

## Bond Set At \$10K For Suspect

PIERRE (AP) — Bond has been set at \$10,000 cash for a Pierre man accused of kidnapping and assaulting his girlfriend and her young daughter.  
KCCR radio reports that 32-year-old Ervin Addison made his first court appearance Thursday, a day after his arrest. He did not immediately enter pleas. He's due back in court Sept. 9.  
Authorities say police were called to a local motel early Wednesday to investigate screaming from a room. Police say Addison had barricaded the door so his 25-year-old girlfriend and 6-year-old daughter could not leave. He's accused of hitting the girl and trying to choke his girlfriend.

## SD Anniversary Committees Established

PIERRE (AP) — Three more communities have established committees to help celebrate South Dakota's 125th anniversary of statehood.  
Gov. Dennis Daugaard says committees have formed in Scotland, Plankinton and Menno. They're planning various events in the lead-up to the Nov. 2 anniversary.  
President Benjamin Harrison on Nov. 2, 1889, signed the admission papers for both South Dakota and North Dakota. North Dakota became the 39th state and South Dakota the 40th.

## Worker On Project At SDSU Dies In Fall

BROOKINGS (AP) — The Occupational Safety and Health Administration is investigating the death of a masonry worker in a fall on the South Dakota State University campus.  
KELO-TV reports that Joey McKenzie died Wednesday while on the job with Bittner Masonry, a subcontractor for Sioux Falls Construction on the Architecture, Mathematics and Engineering Building project.  
Work on the project has ceased pending the OSHA investigation.

## Pedestrian Killed In Deadwood

DEADWOOD (AP) — A Lead man was struck and killed by a pickup truck while walking across U.S. Highway 14A in Deadwood.  
The Highway Patrol says 51-year-old Donald Spurling died about 9 p.m. Wednesday.  
Authorities say Spurling was not in a crosswalk when he was struck by the pickup driven by an 83-year-old Rapid City man. Neither of the two people in the pickup was hurt.  
The patrol and the Deadwood Police Department are continuing to investigate.

## Teen Accused Of Molesting Girl

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A 17-year-old boy has been accused of molesting a 7-year-old girl at a public swimming pool in Lincoln.  
The teen was charged Thursday with first-degree sexual assault in connection to the alleged incident on July 31 at Irvingdale Pool.  
The *Lincoln Journal Star* reports the girl told police that the teen approached her at the shallow end of the pool and put his hand down the front of her swimming suit and rubbed her.  
The teen was later taken to a youth detention center after a juvenile probation officer evacuated him.  
The Associated Press generally does not name juveniles accused of crimes.

## Wrongly Convicted Man Gets \$300,000

BEATRICE, Neb. (AP) — A trial judge has stood firm on the \$300,000 award to a man wrongly convicted in a 1985 murder.  
James Dean was among six people wrongfully convicted in the rape and murder of Helen Wilson of Beatrice.  
Last month, the Nebraska Supreme Court upheld a \$500,000 award to JoAnn Taylor, who had spent nearly 20 years in prison for Wilson's murder. But the high court reversed Dean's award, saying it was improperly based on the fact that he had spent less time in prison than Taylor.  
Judge Daniel Bryan Jr. on Friday ruled that Dean's \$300,000 will stand. Beatrice radio station KWBE says the judge explained that the \$500,000 cap set by state law for those wrongly convicted applies only if the person's actual damages exceed \$500,000.

## Court Recieves Campaign Law Case

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The Nebraska Supreme Court has revived the case against two utility employees accused of violating campaign laws.  
The Northwest Rural Public Power District employees are accused of using public money to pay for radio ads that questioned the cost-effectiveness of wind energy. The ads ran in 2010 after Michael Van Buskirk, a wind energy proponent, announced his candidacy for the utility's board.  
The Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission later fined the employees \$2,000 each, saying they violated state law by spending public money on campaign ads. The men appealed, and a judge in Lincoln County overturned the commission, saying the ads didn't mention the election or Van Buskirk's candidacy.  
But the Nebraska Supreme Court on Friday said the judge should consider whether the ads were intended to influence the election.

# New Avera Doctor To Work On African Ebola Outbreak

BY JON WALKER  
Argus Leader

SIoux FALLS — A physician joining the Avera McKennan staff will delay his arrival in Sioux Falls to travel first to West Africa to try to help block the spread of the deadly Ebola virus.  
Dr. David Porembka, 60, will see patients starting next week in Sierra Leone, one of four countries on Africa's Atlantic coast where the disease has killed about 1,000 people since April.  
Porembka, whose home is in Maineville, Ohio, was to be on his way to Sioux Falls to work in an entirely different setting, Avera's e-services hub, but decided Africa should come first.  
"I'm an intensive care physician. It's what I do. I work on the front line," he told the *Argus Leader* newspaper.  
Porembka has been working at MetroHealth Medical Center in the Detroit area and as a clinical professor of medicine at Michigan State University. He also worked seven years at Cleveland Clinic and 24 years at the University of Cincinnati. He will fly Sunday from Cincinnati to New York, Brussels and Freetown, the capital of Sierra Leone. He's expecting to be in Sierra Leone up to 10 weeks and then move to Sioux Falls by late fall.

He estimates he is one of a few dozen U.S. doctors going to Africa to assist with the outbreak. He is going as an independent consultant, he said, although his connection is through the World Health Organization in Geneva, which provided him with a letter of introduction to officials in Sierra Leone.  
Porembka spent the last few weeks receiving vaccinations against yellow fever and tetanus and taking pills for typhoid. He had his third round of rabies shots this week.  
In Sierra Leone, one of the world's poorest countries, he will be attempting to help identify who has Ebola, a disease with a mortality rate exceeding 70 percent.  
"My job is to aggressively support the care, to contain the infected area so it doesn't spread ... hoping it doesn't mutate in the meantime," he said. "I will be gowned up, head to toe, more than one layer."  
Dr. Mark Huntington, residency program director at the Center for Family Medicine in Sioux Falls, said Ebola has no treatment other than supportive care. Someone seeing a patient with Ebola would want to rehydrate the patient, using an IV if available to restore the body as much as possible and give the natural immune system a chance to

overcome the virus.  
"The key is isolation, making sure others are protected," Huntington said.  
Doctors going into such settings face a work environment that is very rustic, with limited labs, limited plumbing and electricity and often a host of cultural barriers.  
"Just existing can be a challenge. It's largely an act of mercy," Huntington said.  
Ebola, first discovered in 1976, spread initially by human contact with fruit bats and monkeys. It has spread since from person to person by contact with human blood and other bodily fluids.  
In Sioux Falls, Porembka will work at Avera's electronic hub on the north side of town. The center provides e-services to hospitals and clinics in the Upper Midwest and Great Plains. Avera has a national model for using e-care to address a shortage of doctors in remote areas, he said, and he wanted to be part of that, right after Sierra Leone.  
"This is a chance of a lifetime. I'm between jobs and going to South Dakota. It's like a door opened," he said.

## 2 Retire, 2 Suspended In Prison Sentencing Probe

BY GRANT SCHULTE  
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LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Two state attorneys have retired under threat of being fired and two others were suspended because of miscalculated sentences that allowed hundreds of inmates to leave prison before they should have, Gov. Dave Heineman said Friday.  
Department of Correctional Services general counsel George Green and associate legal counsel Sharon Lindgren chose to retire from their jobs rather than be fired, Heineman said.  
The announcement came during an investigation into the improper release of hundreds of inmates, including serial burglars and gang members. Emails released by the state revealed that department officials were aware of two Nebraska Supreme Court rulings that outlined how they should have calculated the sentences.  
"As I have stated, those responsible for these miscalculations will be held accountable," Heineman said at a news conference to announce the decision. "Their actions were inappropriate, inexcusable and irresponsible."  
Nebraska Department of Correctional Services director Michael Kenney said Green and Lindgren were notified of the state Supreme Court rulings by the attorney general's office, but did not follow the advice or notify the director.  
"It wasn't an action someone took — it was an action that people failed to take," Kenney said.

In addition, department records administrator Kyle Poppert was suspended without pay for two weeks. Associate legal counsel Kathy Blum was suspended without pay for one day. Kenney did not provide specifics of their actions, but said both shared some responsibility for the incorrect sentences.  
"Blum and Poppert received less harsh sanctions because they were found to be ... less culpable for mistakes being made," Kenney said.  
Emails also show that another former prison records employee, Jeannene Douglass, told Green and Poppert that recalculating the sentences to comply with the Nebraska Supreme Court would create a "real mess" and not serve the prisoners' best interests. Douglass retired before the sentencing mishap came to light.  
Kenney said his decision was based on an investigative report by a hired Lincoln law firm, which Heineman said will be released publicly once the full investigation is complete. It wasn't clear whether other employees would face discipline, although the governor said officials would act on any new information that surfaces.  
Heineman and Attorney General Jon Bruning announced earlier this month that they had requested a separate criminal investigation by the Nebraska State Patrol and the Lancaster County attorney's office in Lincoln. Bruning has said his office wasn't aggressive enough in following up to ensure the court rulings were followed.

## Capitol Bash To Celebrate North Dakota's 125th

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A bash at the state Capitol to celebrate North Dakota's 125th year of statehood will include the display of the pen that President Benjamin Harrison used to sign the admission papers for North Dakota and South Dakota in 1889.  
South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard is bringing the pen to Bismarck for the daylong celebration Saturday that will include entertainment, food, an art exhibit, crafts and children's activities.  
It's the first of two "signature" events to celebrate North Dakota's quasiquintennial. The second is planned Nov. 2 — the state's official birthday — to coincide with the grand opening of the expanded state Heritage Center museum on the Capitol grounds.  
North Dakota and South Dakota were both granted statehood on Nov. 2, 1889, when Harrison signed the admission papers for the two states. North Dakota became the 39th state and South Dakota the 40th.  
After the signing, Harri-

son handed the pen to a land agent named John Martin Ruggles. When Ruggles died in 1937, his son, Darwin, gave the pen to his neighbor, Adelaide Finsland, who in turn gave it to her son, Bob. In 1989, in commemoration of South Dakota's centennial, the Finsland family donated the pen to the South Dakota State Historical Society. It is on display at the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre.  
The pen will be on display Saturday at the North Dakota Heritage Center, starting at 10:30 a.m.  
Festivities will kick off at 11 a.m. with an opening ceremony featuring remarks by North Dakota Gov. Jack Dalrymple; Lt. Gov. Drew Wrigley; U.S. Sen. John Hoeven, R-N.D.; and Daugaard.  
South Dakota also is holding events this year to celebrate its 125th anniversary, including an event planned in the state capital of Pierre on Nov. 2.

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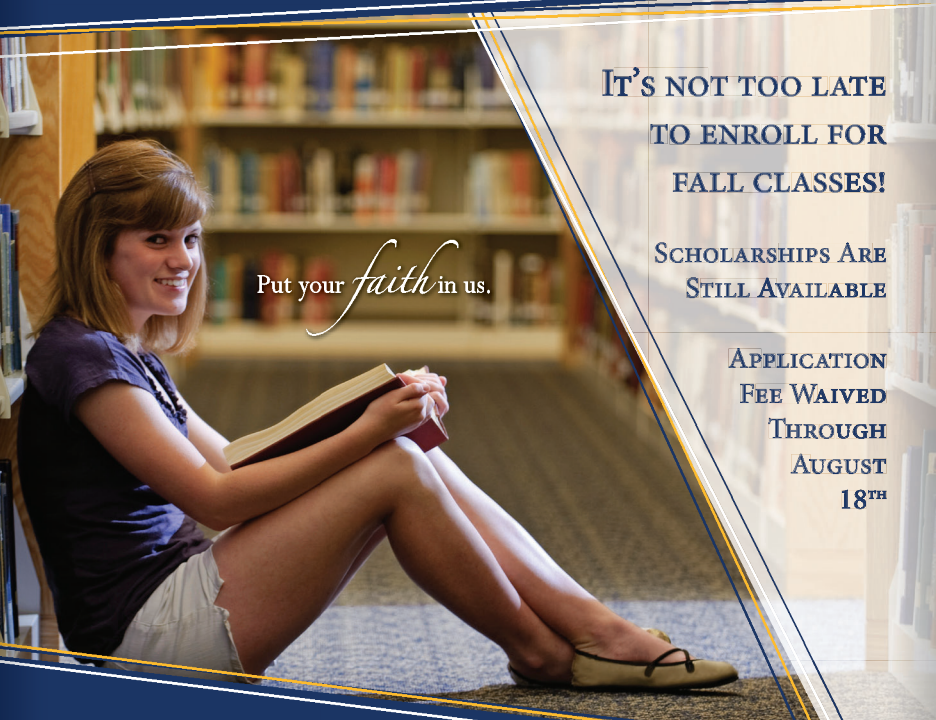


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