

## S&P Gives S. Dakota Positive Outlook

PIERRE (AP) — Standard & Poor's Ratings Services has changed its outlook on South Dakota's credit rating for the better.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard on Monday said the independent credit ratings firm revised its outlook from "stable" to "positive" on South Dakota's AA+ rating.

S&P cites the state's fully-funded pension program among the reasons for the outlook's improvement.

The agency says it could raise South Dakota's rating if the state continues to show "prudent fiscal management" over the next two years as it implements new rules to "meaningfully influence continued stability."

South Dakota earned its AA+ rating in 2011.

## SD Candidate Sues Secretary Of State

SIoux FALLS (AP) — Independent candidate for governor Mike Myers is suing to try to force South Dakota Secretary of State Jason Gant to certify a new running mate.

Myers picked Lora Hubbel as his running mate when his initial choice, Caitlin Collier, had family health issues.

South Dakota law allows nominees of political parties to be replaced on the ballot, but there's no such provision for independent candidates. Gant ruled earlier that Collier's name will remain on the ballot.

Myers says that isn't fair. He's asking U.S. District Judge Lawrence Piersol to order Gant to certify Hubbel.

Gant says he's bound by law, and he'll consult with the attorney general about the lawsuit. He says the issue of replacing independent candidates on the ballot ultimately is one the Legislature will have to resolve.

## Payment Is Sought For Diverted Water

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Four Nebraska farmers are demanding that the state compensate them for irrigation water that was diverted away from their crops to comply with the Republican River Compact.

The farmers allege in a lawsuit that their yields were lower last year because they were denied access to water that should have been stored in nearby dams and canals. Nebraska released the water downstream to Kansas to meet its obligations under the 1943 compact.

Dave Domina, an attorney for the farmers, argues that Nebraska is placing a statewide obligation on the backs of those farmers without reimbursing them for their losses. The farmers are seeking class-action status, which would increase the number of plaintiffs to more than 150.

The Nebraska attorney general's office will likely defend the state against the lawsuit.

## Man Fined For Videoing Naked Inmate

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A former jailer in Lincoln has been fined \$500 for making a video recording of a naked female inmate.

Online court records say 54-year-old Michael Going was sentenced on Friday. Going had pleaded no contest to attempted official misconduct after prosecutors lowered the charge.

Police say Going used his smartphone to record the 46-year-old woman on May 29 last year after she disrobed and sat naked in a holding cell at the Lancaster County Jail.

Going eventually lost his job.

## Deer Damage Prompts Hunting Request

ABERDEEN (AP) — Residents in parts of Aberdeen say deer are causing hundreds of dollars in property damage and that they want the city to consider limited hunting to deal with the nuisance.

Deer in the Rolling Hills subdivision are feeding on trees and bushes, rubbing bark off trees and eating garden vegetables and plants. Diane O'Connor estimates that she has lost about \$1,000 worth of trees to the deer.

Bill Winter, who lives near a golf course, told the *American News* that his neighbors have tried many methods of deterring deer but that the animals remain a problem.

"People have given up on gardens because of them," he said. Bill Bowen, who lives in the subdivision, said he plans to approach the City Council about the possibility of hunting within city limits.

## Erroneous Warning Sent For Neb. Nuclear Plant

BROWNVILLE, Neb. (AP) — Nearby residents received an alert telling them of problems at Cooper Nuclear Station in southeast Nebraska, but once again it was a false alarm.

Nebraska Public Power District said the National Weather Service sent the warning at 3:48 p.m. Sunday to Nebraska, Missouri and other cellphone users who have requested the service. A correction was sent at 4:01 p.m. assuring people that there was no emergency at the power plant alongside the Missouri River near Brownville.

The district said the weather service will broadcast alert messages to the media, various agencies and the public as part of its emergency response efforts with the states of Nebraska and Missouri and counties in both states.

Bryon Miller of the weather service office in Valley, Nebraska, said the message was sent during an upgrade to software templates Sunday in anticipation of an emergency drill later this week, and it was noticed within seconds.

It was caught before it was transmitted on weather radio,

Miller said. Also, he said, Facebook and Twitter postings didn't occur, but messages were posted later to tell people about the errant warning.

On July 24, an erroneous evacuation warning of a hazardous-material spill was broadcast once or twice over a siren speaker in Nemaha, a village of about 150 people situated near the plant some 60 miles from Omaha. The power district said its personnel were troubleshooting the computer system when the siren accidentally played the recorded message.

Miller did not know how many people received the errant warnings.

"Computer systems are supposed to make us more efficient, accurate and proactive in protecting the public. Unfortunately, they recently have caused confusion," said NPPD President and CEO Pat Pope in a news release. "NPPD asks the public around the plant for its patience and understanding. Work on these computer systems is being done to help — not hinder — our emergency planning and response activities."



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## Nebraska

# Psychiatric Hospital Won't Accept Convicted Killer

BY GRANT SCHULTE  
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — A state psychiatric hospital is refusing to accept a man who faces the death penalty for killing four people last year in Omaha, according to a letter Nebraska's health department released Monday.

The Lincoln Regional Center doesn't have adequate security or a bed for Nikko Jenkins, assistant attorney general James Smith said in the letter to a Douglas County district court judge. The Department of Health and Human Services, which is the facility's administrator, released the letter.

Jenkins was convicted of the slayings, but declared incompetent last month to face the sentencing portion of his case. In previous hearings, doctors from the Lincoln Regional Center have

testified that they believe Jenkins is feigning mental illness.

The center "does not have an available bed at the present time to admit the defendant for treatment within the restrictions of its hospital licensing requirements," Smith said in the letter. "Nor does it have the Department of Corrections' prison security for a convicted, multiple murderer who has been adjudged legally responsible for his crimes."

Judge Peter Bataillon had ordered Jenkins to the Lincoln Regional Center for treatment last month. On Monday, the judge set a new hearing to try to find a facility that can restore him to competency.

Bataillon said he wished hospital officials had made their intent known and suggested other options during a hearing last month.

"It would have been appreciated by this court that someone from the Lincoln Regional Center would have been present ... to advise this court of its intended refusal," Bataillon said in the Monday court filing.

The judge said he's willing to consider other options to treat Jenkins, including out-of-state facilities.

Jenkins pleaded no contest in April and was convicted in the shotgun deaths that occurred over a 10-day period after his release from prison last July.

Prosecutors say Jenkins planned the killings to cover up robberies of the victims or to keep them from identifying him. Jenkins insists that he doesn't remember the slayings but said an Egyptian god named Ahpophis ordered him in a foreign language to kill the four as human sacrifices.

## Anthrax Found In SD Bison, But There Are Few Concerns About Food Threat

BY KEVIN BURBACH  
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PIERRE — The year's first case of animal anthrax in South Dakota has been confirmed in a bison herd in the northern part of the state, which is home to the most domesticated bison on ranches in the country. But experts say there is little need to be alarmed because the threat to humans is minimal in the U.S. and most livestock are vaccinated.

Anthrax is found throughout the world, but it is rare in the U.S., according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In the Dakotas, where ranching is common, ranchers see a few cases each year in unvaccinated herds of cattle or other animals. The disease causes death in livestock quickly and without warning.

Here are some questions and answers about the illness:

**Q: What is anthrax and how does it make its way to livestock?**

A: Anthrax is an infectious disease caused by *Bacillus anthracis*, bacteria

whose spores lie dormant in soil and become active under extreme weather conditions such as drought or flooding, according to South Dakota's state veterinarian, Dustin Oedekoven.

Livestock grazing in areas where spores are present can get infected by consuming or breathing in the spores. Affected animals are often found dead with no prior illness outwardly detected, Oedekoven said. It can kill an affected animal in a matter of days, sometimes within 24 hours.

Veterinarians recommend quarantining unaffected animals and disposing of affected animals as quickly as possible to avoid spreading the disease to other animals. In South Dakota, carcasses of infected animals must be burned and buried at least 4 feet below the ground within 36 hours of death, and any livestock near an outbreak is quarantined for 30 days.

**Q: What happened in South Dakota?**

A: State examiners found a herd of unvaccinated bison to be infected on July 31, after ranchers in Dewey

County in the north-central part of the state found six dead bison at the same time, Oedekoven said. Although only a handful of cases are usually found each year, sometimes it can be more widespread. North Dakota saw an outbreak in 2005 that killed more than 1,000 animals, though the state's first and only case this year was detected about a month ago in a beef cow.

**Q: Can it be passed to humans or affect meat processed for human consumption?**

A: Typically, the only risk for humans from the disease in the U.S. comes from indirectly handling carcasses or fluids from affected livestock without protective clothing, which can result in a skin infection, Oedekoven said. Anthrax can be consumed through infected meat, but veterinarians say that isn't a concern in the U.S. and other developed nations where meat undergoes vigorous safety inspections. A gastrointestinal infection is more common in developing countries that have fewer food-safety regulations.

The CDC notes on its web-

site that humans can become infected by breathing in spores, or eating food or drinking water that has been contaminated, but that it's very uncommon in the U.S.

Anthrax has been weaponized in a form where the spore has been processed and ground up so it can be used as a biological weapon. However, naturally occurring anthrax is not found in this form.

**Q: Is the vaccination widely used?**

A: An effective anthrax vaccine is readily available through licensed veterinarians, but it takes about a week for immunity to take hold. State veterinarians encourage all ranchers — especially those in areas with a history of the disease — to vaccinate their livestock.

Oedekoven said most producers and ranchers employ the vaccine, but some often choose not to if several years have passed without an outbreak or if new ranchers are unfamiliar with the need to vaccinate.

The vaccine is inexpensive and highly effective, he said.

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