### 'Deadliest Catch' Captain Dies In Sturgis

STURGIS (AP) — Authorities say a man who has appeared as a ship captain on the Discovery Channel television program "Deadliest Catch" has died in Sturgis, South Dakota, during its famous motorcycle rally.

Meade County Sheriff Ron Merwin says he's waiting on autopsy results to help determine the cause of 50-year-old Tony Lara's death.

The sheriff says Lara died early Saturday morning at a private residence in Sturgis.

A message at a phone number associated with Lara

wasn't immediately returned. A post on the Discovery website describes Lara as a vet-

eran crab catcher. He appeared on the show at the helm of a boat called the Cornelia Marie.

#### **NE Seeks More Student Exchanges**

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Mexican Consul Guadalupe Sanchez Salazar said the outlook for more student exchanges in Nebraska is bright following the success of a program that brought eight students from Mexico to study English this

The students came to the U.S. as part of an initiative called Provecta 100.000, which was started by the Mexican government and aims to have 100,000 Mexican students studying in America by 2018. They spent most of last month in the intensive English program at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the *Omaha World-Herald* reported.

'We're hoping that this initiative will bring more Mexican students into UNO," said the college's international student adviser, Connor Willingham. "For UNO, the advantage is we have more diversity — we have more students from a country that normally doesn't have students come up here.'

Willingham said around four Mexican students are enrolled as regular international students at the Omaha college. Despite its proximity to the U.S., Mexico sends fewer students to the school than countries farther away, such as Saudi Arabia, Oman, South Korea and Japan.

Salazar said she's in discussions with several other Nebraska colleges to bring Mexican students there. Sending students to the U.S. to learn English and other skills benefits Mexico's economic and social development, she said.

The students return to Mexico and use the skills gained over the course of their study abroad. They also offer American students the chance to practice Spanish and learn more

"They come not only to study, but also to share the cultural richness of their country," she said.

### **Jackley Explains Proposed Amendments**

PIERRE (AP) — Attorney General Marty Jackley has released explanations for two proposed constitutional amendments.

One would expand rights for crime victims in South Dakota. The other would cap loan interest rates at 18 percent annually unless the borrower agreed to a higher rate in writing. It also says no law capping interest rates is valid unless the borrower can agree to a different rate.

Jackley's filing with the secretary of state's office is another step in the process for proposal supporters to get the proposals on the November 2016 ballot. Once they file required paperwork with the secretary of state's office, supporters can begin pursuing the necessary 27,741 signatures

Jackley's explanation is required by law.

### **Police Investigate Armed Casino Robbery**

RAPID CITY (AP) — Police are investigating an armed robbery at a Rapid City casino.

Authorities say police received a call shortly before 3 p.m. Monday about a man who brandished a handgun at the business on St. Patrick Street and demanded money from the

The suspect fled with an undetermined amount of cash.

## **Nebraska District Settles Over Boy Reported To Social Agency**

NORTH PLATTE, Neb. (AP) — A Nebraska school board has reached a settlement with two employees who said they were told to check with parents before reporting suspected child abuse.

The agreement was posted on Monday's North Platte School Board meeting agenda.

The dispute began when a student arrived at Madison Middle School in late March with a scratch on one side of his face, a black, soot-like substance on the other, and unkempt hair. The student also appeared thirsty and hungry, according to a complaint filed by the educators.

Teacher Christie Copper and guid-ance counselor Stephen Spiehs contact-ed a school resource officer and a child welfare agency. The school's principal later emailed the two employees, saying that the child's father was "extremely displeased" about getting a phone call from police without notification.

Copper and Spiehs said the principal told them that in the future, they should first contact a child's parents

unless the child faced immediate

The North Platte Education Association, representing Copper and Spiehs, filed complaints alleging that the order violated state law, and that the district retaliated against them after they filed an employee grievance.

The complaints asked a judge to declare that the order could have a chilling effect on teachers, and that school officials retaliated by accusing them of insubordination when they filed a grievance. Insubordination can result in disciplinary action, including being fired.

The group also asked a judge to declare that a district can't require teachers to first contact parents as a condition of fulfilling their legal duties. Nebraska law requires doctors, nurses, school employees and social workers to report suspected abuse and neglect, and failure to do so could result in a jail sentence and a \$500 fine.

The settlement acknowledged that the employees complied with the district's procedures, and said the board intends to provide training to staff and administrators.

"The safety and security of all students is a paramount concern of (the district) and our staff," the settlement said. "The Board of Education expects our staff ... to report circumstances where they have reasonable cause to believe that a child has been subjected to child abuse and neglect."

As part of the settlement, the North Platte Education Association agreed to dismiss its complaints.

North Platte Schools Superintendent Ron Hanson said the settlement will be read aloud at Monday's meeting.

"It clears up a lot of misunderstandings about this whole event," he said. "I think everyone is ready to move on from the experience.

# **Project Aims To Find Way To Keep Trash Out Of Misouri River**

PIERRE (AP) — A group that promotes environmental protection and outdoor recreation is creating a pilot program in South Dakota to try to keep trash out of the Missouri River.

The Izaak Walton League is using a \$10,000 grant from the South Dakota Community Foundation to fund the effort in Pierre, Fort Pierre and Yankton.

The group holds annual river cleanup events. Volunteers in the Pierre area pick up an average of 2.5 tons during

the events since they started in 2009. "We thought we'd hit the top of the

bell curve," Regional Conservation Director Paul Lepisto told the Capital Journal. "But we've been at the same level the whole way.
"This is probably something I should

have done the first year we did the cleanups," he said.

The new project is aimed at preventing trash from getting into the river in the first place by educating the public about how it happens. Other groups such as Missouri River Relief, a Missouri-based organization that holds river cleanup events, have found that

storm sewers tend to be the biggest culprit, according to Lepisto.

'Something in the gutter today is in the river tomorrow," he said.

The pilot program will be conducted over two years. Success will be measured by whether the amount of trash collected during cleanup events drops. If it's successful, Lepisto hopes to see the program expand to other cities.

### Man Dies After Crash In Western NE

SIDNEY, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska authorities say a 47-year-old California man has been killed in an Interstate 80

The Nebraska State Patrol says the accident occurred around 9:45 a.m. Sunday, about six miles east of Sidney in the Nebraska Panhandle. The patrol says Kenneth Berry, of Pomona, California, was driving west in a semitrailer when it crossed the median, went through the eastbound lanes, up an embankment and across a county road before coming to rest in a field.

Cheyenne County Attorney Paul Schaub (shahb) says Berry was ejected from the vehicle. He was flown to a Scottsbluff hospital and pronounced dead later.

## **Police Investigating Death** Of Infant As Homicide

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — Sioux Falls police said ing, and he didn't call 911, he didn't call for an of an infant as a homicide.

Court documents show that Kayleigh Joy Schumm's injuries were the result of "inflicted trauma" and not something that is consistent with an accidental event. The 2 1/2-week-old baby died on Thursday, about 24 hours after she was hospitalized.

The girl's father, Michael Schumm, 20, has been charged with abuse and neglect. The charges stem from the 24 minutes that elapsed from the moment the infant started having breathing problems to the time an emergency call was placed, police spokesman Sam Clem-

"He knew that there was something wrong with the baby where the baby wasn't breath-

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Schumm did not call for help until the infant's mother arrived home from shopping, according to police.

Police have not been able to find Schumm, who is also charged with possession of marijuana. More than 59 grams of marijuana and other drug paraphernalia were found in the apartment, police said. Schumm allegedly told investigators he smoked marijuana daily to

relieve stress, but had not smoked pot that day. Clemens said autopsy results will not be available for several weeks.

"We're still investigating the matter," Clemens said. "We're still working on determining what led up to this and what happened to cause







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