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U Search Leads To N.J. Bust

Portion Of USD Facility Evacuated After 'Possibly ... Explosive' Material Found

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VERMILLION - A student with an alleged connection to the partial evacuation of USD's Coyote Village has been arrested in New Jersey.

Elan Haba, 19, a sophomore on the Rutgers-Newark campus in Newark, N.J., was arrested Tuesday night and faces charges including theft, and possession of fireworks and a prohibited weapon. A resident of North Caldwell, N.J., Haba was

brought to the attention of the authorities by offi-

cials from the University of South Dakota after a room check at Coyote Village uncovered items USD's manager of media relations described as being "possibly considered explosive in nature.'

According to The Associated Press, the USD authorities said that Haba had an alleged connection to the student in question.

A dorm on the Rutgers-Newark campus was evacuated Wednesday while the FBI searched for further potentially hazardous substances relating to Haba, who has been released to his parents, the AP said.

The series of events began Tuesday when Coyote

Village staff members were inspecting a room that had been vacated by a former student and found the suspicious items, Carter said.

Campus police and the Vermillion Police Department were notified, and authorities from Sioux Falls also appeared on the scene.

As depicted in a photo posted on campus newspaper *The Volante's* website, a "bomb squad" vehicle was among those parked outside Coyote Village during the search of the room.

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FILE PHOTO: VERMILLION PLAIN TALK The University of South Dakota's Coyote Village living facility in Vermillion was partially evacuated Tuesday night when mysterious items were discovered in a vacated room.

S.D. Panel Approves Bonus Proposal

BY CHET BROKAW Associated Press

PIERRE - Gov. Dennis Daugaard's plan to give bonuses to the state's top teachers was endorsed Wednesday by a South Dakota House committee after supporters said it would lead to better teachers and improved

ment

student achieve-

Committee voted

The Education



11-4 along party lines to send the measure to the full House. All Republicans supported the plan, while Democ-Daugaard rats opposed it

Democrats said merit pay never works in schools, but Republicans argued the proposed bonuses should eventually improve the



RAISING THE BAR FOR SPACE

RANDY DOCKENDORF/P&D

Scotland students try their hand — or rather, their backs and legs — at the limbo during an activity period in the gymnasium. School officials say the gym sees continuous use from early morning to late night, and the district is studying whether to build an auxiliary gym to meet both school and community needs.

Scotland School Officials

Mt. Marty To **Celebrate New Beginnings**

Benoit To Be Officially Installed Friday As School's Ninth President

BY SHAUNA MARLETTE shauna.marlette@yankton.net

Mount Marty College (MMC) is ready to celebrate new beginnings, a new president and a new relationship with the community.

The Yankton campus has been celebrating Mount Marty Gras this week and will culminate the activities with the inauguration of the Dr. Joseph N. Benoit as the school's ninth president.

"The inauguration is about the college," Benoit said. "I am the ninth president continuing strong tradition here. The inauguration is a tradition of celebration of the college in so many ways.³

Beginning Friday at 10 a.m. a mass will be celebrated in the Bishop Marty Chapel. Bishop Paul



Yager, event coordi-nator at MMC. "It is the official ceremony where Dr. Benoit is assigned all the duties as the president of the colege. He officially takes the title and assumes all duties. Benoit, who ac-

college," said Wyatt

tually began his new duties last July, said it is typical for the inauguration of college and university presidents to not occur immediately after they arrive on campus.

"In looking at the schedules, we looked at times where we could maximize our college involvement." Benoit said. "If you look at what is happening this week and the events, it is Mount Marty Gras week, Spirit Week for the students. They have had events every day and occurring through the weekend. It is a great opportunity for the campus to celebrate."

quality of teachers in South Dakota's school districts.

Tony Venhuizen, the governor's communications and policy director, told the committee that South Dakota students score above the national average in achievement tests, but those scores have not improved much even as state spending on schools has increased substantially in recent decades.

"The focus can't be on how much we're spending, but we also can't be afraid to spend money in a way that affects student achievement," Venhuizen said.

However, teachers told the panel that the bonuses could harm the quality of education by discouraging teachers from collaborating, because they will instead be competing against each other for the bonus money.

Susan Turnipseed of Brookings, South Dakota's 2011 teacher of the year, said she developed into a good teacher over the past three decades because of help she received from other teachers.

"Rewarding just 20 percent of us with bonus pay ... will work against all we have worked so hard to create," Turnipseed said as she testified over the telephone. "Look for ways that will encourage teachers to work together and learn and grow.

The Republican governor's plan was changed this week after he reached an agreement with GOP lawmakers, who control both chambers of the Legislature.

The governor had proposed an-nual bonuses of \$3,500 for math and science teachers in middle schools and high schools. The revised plan would give new math and science teachers \$8,000 annual bonuses for their first five years of teaching, as long as they teach at a South Dakota public school.

Venhuizen said South Dakota

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Ponder A Little More Room

BY RANDY DOCKENDORF

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SCOTLAND — During a recent afternoon, the Scotland school gym was filled with elementary students enjoying a variety of games.

At one station on the floor, youngsters were even seeing "how low they could go" as they competed in the limbo.

The exercise time was just one of many activities filling the gym from early morning until late at night.

Superintendent Damon Alvey said the packed schedule - and the desire for more activities and flexibility - have led the school district to consider the construction of full-sized auxiliary gym.

According to school officials, the auxiliary gym could also serve a variety of community needs, from dances and receptions to exercise classes and weight lifting.

"Currently, we have both the boys and girls practices and games competing for gym time," he said. "Depending on the schedule, we may be looking at practices at 6:30 a.m. and late evening."

The high school gym is used for dances, recep-

"The boys and girls basketball coaches do a good job of making (the gym space) work, dividing up the time they can use the gym. Then, throw in some middle school games and home wrestling matches, and it makes things interesting."

JIM KOCER

tions, concerts and basketball games. The community also uses the gym for reunions, birthday parties and family gatherings.

After about six months of discussion, the school board provided the green light for administrators to look into the possibility of an auxiliary gym, Alvey said. The concept remains in the factfinding phase, he said.

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Swain of the Catholic dioceses of Sioux Falls is presiding over the mass. At 2 p.m., the inauguration ceremony will take place in Marian Auditorium, followed by a reception in the Roncalli Center.

"The mass is just a great way to start the day and stress the inauguration as a new beginning for the

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S.D. Senate Sends School **Evaluation Bill To House**

PIERRE (AP) — In an effort to get South Dakota schools away from No Child Left Behind, senators have passed a bill that sets a new school achievement and financial accountability system to judge performance.

The new system would have multiple indicators instead of requiring 100 percent math and reading proficiencies by 2014, as enforced by the 2002 No Child Left Behind law of the George W. Bush administration.

New indicators would include student growth, college and career readiness and teacher effectiveness.

Opponents say that by working too quickly to get away from federal goals, the state bill is not clear enough. Supporters, though, say the five-year goal is vital for ongoing improvement in South Dakota's academic performance.

Senators voted 31-4. The bill goes next to the House.

'Gourmet Guys' Get Cookin' Saturday

Annual Fundraiser Is On The Menu At The Yankton Community Library **BY DEREK BARTOS** derek.bartos@yankton.net

Food. Fun. Music. The Yankton Community Library will play host

to all three Saturday, as Friends of the Library will host its fourth annual Gourmet Guys fundraiser.

Those attending the event from 6-8 p.m. at the library's location at 515 Walnut will have an opportunity to sample a wide variety of dishes prepared by members of the community, listen to music by the Pisgah Mountain String Band and visit with friends, according to library director Kathy Jacobs.

"It's really a fun evening," she said. The evening's food will be provided by this

year's collection of Gourmet Guys, which include Andy Bryan, Mike Felmer, Shane Gerlach, David Leonard, Todd Rothenberger, Bruce Viau and the father-son team of Wendell and Darric Mortenson.

"This is the first time we've ever had a father-son duo, so that's kind of exciting," Jacobs said.

Menus will feature several different types of food, including flatbread, spaghetti, pulled pork, bread puddings, beef terrine, soups and sandwiches.

"Even though people just get tastings, we always leave full," Jacobs said. "There's a lot of food, and it's always so good, and there's always such a nice variety.'

A silent auction will also be held, with 13 donated baskets going to the highest bidders. Baskets

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YANKTON RECYCLING THIS WEEK: OF 15TH STREET

TOMORROW: Illusionist Set To Perform At Dakota Theatre

KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Some of the "Gourmet Guys" participating in Saturday's fundraiser at the Yankton Community Library include, from left: Todd Rothenberger, Andy Bryan, Wendell Mortensen, Daric Mortensen and Bruce Viau. They are sitting in video rockers purchased by Friends of the Library, the group that will benefit from Saturday's event.