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Holding The Line?

Analysis: SD Budget Is Still Clouded By Uncertainty

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PIERRE — On Tuesday afternoon, Denis Daugaard delivers his fourth round of budget recommendation as governor to the Legislature. The bumpiness in South Dakota's economy points to more of his trademark frugality.

South Dakota is long past the 2007-2009 national recession, but taxable sales in the state still haven't hit consistent stride. The lessons haven't been forgotten from five



Daugaard

years ago, when non-farm employment and government revenue suddenly plunged.

Gov. Mike Rounds ended his two terms in December 2010 by recommending 5 percent cuts. Daugaard began his first term as governor in January 2011 by calling for, and

getting, 10 percent budget cuts throughout most of state government.

Times are certainly better now in much of South Dakota's economy.

The state Bureau of Finance and Management's most-recent monthly report on economic conditions that was issued in October reflected the improved conditions.

"South Dakota's total non-farm employment was higher in 2012 than the peak employment level that was reached before



IMAGE: METRO GRAPHICS

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Decorate with the ones you love this Christmas!

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23 shopping days to Christmas

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Local State Prison Escapee Captured In SF

From P&D Staff Reports

A state prison inmate who was reported missing from the Yankton Minimum Unit Friday night was captured Saturday in Sioux Falls.

According to television station KELO, Frederick Little was back in custody after a standoff with law enforcement in a Sioux Falls apartment.



Little

The standoff began at approximately 3:45 p.m. Saturday when police responded to a report of an unwanted male in an apartment at Third St. and Elmwood Ave. Police said they found Little with a gun. A woman and two small children were also in the apartment. They left unharmed.

SWAT members subsequently surrounded the building. After a few hours of negotiation, Little surrendered at 7:45 p.m.

Little was scheduled to return to the Yankton Minimum Unit from his work release job by 6:30 p.m. Friday. When he failed to return on time, escape procedures were enacted.

Little, 26, is currently serving a 10-year sentence out of Tripp County for Grand Theft and a 3-year sentence out of McCook County for 3rd degree burglary.

One Shirt, One Message



DEREK BARTOS/P&D

Members and leaders of Journey Student Ministries at the First Assembly of God Church in Yankton are shown with their "my1shirt" T-shirts. The shirts will be worn each day for 30 days in an effort to raise awareness and funding for poverty-stricken individuals all over the world.

Church Project Aims To Raise Awareness Of Poverty

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Wear a shirt. Save a life. That's the goal of several members of Journey Student Ministries at the First Assembly of God Church in Yankton.

For 30 consecutive days, 21 students and youth leaders are wearing the same T-shirt all day, every day as part of the "my1shirt" campaign. Those who are participating are hoping to personally identify with poverty-stricken individuals throughout the world, as well as bring awareness to and raise funding for those in need.

"Even though it's going to be pretty inconvenient for the students, we thought it was very valuable for them to try to experience something that other people go through every day," said youth pastor Annette Roux.

The "my1shirt" campaign began in 2010 in Minnesota as the result of a high school student's effort to help others around the world. The cause is particularly focused on the "10/40 window," which refers to a general area between 10 and 40 degrees north of the equator.

"About 85 percent of the people there are in extreme poverty, and most of the people there only own one shirt," Roux said.

Since its inception, "my1shirt" has spread to other states, including South Dakota this year, she said.

"It's really caught on and inspired students," Roux said. "Our students just loved the idea and got really excited about it."

The students are hoping to raise awareness for their cause by wearing the same shirt each day to draw attention to themselves. Then, when asked about their clothing, they can offer more information about global needs, as well as their faith.

"It's giving me an opportunity to reach out to my school in a new way," said Yankton High School junior Hailey Baugh.

Participants are striving to wear the shirt throughout each entire day, but there are exceptions, Roux said. If different dress is required, such as a uniform for work, or a circumstance arises where it is inappropriate to

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Four Dead, Dozens Hurt In NYC Train Derailment

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NEW YORK — A New York City commuter train rounding a riverside curve derailed Sunday, killing four people and injuring more than 60 in a crash that threw some riders from toppling cars and swiftly raised questions about whether excessive speed, mechanical problems or human error could have played a role.

Some of the roughly 150 passengers on the early morning Metro-North train from Poughkeepsie to Manhattan were jolted from sleep around 7:20 a.m. to screams and the frightening sensation of their compartment rolling over on a bend in the Bronx where the Hudson and Harlem rivers meet. When the motion stopped, all seven cars and the locomotive had lurched off the rails, and the lead car was only inches from the water. It was the latest accident in a troubled year for the nation's second-biggest commuter railroad, which had never experienced passenger death in an accident in its 31-year history.

Joel Zaritsky was dozing as he traveled to a dental convention aboard the train. He woke up to feel his car overturning several times.

"Then I saw the gravel coming at me, and I heard people screaming," he told The Associated Press, holding his bloody right hand. "There was smoke everywhere and debris. People were thrown to the other side of the train."

In their efforts to find passengers, rescuers shattered windows, searched nearby woods and waters and used pneumatic jacks and air bags to peer under wreckage. Crews planned to bring in cranes during the night to right the overturned cars on the slight chance anyone might still be underneath, National Transportation Safety Board member Earl Weener said.

The agency was just beginning its search into what caused the derailment, and Weener said investigators had not yet spoken to the train conductor, who was among the injured.

Meanwhile, thousands of people braced for a complicated Monday morning commute, with shuttle buses ferrying passengers to another line.

Investigators were due to examine factors ranging from the track condition to the crew's performance. Gov. Andrew Cuomo said the track did not appear to be faulty, leaving speed as a possible culprit for the crash. The speed limit on the curve is 30 mph, compared with 70 mph in the area ap-

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New Blood At Stockmen's

New Ownership Takes Over At Yankton Market

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The average age of a South Dakota producer is 57 and climbing, according to the state Department of Agriculture.

And Kiley Hammond wants to do something about it.

"It is crucial in these times to not only promote and protect the producers we have, but to encourage the young producers to grow, as well," he said.

As the new owner and general manager of Stockmen's Livestock Market in Yankton, Hammond said he's going to do the best

way he knows how.

"This might sound staged, but the one thing I've always been interested in is getting the best for the producers," he said. "Without them prospering, none of us would have jobs."

Hammond said such an attitude is crucial for helping the next generation of producers succeed and grow.

"If we don't get the top dollar for the producers, we're not doing a good job for them. And if they have to take less, they might quit the business," he said. "If we

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KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Kiley and Jennifer Hammond are taking over as the new owners of Stockmen's Livestock Market in Yankton. The Hammonds purchased the market in October from Gail Sohler, who sold the business after more than a half-century of ownership.