

SD Retirement System Assets Soar

PIERRE (AP) — The South Dakota Retirement System’s assets have grown to a record high after earning 19.5 percent on investments in the past year.

Managers say the Retirement System’s assets exceeded \$9 billion at the end of the last fiscal year on June 30.

Retirement System director Rob Wylie says preliminary calculations indicate the system is fully funded so its assets exceed all future potential benefits to be paid to retirees in state and local government agencies. That means retirees should get the maximum 3.1 percent cost of living increase next July.

State Investment Council Chairman Hugh Bartels, of Watertown, says final numbers are not compiled yet. But he says the South Dakota Retirement System’s investment return is expected to be tops in the nation among similar state pension plans.

Omaha Homicide Investigation Begins

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Authorities have identified the 22-year-old man found dead in northeast Omaha.

Officers were dispatched to the scene just after 7 a.m. Monday. A resident of the home noticed what looked like a pile of clothes just outside a garage but soon discovered the body of Curtis Bradford.

The Omaha man’s death is being investigated as a homicide. No arrests have been reported.

Vandals Strike Tribal Campus in RC

RAPID CITY (AP) — Vandals struck the Rapid City campus of United Tribes Technical College over the weekend, three days after the Bismarck, N.D.-based school held a grand opening celebration for its Black Hills Learning Center.

The vandals targeted doors and windows early Saturday and caused as much as \$75,000 in damage, according to property owner Hani Shafai. Police were investigating but did not immediately identify any suspects.

A \$5,000 reward is being offered for information that leads to an arrest, said Shafai, who is president of Dream Design International.

“Our community cannot tolerate this kind of activity,” he said.

The school is housed in the former National American University building. Officials with United Tribes Technical College, which is run by the five American Indian tribes in North Dakota, said the branch in the Black Hills of western South Dakota could provide much-needed skilled labor for the Bakken oil fields in western North Dakota.

Shafai said he hopes the completion of a street construction project near the campus will provide more access and better lighting to help deter future acts of vandalism, while bolstering safety for the college’s students and faculty.

Classes at the school are scheduled to begin Aug. 26.

1 Man Dead, 1 Arrested In GI Crash

GRAND ISLAND, Neb. (AP) — A 29-year-old man has died and another man was arrested after a crash south of Grand Island.

The Hall County Sheriff’s Department says the crash happened about 2 p.m. Monday on Highway 281 when 30-year-old Hermino Alamilla lost control of his car. The car entered a ditch and rolled several times before coming to rest.

The car was then hit by a pickup driven by 26-year-old Megan Brodrick, of Grand Island. She wasn’t hurt.

A passenger in the car died after being ejected during the crash. The sheriff’s department says the man was from Grand Island but didn’t immediately release his name.

Another passenger, 23-year-old Jose Coronado, wasn’t injured.

Alamilla was taken to a hospital for non-life threatening injuries. He was charged with driving under the influence and felony motor vehicle homicide.

Neb. Corn Development Still Lagging

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Cooler than normal weather across much of Nebraska and dry conditions are hampering the development of the corn crop.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says in Monday’s weekly report that warmer temperatures are needed in many areas to advance crop maturity.

The condition of dry land corn is rated at 45 percent good or excellent, compared with the 59 percent average.

Irrigated corn conditions stand at 79 percent good or excellent, compared with 75 percent average.

Corn pollination remains significantly behind schedule.

The USDA says 72 percent of soybeans are rated good or excellent, one percentage point better than the week before.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT RULES

A public hearing will be held at the Matthew Training Center, Foss Building, 523 East Capitol Ave, Pierre, SD on September 26, 2013 at 8:00 a.m., to consider the adoption of proposed rules numbered 12:22:03

The effect of the proposed rules will be to make changes to the value added sub fund rules upon moving the fund from the Governor’s Office of Economic Development to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture; through the South Dakota Value Added Finance Authority.

The reason for adopting the proposed rule is to enhance the program to fill the gaps in financing new project development for agricultural purposes.

Persons interested in presenting data, opinions, and arguments for or against the proposed rules may do so by appearing in person at the hearing or by sending written materials to the SD Department of Agriculture, 523 East Capitol, Foss Building, Pierre, South Dakota 57501. All written comments recieved before the date and time of the public hearing will be considered by the South Dakota Department of Agriculture.

After the hearing, the SD Department of Agriculture will consider all written and oral comments it receives on the proposed rules. The Secretary may modify or amend a proposed rule at that time to include or exclude matters that are described in this notice.

Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this hearing is being held in a physically accessible place. Please notify the SD Department of Agriculture at least 48 hours before the public hearing if you have special needs for which special arrangments must be made. The telephone number for making special arrangements is (605) 773-5436.

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained without charge from the South Dakota Department of Agriculture
Foss Building
523 East Capitol
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South Dakota

Capitol Window Work Begins

BY BOB MERCER
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PIERRE — The \$2.7 million renovation of the state Capitol’s 199 panels of antique stained glass began Monday, as the first pieces were carefully lifted from the beautiful center dome and lowered one at a time in a special protective crate to the rotunda floor 96 feet below.

The project will encompass much more than the rotunda, however. It is scheduled to take about 14 months and be completed by Oct. 1, 2014.

The target is that everything is back in place and looking as good as new or better for the 125th anniversary of statehood on Nov.2, 2014.

Conrad Schmitt Studios from New Berlin, Wisconsin, is leading the project. All of the glass will be transported to the studios near Milwaukee to be cleaned and repaired as necessary, while the soft lead frames will be replaced with stronger ones less likely to sag.

The glass has been in place since 1909 and there aren’t any records regarding the firm that did the original work or how it was done, according to Mike Mueller, an official for the state Bureau of Administration.

Mueller and state Commissioner of Administration Paul Kinsman briefed the Legislature’s Executive Board about the project Monday.

Kinsman said a goal is to install a new lighting system that will better show the glasswork. The old lighting system burned out and wasn’t replaced.

The first half of the work will focus on the rotunda glass. The second half of the project will start after the 2014 session of the Legislature concludes March 31. Altogether there are 4,400 square feet of stained glass to be removed, redone and reinstalled.

The post-March phase of

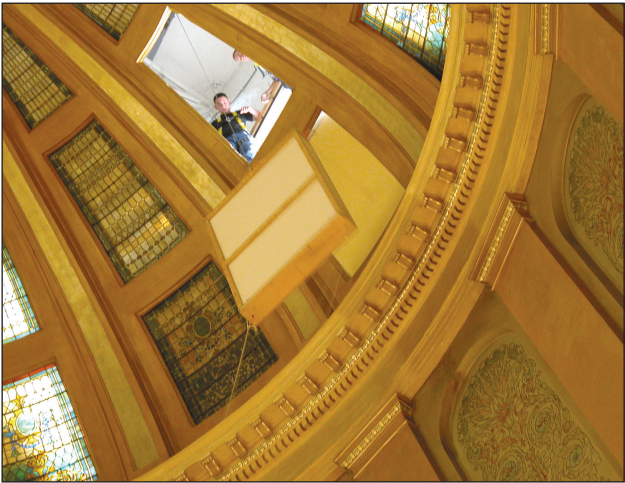


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Workers began removing panels of stained glass from the Capitol rotunda Monday as part of a 14-month, \$2.7 million project that will also remove, clean and renovate the stained glass in the roofs of the House and Senate chambers and the third-floor barrel over the grand staircase. Contractors are using a cradle and winch system for the rotunda panels. The box is winched from the second floor to the inside dome, where each panels is lifted from its support frame, placed in the box and sent down. One panel is moved per trip. The rebuilding of the panels will take place at a Milwaukee, Wis.-area specialty firm.

the work involves the stained glass ceilings of the House and Senate chambers on the third floor, as well as the barrel vault above part of the Capitol’s third floor above the grand staircase.

Colored panels of special plywood will be installed temporarily in each opening while the glass panels are out.

All of the legislators’ 105

desks and other furniture will be removed from the two chambers for up to six months next year while the work is performed on the House and Senate ceilings, according to Jim Fry, director for the Legislative Research Council.

Fry said a replacement plan for worn carpet in the

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