

S.D. Panel Endorses Teacher Recruitment Plan

PIERRE (AP) — A South Dakota Senate committee has endorsed a scholarship plan aimed at recruiting new teachers for math, science and other critically needed subjects. The Education Committee voted unanimously Tuesday to approve the idea and send the bill to the Senate Appropriations Committee, which will review the measure because it would spend money. The measure's main sponsor, Sen. Tim Rave of Baltic, says South Dakota colleges are not turning out enough new teachers to replace those who are retiring in school districts. The bill would give scholarships to college students who agree to teach in critically needed subjects for at least five years after graduation. Students preparing for teaching careers could get scholarships to cover tuition for their final two years in a private or public college.

Fired School Janitor: U.S. Flag Disrespected

FORT PIERRE (AP) — A South Dakota school official is defending the firing of a janitor who posted photos of a crumpled U.S. flag on Facebook, saying the custodian's dismissal has nothing to do with those pictures. Cesar Zakahi of Fort Pierre told several local media outlets that he posted the photos over the weekend to draw attention to the fact that a co-worker was disrespecting the American flag. Zakahi said the Stanley County School District fired him on Monday for posting the photos. Superintendent Don Hotalling confirmed Zakahi no longer works for the Stanley County School District, but he said it wasn't because of the photos. Zakahi said another custodian would crumple up the American and South Dakota flags and put them on a boiler after taking them down from an outside pole. Zakahi said he complained to the district superintendent and that he posted the photos online only after the other worker didn't change the way she handled the flag. Zakahi was still within his 90-day probation period when he was terminated. He said he's not sure if he will pursue legal action.

Nebraskan Sentenced For Child Sex Assault

GERING, Neb. (AP) — A 33-year-old western Nebraska man has been given 30 to 48 months in prison for sexually assaulting a child. Scottsbluff radio station KNEB says Keith Van Winkle, of Minatare, had made a deal with prosecutors and pleaded no contest to reduced charges in Scotts Bluff County District Court. Van Winkle was given credit for 254 days already served. He was arrested after a 7-year-old girl told school officials in May about being molested three years earlier.

Audit: Omaha Schools Program Overpaid

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — State education officials say they're correcting an Omaha Public Schools accounting error that resulted in a \$5.6 million overpayment in special-education funding, which in turn short-changed every other public school district in Nebraska. The Nebraska Department of Education discovered the error while conducting a yearly financial review. Department finance director Shane Rhian said Tuesday that the district mistakenly claimed expenses from the state over a two-year period that had already been reimbursed with federal stimulus money. The overpayments during the 2009-10 and 2010-11 school years resulted in less funding for other districts. For instance, state auditors found that Lincoln schools were underpaid by nearly \$885,000. State Auditor Mike Foley says he believes the discrepancy was unintentional. But he says he finds it "remarkable" that the error went through unnoticed.

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Marijuana Medical Defense Bill Killed

BY CHET BROKAW
Associated Press

PIERRE — A proposal to let people charged with possessing small amounts of marijuana argue in court that they need it for medical reasons was narrowly rejected Tuesday by a South Dakota House committee torn between compassion for chronically ill people in pain and fear that it could lead to increased drug use. The Health and Human Services Committee voted 7-6 to kill the bill, which was sponsored by two lawmakers with roots in law enforcement. Rep. Melissa Magstadt, R-Watertown, a nurse, said the South Dakota Medical Association and the Nurses Association oppose the measure, which would allow an unregulated and untested drug to be used for medical purposes. Marijuana often leads people to use other drugs, she said. "If you talk to drug users, nine times out of 10

they started with marijuana first," Magstadt said. Rep. Karen Soli, D-Sioux Falls, said she supported the bill because it could help seriously ill people who need marijuana for pain and other problems. "This is about being compassionate to our folks," Soli said. "When I first heard of this, I thought no way. I'm not in favor of legalizing marijuana," she added. "It's quite a surprise to me I'm going to vote for this." The bill was sponsored by Rep. Dan Kaiser, R-Aberdeen, a police officer, and Sen. Craig Tieszen, R-Rapid City, a retired police chief. Kaiser and Tieszen told the committee in a hearing last week that the bill would not legalize marijuana or set up a system where people could get advance permission from doctors and then buy marijuana from licensed shops. They said the bill only would have allowed someone ar-

rested for possessing 2 ounces or less of marijuana to argue in court that they need it for medical reasons. After listening to doctors and other experts, a judge would decide whether to allow the defense. State and local law enforcement officials opposed the bill, saying it could open the door to eventual legalization of marijuana in South Dakota. Opponents also noted that South Dakota voters in 2006 and 2010 rejected medical marijuana ballot measures that would have given patients suffering from debilitating diseases legal access to marijuana. Prosecutors also said the bill could clog up the courts with hearings and jury trials on misdemeanor charges because many people would argue they need marijuana for medical treatment.

Older Neb. Drivers Respond To Cognitive Test Legislation

BY ALISSA SKELTON
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Supporters and opponents of a bill that would require drivers older than 80 to pass a cognitive test to renew their licenses spoke out Tuesday about the measure, which according to its sponsor would be the first to call for such a test. Scottsbluff Sen. John Harms told lawmakers that Nebraska would be the first state to require a cognitive test if his bill passed, but not the first to require extra requirements for older motorists to renew their driver's licenses. "It's about medically impaired drivers. We want to try to identify them," he said. But motorists like 76-year-old Jack Sample argue that the bill discriminates against seniors. "We as family members take the responsibility seriously enough that we have to have the courage to tell (older relatives) when they're done driving and not expect you, who certainly have enough on your plate as lawmakers, to reach into the family and tell them you can't drive anymore," said Sample, who lives in Grand Island. He and others testified before the Legislature's Transportation and Telecommunica-

tions Committee. If passed, the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles says it would need \$57,000 in 2014 to hire more driver's license examiners. Harms said he introduced the bill after hearing of the U.S. Census Bureau's predictions that more older drivers will be on roads over the next 20 years. He said constituents also shared their concerns about older family members who drive. He pointed out that Washington, D.C., requires drivers older than 70 to bring a note from a doctor that says they're physically and mentally capable of driving. Illinois requires drivers over 75 to take a driving test. And several other states require older motorists to renew their license in person and to take a vision test. Cognitive testing is necessary to ensure drivers don't have any impairments, such as dementia, that affect their reasoning, judgment or memory, Harms said. Drivers who fail a cognitive test could take a written driving test, he said. Sen. Lydia Brasch of Bancroft said she's not so sure the DMV is the right place to tell a senior he or she needs to visit the doctor. She said a decision over a person's mental capabilities behind the wheel is "best between physician and patient."

R.C. Council To Pursue Policy On Prayer

RAPID CITY (AP) — The Rapid City Council has voted to draft a policy on prayer after a nonprofit group asked the council to end its practice of beginning meetings with an invocation. The Freedom From Religion Foundation advocates the separation of church and state and says a compromise would be for the council to hold a moment of silence rather than a prayer before meetings. City leaders say they don't have any plans to change their tradition. The prayers have been conducted by local ministers since at least the 1960s, according to KNBN-TV. The council on Monday night decided to have staff draft a policy on the matter aimed at helping the city defend itself in court. The Freedom From Religion Foundation has said it plans to become involved in lawsuits on the issue of prayer at public meetings, though it has not explicitly said Rapid City would be a target. Pastors and other residents on Monday night spoke for 40 minutes in favor of continuing the prayers, citing the First Amendment, the Founding Fathers, longstanding tradition and the need for God to guide Rapid City as valid reasons, the *Rapid City Journal* reported.

OBITUARIES

Timothy (TJ) Tucker

Timothy Jon (TJ) Tucker, age 21, of Lincoln, NE died Sunday, February 3, 2013 in Lincoln, NE from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday, February 8, 2013 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton, with Rev. Alan Wicks officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories, Yankton, SD. Visitations will be 5-7 p.m., Thursday at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, and then one hour prior to the service. Pallbearers are James Tucker, Jason Foss, Tucker Foss, Taylor Meshoto, Mike Macy and Barrett Haroldson. Throughout his young life, TJ lived in Yankton, Sioux City,



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Kansas City, and Lincoln. He was in a serious, and loving relationship with Jordan Prellwitz for the last 4+ years. He was attending college with the goal of becoming a history teacher and also worked for the Performance Auto Group since December, 2010. TJ was a caring and compassionate person who will be deeply missed by his family and friends. His smile would light up the room. You couldn't help but like him once you talked to him. TJ is survived by his girlfriend, Jordan Prellwitz of Lincoln, NE; his father and step mother, Jon & Patty Tucker of Lincoln, NE; mother, Audra

Pearson of North Sioux City, IA; sister Morgan Tucker of Lincoln, NE; brothers, Larry Mason Doolley & Auden Rice of North Sioux City, IA; and Gavin Tucker of Lincoln; grandparents, Don & Ava Tucker of Yankton, SD; Tim & Janice Pearson of Tabor, SD; Robert & Virginia Macy of Yankton, SD; 7 uncles; 6 aunts; and 13 cousins.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandparents, Howard & Alice Tucker, Mahlon & Lenora Hansen, Shirley and Oscar Laverne (Squeek) Nelson, and Nelse Pearson.

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Anne Hoyer

Anne Hoyer, age 60, of Yankton, SD passed away on Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at Firesteel Healthcare Center in Mitchell, SD after a hard battle with lung cancer that spread to her brain. A Celebration of Anne's Life will be 3 p.m. Saturday, February 9, 2013 at the First Assembly of God, Yankton, with Rev. Jeff Mantz officiating followed by a potluck dinner in the fellowship room. Visitations will be one hour prior to the service at the church. The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, is entrusted with arrangements. Anne was born on January 23, 1953 in Aurora, IL to Raymond and Mary Jo (McNamara) Johnson. From age 12 on, Anne was raised by her Uncle and Aunt, Robert and Carol (Utost) Johnson due to the death of both her parents. Anne graduated from St. James Public High



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School in 1972 and took college classes at a nearby vocational school. She worked as a housekeeper for many years and later attended college for hotel/motel management. Anne married Robert M. Hoyer on April 23, 1994, but the couple had been together since 1979. Anne was an extremely loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend and was always looking out for everyone else. Anne enjoyed painting, knitting and all types of crafting, but what she enjoyed most was family time, whether it was sharing a meal or playing cards or dice. Anne is survived by her husband Robert M. Hoyer of Yankton, SD; brother, Paul Johnson of Duluth, MN; son Adrian Honomichl (Shawna Shoemaker) of Sioux Falls, SD; daughters, Char-

ity Schlueter (Don Koory) of Omaha, NE and Michelle Hoyer of Yankton, SD; and ten grandchildren: Tyson Viessman, Sean Schlueter, Lexey Enstad, Mariah Hoyer, Kaitlyn Koory, Kayle Koory, Hayden Hupertz, Tristen Koory, Elijah Hoyer and Savannah Dove; Uncles and Aunts Robert and Carol Johnson and James and LuAnne Gjerest; and cousins: Jens, Heidi, Gretchen. She was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Mary Jo (McNamara) Johnson, cousin Andrea, and grandparents. A Memorial Fund has been set up at First National Bank, 332 Broadway, P. O. Box 670, Yankton, SD 57078. Yankton Press & Dakotan February 6, 2013

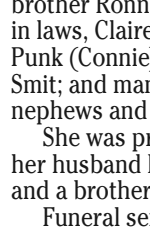


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Eldonna Peterson

Eldonna Ilithe Peterson was born April 6, 1936 in Washburn, ND to Ellsworth and Ida (Oakland) Peterson. She died Monday, February 4, 2013 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Viborg, SD, surrounded by her family, at the age of 76 years, 9 months and 28 days. Eldonna graduated from Centerville High School in 1954. She married Ronnie Bartlett on December 31, 1955. She was a member of Scandia Lutheran Church and Esther Circle. She was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, 20th Century Club and the General Federation Women's Club of South Dakota which she served as State President from 1996 to 1998. Eldonna was an interviewer with the Department of Labor from 1964 to 1986 in Yankton and Sioux Falls. She worked at USD in Vermillion and later worked at First Midwest Bank in Centerville from 1992 to 2002. Her family was most important in her life. She is survived by 3 daughters, Sandy (Gary) Edman and Lori (Allen) Hise, both of Centerville and Sheri (Mitchel) Morse, Vermillion, SD; 2 sons, Roger (Lori) Bartlett, Joplin, MO and Brian (Nicole) Bartlett, Centerville; 11 grandchildren, Jason (Nicki) Hise, Nathan (Angela) Hise and Alison Hise and her fiancé Nick, Tara (Jeff) Cole, Tim (Jen) Edman, Bobbi Bartlett, Erik (Cathy) Bartlett, Michele Morse and fiancé Jordan, Stephanie Morse, Matthew Morse and Michael Morse; 8 great grandchildren, Hannah and Bryan Hise, Jacob

and Aidan Cole, Haleigh and Khloe Edman and Karson and Charlee Whitaker; 2 sisters, Marlys (Noble) Nelson and Priscilla (Dick) Landsman; a brother Ronnie (Jenny) Peterson; in laws, Claire (Bob) Jacobsen, Punk (Connie) Bartlett, and Lila Smit; and many special nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband Ronnie, her parents and a brother Bud Peterson. Funeral services will be held 10 a.m., Thursday, February 7 at Scandia Lutheran Church in Centerville with burial at Riverview Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday at the Scandia Lutheran Fellow-



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ship Hall from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. with family present from 6-8 p.m. and a prayer service at 7 p.m. Visit www.wassfuneralhome.com. Yankton Press & Dakotan February 6, 2013

Dwight Harris

Dwight Harris, 82, of Yankton died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2013 at Wakonda Heritage Manor, Wakonda. Funeral services are at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home, Yankton, with Pastor Nathan Martin officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton

IN REMEMBRANCE

Eunice D. Heimes 10:30 AM, Wednesday Holy Trinity Catholic Church Hartington	Dwight Harris 2:00 PM, Friday Wintz & Ray Funeral Home Yankton
Gordon Kirchhevel 2:00 PM, Saturday Wintz & Ray Funeral Home Yankton	

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with military honors provided by the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post No. 791. Visitation is 3-8 p.m. Thursday, at the funeral home in Yankton with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Visitation resumes one hour prior the funeral. To post an online sympathy message, visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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