

MIDWEST DIGEST

Neb. College Suspends Security Director

PERU, Neb. (AP) — Peru State College has suspended its security director amid the search for a missing student.

Steve Mercure, attorney for Les Stonebarger, told the *Lincoln Journal Star* that the suspension levied last week was a “hasty decision.” He declined to explain the reason for Stonebarger’s suspension.

A message left for Mercure by The Associated Press Wednesday wasn’t immediately returned. His office says he’s out of the office until Monday.

A Peru State release says the college doesn’t comment on personnel matters.

Tyler “Ty” Thomas, a 19-year-old freshman from Bellevue, was last seen Dec. 3.

A South Carolina man, Joshua Keadle, faces charges of providing false information and tampering with evidence in Tyler’s disappearance. He’s being held on \$950,000 in a sex assault case involving another student.

Mitchell Petitions On Zoning Change Rejected

MITCHELL (AP) — The city finance officer rejected petitions to force an election on the zoning of a new convenience store in Mitchell.

Finance Officer Marilyn Wilson said they weren’t in the correct form, but she declined to elaborate until after an official review is completed.

The zoning change opens the door to potential alcohol sales at the store.

According to the *Mitchell Republic*, opponents have said zoning rules citywide might be jeopardized by allowing the convenience store to sell beer in a residential area.

So.Dakota Gets Share Of DirecTV Settlement

PIERRE (AP) — Attorney General Marty Jackley said South Dakota will get \$185,000 as its share of a multistate settlement with DirecTV.

The California-based satellite TV provider has agreed to pay \$13.25 million to settle allegations of deceptive and unfair sales practices. The money will be divided among the 50 states.

The company agreed to alter its business practices. Some consumers may be eligible for a refund from DirecTV.

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Survivor Recalls 1983 Fall From St. Paul Bridge

BY JOHN BREWER

St. Paul Pioneer Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Joe LaBrosse and four friends were crossing the Lafayette Bridge on a snowy December night in 1983 when the driver lost control.

The concrete barrier between the car and the edge of the bridge had been piled with snow from plows and was more of a ramp than a barricade, LaBrosse recalled Tuesday.

The large sedan shot up the snow embankment and teetered over the edge.

“It hesitated momentarily,” said LaBrosse, 54, of West St. Paul. “We all looked at one another with scared looks on our faces, and then we tipped over and fell ... to the parking lot below.”

His girlfriend was next to him in the front seat; she died. Another passenger was paralyzed on his right side. LaBrosse and two other women were treated at hospitals.

When LaBrosse read about the Sunday morning plunge of driver Mary Kay Jungbauer off the same St. Paul bridge over the Mississippi River, he thought, “Not another one.”

LaBrosse’s crash and that of two others between 1976 and this weekend all happened when drivers lost control of their cars and shot over the 32-inch high barriers lining the U.S. 52 span.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation said the bridge is safe and the barrier height is standard for all bridges — drivers just need to take their time when weather is bad.

“In the course of 35 years, it’s happened three times,” said MnDOT spokesman Kent Barnard. “It’s not like it’s happening all the time.”

“Ramping” — the piling up of snow along the barriers — happens during big storm events as a normal part of plowing snow from the bridge roadway, said Duane Green Jr., MnDOT’s maintenance operation engineer in charge of structures.

The ramped snow is eventually hauled away as part of normal cleanup, Green said, but can pose a short-term risk on bridges during bad weather.

“It makes safety features ineffective, or less effective, anyway,” he said, cautioning that the “general public still needs to drive appropriately for the conditions of the roadway.”

Jungbauer, 49, of West St. Paul remains in critical condition at Regions Hospital. It is not known what caused her vehicle to leave the bridge and fall about 25 feet to the ground near the downtown St. Paul end of the bridge.

In another past accident, reports said the driver lost control on ice and launched over the barrier.

On Jan. 4, 1976, two St. Paul men died when

their car hit ice near the downtown end of the bridge and plunged to the ground below. About 4 inches of snow had fallen during the days leading up to the accident, weather records show.

LaBrosse went over the bridge on Dec. 20, 1983, close to its downtown end, near the site of last weekend’s accident. Some 16 inches of snow had fallen in the days before the accident.

Killed was Michele Ries, 22, of Inver Grove Heights.

LaBrosse said he settled with the state for a small amount after the accident, and added that suits by two other passengers didn’t go anywhere after the courts ruled that the state did an appropriate job of clearing the roadway.

The bridge, completed in 1968, is due for a \$130.4 million reconstruction beginning in January. The project is because of the bridge’s age, MnDOT said, not due to any safety issues.

One improvement will be a wider shoulder, said Jennie Read, north area engineer with MnDOT. The current Lafayette Bridge shoulder is about 3 to 4 feet wide; new shoulders will be 12 feet wide, which should provide more of a buffer between the road and the edge of the bridge for motorists, she said.

The new bridge is scheduled for completion by 2014.

Iowa Lawmakers At Odds Over State-Funded Preschool

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — A debate is shaping up over the benefits of Iowa’s state-funded voluntary preschool program for four-year-olds with Republicans questioning its value and Democrats saying it’s critical.

The *Des Moines Register* said legislative leaders took different sides on Wednesday during a legislative forum sponsored by

IowaPolitics.com.

“It’s very, very questionable where there is any benefit,” said Senate Minority Leader Paul McKinley, a Republican.

He said the state should cut spending for the program and use the remaining money to give parents a choice between public and private preschools.

Democrats control the Senate,

and Senate President Jack Kibbie says Democrats will protect the program.

Republican Rep. Linda Upmeyer, who will be the majority leader in the House, also criticized the subsidized program, saying the state is struggling to afford it when it’s likely not worth it.

Upmeyer said arguably, low-income children get the biggest

benefit from preschool, but those children were already being served through other early childhood education programs before the state-funded program was created.

State education department officials have said the purpose of the program is to increase the number of Iowa children participating in quality preschool.

OBITUARIES

Gertrude Gleason

Gertrude (Trudy) Lucille Gleason, age 84, of Yankton, and formerly of Tyndall, SD, died early Tuesday morning, December 14, 2010 at the Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton, SD.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, December 18, 2010 at St. Leo’s Catholic Church, Tyndall, SD with Rev. Gerald Thury officiating. Burial will be in the parish cemetery, Tyndall, SD.

Visitations will be 5 to 7 p.m. Friday evening at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a rosary at 7:00 p.m. followed by a Scripture service at 7:30 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church in Tyndall, SD.

Pallbearers will be her grandchildren Steven Kostal, Dean O’Donnell, Douglas Kostal, Mark



Gleason

O’Donnell, Susan Soukup and Jeremy Soukup.

Gertrude (Trudy) McIntosh was born April 30, 1926 to Thomas and Gertrude (Kukku) McIntosh on the

family farm near Springview, NE. Trudy and her twin, Tommy, were the youngest of 15 children. Working as a waitress in Winner, SD, she met Patrick Gleason. They were married in May 1945 and moved to Tyndall. Two daughters were born to this union, Patricia and Michaelen. After her husband’s death in 1960, Trudy did babysitting and house cleaning and also operated the answering service for the funeral home for several years. She is fondly remembered for her loving commitment she gave

her daughters. Her happiness revolved around her family. She fondly referred to her grandchildren as “all of her little ones”.

Trudy is survived by her daughters, Pat (Bob) Schindt of Irene, SD and Mikie (Jerry) Kollars of Crofton, NE; five grandchildren: Steven (Marcia) Kostal, Dean (Veronica) O’Donnell, Douglas (Erika) Kostal, Mark (Nikki) O’Donnell, Susan (Jeremy) Soukup; and 10 great grandchildren. Preceded in death were her husband, her parents, one great grandson, and all of her brothers and sisters.

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Online condolences at:
www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com

Dorothea Albrecht

FREEMAN — Dorothea Albrecht, 99, of Freeman passed away Tuesday at the Oakview Terrace in Freeman.

Dorothea Schamber married Fred Albrecht in 1936. Fred died in 2001.

Survivors include her son Robert (Doris) of Freeman; daughters Myrna (Herb) Huber of Freeman and Karen Dirkson of Sioux Falls; 13 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren; brothers Gerhard (Darlene) Schamber of Freeman, Herman (Frieda) Schamber of Yankton; sisters Ruth Preheim and Helen Schamber both of Freeman and Anita Davis of Custer; sisters-in-law June Schamber and Della Jungen both of Freeman.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. on Friday at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Freeman with burial in the Freeman City Cemetery.

Visitation will begin at 5 p.m. on Thursday at Walter Funeral Home in Freeman with the family present from 7-8 p.m.

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Clifford Daniels

ANDOVER, Kan. — Clifford D. Daniels, 84, died December 14, 2010 at the Kansas Medical Center, Andover.

He was born October 14, 1926 in Broomfield, MN, the son of Carl and Nellie Chelsvig Daniels. A resident of Kansas since 2004, he had

previously lived in Mission, TX for 15 years and Colorado Springs, CO for 25 years. He was the owner of Big D Trucking, Colorado Springs, CO. When retiring in 1986, he worked for the Corps of Engineering at Big Hill Lake, Cherryvale, KS, for 5 years. He loved to work on his yard and make rugs. He married Gwen on April 3, 1976 in Colorado Springs, CO. She survives.

Other survivors include 3 sons, Michael and Dean Daniels, both of Yankton, SD and Karl Daniels, Colorado Springs, CO, 3 daughters, June Fitch, Mission Hill, SD, and Lauri Leyden, and Susan Sherman, both of Yankton, SD, a step son, Casey Price, Hutchinson, a step daughter, Charlotte Hutchinson, Hutchinson, 2 brothers, Harold Daniels, Glenwood, MN and Arthur Daniels, Sauk Rapids, MN, a sister, Myrel Jaeger, Brainerd, MN, and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Margaret Kostal, four brothers, Jerry, Nat, Alva, and Ronnie Daniels, and a sister, Pearl Rust.

Cremation is planned. Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday at Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home and

Crematory, Hutchinson. Private inurnment will take place at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association, in care of Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home and Crematory, Hutchinson. To leave a message for the family, visit: www.PenwellGabelHutchinson.com.

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Annaleen Zimmermann

VERMILLION — Annaleen L. Zimmermann, 85, of Vermillion, SD passed away Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at the Sanford Vermillion Hospital.

Annaleen Ladwig was born December 31, 1924 in Craig, IA to Herman and Lena (Gerhards) Ladwig, she graduated from Ireton High School in Ireton, IA, and married Richard Zimmermann on July 15, 1944 in Astoria, OR.

She was a member of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League, and the VFW auxiliary.

She is survived by her three sons: James (Mary Ann) of Coralville, IA, Richard (Joni) of Stillwater, MN and Dennis (Mary

Kay) of Vermillion, five grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Richard and a brother Ellwood Ladwig.

Funeral services will be 11:00 am Saturday, December 18, at the Concordia Lutheran Church in Vermillion with burial to follow in the Bluffview Cemetery in Vermillion. Visitation will begin at 5:00 pm Friday with a prayer service at 7:00 pm all at the Hansen Funeral Home in Vermillion. Online condolences and obituary: hansenfuneralhome.com.

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Marcella Voigt

TYNDALL — Marcella “Marci” Christena Voigt, formerly of Miller, died on her 85th birthday, Tuesday, December 14 at the Tyndall Good Samaritan Center.

Visitation with the family present will be Friday, December 17 at the Rembold Funeral Home from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 18 at the First United Methodist Church in Miller with Rev. Mary Ann Sheldon officiating. Burial will be at the G.A.R. Cemetery. Friends and family may sign Marci’s online register at www.remboldfuneralhome.com.

Marcella Christena Lippert was born December 14, 1925, at Parkston, SD to Edward and Christine (Mudder) Lippert. Marci graduated from Avon High School and later Southern State College in Springfield, SD.

On October 7, 1943, Marcella

married Newton D. Voigt. To this union two children were born.

Marci taught school in Parkston for 6 years and later in Miller for 30 years until her retirement in 1992. She had a passion for teaching and thoroughly enjoyed all her students. She was also known for being a beautiful seamstress. Her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were very important to her and always made her smile.

Survivors include her daughter, LaDonna (Steve) Speirs of Yankton, SD; four grandchildren, Christena (Scott) Schultz of Emery, SD, Scott Voigt of Huron, SD, Brooks Speirs of Denver, CO, Sondra (David) Naber of Wessington, SD; 9 great grandchildren; 6 siblings, Leola Lukkes of Tyndall, SD, Darlene Baumiller-Zangle of Mitchell, SD, Elroy (Ruth) Lippert of Parkston, SD, Elwood (Janet) Lippert of Yankton, SD, Danelda (Francis) VanDuysen of Wagner, SD, and Eldean (Gloria) Lippert of Yankton, SD; Sisters-in-law, Amelia (Bill) Rattray of Centralia, WA and Shirley Voigt of Clearbrook, MN; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Newton D. Voigt, son Lewlyn Voigt, brothers-in-law, Lewis Baumiller, Harvey Zangle, Cornelius Lukkes, and Dwight Voigt.

Rembold Funeral Home of St. Lawrence has been entrusted with Marci’s arrangements.

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