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Neb. Court To Hear Campaign Finance Law Case

BY MARGERY A. BECK Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — The Nebraska Supreme Court will hear arguments next week in a challenge to the state's embattled campaign finance law...

In general, the 1992 law provides money to candidates for state constitutional office who agrees to abide by a spending limit...

The law was intended to restrain the influence of money in politics, but such laws have long faced criticism as violations of First Amendment free speech rights.

The state Supreme Court will hear arguments in the case on March 7.

Nebraska Attorney General Jon Bruning — who is seeking the Republican nomination for Nebraska's open U.S. Senate seat — has challenged the law...

That decision, split 5-4 along ideological lines, rejected Arizona's law that tied the amount of public funds a candidate receives to how much privately funded rivals spend.

The decision targeted only Arizona's matching fund trigger.

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AN ORCHESTRATED ANNIVERSARY



The Yankton Area Concert Association (YACA) celebrated its 65th season Saturday by presenting the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra in concert at the Yankton High School/Summit Activities Center theatre.



Maestro Delta David Gier is shown leading the orchestra during its performance of Mozart's Symphony No. 31 in C major, K. 551, "Jupiter." The orchestra also performed pieces by Maurice Ravel and Georges Bizet Saturday. RIGHT: Prior to the concert, Betts Pulkrabek was among those who reminisced about the first musical event sponsored by the concert association.

Noted Authors Featured At MMC Tour

BY SHAUNA MARLETTE shauna.marlette@yankton.net

The Yankton community has a rare opportunity to visit with two of the nation's top writers this week when Mount Marty College (MMC) presents its next edition of the Great Plains Writers' Tour.

MMC invites the community to join them to hear authors David Lee and Neil Harrison at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 28, in Marian Auditorium.

"The reasoning behind the writer's tour is to bring some of America's best writers right here to Mount Marty College and Yankton, and give our students and the community the opportunity to hear from some of the best writers," said Jim Reese, associate professor of English at Mount Marty College.

Reese, who is the editor for "Paddlefish" and the National Endowment for the Arts Writer-in-Residence at the Yankton Federal Prison Camp, said the writers here Tuesday are very impressive.

"We are proud to have two highly accomplished authors David Lee and Neil Harrison," he said.



Harrison



Lee

was a runner-up for the United States Poet Laureate and is a national award-winning writer. Harrison is an avid hunter and writes about the outdoors — a fantastic writer.

Lee has published 20 books of poetry. His awards include the Western States Book Award, the Mountain and Plains States Book Award, Critic's Choice Award, Evolutionary Poet of the Year citation, Elkhorn Poetry Prize and Utah Book Award; he was named Utah's First Poet Laureate.

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South Dakota

Big Choices On Budget And Bonuses Are Looming

2012 Session Enters Final Week

BY CHET BROKAW Associated Press

PIERRE — South Dakota lawmakers head into the final week of this year's legislative session facing decisions on the next state budget, a one-time bonus for state workers and a substantially changed version of Gov. Dennis Daugaard's plan to give bonuses to the best teachers.

House Republican Leader David Lust of Rapid City said lawmakers have plenty to do before Friday, the final day in the main run of this year's session, but the House and Senate should be able to finish their work on time.

The Legislature then will take a two-week break before returning for a final day March 19 to consider any vetoes issued by the governor.

As in most years, the Legislature will wait until the final day of the session's main run to pass a budget.

The Joint Appropriations Committee, which puts together the budget, has decided that an improved economy will provide extra money to spend in the budget, and lawmakers will have to decide what to do with that extra revenue.

The panel decided tax collections for the current year will be about \$12 million more than Daugaard predicted when he presented his proposed budget in December.

Lust said any extra money will likely go to education, medical services or the state's re-



Hunhoff

serve fund, but he noted the extra money is only about a 1 percent increase in the amount of state tax money available for spending.

"While it's nice to have that extra revenue, it's not going to dramatically change things," Lust said.

House Democratic Leader Bernie Hunhoff of Yankton said Democrats would rather use any extra money to boost state aid to schools to help school districts with their general operating budgets next year.

"I hope we find some way to address the No. 1 need of schools," Hunhoff said. "There's certainly plenty of money."

The Joint Appropriations Committee expects to meet Wednesday to consider proposed changes in the state budget, which will spend more than \$4 billion in state, federal and other funds. The portion funded by state tax collections will be approximately \$1.2 billion.

The budget will be submitted to the Senate and House for approval on Friday, said Sen. Corey Brown, R-Gettysburg, the Senate's appropriations chairman.

Tuesday is the final day for a bill to have cleared both chambers. Lawmakers will spend the rest of the week in negotiations to iron out differences in bills that were passed in different versions by the House and Senate.

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Ted Turner Is Opposed To Keystone XL Line



Turner

RAPID CITY (AP) — CNN founder Ted Turner is opposing construction of the Keystone XL oil pipeline, which would be built close to his central South Dakota buffalo ranch.

CNN broadcast a commentary by Turner in which he said the pipeline shouldn't be built. It would deliver oil from Canada's Alberta province to the U.S. Gulf Coast.

Its proposed route goes through Montana, South Dakota and Nebraska in the upper Great Plains.

The manager of Turner's 141,000-acre buffalo ranch southwest of Pierre says the pipeline would cross the Bad River about 15 miles upstream from the ranch. The river flows through Turner's property.

Manager Tom LeFaive tells the Rapid City Journal the project should at least guarantee that a percentage of the Canadian crude oil is used in the United States.

Area Youth Participate In 30-Hour Famine



These boys gather together during one of the mixer activities that opened the 30-hour famine event at Yankton's Assembly of God Church Friday night. An estimated 55 teens took part on the fasting event, which was held to promote awareness of hunger in the world.

BY SHAUNA MARLETTE shauna.marlette@yankton.net

Across the world, there are 1 billion people who go without food everyday.

The youth ministry association of Yankton sponsored a local 30-hour famine on Friday and Saturday at the Assembly of God Church in an effort to raise awareness, raise funds and help battle hunger.

"Two years ago, we started this event, and said we would do the 30-hour famine every other year at the different churches in town," said Carla Hummel, United Methodist Church youth director. "We trying to bring the youth together for a common cause — not just a lock-in but a lock-in with some meaning to it."

The 55 area middle- and high school-aged participants joined the efforts of hundreds of thousands of young people all over the nation who set aside the usual "stuff" that fills their daily lives. Instead, they did World Vision's 30-Hour Famine because they are "Love Hungry" — the theme for

this year. By going without food, they got a taste of what the world's poorest children and families face every day.

Before the youth even walked through the doors at Assembly of God Church on Friday night, they had begun to help.

Prior to the event weekend, the youth raised funds with the knowledge that every \$30 they raised could help feed and care for a child for a month.

The group also teamed up with the Yankton Kids Against Hunger program to pack meals on Saturday morning in an effort to fight hunger globally and locally through that program.

"The kids stopped eating after their lunch (Friday) and the famine goes from 1 p.m. Friday to 7 p.m. Saturday," Hummel explained Friday night. "When we break fast, we are going to break fast together with Kids Against Hunger meals. They will get a taste of what is being sent to these

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