree murder in the 2008 deaths of Thomas Hunter, the 11-year-old son of Creighton University pathologist William Hunter, and Shirlee Sherman, the family's housekeeper, as well as the May 2013 deaths of Creighton pathologist Roger Brumback and his wife, Mary.
Authorities say Garcia was motivated by revenge for being fired from Creighton's pathology department in 2001.
A judge has taken the request under advisement.

County Health Officials Warn Of Smoke

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Eastern Nebraska health officials have issued a warning about the potentially harmful levels of smoke in the air from agricultural burning.
The health departments in both Lincoln-Lancaster and Douglas counties issued a health advisory Friday for people with asthma, lung disease and other respiratory or heart conditions. Health officials say the source of the smoke is fires in the Flint Hills area of Kansas, several hours south of the Omaha metro area.
The notice applies to adults as well as children, and anyone with these health issues are advised to stay indoors with doors and windows closed.
Lincoln-Lancaster air quality supervisor Chris Schroeder says the area will likely be blanketed in the smoke for several days.

Huron Police Investigating Vandalism

HURON (AP) — Authorities in Huron are investigating a rash of broken car windows around town.
Detective Casey Spinsby tells KELO-TV they've received around 20 reports of broken vehicle windows.
He says they're not confined to a specific area of the town and that a BB gun appears to have been used to break the windows.

Omaha Police Aim To Entice Recruits

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Omaha Police Department recruiters hope a new video showcasing various aspects of an officer's life will attract people from all walks of life.
Created by Officer Phil Hodges and his photography company partner, the Omaha World Herald reports that the two-minute "Answer the Call" video was released online at the end of March. Hodges took a cinematic approach to depict various aspects of police life, including vehicle and safety training exercises, medical instruction and patrol work.
Lt. Gregg Barrios, of the backgrounds investigations and recruiting unit, said the idea was to create a well-balanced video that displayed the diversity of officers and opportunities in the field. He hopes the footage will help the department with their summer recruitment push.

Voters Might Get Say On Property Moves

DEADWOOD (AP) — Deadwood residents vote Tuesday on whether to require a public vote before certain historic properties can be moved or demolished in the historic gambling town.
The measure would require public approval when it came to moving or destroying any property listed on the state or national Register of Historic Places. Right now, oversight of those properties rests with the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission.
The Black Hills Pioneer reports that some residents are concerned that more than a dozen buildings have been moved or demolished by commercial interests over the last 25 years.
City Commissioner Jim Van Den Eykel says he's concerned the measure erodes the elected body process.

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Experimental Plan For State Wards Advances

BY ANNA GRONEWOLD
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — A proposed experiment to pay private agencies to locate relatives of state wards has some Nebraska senators questioning the Legislature's role in overhauling the state's beleaguered Department of Health and Human Services.
Senators voted 26-0 Friday to advance a measure that would give \$1.5 million per year to private partners such as nonprofit family service Christian Heritage to find relatives or persons with significant emotional connections to the child. Proponents said the four-year pilot program could serve as a "best practices" example for what DHHS should do in the future to keep children out of foster care.
As of April 6, the state was responsible for 3,219 children in out-of-home placement, costing Nebraska \$38.1 million last year.
But some senators said the measure sets the wrong precedent by detailing to DHHS exactly how it should fix the state's troubled foster care system.
"We are getting more and more in

the weeds of how workers do their job," said Sen. Colby Coash of Lincoln.
"I want to make that part of the record, because at some point, when things go wrong, we won't be looking to the executive branch or the Department of Health and Human Services as to why they went wrong, we'll be looking right at ourselves."
Coash said he believes DHHS, which supports the bill, should have simply asked the Legislature for more money for family-finding services, rather than shifting those responsibilities to private contractors, even for a short time.
The bill's sponsor, Sen. Kate Bolz of Lincoln, said DHHS notifies extended family about children in the welfare system but currently lacks resources to engage and train for permanent placements.
Brad Brown, executive director of Christian Heritage, said DHHS does not have the time to invest in building support networks for children in the foster care system. Without those support systems, kids are at increased risk of homelessness and vulnerability to sex trafficking once they age out of the system.

A 2013 project between DHHS and Christian Heritage in the southeast service area of the state identified more than 100 children languishing in the system and began searches to identify and educate family members. Brown said in 78 percent of the cases, Christian Heritage found at least one relative willing to offer a permanent home, but that doesn't happen overnight.
"The time it takes to tell the story and how they can be involved, and (explain) the opportunity to be a part of that child's lifelong network of unconditional support: that just takes a lot of time," Brown said.
Sen. Kathy Campbell of Lincoln, health and human services committee chair, said she believes changes are coming from Gov. Pete Ricketts and new DHHS Chief Executive Officer Courtney Phillips, but the Legislature must begin to tackle the issue in the meantime.
"Until we can allow that time period to happen, we still need to protect our kids and find them a home with a relative or good friend or neighbor that's willing to step in," she said.

North Dakota Officials Expecting NAWS Legal Battle To Drag On

BY BLAKE NICHOLSON
Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. — North Dakota officials believe a federal study of a large Missouri River water project in the state has adequately addressed fears of environmental harm in the state of Missouri and the Canadian province of Manitoba.
However, they're still resigned to the likely continuation of a drawn-out legal fight that has already delayed the Northwest Area Water Supply project for more than a decade.
"I'd like for it to be concluded in the near future, but I'm not optimistic enough to think that that would be the case," said Tim Freije, NAWS project manager for the State Water Commission.
NAWS was first authorized by Congress in 1986. It is projected to bring Missouri River water to 82,000 people in northwestern North Dakota by 2060, if it is built. But Manitoba sued in 2002, when construction

began, over fears that it would result in the transfer of harmful organisms to its waters, and Missouri sued in 2009 over concerns about a depletion of river water. The river provides water to 3 million people in Missouri and is vital to the state's shipping and agriculture industries.
U.S. District Judge Rosemary Collyer in Washington, D.C., later combined the lawsuits and ordered more environmental study.
The final environmental report released by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation this week calls for the addition of filtration to previously recommended river water treatment methods of chlorination and ultraviolet disinfection. It also concludes NAWS would use less than 1 percent of the storage capacity in the Missouri River basin, and that potential effects of climate change on the river would more than offset project water withdrawals.
Manitoba water officials said they are still review-

ing the report, but Missouri appears ready to continue fighting NAWS.
"We remain committed to protecting the rights of Missourians who rely upon the river to transport agricultural products," Eric Slusher, spokesman for Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster, said in a statement to The Associated Press.
The lawsuit has not completely stopped the project.
Collyer has allowed some construction to take place, including pipeline construction up until about two years ago. About 240 miles of the planned 300 miles of pipeline are in the ground, and as many as 30,000 people are getting water — albeit treated groundwater through Minot's water plant until the river water treatment dispute is settled. After a 30-day public comment period on the government's environmental report, Interior Secretary Sally Jewell will issue a final decision to Collyer, who will then proceed with the lawsuit.

The more stringent water treatment called for in the final study would increase the cost of NAWS from \$207 million to \$244 million. The federal government's share is 65 percent, though if Congress does not appropriate the entire amount, it would fall on the state to make up the shortfall.
About \$116 million has been spent so far, according to Freije. Of that, \$52 million has come from the federal government, \$29 million from the state and \$35 million from a Minot city sales tax.
Sales tax proceeds currently are going to other uses such as infrastructure projects and property tax relief. With the expected rise in the cost of the NAWS project, "I fully expect our 1 cent sales tax will need to be directed back to NAWS for 3-5 years, dependent on sales tax collections," city Public Works Director Dan Jonasson said in an email.

Neb. Bill To Make Leadership Votes Public Rejected

BY GRANT SCHULTE
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — A conservative push to require Nebraska lawmakers to disclose how they voted in legislative leadership races was defeated again on Friday, with opponents casting it as an effort to settle political scores.
Supporters argued the measure would have promoted transparency, but opponents called it a back-door attempt to reshuffle debates over the same issue earlier this year. Lawmakers voted 31-15 to bracket the bill, killing it for the year.
The bill by Sen. Bill Kintner of Papillion also would have applied to school boards and city councils. Kintner said all votes by

elected officials should be open to public scrutiny beyond their votes on legislation. Unlike the majority of its votes, Nebraska lawmakers elect their speaker and committee chairmen every two years with a secret ballot.
"The public interest would be better served if the light of public scrutiny is shone on all public officials in Nebraska," Kintner said.
Opponents said the bill was politically motivated. Nebraska's one-house Legislature has no formal party structure or leadership, which has allowed Democrats to claim some committee chairmanships despite statewide Republican dominance.
Most Republicans in leadership positions are

moderates. Last year, despite a large GOP majority, Democrats held most of the Legislature's committee chairmanships. Kintner is a conservative Republican.
"I believe the intent of this legislation is to settle political scores," said Sen. Adam Morfeld of Lincoln.
Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha said the bill is likely unconstitutional and couldn't be enforced because it would impose restrictions on future Legislatures. Chambers ridiculed a proposed committee amendment that would have allowed the votes to be cast in secret but later disclosed as a public record.
"Other than the people who brought this bone-headed idea to the Legislature at the behest of the Republican

Party, I don't see how anybody on this floor can take this seriously," he said.
Speaker of the Legislature Galen Hadley of Kearney said the bill could set a bad precedent by allowing senators to re-introduce bills that were rejected earlier in the year.
When the Legislature convened in January and approved rules for the session, some conservative lawmakers tried to change the voting procedures to end the secret votes. That effort failed, so Kintner proposed it as a bill which is guaranteed a public hearing.
"I see this as a back-door way to get back to what we already did," Hadley said.

Tech Education Leader Is New MTI Pres.

MITCHELL (AP) — A longtime leader in technical education in the Dakotas is the new president of Mitchell Technical Institute in South Dakota.
The school has named Mark Wilson as its fifth president. He'll succeed Greg Von Wald, who is retiring after seven years leading the school with an annual enrollment of about 1,300 students.
Wilson is currently the president of Western Dakota Tech in Rapid City. He previously has served as director of South Dakota's Office of Career Learning and Instruction,

and as assistant director and state supervisor of technology for North Dakota's State Board for Career and Technical Education.
Wilson is credited with leading expansion projects at South Dakota's four technical schools during his time as a state official.
"Mark deserves a lot of credit for bringing career and technical education into focus at the state level," said Joe Graves, superintendent of Mitchell Public Schools and chairman of the presidential search committee.
Wilson holds degrees from

Valley City State University and the University of North Dakota. He begins his duties in Mitchell on July 1.

Wilson beat out about 50 other candidates for the job, according to The Daily Republic.



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