

Jury Finds For University Of Iowa In Lawsuit

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — A jury has rejected a Michigan lawyer's claims that the University of Iowa's law school denied him a faculty position because it found him too old, siding with the school in one of three discrimination lawsuits that were making their way through the courts.

Donald Dobkin of West Bloomfield, Mich., sued the university in 2009 when he was 56, saying he was denied a position at the College of Law because of his age. He pointed out that the law school hadn't hired a faculty member older than 40 in the previous decade.

Geoff Greenwood, a spokesman for the Iowa Attorney General's Office, which represented the university, told the Iowa City Press-Citizen for a story published Friday (<http://icp-c.com/zo9wqr>) that his office is pleased with the verdict. Dobkin could not be reached Sunday for comment.

Dobkin applied for a law professor position at the school in 2008. The position called for experience in administrative, immigration, international and criminal law.

Dobkin had more than 25 years' experience leading the largest independent immigration firm in Michigan, a law degree from Northwestern University and had written numerous journal articles.

Dobkin had sought a position on the law school faculty and compensation for lost wages.

The law school faces two other lawsuits alleging discrimination in the school's hiring practices.

Neb. Lawmakers Turn To Budget Decisions

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Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — With a new revenue outlook predicting no additional tax money, Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman and lawmakers this week will be working to decide what they can afford of a wish list that includes millions for tax relief, child welfare reforms and other proposed incentives.

Heineman has insisted that his \$327 million tax cut package should be the Legislature's top priority. The three-year plan would cost roughly \$52 million for this budget period, eating up a large chunk of the \$63 million that is available under the Appropriations Committee's tentative budget.

Heineman's administration has also requested \$19.7 million to lower the caseload ratio for social workers in Nebraska, as part of the state's effort to reform its child welfare system.

Other proposed spending includes tax breaks for wind farms and agriculture companies plus millions for new medical facilities in Lincoln, Omaha and Kearney.

On Friday, the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board voted unanimously to stick with its October projections for the two-year budget period that ends in June 2013. That means lawmakers won't have extra money to work with as they figure out the state's budget.

"I was hoping it wouldn't have been flat,

but we're still doing better than so many other states," said Bellevue Sen. Abbie Cornett, chairwoman of the Legislature's Revenue Committee.

Cornett said she will meet this week with Speaker Mike Flood and leaders of the Revenue and Education committees to discuss the budget. She said it was too soon to know specifics about the budget that will emerge.

Even with the forecast in hand, some said it still will be hard to figure out a budget.

Omaha Sen. Jeremy Nordquist, a member of the Appropriations Committee, said lawmakers still have to pay for the "core functions" of government, which could include increased Medicaid costs caused by changes in the eligibility rules, state aid for K-12 schools and child welfare reforms. All those costs are in flux.

Lawmakers and the governor rely on the board's projections when setting the state's two-year budget. Board members predicted in October that the state would collect nearly \$52 million in additional revenue for the fiscal year that ends June 30, and roughly \$62 million in the following fiscal year.

The forecasting board's members said Nebraska's strong farm economy was partially offset by weak retail sales and low housing values. But they said some of Nebraska's largest cities — Omaha, Lincoln and Kearney — were faring well and trying to recruit workers for unfilled positions.

Son Of Former Governor To Run For State House

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — The son of former South Dakota Gov. George Mickelson is planning to run for the state House.

The *Argus Leader* reports that Mark Mickelson has taken out petitions to run for the legislative body this year in the newly configured District 13, which includes central and southern Sioux Falls.

It's a district more Republican-friendly than its previous incarnation, thanks to new borders.

The 45-year-old Mickelson says a lot of people have been encouraging him to get involved in years past, but he wanted to wait until the point of doing it on his own terms.

The elder Mickelson was a popular governor who died in his second term on a mission to secure economic development opportunities.

Mark Mickelson's grandfather also served in the House and as governor.

71 Students Win Neb. Young Artist Awards

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Seventy-one students from 45 high schools across the state are the winners of the 15th annual Nebraska Young Artist Awards.

The Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln announced the winners on Friday.

The awards recognize 11th-grade students who are gifted and talented in the areas of visual art, dance, music, theatre, and film and new media.

They will participate in the special day of activities on April 4 at UNL.

Students will receive a certificate, as well as an original piece of artwork commissioned for this event and created by a Department of Art and Art History printmaking student.

Robotic Team Overcomes Tragedy, Wins Title

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — The Robot Geek FIRST LEGO League team has won the South Dakota state championship and will take their robot to nationals, two months after losing two leaders and a volunteer in a plane crash.

KELO television reports that the shock of the crash didn't stop the Patrick Henry Middle School team from meeting three times a week for seven months to prepare for Saturday's championship.

Forty-seven-year-old Dan Swets and 50-year-old Kevin Anderson were passengers in a twin-engine Cessna that crashed shortly after takeoff in December. They were headed to Rapid City for a meeting of the youth robotics competition.

Rob Howley says the two took him under their wings and were the best mentors he's ever had.

League volunteer Joshua Lambrecht and pilot Brian Blake were also killed.

Seven Businesses Compete To Name SF Arena

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — At least seven businesses will compete this spring for the naming rights of the new Sioux Falls events center scheduled to open in fall 2014.

The *Argus Leader* reports that officials will not name the companies, but they anticipate a process similar to a bidding war that could push the price higher.

City finance director Tracy Turbak says that would be a great position for the city to be in.

City officials are handling the title sponsorship without the aid of an outside consultant, but that could change down the road.

Sioux Falls is moving forward this spring and summer on the \$115 million events center that voters approved in the Nov. 8 election.

Hundreds Protest Proposed VA Clinic Closure

HOT SPRINGS (AP) — Hundreds of people showed up in Hot Springs on Saturday to protest the proposed closure of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs clinic.

KEVN television reports that the Hot Springs VA hospital is the city's largest employer, and the proposed changes would relocate staff and services to different locations scattered across the Black Hills.

J. David Cox, who represents a union for VA health care system employees, flew out from Washington, D.C., to join hundreds of veterans and community members. He says every veteran wants accessible, high quality care.

Native American leaders also joined the stand Saturday. Pine Ridge VA President Bryan Brewer says the reservation has more than 4,000 veterans, and they would have much to lose with the relocation of staff and services.

OBITUARIES

Bradley Stepp

Bradley S. "Mahoney" Stepp, age 55 of Yankton, SD passed away Friday, February 24, 2012 at the Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton, SD.

A Memorial Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 1, 2012 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Rev. Mark Lichter officiating. Burial of Bradley's cremated remains will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery approximately at 12:45 PM.

Visitations will be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton with a 7 p.m. Scripture service followed by a video tribute and memory sharing. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Honorary Pallbearers – close friends of Mahoney: Jono Bot, Tom Brakke, Shawn Dougherty, Perry Noll, Pete Olson, Ron



Stepp

October 11, 1956 to parents Robert and Maxine (Domke) Stepp. After graduating from Luverne High School (Luverne, MN) in 1974 he attended South Dakota State University in Brookings. He then packed up his belongings and moved to Beaverton OR where he worked at VSI Hardware Supply as their Business Manager. He was transferred to Philadelphia PA for a short time before moving to Chicago IL for three years. He lived in Minneapolis MN for a time before moving to Sioux Falls. In 2006, he moved to Yankton to live with his parents when he became ill.

Brad had many interests and loved sports of all kinds, but his true love was golf. No matter where he lived, he found their best course and made it his own. While in Beaverton OR, he found Elkhorn Golf Course (where we think his heart remains still). In Chicago, he played Cog Hill Golf Course. He was lucky enough to live in Chicago the year the US Open was held there. He invited the folks for a visit and for a couple days they walked amongst the pros. Other professional courses he was able to play were Hazeltine in Minnesota, Pebble Beach in California and Patti Duke in Colorado. He played all the courses in Sioux Falls and the surrounding area, but Elmwood seemed to be his favorite. His last swings (in bounds or not) were at Fox Run Golf Course where he was a member.

He is survived by his parents,

Bob and Max Stepp of Yankton, his sister Cindy Stepp, his two brothers: Dan (Carol) Stepp and Michael (Bonnie) Stepp and his two nieces Alexandra and Maggie Jo Stepp- all of Sioux Falls.

Brad was preceded in death by his Grandparents- Pete E. and Mary Stepp and Howard and Ella Domke, three uncles: Bob Coe, Si Evans and Russell Domke, one aunt: Leona Evans, one nephew: Timothy J Stepp.

Memorials for Brad may be directed to: Yankton Care Center, 1212 W 8th St, Yankton SD 57078.

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Online condolences at:
www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com

Natalie Southmayd

MADISON — Natalie Southmayd, age 92, died at the Madison Community Hospital on February 24, 2012.

Natalie June McKeachie was born at Yankton, SD on June 24, 1919. She married E.A. Southmayd at Yankton on July 27, 1941. He preceded her in death in 1994.

She is survived by two sons — Jerry (Lori) of Pella, IA and Roger of Madison. Two grandchildren — Scott and Mike. two great grandsons.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, one brother and two sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 AM on Monday, February 27, 2012 at the First Presbyterian Church with Rev Terry Knudson officiating. Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery.

She grew up in Mission Hill, SD graduating from Gayville High School in 1937. She worked at WNAX Radio and the Yankton Woolworth Store. She moved to Winfred in 1942 and to Madison in 1945. In 1954 she went to work in the business office at the Madison Community Hospital for 32 years. She enjoyed music and



Southmayd

playing the piano for her own enjoyment and at various events. She has been a resident at the Ramona Assisted Living since 2008.

The family will be present at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday at the Weiland Funeral Chapel which is in charge of the arrangements.

To send a message of sympathy visit weilandfuneralchapel.com
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Alvina Krcil

WAGNER — Alvina A. Krcil, 91, of Wagner died Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012, at the Good Samaritan Society, Wagner.

Mass is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Assumption Catholic Church, Dante, with burial in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, rural Dante.

Visitation is 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday at Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home, Wagner, followed by a 7 p.m. rosary/wake at the church.

Mary Rowley

BLOOMFIELD, Neb. — Mary J. Rowley, 15, of Bloomfield, Neb., died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012, at University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Neb., as a result of an automobile accident.

Funeral services are at 2 p.m. Friday at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Bloomfield, Neb. The Rev. Tim Koester and Pastor

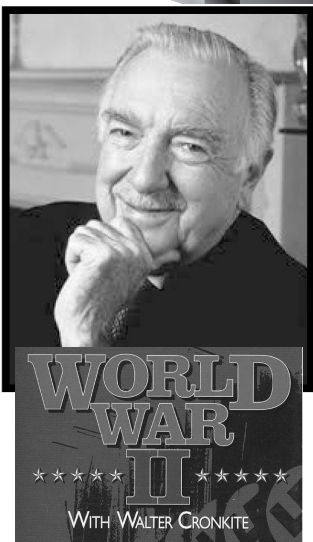
Casey Nelson will officiate, with burial in Bloomfield City Cemetery.

Visitation is 5-8 p.m. Thursday, with a 7:30 p.m. prayer service, at the church.

Brockhaus Funeral Home, Bloomfield, is in charge of arrangements.

Viola Diekmann

BLOOMFIELD, Neb. — Viola L.



In honor of the true heroes of our country and those who fought so bravely for our freedom, the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service is proud to offer free showings of a series of World War II videos narrated by Walter Cronkite and produced by CBS News. Relive the story of the campaigns and the commanders, the horror and heroism that marked the most terrifying and unforgettable chapter of human history. Filled with gripping combat scenes and never-before available footage.

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- February 28 Cronkite Remembers
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Session 2: The Eastern Theater

- May 29 The Eastern Front
- June 5 Battleground: Italy
- June 12 Air War Over Europe
- June 19 Invasion: The Allies Attack – 1942
- June 26 Europe: The Allies Close In

Session 3: The Pacific Theater

- October 16 The Pacific: War Begins
- October 23 The Pacific Campaign
- October 30 The Pacific Perimeter

- November 6 The War Against Japan
- November 13 The Home Front & Victory

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Ruth Block

who passed away on
February 27, 2011

Adelia "Dee" Pillar

who passed away on
February 28, 2011

Robert J. Luken

who passed away on
March 3, 2011

George A. Melichar

who passed away on
March 4, 2011

Dorothy Lagerlof

who passed away on
March 4, 2011

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