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## GF&P To Sell Marina Lease

Marina, Restaurant Operations May Be Sold Separately

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Following an action by the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (GF&P) Commission Thursday afternoon, the lease for the Lewis and Clark Marina and the associated restaurant will soon go on sale.

The commission unanimously agreed to some significant changes to the proposed lease for the facilities and decided to proceed with a 60-day request for proposals (RFP) during a special teleconference meeting.

"The purpose of the meeting today is to discuss

how the (commission) would propose that we move forward with an RFP to advertise the business opportunities at the Lewis and Clark Marina and the restaurant," said Doug Hofer, director of state parks for the GF&P.

He explained that Russ Marsh, the current operator of the facilities, has a 10-year lease that extends through the end of next year. However, during a Jan. 24 meeting with GF&P staff, Marsh communicated that he wants out of the agreement.

"(Marsh) has provided us with a list of his personal property and put a valuation on all of it," Hofer stated.

Among the things Marsh personally owns are

the docks at the marina and the kitchen equipment at the restaurant. He has proposed a \$2.8 million asking price. However, Hofer said the GF&P believes about \$140,000 worth of the items on the list belong to the state. If so, the price may be reduced accordingly.

In the past, the marina and restaurant have been leased as one business operation. While Hofer said that is still the preferred option, it won't necessarily be the case in the future.

The commission agreed Thursday to also offer the marina and the restaurant as separate leases. "That gives somebody who is only interested in

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P&D FILE PHOTO  
Former Crofton and University of South Dakota basketball star Amber Hegge is headed for Australia to play professional basketball. She had previously played pro ball in Germany until she was injured.

## A CHURCH COMES DOWN



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A longtime Yankton landmark was brought down this week when the old Trinity Lutheran Church, located at Sixth and Capitol, was demolished. The church, which is believed to have been built in 1903, it changed hands a few times before being acquired by the Sacred Heart Parish. **LEFT:** The structure was torn down this week after the public was allowed in to take out any souvenirs from the structure. Most of the stained glass windows were acquired by several individuals. **ABOVE:** A crew from Slowey Construction is shown cleaning out the foundation Tuesday. Sacred Heart officials said they plan to use the now vacant lot as a greenspace that could be used by children from neighboring Sacred Heart School.

## Daugaard Says State Revenue Is On Target

PIERRE (AP) — State tax collections continue to match earlier projections, an indication South Dakota's economy is performing as expected, Gov. Dennis Daugaard said Thursday.

The Republican governor said tax collections through the end of January were the same as were projected when he proposed a state budget in early December. However, there is no sign there will be extra money to spend beyond those earlier projections, he said.

"The good news is the revenue is almost precisely what we were projecting it to be," Daugaard



Daugaard

said at his weekly news conference. "To the extent we were all hoping that things might be rosier, they're on track but not any rosier than that."

When Daugaard proposed his budget, he noted that ongoing state revenue for the current budget year was expected to be about \$24 million higher than had been projected when the current budget was

passed nearly a year ago by the Legislature. The

portion of the state budget funded by general state taxes is nearly \$1.3 billion.

Daugaard also noted that \$26.5 million is available for spending on one-time projects this year and next year, and left it up to the Legislature to decide how to allocate that money.

The governor said the latest revenue projections mean all of that one-time money is still available. Legislators have been talking about using some of it to set up scholarship programs.

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## Debt Up In Dec. On Student, Auto Loans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans stepped up borrowing in December to buy cars and attend school. But they cut back sharply on credit card use, continuing a trend that could hold back growth this year.

Consumer borrowing rose \$14.6 billion in December from November to a total of \$2.78 trillion, the Federal Reserve said Thursday. That's the highest level on record.

The increase was driven entirely by gains in student and auto loans. Borrowing in the category that measures those loans increased \$18.2 billion to \$1.93 trillion. That's the biggest monthly gain since November 2001.

Credit card debt, however, fell \$3.6 billion to total roughly \$850 billion. Total credit card debt has declined 17 percent since July 2008.

Americans have been relying less on their credit cards since the Great Recession. And December's decline could also be a signal that consumers were worried about higher Social Security taxes that began lowering take-home pay this year.

## MMC Cafeteria Gets Overhaul

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The Mount Marty College cafeteria in Roncalli is undergoing a major face lift.

The renovations began around Christmas, right as students left campus after finals.

One of the major parts of the renovation is the reconfiguration of the serving line. The new layout will offer students multiple hot and cold stations for food, an area just for pizza, a new griddle and an Asian wok station.

"One of the goals we had for the renovation was not to disrupt students during the process," said Sarah Carda, vice president and dean of Student Affairs. "For now, we have been able to accommodate students by serving buffet-style

meals, and there still have been a few wok-style concepts in place during the renovations."

In addition to improvements with the serving line, the main dining room will also get a makeover featuring new decor, banquet quality chairs and tables, shades for the windows, decorations for the walls and new paint.

The estimated cost of the renovations is about \$325,000 and is projected to be completed around Feb. 18.

"We haven't done too much with the kitchen, so most of the major ovens and grills we have are intact," Carda said.

"Before the project began, the dining hall was original to the building built in 1967 and the



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Mitch Pinkelman, an executive chef with the A'viands food service of Minneapolis, Minn., stands next to the floor plans of the renovation being done to the Mount Marty College cafeteria area. The \$325,000 project is expected to be completed later this month.

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